

RALLY CAR # _____

**WESTMORELAND LAND TRUST & STEEL CITIES REGION/SCCA
WESTMORELAND RAMBLE CHARITY RALLY
OCTOBER 17, 2021
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

This is a low pressure Gimmick Rally (GTA) of about 66 miles of **paved** roads. You will travel from the Donohoe Center located at 218 Donohoe Rd. in Greensburg into rural Westmoreland County before ending back at the same location. You will seek the proper answer to questions along the route. The total running time for this rally is about three hours including any short breaks you might require. The instructions are simple and straight forward. **The questions are often devious.** Awards will be presented around 4:30 PM.

I. PROCEDURE

A. Route instructions will be issued to you with these general instructions. Do not leave the area after you have registered. **There will be an entrant's meeting at 10:45 AM in the barn.**

B. Your start time from the √ sign located in the lower parking area (**follow sign to starting location**) will be 11:30 AM **plus your rally car number in minutes** (e.g. Car #19 starts at 11:49 AM). You will be directed when to start by an official at the starting location.

II. COURSE FOLLOWING

A. Execute each route instruction in numerical order and carefully circle the correct answer on your Answer Sheet for each of the questions as they appear among the route instructions. **Questions will be eligible to be answered upon completion of the preceding route instruction, and will be ineligible to be answered once the following route instruction has started to be executed. The answer may change as you proceed toward the next route instruction.**

B. When a route instruction cannot be executed, follow the principal road (center-lined, curve warning sign, stop sign protection, etc.) through an intersection. Helper route instructions (see III-C) should always be executed. Approximate mileages may be given for some instructions. These mileages are meant as helpful information and are not necessary to stay on course.

C. Any roads, streets, etc. may be used except where it is a Dead End, No Outlet, an illegal turn or Private except for the start/finish parking lot. **These roads do not exist for any purpose unless noted otherwise.** Unpaved roads **do not exist** but short gravel portions do. Do NOT use a GPS to determine if a road is a No Outlet or Dead End, **but use of a GPS is allowed.**

III. ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS & QUESTIONS

A. **Information in quotations is taken from signs.** Multiple signs on a common support are considered to be the same sign **only** when together they convey a single message. For example, separate signs on a single support reading “Junction” and “US 30” could be quoted as “Junction US 30”. **Wheeled vehicles do not exist nor do signs painted on or attached to a wheeled vehicle. Failure to observe these rules will cause you to get a penalty.** All quoted signs are visible from the rally route without looking backward to read them. Material taken from signs may be quoted in part or in full but always in a sequential manner as intended to be read. Parts of words or numbers will not be used. **Spelling, spacing and punctuation on signs will be exact.** Case may not be exact. **You will get a penalty if you don’t notice a misspelling, spacing or punctuation discrepancy.**

B. Any reference to unquoted signs identifying landmarks need only refer to the landmark’s proper name and need not identify the type of landmark. For example Airport would be sufficient to identify Airport Road. These may be referenced in plural form. Obvious landmarks or pictorials do not require additional identification. If it looks like a bald eagle or a representation of a bald eagle then it is to be considered a bald eagle.

C. Material enclosed in parenthesis is helpful information only. It is only intended to keep you on course or to convey useful and interesting information. Latitude and Longitude are noted in a few of the route instructions in the following format (40.43997 -79.25539). This is the same as 40°26’24”N 79°15’19”W. This locating info may be used if you find yourself lost and need to use a GPS to regain or finish the rally route.

D. **Answer Sheets must be handed in immediately upon arrival at the [✓] sign located in the Donohoe Center parking area. There is a parking lot between #62 and #63 that will provide a safe place to complete your Answer Sheet.**

IV. SCORING

A. Scoring will be based upon the correctness of your answers to the questions.

B. Points will be assessed as follows:

For a correct answer to a question.....1 point

C. If there is a tie in the trophy positions we will break the tie by dropping a question from scoring starting with the last question and working backwards until there is a difference between the tied entries.

D. Un-sportsmanlike conduct or receipt of a moving violation...Disqualification

V. DEFINITIONS

BEFORE – Located in sight of the referenced object.

BLACK CAT – (SCCA RALLY ONLY) A **governmentally erected** sign

containing the letters “C”, “A”, and “T” whose written matter is darker than the background. (e.g. black “WATCH CHILDREN” on a yellow background)

CAT – (SCCA RALLY ONLY) A BLACK CAT and/or a WHITE CAT as defined.

PICTORIAL – A graphic representation of an object.

SEE – Detect by sight from 90° on your left ahead to 90° on your right.

STOP – An official Stop sign that the rally car is obliged by law to obey.

T - An intersection having the general shape of the letter T as approached from the base by the contestant.

TRAFFIC LIGHT – A single or group of traffic signal lights controlling rally traffic. For the purpose of this rally, only one Traffic Light applies per intersection.

WHITE CAT – (SCCA RALLY ONLY) A **governmentally erected** sign containing the letters “C”, “A”, and “T” whose written matter is lighter than the background. (e.g. white “HERMAR CT” on a green background)

WRITTEN MATTER – Word(s) and/or letter(s) on a sign.

YIELD - An official Yield sign that the rally car is obliged by law to obey.

VI. CONCLUSION

Use caution at all times, you are traveling on public roads and sharing the route with the general public. The roads selected are scenic, but are at times narrow, twisty and contain blind curves and crests which have limited line of sight. WATCH OUT FOR DEER!

Thanks for entering the 2021 Westmoreland Ramble Charity Rally.

Bruce Gezon – Rallymaster

Bob Morseburg - Safety Stewart

Carol Gezon – Pre-Check

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Loree Speedy – Registrar