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We welcome all vehicles!

2009 Issue 6 - Nov

Mindless Mulling from the Prez

I hope those of you that made it to this FFN (November) enjoyed it; I know it was not the rally most of you would have expected, especially after I announced after the October FFN that November's would end to the West. If that caused any of you confusion I do apologize, it was not planned, but hopefully you were alerted to the fact in plenty of time by the reminder e-mails that were sent out. An odd combination of bad luck and lack of time by me and co-rallymaster Paul led to the change of plans, I do however hope you enjoyed what I felt was a fine rally when it was written as the October FFN. I am going to use this edition of Mindless Mulling to share with you just how the November FFN came into being in the form it was presented.

It all started way back at our club's June board meeting where we realized to our great joy that we had FFN rallymasters all the way to April of next year, a problem we have not had the good fortune to have in many years. However on further examination we also noticed that there was one hole in the schedule, the October FFN. Not really much to think about; Paul and I decided we would be happy to once again to a Halloween rally similar to the one we had done last year. Days after agreeing to this Paul and I also realized we had previously agreed to do the November FFN months before. Now we found ourselves needing to write two rallies in two months.

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COMMUNICATION WITH SMSCC

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Rally Info Available Online

Check out the SMSCC and Cal Club websites for road rally results, rally calendar, flyers for upcoming rallies, and other rally-related information (including a link to the SCCA Minor Waiver required for minors to participate). The Cal Club website has a photo gallery where we post pictures of rally winners - so get ready to smile when you are accepting your trophy!

SMSCC's website is www.smscc.org.

Cal Club's website is www.calclub.com/roadrally.

Minor Waiver Reminder

For a minor to participate in our rallies, *both parents* must sign the SCCA Minor Waiver. Each parent's signature is only valid if the parent signs in the presence of the rally registrar, or the parent's signature is notarized. You can download the SCCA Minor Waiver from:

<http://www.scca.com/documents/insurance/SCCAminorwaiver.pdf>

Rally Calendar

<u>when</u>	<u>what</u>	<u>where</u>	<u>who</u>	<u>more info</u>
Nov 6	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Nov 18	FFN Checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Nov 20	Stellar Luminescence	Santa Barbara	ITN	www.itnrally.org
Nov 26	Thanksgiving	your house	family	call Mom
Dec 4	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Dec 16	FFN Checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Dec 25	Christmas	your house	family	call Santa or Mom
Dec 12	Hannukah	your house	family	call Mom
Jan 1	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Jan 13	FFN Checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Jan 16	INAUGURAL	Mission Hills	SCCA	310-372-7168
Jan 17	STAGECOACH	Lompoc	SCCA	310-372-7168
Feb 5	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Feb 17	FFN Checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Mar 5	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Mar 17	FFN Checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168

NOTICE

The SCCA Weekend Membership fee is being raised to
\$8 per car effective January 1, 2010

Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club
First Friday Niter
September 4, 2009

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Total
<i>CLASS A</i>								
*1Z	Revere Jones/Larry Richardson	Mini	SCCA/PCA	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.05
2	David Budlong/Joe Akerman	Audi	TCSCC	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.10
3	Dan Bailor/Don Bailor	Toyota		0.01	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.11
4	Greg Bartlett/Dave Gould	Mazda	TC/PCA/NASA	0.45	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.54
5	Rob Tivy/Charlie Engen	Mini	SMSCC	0.03	0.70	0.26	0.49	1.48
<i>CLASS C</i>								
*1C	Dave Everett/Lance Pekala	Mini		0.03	0.23	0.31	0.29	0.86
2C	Dave Botwin/Michael Westmore	Jaguar		0.45	0.42	0.73	0.77	2.37
3	Rachel Smith/John Kandara	Subaru	SMSCC	0.03	0.46	0.60	1.27	2.36
4	Robert Day/Sally Kinsey	Mazda		2.12	1.03	0.68	0.04	3.87
<i>CLASS D</i>								
*1D	Cathy Robson/Bill Leflang	Dodge	PCA	0.32	0.38	0.48	0.58	1.76

* - Trophy D - best single leg in Class D (earns a Rally Buck) C - best single leg in Class C (earns a Rally Buck) Z - zero (earns a rally buck)

Thank you for running this FFN.

See you at the next FFN on

October 2

Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club
First Friday Niter
October 2, 2009

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Total
<i>CLASS A</i>							
*1	Larry Boone/Jenny Boone	Pontiac	Pumkin	0.01	0.12	0.08	0.21
2	Revere Jones/Larry Richardson	Mini	SCCA/PCA	0.07	0.05	0.40	0.52
<i>CLASS C</i>							
*1C	Sean Ayers/Kevin Ayers	Toyota	SMSCC/ITN	0.16	0.07	0.63	0.86
2	Lance Pekala/Doug Folkerts	Mini		1.35	1.56	1.90	4.81
3	John Kandara/Rachel Smith	Mazda	SMSCC	0.86	4.89	0.59	6.34
4	Chad Cheung/Justin Murphy	BMW	BMW/ITN	0.58	4.11	5.00	9.69
<i>CLASS D</i>							
*1D	Cathy Robson/Bill Leflang	Dodge	PCA	1.22	1.98	0.49	3.69
2	Lauren Poplin/James Lee	Honda	SCCA	5.00	5.00	5.00	15.00

no control card turned in for Car 2 (Class D)

* - Trophy D - best single leg in Class D (earns a Rally Buck) C - best single leg in Class C (earns a Rally Buck)

Thank you for running this FFN.

