2019 Bunny Run Rally Master Letter

by Ken Frey

First, let me thank people who helped me put the rally together. I want to thank Jesse Lipscher and Barbara Gebala for helping promote the event with their efforts. Thanks to Co-Chairman Dave Trezza who cold ran the rally, helped write a couple instructions I was having a problem defining and helping me put up the Bunny signs. My thanks to former member Phyllis Miller who cold ran the rally, too. Thanks to Debbi and Gary Kanzler for doing the rally registration. Thanks to Ed McGuirk for coming to work and helping us at the checkpoint. Thanks to Jesse Lipscher for helping me pick up the bunnies on Sunday morning and taking my raw finishing data and turning it into results.

Two of the 39 bunnies got turned by the wind and were not facing the right way. They could not be seen by rallyists so were not counted in the tally. That dropped the official bunny count down to 37. WSCC teams made a strong showing with four WSCC teams in the top 7 positions in the rally. Leading the pack were WSCC members Jesse Lipscher and Barbara Gebala. They were the only team to nail the 60.1 mileage figure. In second place were WSCC's Mike Caroll and Tim Farrelly. In third place was the team of Bill and Debby Michelotti. They are long time rallyists at our WSCC events. In fourth place was the WSCC rally team of Don Mays and Mark Connelly. WSCC's Gary and Donna Proft finished in seventh place. The Kanzler team of Debbi and Gary finished in tenth place and WSCC's Diane Mays piloted her entry to fifteenth place.

It was great hearing somebody say they remember when we used to start the rally at the Kensico Dam years ago. Sixteen cars came through the finishing checkpoint with the one car we did not see car having a flat tire and could not get the lug nuts off the wheel. I know that some shops put on the lug nuts with their guns making it extremely difficult, if not impossible to get the lug nuts off. I was very happy to see the new set of tires being put on my Suburban last month at Mavis with a torque wrench so I was not going to have to struggle in the middle of the night trailering somewhere and trying to get a flat off the truck in the dark. It was nice to hear a number of people say they enjoyed the rally route, showing them some new roads and new big houses.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Rally on October 12 and Annual Turkey Tour on November 23. Have a great summer!