

June '99 Open Exhaust

# THE 1999 GRAND ADVENTURE RALLY RESULTS

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The 1999 Central Division Road Rally Tour returned to Michigan for the third running of the Grand Adventure Tour Rally. The event was again co-hosted by the West Michigan and Detroit Regions of SCCA, and counted for points in both the Detroit Region and CENDIV Rally Championships.

This year the event moved west to the Lake Michigan shoreline and ran along the Kalamazoo River, Thanks to heavy rainfall a few days preceding the rally and the county road graders most of the roads were smooth and relatively well groomed.

The day was perfect with 65 degrees and sunshine as 21 cars took to the mid afternoon start.

At the break there was a three-way tie for first overall between the Harvey /Mickle Eagle, Parps/Moran GalantVR-4 and G.Henderson/Martin in their Subaru.

The one car that did not arrive to the halfway point was the novice team of Boer/Bos, seems that a plaguing clutch problem finally gave out altogether, leaving the Mazda 323 stranded with a 'box of neutrals, fortunately. A control team happened upon them and brought them back to the halfway stop, where another worker helped to rescue the car.

Although the remaining 20 teams made the finish, a couple of them forgot their course following priorities and did stray off course, missing a control or two. Of the 16 controls, 14 were scored, one thrown because the scoring clock stopped working entirely just as the 1<sup>st</sup> car was just due to arrive.

The class winners were almost a re-run of the '98 rally, with Scott Harvey/ Jim Mickle winning E- class. Jim Fekete/Jim Shaffer first in Limited and the beautifully prepared 1964 MGB of Eric Jones/ Harry Ward best in vintage class, Rich Warden/Rick Robinette repeated as stock class champions in their Saab 900. First place Novice went To Adam Speiszney/Wojciech Dlugoszowski in a Nissan 240SX, they just edged out the team of Arnaud Guibout/ Arnaud Leroux, a pair visiting from France competing in their hosts Ford Taurus. Honorable mention goes out to the father and son team of Harkcum/Harkcum, co-driver Dan (the son) is but 15 years old, yet with only 21 points he already knows his way around the computer better than a lot of us veterans.

Great thanks goes out to all the workers, all SCCA members, and with many years of rally experience, and especially Joe and Marilyn Andreini for taking care of scoring after working two controls.

## RESULTS: POS/CLASS POS., DRIVER/CODRIVER, CAR, TOTAL

1/1E	SCOTT HARVEY JR/ JIM MICKLE	EAGLE TALON	6
2/2E	DAVE PARPS/ROB MORAN	MITSUBISHI GALANT VR-4	8
2/2E	GENE HENDERSON/BOB MARTIN	SUBARU SUS	8
4/4E	MARK HENDERSON/DONNA RINKLE	SUBARU LEGACY	15
5/5E	DAVE HARKCUM/DAN HARKCUM	AUDI QUATTRO	21
14/6E	CHRIS CRAMER/JEFF GOWDY	SUBARU IMPREZA RS	1122
6/1L	JIM FEKETE/JIM SHAFFER	CHEVY LUMINA	33
12/2L	STEVE PHILLIPS/PAUL GILBERT	SAAB 900	570
13/1N	ADAM SPEISZNY/ W. DLUGOSZEWSKI	NISSAN 240SX	908
16/2N	ARNAUD GUIBOUT/ARNAUD LEROUX	FORD TAURUS	1150
17/3N	CASEY BOYDEN/TODD ACHTERHOF	FORD RANGER	1618
18/4N	BRIAN KENNEDY/RON RIZOR	FORD MUSTANG	1748
19/5N	TARAS SERYY/THOM HARRIGAN	MAZDA 323GT	1777
20/6N	BILL MCELROY/LINDA MCELROY	TRIUMPH TR-6	1902
21/7N	PHIL BOER/ MATT BOS	MAZDA 323GTX	DNF
7/1S	RICH WARDEN/RICK ROBENETTE	SAAB 900SE	50
9/2S	MARK KLECKNER/C.ROSENSTENGLE	VW JETTA	175
10/3S	KEVIN ESSENBURG/SARAH HAVEMAN	FORD ESCORT GT	207
11/4S	ROBERT KAY/MIKE BENNETT	FORD CONTOUR	329
15/5S	PAUL FERNANDEZ/KERRY FERNANDEZ	VW GOLF GTI	1144
8/1V	ERIC JONES /HARRY WARD	1964 MGB	61