

Driver & Navigator

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The Search Rally Review

Yesterday, Mark Rerick once again put on the award-winning Search for the Great Pumpkin. I missed last year's event due to a wedding, but enjoyed the previous two and was excited to come compete again. I hooked up with Will Turano, whom I hadn't run with in some time, and convinced him to drive in class C.

Mark has pioneered a format which seems to be catching on a bit -- a course rally whose off-course loops happen inside of transit zones to give everyone a chance to score well on the timing portion of the rally, and with separate scoring for the passage (or "pumpkin") controls in the transit zones to give a rally-within-a-rally feel. Lately, there have been timing traps outside the transit zones as well, but this year these were constructed only from special LRIs applying only to the experienced crews, so teams could enjoy trap-free sections and save their time allowances for the areas where there were known to be traps. This alternation gives a chance to rest different parts of ones' brain, so that there is always something going on but it is never exhausting. All in all, a refinement of an already great format.

I missed last year's rally due to a wedding, but I'd enjoyed the previous two tremendously so I was eager to get back to Searching. Mark often gives little "hints" and this year was no exception. So we were a little confused by what looked like a "hint" in the tire warm-up. We were convinced we'd missed something, but rallied on. Upon arriving at the first control, we found that there had been no trap, and were surprised to collect a zero. A good omen for the rest of the day, and the first of a string of exceptional scores.

Leg 2 had two traps. Although Rd and Road are considered equivalent under NER rules, one or the other is still required when one is onto Wormwood Hill Rd, and a sign marked "Wormwood Hill" with the "Hill" in little "Rd"-style letters does not identify the onto road. Later, we were required to refuse an LRI whose graphic depiction appeared incorrectly on the front of the sign but correctly on the back side of the sign. We did both traps right, going back to look at the front side of the sign again and taking a TA to do so. The TA doubled a 3 to a 6, still an excellent score in class C.

Leg 4 had a complicated trap. We recognized that an ONTO was still valid and that it caused the main road to go left at a sideroad, and that even though the main road went left the intersection was still a sideroad. But we incorrectly refused to execute "Turn at Sideroad" there because the definition of "turn" had been amended in previous Search GIs to make it clear that it could be executed by going straight, and no such amendment was present in this year's GIs. Wrong! This was the only course-following trap we bought all day, though.

After a trap-free leg 6 (on which we nonetheless got lost, doubling our 4 to an 8 with TA penalty), leg 7 had two traps. The first one required us to recognize that an instruction executed at the second observation of a landmark initiates before another instruction whose landmark appears between the other two. What made this fun was that all three landmarks were at the same intersection! The second trap was a simple sign-hunt; I missed the sign entirely and Will saw it but didn't think it qualified. We didn't want to go back and take a TA, or lose a lot of taped-odo accuracy by stopping, so we just blew past it. On the bright side, it was the last trap that we bought.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1: Covered Bridge
Mt. Snow, VT (NER)

Nov. 9: Both Feet Out
Willington, CT (BMWCCA)

Nov. 16: Annual Grand
Londonderry, NH (TCNE)

Dec. 14: One Last Time
Westford, MA (TCNE)

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Touring Club of New England, Inc. Member Application Form

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

E-mail: _____

Auxiliary Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

E-mail: _____

On request, listings of the membership are made available to the members of the club for publicity and informational purposes. If you do not want your data made available on these lists, please check here: _____

I understand that the membership is for one (1) full year from the date of this application and I agree to abide by the by-laws of the Touring Club of New England, Inc.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

**Please remit with payment of \$18.00 payable to the Touring Club of New England to:
Karen Logan, 5 Boulder Circle, Nashua, NH 03062**

BOTH FEET OUT

A Brisk Tour of Northeast Connecticut

Sunday, November 9, 2003

Connecticut Valley Chapter of the BMW Car Club of America announces **Both Feet Out**, a Time-Speed-Distance Rally for rallyists of all experience levels, including "None." BFO will cover 95 miles of paved, winding, often challenging roads at legal but invigorating speeds. The route will offer no opportunities to get lost, but there may be the occasional timing challenge to make sure you are paying attention. Comfortable lunch facilities will be available, and the finish will offer a price-fixed menu for a late afternoon meal. General Instructions will be mailed or e-mailed to those who pre-register. (A GOOD! IDEA!) BFO will offer a unique option for experienced rallyists to switch equipment classes at the lunch break. Come enjoy the best of autumn in Connecticut.

Starts at Santilli's Market Plaza, junction of Routes 74 & 32 in Willington, CT. Take I-84 to exit 69. From I-84W turn left at end of ramp; from I-84E turn right at end of ramp. This is Rt. 74. Follow for one-half mile, then keep right after railroad tracks. The plaza is immediately on your right. Coffee, pastries, name brand gas and other useful amenities will be available at the start. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. First car off at 10:31 a.m.

