

After Rallye Report & Results – Great Railroad Caper

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Way back in 1986, I helped a first-time rallyemaster put together an event. Since we were both interested in trains, we created a rallye with an old west, train robbery theme and a story with a plot that would develop as you ran the course. From the beginning, the contestants would be robbed by bandits and then have to get the gold back. All the other gimmicks would revolve around this concept.

The “Great Train Rallye” of 1986 was well received despite a few first event problems. The Rallye Club had enough confidence in the event to present it again a few years later. It may have been “recycled” more than once before I decided to give it a face–lift in 2007.

A drastic update was needed since Start and Finish locations had changed, General Instructions had evolved, and the original route had some problems specifically in being too long and spread out. I also wanted to replace some of the older gimmicks with ones that better fit the theme. For instance, I wanted to count real railroad tracks as Opps. This effort can all be summed up as follows: “Put the old rallye into a new neighborhood and make it work!” For the most part, it was successful.

The most common problem showed up as a protest that was granted to all cars. This involved RI 20: “R at 5th Opp” and CM QQ 47. Remember how I said I wanted to be able to count actual RR tracks as Opps? It seems the set-up was OK but the actual RI was flawed. It would have worked if **at** were removed. The RI should have read: “R 5th Opp”.

The next problem was “golden” and involved CM Au 18. A few of the expert cars claimed that you could recover the gold without needing to get to the CM. This would allow you to “Retrace your Route” and not see CM AU leaving you 10 points poorer. This may not have been an issue (wasn’t previously) if another recent rallye had not used a similar gimmick with a different interpretation. The Protest Committee agreed. This gimmick should work if the checkpoint slip is re-worded to read:

The bandit’s hideout is **Stafford** and it’s where they have hidden the stolen gold shipment. To recover the gold, go L 1st Opp, then immediately R 1st Opp when you see the hideout. This should lead you to the gold (probably an CM). When you have the gold, then retrace your route. (Hint: you can only recover the gold once)

It was fun to watch the reactions of the contestants at the checkpoint when they found out they had been robbed. Many of the same things happened last Saturday as had happened in 1986. Some people argued that they could not hand over their gold card. Once robbed, many argued extensively to get it back. Years from now, the various gimmicks will blend together but many will remember getting robbed at the checkpoint.

That is about all there is to say. I’d like to thank all of you for running the rallye and those who helped work the event. Most of you I thanked in the critique but I did miss one. Darin showed up at the Finish to help settle the protests by coordinating the Protest Committee.

I enjoyed reviving this rallye and presenting it one more time. From the comments and the evaluation cards, I am reasonably sure most of you enjoyed the rallye.

Thank you,
Bob Schott, Rallyemaster
Ken Schott, Assistant Rallyemaster

Results

Granted Protests:

Grant for all cars CM: OO 47{+10} RI 20 R at 5th Opp

Grant for 2 cars CM: Au 18{+10} Get gold/Retrace route

T = Award Issued

* = Tie Broken

P = Score affected by protest

X = TRC Top Score

C	P	S	N		Driver	Navigator	Passenger
l	l		c				
a	a	C	o				
s	c	a	r				
s	e	r	e	s			

F	1	19	850	T	Chris Wong	Dianne Yoshida	Vinh
F	2	15	830	T	Mark Triolo	Mike Mercadante	
F	3	14	720	T	Matt Schmidt (Omega Car Club)	Ken Wan (Omega Car Club)	
B	1	8	890	T*	L. Ashley Adams	Steve Robinson	Kristin & Greg
					Robinson		
B	2	18	890	T	Subbu	Mini	
B	3	27	850	T	Trever Thompson (TRC)	Jessia Powell	
B	4	16	840	*	David Sanchez	Team Sanchez	
B	5	21	840		J. Van Curen	Marguerite Reynolds	Joanne Madden, J. Van Curen
B	6	11	770		Eric Hilton	Lynn Ochs	Audrey Hilton
N	1	25	960	T	Ron Mooney	Chris Murray	Kris Murray, Barbara Mooney
N	2	10	940	T	Susan Paglianti (TRC)	Chris Paglianti (TRC)	
N	3	20	880	T	Joanne Thiel (TRC)	Laurent Kermel	
N	4	13	840		Geri Weitzman	Anita Hollister (TRC)	Gene Hysner
N	5	12	810		Robert Ferguson	Darlene Burgess	William & Angela Burgess
S	1	22	960	T*	Trevor Graham (TRC)	Kim Graham	
S	2	6	960	T	Kim Anderson (TRC)	Jean Talburt (TRC)	Cory & Cole Anderson
S	3	1	950	T	Kevin M. Lewis (All by myself rallye team)		
S	4	4	930		Jerry Sotirhos	Frank Hays	Marilyn Sotiritos
S	5	9	920		Cyndel Podich (TRC)	Dave Fladlien (TRC)	
E	1	24	980	T	Steve Watt (TRC)	Nancy Hanna (TRC)	
E	2	3	960	T*	Jenny Stave	Wayne Stilwell (TRC)	
E	3	5	960		David S. Moen (TRC)	Keith Anderson (TRC)	
E	4	23	950	P	Greg Wong (TRC)	Karen Cate (TRC)	
E	5	26	880	*	David Phillips	Dean Stanton (TRC)	Shivu Vibhuti

E 6 17 880

Jim Sonner

Nat Colangelo

Barbie,
Daniel,
Sabrina

M 1 7 1000 T* Gojira (United Mutations)John Mirassou (TRC)

M 2 2 1000 PX Nick Stefanisko (TRC)Teresa Stefanisko (TRC)Zakry Stefanisko

How did you compare?

