

Monster University: A Rallye School **Official Results** 2016-10-01

A = Award earned. Any First Timer (FT) who didn't get their award certificate should **email me**.

Names in **boldface** should claim their awards at the registration desk of a future TRC rallye.

P = Score affected by protest or correction

C	P	S	N	Driver	Navigator	/ Passengers
l	l		c			
a	a	C	o			
s	c	a	r			
s	e	r	e			
FT	1	3	690	A	Steve Bolaris (SC Corvettes)	Valerie Bolaris
FT	2	8	675	A	Roger Martin (SC Corvettes)	Cindy Teague
FT	3	7	640	A	Lowell Vivian	Janice Vivian
FT	4	2	585	A	<i>Name, Address, and Email not provided; contact me for award</i>	
FT	DNF	15			Keith Mendia (SC Corvettes)	Sandy Mendia
B	1	22	675	A	Lee Klynn (SC Corvettes)	Cheryl Klynn (SC Corvettes)
B	2	11	640	A	Bill Clark (SC Corvettes)	Sue Clark (SC Corvettes)
B	3	13	620	A	Jerry Svindal (SC Corvettes)	Shirley Svindal (SC Corvettes)
B	4	16	590		Doug Johnson (SC Corvettes)	Susan Johnson (SC Corvettes)
B	DNF	1			John Warner (SC Corvettes)	Barbara Warner
N	1	18	915	A P	John Warnstedt	Joey Warnstedt / Addy & Lukas
N	2	12	865	A P	Jim Kermode (TRC)	Scott Kermode (TRC)
N	3	17	840	A	Pat Schultz	Kurt Schultz
N	4	19	795		Barbie Woodward (TRC)	Steve Wells (SC Corvettes)
S	1	6	950	A	Jerry Sotirhos	Marilyn Sotirhos
S	2	5	925	A	Sonja Marwood (TRC)	Peter Karpas (TRC) Dave Marwood (TRC)
S	3	21	915		Shelly Chaparro	Arlene Bell (TRC)
S	4	23	910		Brian Duddy	Nelsson Cheung
S	5	10	860	P	Rich Wales	Karen Wales
E	1	4	965	A P	Eric Anderson (TRC)	solo!
E	2	20	865	A	Lynne Navarro	Heather Mellows (TRC)
M	1	14	960	A	Darin McGrew (TRC)	Michelle McGrew (TRC) Woof

RM Acknowledgements

Thanks to the Santa Clara Corvettes and Steve Bolaris in particular, for publicizing this rallye and attending. Many of the Corvettes had run gimmick car rallyes years ago and were eager to do another; others had never tried a gimmick rallye, which we know are not for everyone. TRC hopes many of you will return for more! There are plenty of resources on our website if you want to "study up":

www.therallyeclub.org/resources.htm

Thanks to all of you for running the rallye. If anyone has ideas about how to increase attendance, please email them to trc-business@therallyeclub.org

Thanks to precheckers and workers Steve Hartwell, Clayton Castle, Ed Slintak, and Abby Grossman. If there is a rallye you cannot attend, consider offering to precheck it. You can get personal explanations from the RM of how the gimmicks work.

Thanks to worker Glen Dayton. Anyone who might be willing to help with a rallye (in any role) can register potential interest [on our web site](#) without any commitment.

Thanks as always to Nick Stefanisko for participation plaque and awards creation.

Thanks to the McGrews for staffing the registration table.

Upcoming February Coursemarker Rallye

Please check our website at www.therallyeclub.org for information on our February coursemarker rallye, [Rallyemon Go](#). (This is our Annual Membership Rallye - renew or join for \$25 and run this rallye for FREE!)

Detailed Rallye Report (provided to the TRC-Business mailing list before the October business meeting):

We had 23 cars, which is a lot by our recent standards. But 3 FT cars decided not to finish.

Not only did we get 5 first timer cars from the Santa Clara Corvettes, but we had 6 Beginner cars. Several mentioned they had not done a gimmick rallye since the 1960s or '70s. Of the first timer evaluators: 4 will try another gimmick rallye; 2 might; and 3 will not. Most commenters thought the rallye fun. Equal number of "great fun" and "OK."

