

## Rally to the 500

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### General Instructions:

Schedule: Saturday February 17, 2008  
Registration 11:30 a.m. through 12:45 p.m.  
Beginner's Meeting 12:30 p.m.

All contestants are urged to attend the beginner's meeting, though questions will be accepted only from the beginner's.

Rally starts at 1:01 p.m. plus your car number in minutes. Therefore, car 10 would start at 1:00 p.m. plus 10 minutes or 1:10 p.m.

This event is open to all safe, road legal 4 wheeled vehicles with two and only two contestants on board, unless otherwise approved by event organizer. All vehicles must pass a safety inspection. All contestants must wear seat belts whenever their vehicle is on the road.

This rally runs according to an official time, usually synchronized to WWV. It is important to set your watch to official rally time before starting. The official time will be available at registration.

### Roads:

Only paved public roads will be used in this event. Any road identified as No Outlet, Dead End, Private, Bridge Out, Bridge Out Ahead or any other similar designation does not exist, UNLESS specifically noted in route instructions. Any road leading into a factory, warehouse, visibly barricaded, or becoming unpaved does not exist. When your route instructions refer to road names and numbers, prefixes and suffixes may or may not be used. Roads may also be referred to by partial names. For example, Baptist Church Road may be referred to by only the word Church. Example: Left on Church.

### Quoted signs:

All signs will be clear and should be easy to read at normal rally speeds. They may be quoted in full or in part, and if in part a prominent part will be quoted. At no time, should a contestant need to look backwards to see a quoted sign.

**Spelling and punctuation of both road names and quoted signs in the numbered route instructions need not be precise, but should have the same basic meaning.**

### Penalties:

- 1 Point for each hundredth of a minute early of late at a control.
- 400 Points maximum for any leg, including missing a control.

- 1000 Points for "creeping" or slowing to less than one-half rally speed in sight of a control, blocking a control, unless required for safety or an applicable rally instruction.
- Disqualification for any moving violation, use of alcohol or narcotics, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- 100 points for answering each bonus question.

### Delays:

Delays may be allowed for certain circumstances, including trains, livestock, convoys, or stopping to assist at the scene of an accident. Delays must be taken in ODD multiples of 0.5 minutes (i.e. 0.5, 1.5, etc.) up to a maximum of 19.5 minutes. Delays should be requested in writing and witnessed by another rally team. Delays should be turned in at the next open control.

### Open Controls:

The in-line of the open control is marked by the checkpoint sign. A sample checkpoint sign is on display at registration. The out-line or out-marker identifies the end of the control zone and is the start of the next leg. When you enter an open control, the control worker will time you as you pass the checkpoint sign. The worker will then record this time (your in-time) and your out-time (the time you are to leave the out-marker) on your score card. The worker will also give you an ODS (Official Data Slip) which contains information about the leg you just did and the next leg. It is your responsibility to ensure that you receive an ODS and that the in-time was correct and that you receive a proper out-time.

The ODS will contain the following information about the next leg.

1. The leg time for normal and emergency speeds. The leg time for emergency speed is shown in the chart at bottom of page.
2. The official mileage.
3. The current CAST
4. The number of the next route instruction (outmarker).
5. The mileage to the Outmarker.
6. Special Instructions (if any)

All other information is unofficial.

### Unofficial Open Control Procedures:

1. Enter the controls in a safe and reasonable manner and at a practical speed.
2. Drive past the worker's car and then pull off the road as far as you can.  
**Always pull off the right side of the road.**
3. One contestant must then get out of the vehicle and take their score card to the worker.
4. The worker will then record your in-time and your out-time on the score card. Check to determine if these times are correct. Obtain an official data slip from the worker.

5. Walk back to your vehicle and the pull up to the out-marker.
6. At your out-time, leave the out-marker and continue with the rally.

**Route Following Priorities:**

1. Execute an emergency instruction.
2. Execute a specified action of a Numbered Route Instruction at the indicated official mileage when it has an official mileage.
3. Execute a Course Directing action of a Numbered Route Instruction at the first possible opportunity to do so. (A course directing action is one that takes you in a different direction than the highest applicable main road rule.)
4. Follow the main road rule as determined by the following rules:
  - A. Straight as Possible

**Numbered Route Instructions:**

Numbered route instructions must be executed in numerical order and must be completed before going to the next numbered route instruction.

**Numbered Route Instruction Format:**

**Column 1.** The first column of the NRI is the instruction number.

The first NRI is instruction 1. The second is instruction 2, and so on. Each must be completed before going to the next.

**Column 2.** This column may contain the official mileage that the specified action is to be executed.

Not all NRI's will have official mileage's.

**Column 3.** This column contains written instructions.

**Straight as Possible:**

In the absence of a course directing NRI or a mileage base NRI, one is to follow the course one would proceed Straight.

**Emergency Speeds:**

If conditions warrant, you may be instructed to begin using emergency speeds. **Emergency speeds are defined as 5 MPH lower than the CAST indicated in the route instructions.** Pauses and transits will remain unchanged.

**Claims:**

All claims and protests must be filed immediately upon entering Kicker's.

**Definitions and Miscellaneous Information:**

**Parentheses ()**

Information contained inside of parentheses in the NRI's is to be considered as unofficial and as comments.

**Pause**

To delay a specified time at a named point or at the first opportunity.

**Freezone**

A specified part of the course in which there are no open controls. No penalty will be assessed for stopping within a freezone, unless doing so would create a traffic hazard. All state, U.S. and Interstate highways are freezones.

**CAST**

Change, Commence, Continue Average Speed To.

**STOP**

An intersection where the contestant is legally required to **STOP DUE** to the presence of a "STOP" sign.

**TURN**

To make a change of course or direction at an intersection. A turn instruction cannot be executed if straight would take you in the same direction.

**T**

An intersection having the general shape of the letter T, as approached from the base.

**Course Directing**

A course directing action is part of a route instruction whose execution results in following a course other than the main road. The instructions Right, Left, Straight and Turn are always course directing when they do not have an official mileage.

**ODS**

Official Data Slip. Read these carefully. They may contain changes to your Average Speed and to the NRI that you are to next execute.

**Odometer Calibration Run (Odo Check)**

This part of the rally allows the contestant to compare their odometer with that of the rallymaster.

**Sideroad**

An intersection of exactly three roads where a road goes generally ahead and another road goes either to the right or to the left, but not both.

**Crossroad**

An intersection of exactly four roads from which a road goes to the left, a road goes to the right, and a road goes generally ahead.

**Jog**

A turn at a T intersection in direction indicated followed by a turn in the opposite direction. For Example: Jog Right - is a Right at T followed (generally immediately) by a turn to the left.

**Acute**

A turn that is greater than 90 degrees from the road you are travelling.

**Bear**

A turn that is less than 90 degrees from the road you are travelling.

**Opportunity**

A place at which the specified action could be executed.

**TWRT**

Two-way-rally-traffic.

**ESLT**

Emergency Speed Leg Time.