Item	FT	(3)	Beg	(6)	Nov	(5)	Sen	(5)	Exp	(6)	Mstr	(2)	All	(27)
A	66%	(2)	100%	(6)	100%	(5)	100%	(5)	100%	(6)	100%	(2)	96%	(26)
B	66%	(2)	83%	(5)	80%	(4)	100%	(5)	83%	(5)	100%	(2)	85%	(23)
C	100%	(3)	100%	(6)	100%	(5)	100%	(5)	100%	(6)	100%	(2)	100%	(27)
D	33%	(1)	83%	(5)	100%	(5)	100%	(5)	100%	(6)	100%	(2)	88%	(24)
E	100%	(3)	100%	(6)	80%	(4)	100%	(5)	100%	(6)	100%	(2)	96%	(26)
F	100%	(3)	100%	(6)	100%	(5)	100%	(5)	100%	(6)	100%	(2)	100%	(27)
G	33%	(1)	16%	(1)	80%	(4)	80%	(4)	83%	(5)	100%	(2)	62%	(17)
H	0%	(0)	16%	(1)	100%	(5)	100%	(5)	83%	(5)	100%	(2)	66%	(18)
I	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
J	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
K	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
L	0%	(0)	33%	(2)	20%	(1)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	11%	(3)
M	33%	(1)	16%	(1)	20%	(1)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	11%	(3)
N	66%	(2)	100%	(6)	100%	(5)	100%	(5)	83%	(5)	100%	(2)	92%	(25)
O	0%	(0)	83%	(5)	100%	(5)	100%	(5)	100%	(6)	100%	(2)	85%	(23)
P	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	60%	(3)	100%	(5)	66%	(4)	100%	(2)	51%	(14)
Q	0%	(0)	16%	(1)	20%	(1)	40%	(2)	50%	(3)	100%	(2)	33%	(9)
R	66%	(2)	16%	(1)	80%	(4)	100%	(5)	66%	(4)	100%	(2)	66%	(18)
S	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
T	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
U	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	20%	(1)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	3%	(1)
V	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
W	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
X	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	20%	(1)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	3%	(1)
Y	33%	(1)	50%	(3)	80%	(4)	40%	(2)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	37%	(10)
Z	0%	(0)	33%	(2)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	7%	(2)
AA	66%	(2)	100%	(6)	80%	(4)	100%	(5)	83%	(5)	100%	(2)	88%	(24)
BB	66%	(2)	33%	(2)	40%	(2)	100%	(5)	83%	(5)	100%	(2)	66%	(18)
CC	66%	(2)	33%	(2)	80%	(4)	100%	(5)	100%	(6)	100%	(2)	77%	(21)
DD	0%	(0)	50%	(3)	80%	(4)	80%	(4)	66%	(4)	100%	(2)	62%	(17)
EE	33%	(1)	83%	(5)	100%	(5)	80%	(4)	100%	(6)	100%	(2)	85%	(23)
FF	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	20%	(1)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	3%	(1)
GG	33%	(1)	16%	(1)	20%	(1)	20%	(1)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	14%	(4)
HH	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
I I	33%	(1)	16%	(1)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	7%	(2)
JJ	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
KK	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	40%	(2)	20%	(1)	33%	(2)	50%	(1)	22%	(6)
LL	66%	(2)	100%	(6)	80%	(4)	40%	(2)	33%	(2)	0%	(0)	59%	(16)
MM	33%	(1)	33%	(2)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	11%	(3)
NN	0%	(0)	16%	(1)	80%	(4)	100%	(5)	83%	(5)	100%	(2)	62%	(17)
OO	33%	(1)	33%	(2)	20%	(1)	0%	(0)	50%	(3)	50%	(1)	29%	(8)
PP	100%	(3)	83%	(5)	100%	(5)	100%	(5)	100%	(6)	100%	(2)	96%	(26)
QQ	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	40%	(2)	16%	(1)	50%	(1)	14%	(4)
RR	100%	(3)	100%	(6)	100%	(5)	100%	(5)	100%	(6)	100%	(2)	100%	(27)
SS	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)	0%	(0)
TT	100%	(3)	66%	(4)	20%	(1)	20%	(1)	50%	(3)	0%	(0)	44%	(12)
UU	66%	(2)	50%	(3)	40%	(2)	100%	(5)	66%	(4)	100%	(2)	66%	(18)
V V	33%	(1)	50%	(3)	60%	(3)	80%	(4)	83%	(5)	100%	(2)	66%	(18)

