

2015 Turkey Tour Rallymaster Letter

Another Turkey Tour Rally is in the books. We started planning this one a bit late, so we went back to our roots with a drive along the New York/Connecticut border around Greenwich, North Stamford and Pound Ridge. The great thing about this area is that the homes are spectacular, day or night and the roads are twisty and generally pretty empty.

We started 31 cars from GPNY's parking lot starting at 7pm and finished 21 a couple of blocks from Applebee's, 5 more cars handed in answer sheets at Applebee's and 5 cars are missing in action. Having the checkpoint close to Applebee's seemed to result in a great turnout at the bar afterwards, it was great seeing so many rally participants after the rally was done sharing experience along the route. The actual rally time was 2 hours 30 minutes and 38 seconds, we were told by a few teams that it was fairly easy to make up time due to the lower speed limits (proven by 1 team that was penalized for being 16 minutes early). And although we put up a lot of turkey signs along the route, two teams found all 55 of them and several others had very close to all of them. The results were very competitive. We score 3 aspects of the rally, finishing time, turkey signs and actual mileage. The winning team got the right balance with 296 total points, mostly accumulated in being 4.5 minutes early since they found all the signs and their mileage was off by only 0.5 miles.

One interesting sighting along the rally route was a farm with 2 zebra and 2 camels, was an odd sight that we had to document on our final run of the route to pick up signs. Yes, this was along the rally route.



When we started planning rallies for WSCC in 1999 we would routinely have over 50 cars in the event, and we have heard stories from some long time members of events with over 140. It would be great to get back to the mid-50's level again. So if everyone gets a friend to run the next rally, the Bunny Run, or has any idea's on how to build up our numbers, please let us know. You can always send me an email at jesse@wscc.org

Thank you to everyone that helped us plan and execute this event, Debbi and Gary for doing registration, Ken for helping pick up the signs and Frank for pre-running and helping at the checkpoint. We certainly couldn't have done it without this help.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in the spring for the Bunny Run Rally!

Jesse & Barbara.