Pre-Register Today!

Driver Name _____ Navigator Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Evening Phone_() _____ () _____

E-mail _____

Rally class: Experienced _____ Novice _____ (Novice class limited to teams in which neither participant has a top-3 trophy or has competed in more than 5 TSD rallies in the past 5 years)

Entry fee: \$10 per car. Checks payable to: "BMW CCA CVC."

Mail to Rallymaster: Ev Newton, 275 Redwood Rd, Manchester, CT 06040

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Leg 8 had a great trap to end the first half of the rally. We were required to recognize that a main road rule can't put you ONTO a road, and so execute LRI SMH "Left onto Saw Mill Hill Rd". Then Saw Mill Hill Rd goes left *again*, and we were required to recognize that LRIs can put you ONTO roads just as well as NRIs can, and so refuse the second execution. Each LRI execution came with a pause 66, so folks who get either of these wrong get the same error, just in either direction. We had mileages to everything for this DIY, so we were at no disadvantage to the A cars and collected our zero.

Leg 13 contained my favorite moment of the rally. After recognizing that ONTO Zaicek has been canceled by an instruction not to leave Zaicek (because the word "onto" doesn't appear in the instruction, but it does explicitly tell you where to go), we encountered a road where the no-longer-onto road goes right, and the next-lower MRD priority goes straight. Three rally cars (each containing a championship jacket) were scattered about this intersection, pointed in every direction. We determined that the correct course was to go straight, but didn't want to tip off the other rally cars and got into a waiting game with them. After a few minutes we went a tenth down the road ahead, but when one of the cars followed us we turned around and returned to the intersection. What we should have done is gone back down the road we entered the intersection on and waited until it cleared out.

On leg 15, we knew that we were working on the last open control, and there was a mileage reference to the control location. But the control appearing on the routes was an easy passage control (and there were hints in the generals that it would be); the timing control was located half a mile before the one in the routes. We were saved by being in class C; having no way to find a standoff, we had to run in from the previous instruction and so were on time already by the time we got to the timing control.

By the end of the day, our score apart from traps was less than twice the trap-free winning score in class A, from course experts Jack von Kaenel and Jim Friedman, so we were pretty proud of that. With everyone doing well on timing, the scoring was mostly trap-based and class didn't matter so much. So with only two timing traps bought, we were able to come in second overall. We were also second (to Jack and Jim, who ran clean) in the Pumpkin (course-following trap) competition, much better than I'd done before and evidence that despite my miserable performance on National trap rallies I might actually be learning something.

The course was, as usual, incredibly scenic. There had been an early frost in some of the areas we were traveling in, so although the leaves weren't at peak there was still some color here and there. And even without the leaves, northeastern Connecticut is full of beautiful back roads, and Mark has managed to string together the best of them. Once again, a terrific rally.

The Search 2003 Results		4-Oct-03 Sturbridge, MA																			
Driver	Navigator	Car	Overall	In Class	Score	CP 1	CP 2	DIY 1	CP 3	DIY 2	CP 4	CP 5	DIY 3	DIY 4	CP 6	DIY 5	Clsd 1	CP 7	DIY 6	CP 8	DIY 7
Jack von Kaenel	Jim Friedman	9	1	1A	54	2	2	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	31	6	1	1	2	2
Will Turano	Nick Shectman	12	2	1C	215	0	6	14	8	64	6	58	0	7	4	21	3	2	15	5	2
Steve Mauger	Steve Novatne	7	3	1B	236	23	3	1	3	107	0	62	0	27	1	1	3	0	0	3	2
Steve McLafferty	Pego Mack	1	4	2A	374	0	3	38	187	1	0	61	0	0	2	1	5	2	72	1	1
Hal Denham	Joe Kwiatkowski	3	5	2C	512	23	46	55	10	31	29	11	0	6	32	70	52	7	104	8	28
Stephanie Gosselin	Fred Mapplebeck	8	6	2B	547	0	1	26	4	61	0	61	66	2	0	0	96	4	1	2	223
Michael Peterson	Carolyn Peterson	4	7	3C	735	30	6	36	4	3	300	31	50	27	6	107	41	0	73	15	6
Kelli Lamkins	Jon Lamkins	2	8	4C	1044	6	81	84	10	19	61	124	74	6	11	41	300	7	179	10	31
Paul Gosselin	Steve McKelvie	5	9	1S	1295	0	94	300	300	0	6	69	59	7	11	2	86	5	46	10	300
Elizabeth Ciak	Chris Regan	11	10	1D	1589	7	4	75	213	62	300	17	16	300	54	48	132	300	21	11	29
Ramon Gonzalez	Greg Viscomi	6	11	3A	2040	0	63	45	96	300	300	300	300	87	171	1	7	300	48	7	15
Rick Smith	Dan Smith	10			DNS																
Average					786	8	28	61	76	59	91	73	51	43	27	29	66	57	51	7	58
					Hi Avg										Lo Avg						

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Mark Rerick

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The Touring Club of New England presents the
fiftieth
Annual Grand Rally

A Time-Speed-Distance Rally of about 80 miles.
Sunday, November 16th, 12:00 noon, starting in Londonderry, NH.