Favorite gimmick: "don't take any pills" (capsule we gave at CP was hiding an instruction). Others with multiple votes: 5-ton bus, "2nd Opp" on answer sheet counting as a sign, 5TOP. No "least favorite" gimmicks got multiple votes. (Pictorial STOP AHEAD satisfying the definition of STOP was both a least favorite and a most favorite.)

Line numbers on GIs:

I had my word processor (LibreOffice) number lines in the GIs. Then I referenced those lines in the chalk talk and in the Critique. One eval card praised these. It also made the chalk talk faster.

Errors in Rallye:

I had made changes to Answer Sheet #2, of which the important one was pre-printing "2nd Opp" at the top, to set up the gimmick for the second half. These changes were lost (app crash) and I didn't notice they were missing. RI 30's 10 points were awarded to all cars.

RI 45 was incorrect in the critique: The explanation was right, but the correct answer was B.

The GIs said "Enter a CP by pulling into the driveway, handing your Answer Sheet from your car to the rallye personnel and saying . . ." So entering the CP at the start would be problematic. None of the precheckers noticed this, but Heather did.

RI 47: Part B should have been **R at "4-WAY"** with quotation marks. A protest said that "since 4-WAY is undefined, it indicates a street named 4-WAY." This protest was granted by the RM.

RI 1: Definition of S (for straight) included "at an intersection." This was a mistake because our definition of "at" included "within 50 feet of." So a protest said S could be done 50 feet *before* the intersection. S should have said ". . . *through* an intersection."

RI 29: The rallye defined TRAFFIC SIGNAL, but used TRAFFIC LIGHT as a gimmick. Since "undefined terms will have their standard dictionary meanings," a protest said it should be valid. We granted this, but I now think this was a mistake. The unquoted words needed to be a LANDMARK: a "physical object defined in these General Instructions." A "standard dictionary meaning" isn't defined *in the GIs*, in my 20/20 hindsight. The same car had a nearly identical protest claiming that CROSSROAD's standard dictionary definition should suffice, which was denied.

Issues:

Rengstorff construction was a problem. One car texted, "cannot turn on Rengstorff from San Luis either; using hyperspace."

Use of WRIGHT from Shoreline was not great, because Shoreline is a wide, fast-moving street. But to scare (visit) WRIGHT again in Sunnyvale at the end of the rallye was a favorite gimmick of at least one person.

Competition Director Abby was unhappy that the 5-ton bus gimmick (RI 50) was dependent on scaring Wright (RI 49), but we didn't dare change the end of the rallye at the eleventh hour, and having a 3-way fork is a big pain in an A/B rallye.

Comments from Rallyists:

"Please return answer sheets after they're scored. I almost always get a different total . . . than you do." (This was unsigned, perhaps because it was not on an official evaluation form, since we ran out. Rallyists can ask the RM to review their scored answer sheets, but cannot have them. There was a car whose score was 20 points wrong.)

First time comments: Don't worry about minutiae. Never understood the instructions. Need more info. Clarity of instructions "needs help." Explanations (at chalk talk, I presume) good, but too fast. Chalk talk by the road (in the shade) encountered road noise. The "street gullies" are tough for Corvettes. [Still] confused about quotation marks. Hard to learn vocabulary. Planning/organization "amazing."

Other comments: CP got a bit crowded. Normal queue would be better. Start time was popular. Registration: be on time. (There was a long line waiting for the McGrews' arrival.) Thank you for offering clipboards. You should make entry into Expert class dependent on writing a rallye. Some gimmicks used too many times. (For our school-type rallye, we purposely reused first half gimmicks or slight variations in the second half to give rallyists "another chance.")

Denied Protests:

RI 1.8: The experts were to OBSERVE the "SOUTH US 101" sign on 101, visible at the intersection of Leghorn onto Sierra Vista. One Senior car claims they saw it, but thought that because it was not on their road, they had not "passed it." They should have called the RM to ask for help interpreting their facts.

RI 46, part A: One Novice claimed that SOR was unusable with unquoted words because the words referred to a street and SOR referred to a sign. The GIs (line 67) said, "When unquoted word(s) refer to a street, the street must be identified by a street-naming sign containing all word(s) . . . "

RI 40: The MANGO street sign was visible before you get to it. But OBSERVE's definition included "as you pass the indicated sign or landmark."

-- Dean Stanton for Rallyemaster John Kleder