An American Rallyist in Paris
Official Results   4/6/24

Thanks to everyone who competed in the rallye. We had a great turnout with 19 registrants and 17 teams that submitted scoresheets. Following are the final scores. They are updated from the results announced after the rallye, which were affected by minor errors and shortcomings in the scoring program. Among other things, we added credit where teams missed points due to misspelling roadway names. The score corrections were small and the updates did not cause any teams to change places.

Team	Score		Class	Place	Driver	Navigator	Team Member 3	Team Member 4
9	561		1st	1st	Michael Colao			
17	550		1st	2nd	Tessa Poppe	Greg Ryder		
13	633		Beginner	1st	Stewart Hall	Susan Wall		
10	599		Novice	1st	Jeff Young			
16	654		Senior	1st	Wei-Hwa Huang			
15	**790**		Expert	1st	Linus Hamilton	Daniel Palumbo		
1	718	*	Expert	2nd	Kit Rodolfa			
12	718		Expert		Brian Andersen	Michelle Jolly	Erik Andersen	Rich Berlin
5	621		Expert		Matthew Chan	Miranda Go	Cathy Wang	Kevin Fan
11	384		Expert		Bob Hirsch			
8	725		Master	1st	Dave Shukan	Mark Halpin	Sean Lip	
2	698		Master	2nd	Steve Gaddy	Julie Gaddy	Coretta Dog	
19	653		Master		Ed Ruben			
4	646		Master		Jerry Sotirhos	Marilyn Sotirhos	Daniel Sotirhos	
20	628		Master		Dean Stanton	Peter Hosey		
7	508		Master		Gil Milbauer	Warren Usui		
18	410		Master		Cris Wendt			

* Tiebreaker winner

Special thanks to Ken Johnson, who provided many hours of pre-checking and mentoring and volunteered as a checkpoint worker. Many thanks also to pre-checker/help desker Eric Anderson; scoring program writer/tech trainer Dave Graubart (though all scoring program errors were due to rallyemaster edits); checkpoint worker/ marketer Ric Goldman; pre-checker/checkpoint worker Jill Rafael; and marketer Kat King. Thanks as well to Dean Stanton and Cris Wendt, who provided valuable rallye-related input.

Hardest gimmicks:
  - Nobody answered Q4 correctly ("onto" gimmick)
  - Nobody got full credit for the checkpoint B and C signs, which required writing words as they appeared both before and after the effects of French Lesson instructions given at the checkpoints
  - It does not appear that anyone executed a turn for the "TURN ON OVEN" sign at checkpoint C

- Only one team (Team 5) turned right for the instruction hidden in the Rue Mongenot sign in the GRs, which was revealed by French Lesson Jetlag
- Only one team (Team 8) correctly answered the airport question (Orly v. CDG) at checkpoint B
- Only one team (Team 15) provided a correct response in the Club Name line on the scoresheet
- Only two teams (Teams 15, 18) correctly wrote only their first names on the scoresheet
- Only two teams (Teams 7, 18) answered RI 8 correctly by turning on Rue des Chantres due to the hyphen on the 'No Entry' sign, and neither then continued up the staircase from Rue des Ursins to Quai aux Fleurs to get credit for Q2
- Only two teams (Teams 16, 19) answered RI 19 correctly by realizing that French Lesson Jetlag changed "Rue" to "R" on signs, requiring a right turn due to the impact of French Lessons Right and New
- Only four teams (Teams 1, 5, 10, 12) followed the correct route after checkpoint B until executing RI 10, which required realizing that RI 9 was still in effect after the checkpoint and recognizing that 'No Entry' signs created a forced turn at the intersection of Rue des Mauvais-Garcons and Rue de la Verrerie
- Only four teams correctly answered RI 9 (Teams 7, 11, 13, 15 – Mauvais Garcons/Mauvais-Garcons), RI 23 (Teams 2, 8, 12, 17 – RI with options A, B, Z), and RI 28 (Teams 7, 13, 15, 17 - << Voltaire >> could not be seen on signs)

Teams pointed out several errors in the rallye materials during the rallye:
- Team 15 pointed out that RI 13 option B could be executed prematurely at Rue Coustou, leading us to send an email alert to all rallyists with a change to RI 12 option A
- Team 7 pointed out an issue with the statement "Other terms have their ordinary English meanings" in the Definitions section of the GRs, since the Glossary section made "English" equivalent to "French"; since nobody else noticed this, we told Team 7 that "English" meant just "English" in that sentence
- Team 7 also pointed out an ambiguity in the wording of the Glossary section that we addressed by telling them to change "When you see one of these words…" in line 3 to "Where you see one of these words…"
- Team 15 pointed out that the SI at the top of page 8 of the RIs had precedence over End French Lesson Warp, with the arguable result that French Lesson Warp had to be executed again after executing the SI – taking teams back to Paris, Texas or the Trocadero with no way to continue the route; since nobody else noticed this, we told Team 15 to execute the SI after End French Lesson Warp

There were some delays during the rallye, such as when teams' checkpoint emails went into my spam folder, and some rallyists who tried to join the awards meeting after 8pm didn't get admitted due to my inattentiveness. If this happened to you, I apologize for any resulting frustration.

This was my first time writing a rallye and I wrote it from scratch (with tons of help), so hopefully there weren't too many bumps in the (virtual) road. I was inspired to use Paris as a rallye setting when the TRC started doing online rallyes during COVID and I realized they could take place anywhere. I made the mistake of mentioning the idea to Ken Johnson, and he got me to commit to writing the rallye for this April. I think Paris is a beautiful city and I hope you enjoyed spending some time there via Google Maps (despite the challenges).

Please check the website at https://www.therallyeclub.org for information on upcoming events. If you have any further questions or comments about the rallye, feel free to send them to me at stan_pin@yahoo.com.

- Rallyemaster Matt Poppe