

In Search of May Flowers Rally

May 25, 2019

General Instructions

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I. Schedule: 9:30 to 10:15 AM	Registration at Bob Evans, 9970 Colerain Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45251 Come early for breakfast, if desired.
10:15 AM	Safety Meeting/Route Instructions distributed
10:30 AM	Start Rally
1:30 PM	Could arrive at endpoint
2:30 PM	Must be at endpoint – Buffalo Wild Wings, 3660 Stone Creek Blvd., Cincinnati, OH 45251

Cost for this event is \$25 (a discount is available for members)

I. General

This is a GTA Rally (Game, Tour and Adventure), also known as a gimmick rally. It is a competitive event run on public roads at posted speed limits, following all traffic laws. Do not violate any traffic laws or signs even if a route instruction makes it appear that you should. No calculations are necessary; no average speeds must be maintained; scoring is based on a combination of correctly answering questions and finding clues along the route and accurately following route instructions so that you complete the rally with the prescribed mileage. Mileage will be used as a tiebreaker only. This event is eligible for points toward Cincinnati Region's championship series.

This rally is open to both SCCA members and non-members (discount applies for teams with at least one member).

There are separate instructions for first-timers/novices and experienced rally participants. The route and questions are the same. More information will be available at check-in the day of the event.

Restrooms are available at registration. There are areas slightly off the prescribed route where you can stop for gas, food, etc. just over an hour into the drive and again about 2 hours in.

Special Notes and Reminders – The course will not take you on unpaved roads; however, there are some patches of rough pavement and the never-ending potholes. Be mindful of deer crossing the roads. There are short stretches of business and residential

areas – watch for children, pedestrians, bikes, etc. Do not cause a hazard to other drivers in order to get an answer to a question. It is preferable to safely turn around and go back for an answer if desired. Some roads are not conducive to turning around. Skip a question rather than making an unsafe move.

Trust yourself. You will likely see other competitors going the same or opposite direction or turning a different way. Follow YOUR instructions. Take care to check off completed instructions.

II. Roads

The following roadway types do not exist, unless directed otherwise in an NRI: private roads, driveways, no outlet/dead end streets, unpaved (gravel or dirt). For example, if your instruction is to turn right and you come to a place where you must turn right to avoid roadways that do not exist, you *still* need to execute a right turn.

III. Course

Execute ALL parts of a numbered instruction before proceeding to the next instruction. Complete instructions in order at the first opportunity to do so after the preceding instruction is completed.

Questions (marked with a “Q”) can only be correctly answered with clues available from the initiation of the preceding instruction and the completion of the following instruction. If you observe more than one potential answer, the first instance is the correct answer. Clues may not be technically on the route but will be clearly visible from the route. Make any notations you want on the instructions but write your answers in the spaces provided or they will be counted as incorrect. The correct answer might be none. If so, write in “none”. Blank answers will be scored against you. Answer the questions in order.

There is a standing instruction for this rally at the Expert level only. At any “T” junction, in the absence of a specific instruction of “L at T”, turn **right**. If your next numbered instruction includes a right turn and is NOT designated “R at T”, you will still need to turn right at your next opportunity *after* the T. See definition of “T” below in the glossary.

In the absence of a numbered instruction at any junction, follow the principal road, frequently designated with a continuing center line with the road you are on, a curve sign preceding the intersection, or the existence of a stop or yield sign on the “non-main” road. If it is questionable, you will be given an instruction.

The call-back mileage for this rally is 3 ½ miles, except where noted. Most instructions will be executed well below 3 miles from the previous instruction. If using the Expert

level instructions, the call-back applies to the last executed written *or* standing instruction.

IV. Controls & Mileage Checks (aka Check Points)

Customary controls are not being used in this rally. There are several places to record mileages that will be used as a tie breaker. It is important for you to record those mileages on your answer sheet. Each mileage section will be considered individually so if you mess up in one section and are on point for all others, you won't be penalized over-all. It is not based on lowest mileage, but agreement to the official mileage. The first check on the course will be used for conversion purposes.

V. Signs, Landmarks and Questions

Questions (marked with a "Q") can only be correctly answered with clues available from the initiation of the preceding instruction and the completion of the following instruction. If you observe more than one potential answer, the first instance is the correct answer. Clues may not be technically on the route but will be clearly visible from the route. Make any notations you want on the instructions but write your answers in the spaces provided or they will be counted as incorrect. The correct answer might be none. If so, write in "none". Blank answers will be scored against you. Answer the questions in order. Read a few questions ahead as there can be two in close proximity, or in case you miss one.

Common definitions of objects apply to questions. Not all questions are quotes from signs. Quotation marks are used to indicate text quoted from a sign. Spelling of the sign must match that which is referenced. Signs may be anywhere but will not require looking backwards. The side of the road where the answer can be found may or may *not* be indicated on the instructions. Do not split or conjoin words or numbers. Do not take HAM or HAT out of HAMILTON, 4 out of 45, or conjoin FIR ST into FIRST.

Landmarks may be referred to by partial name and can include road signs, traffic lights, structures and other physical objects.

VI. Scoring

You will be given points for each incorrect answer and points for variance from the official mileage (adjusted based on the odometer check). Low score wins. The Rallymaster has the final decision in all scoring disputes. Both driver and navigator will be awarded points for their finishing position for the series championship.

Glossary

L	Proceed to left
R	Proceed to right
SIDE ROAD	An intersection of exactly 3 roadways, where a roadway goes generally ahead and another goes to either the left or right, but not both
S	Proceed straight
SS	Stop Sign – may be intended for one road up to all roads converging
T	An intersection of roadways such that there is a roadway to your left and a roadway to your right and past which you can no longer proceed ahead upon the roadway on which you are traveling. The roadway on which you are traveling will be controlled by a stop sign or traffic light. The roadway which intersects the road you are on will be essentially straight, but might not be at a 90-degree angle to the road from which you approach. There is frequently an arrow sign as the intersection is approached.
TRAFFIC LIGHT	(aka TL) A fixed signal light alternating green, yellow and red used at an intersection to regulate traffic. For rally purposes only 1 traffic light may exist at an intersection.
X	Information only – not to be executed
Y	An intersection of exactly three roads having the general shape of the letter Y as approached from the base.