

2007 Turkey Tour Rally Masters Letter

First off, let me apologize for the delay in posting the results for this years Turkey Tour. We did not think that this years Turkey Tour would be very difficult, but as in years past, participants were very late to the checkpoint. We had a very large number of novice teams and this might have been deemed a difficult novice rally. There were several tricky sections, but few outright intentional tricks in this rally. In fact, going in, we thought it was a rather easy rally, how wrong we were...

One interesting thing about this rally is that over the course of the 64.1 miles and 2 hours 32 minutes and 11 seconds (or much more for many of you), you should never have left Westchester County. The rally bounced around Mt. Kisco for about 20 miles, at which point it headed east to the very edge of Connecticut, then headed north... west and then south to a checkpoint that we have use on two previous occasions, on Mt. Holly Road just before it intersected with Route 35, just east of Route 22.

Some of the trickier sections were the "Don't Follow Fancher", one team thought that was just our way of having you do a lap around an island and put you back on the road you came from, I will tell you now, that isn't our style. Our style is the "Left at T" while driving up a back road that dumps out onto Route 35, all the signs indicate that Route 35 might be a T. Looking across the main road... you would see that the road you are on does continue further and although offset by a few feet, it was certainly not a T as the signs indicated. The correct T is a block beyond Route 35.

We had a large turnout at this rally, and to those that didn't finish, I say "don't give up". It might seem insurmountable, but rallies are possible, 1/3 of the people that entered did finish. Several more handed their answer sheets in at Applebee's. If you didn't finish, I would encourage you to try to drive the route during the day... I believe one of the signs was knocked over shortly after the rally, so if you would like a copy of the rally with street signs, drop me an e-mail (jesse@wscc.org) and I will work with you on that.

The roads were gorgeous, the house along the route were amazing, and driving the route will really help a novice team understand the route and what the rally master was thinking in planning the rally. When your rally masters started participating in rallies many years ago, we would drive the evening of the rally and then again the following day in the light. This really helped our ability to identify how things are defined in a rally.

Thank you to Debbi and Gary for pre-running the rally, and especially to Frank for doing everything that he does to make WSCC events easier for chair-people to produce. And selfishly, thank you to GJ for finishing worse then 2nd, thus rewarding me with the rally cup. It would be nice to have a few extra team competing for the year end rally cup, so think about joining the club and competing for the overall trophy. The dues and responsibilities are negligible and you might walk away immortalized with your name engraved on the silver cup.

If you finished, congratulations. If you didn't finish, be persistent, our next rally is the Bunny Run Rally, which takes place around Easter of 2008. Rallying is a lot of fun and very rewarding when done well, and we look forward to seeing you back again next year.

Thank you,

Your rally masters,
Jesse & Barbara