This rally tradition started in 1954 when the club was known as the Four Cylinder Club. The name of the club was changed to the Touring Club of New England several years later, and the tradition of putting on an Annual Grand Rally was continued each year to the present. The Annual Grand has taken various forms over the years, including all night enduros and trap rallies. This year's edition will be a relatively straightforward event of about 80 miles that should take 3 to 3.5 hours to complete. Both novices and experienced rallyists should be able to complete the rally with no problems.

The start will take place at the Burger King in Londonderry, NH. This is just east of Route 93 on Route 102. Take exit 4 off of Route 93. Registration will open at 11:00AM. The first car will start at 12:01PM. The finish will be at the Yard Restaurant at the junction of Routes 28 and 28A in Manchester, NH, where food and beverages may be purchased and enjoyed. Prizes, including the prestigious perpetual French-Patton trophy which goes to the highest placing TCNE member, will be awarded after the event. Pre-registration is not necessary, but will be welcome. If you have questions prior to the event, please contact the rallymaster, Fred Mapplebeck, at 603-898-4778 or derfrally@aol.com.

Pre-registration:

Driver	_____	Navigator	_____
Street	_____	Street	_____
City/State/Zip	_____	City/State/Zip	_____
Telephone	_____	Telephone	_____
Email	_____	Email	_____
SCCA member?	_____	SCCA member?	_____
Car make	_____	Model	_____
Year	_____	Registration	_____
State	_____		_____

The entrant warrants that an auto insurance policy with liability limits of not less than \$20,000/\$40,000/\$10,000 is in force for the vehicle entered. In signing this form, entrants agree to abide by all the regulations and decisions of the rally committee. If either the driver or navigator is under 18, a minor release form must be obtained and filled out before the rally.

Driver Signature _____ Navigator Signature _____

Entry fees: \$20 per team for entries received on or before November 10th, \$25 per team after November 10th. Please make checks payable to Touring Club of New England and mail to Annual Grand Rally, c/o Fred Mapplebeck, 147 Millville Street, Salem, NH 03079-2221.

2003 Friday Night Series Standings

as of 1 September 2003

	Total Points	March Madness	First Day Out	Mayflower	Longest Afternoon	July Rally	August Rally
Carl Baker	10 A	1A		2B			
Peter Beale	10 D		1D				
Hank Black	8 D		2D				
Andrew Boardman	20 B	1B	1B	1C			2C
Adam Brodeur	10 A		1A				
Scott Eggimann	8 D		2D				
Ken Elwell	18 D			1D	2D		
Andrew English	8		W				
Stephanie Gosselin	8					W	
Douglas Hagerman	50 B	2B	RM	1B	1B		1B
James Hagerman	8 B	2B					
John Hagerman	38 B		2B	1B	1B		1B
John Howard	20 A	1A	1A				
Jim Katz	30 C				RM	1C	RM
Rich Macchi	8 C						2C
Fred Mapplebeck	38 A	W	2B	W	1A	RM	
Steve McKelvie	8	W					
Chris Outzen	10 D		1D				
Laurel Unger Richman	18 C		1C	W			
Bob Sauer	10 D				1D		
Rachel Sauer	10 D				1D		
Nicholas Sheckman	48 C	RM	1C	RM	W		1C
Will Turano	20 B	1B	1B				
Carsten Turner	18 D			1D	2D		

Non-members not listed. We appreciate our non-member workers! New members will have worker points applied retroactively upon joining.

Please review these standings and bring any questions or discrepancies to the attention of the club.

The Touring Club of New England presents
The final event in the monthly rally series

One Last Time

Come out and try something a little different:

50 miles and a new odometer check to get the rally out of the suburbs

A new start/end location, with a better buffet

One speed – 30 MPH – for easy calculations

5% unpaved to keep things interesting

Lots of given mileages to keep you from getting lost

LRIs and timing ~~traps~~ exercises, but all cars follow the same course – getting lost should be difficult. Our regulations are one page long – no overload!

All cars finish before dark

Sunday, December 14, 2003

Starts and ends at the Bamboo Restaurant in Westford MA. From I-495, take exit 32 (Boston Road) towards Carlisle. Right onto 110 West at traffic light. Left after 0.5 miles onto Lan. Restaurant is on right side of the road. An all-you-can-eat buffet is available for \$14.95 at the finish.

Free for TCNE members or join and run for \$18

Registration opens at 1:00 PM

First car off at 2:30 PM

First car finish at 4:30 PM

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