See you at the next FFN on

November 6

Bring your friends! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!! Bring your friends!!!

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No problem, we can handle this with ease. So as checkout for the October FFN approached we were on schedule. Paul routed a course for the rally and I set off to write the instructions. They were roads we had used before but a great drive and a few light traps. After taking a couple of hours to drive the course and write the instructions I was happy we had a good rally. Checkout came and went and we were ready for the October FFN. Then ten days before the FFN I got a call from Paul to turn on the news. After all the locations we had avoided due the recent fires in area now there was a new fire burning in the area of the rally. After a day or two of discussion and the fire looking like it would continue to burn, we decided it would be best to change plans for the FFN. This is where I have to thank a few other club members, Joanna who wrote a new rally, and Larry and Jeanne who checked it out and measured it. This was all done in under a week, the club owes a huge thank you to those three members for insuring there was a rally for October. Now all we needed was to write the November FFN, and everything would be back on track. Unfortunately with me working seven days a week and my partner sick we never wrote that rally, hence the November FFN was the scrapped due to fire October rally. I do apologize that we never got around to writing the Halloween rally we had promised but I still think this was a fine rally and hope everyone enjoyed it. Well, enough of my ramblings, we see you down the road and the next checkpoint.

Sam Weissen

CAR COLOR DATA REVEAL QUIRKS

by Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

DETROIT - In Philadelphia, they've got the blues. In Cincinnati they've got - well - the reds.

According to sales data released Tuesday by Ford Motor Co., Cincinnati is the top market for red cars in the U.S. while Philly buyers prefer blue. Sometimes, color preferences are logical. Buyers in hot cities, such as Phoenix and Dallas, like their Fords white, while buyers in colder cities such as Minneapolis, Kansas City and Detroit, are partial to red. No-nonsense New Yorkers like black and gray.

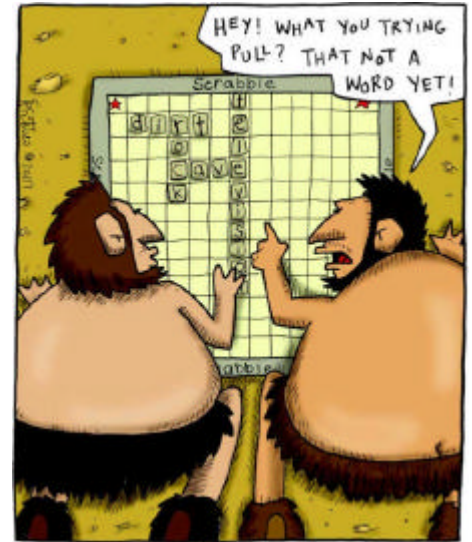
San Francisco was the top market for silver, which also is the most popular color nationwide. Silver was the most popular color in the U.S. this year for the ninth year in a row according to data released this month by Pittsburgh based paint maker PPG Industries Inc. Twenty percent of U.S. cars are silver. White finished second and black was third.

Ford also found that Boston was the top market for its four-cylinder engines, while oil-rich Houston - the top market for pickup trucks - gets its vroom from V8s. The tree hugging cities of San Francisco and Seattle are the top markets for hybrids.

It may seem trivial, but the information is critical to the company and its dealers. Ford

said it analyses the data carefully to figure out which vehicle configurations will be the top sellers in any region.

Ford said the correct vehicle mix results in better sales for dealers and better customer service, since customers can find the vehicles they want more quickly.



WORST CARS OF THE '90S & EARLY '00S

The folks at CARS.COM put together a panel of "experts" who voted on the worst cars of the late 1990s & into the present day. The vote was for looks or mechanical **quality or** both. Remember, this was a list made up by Cars.com not us.

10. Pontiac Aztek
9. Daewoo [anything]
8. I suzu VehiCross
7. Jaguar X-Type
6. Pontiac Sunfire
5. Cadillac Catera
4. Toyota Echo
3. Jeep Compass
2. Chrysler Sebring
1. Smart For Two

San Gabriel Valley Region PCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club/Cal Club SCCA

EUREKA

September 26, 2009

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	Leg 6	Leg 7	Leg 8	Total
<i>Class A</i>												
*1	Joe Boucher/Linda Marsh	Porsche	PCA-SB	0.41	0.07	1.30	0.02	0.72	0.08	2.50	0.18	5.28
2	David Budlong/Joe Akerman	Audi	ITN	0.63	0.03	0.40	2.35	1.19	0.11	2.49	0.16	7.36
<i>Class B</i>												
*1	Richard Wetzel/Rik Larson	Porsche	SCCA/PCA Sacto	0.49	0.38	2.44	0.05	0.80	0.02	2.74	0.56	7.48
<i>Class C</i>												
*1	Jessica Toney/J Toney	Kia	SCCA/PCA-SVR+GGR	0.27	0.32	0.02	0.00	0.79	0.00	2.06	0.29	3.75
*2	Robert Day/Sally Kinsey	Mazda	SCCA Cal Club	0.21	0.00	2.49	3.79	0.75	0.26	2.82	0.02	10.34
3	Sabrina Williams/John Hannon	Nissan		5.00	0.68	1.36	0.09	0.32	0.82	2.56	0.88	11.71
4	Dave Botwin/Michael Westmore	Jaguar		2.29	0.95	2.99	5.00	0.75	0.24	2.17	2.15	16.54
<i>Class D (Touring)</i>												
*1	Connie Somers/Glen Hori	Porsche	PCA-GPX	0.93	0.08	0.22	0.67	0.32	0.06	0.06	1.11	3.45
2	Janis Jones/Dikk Jones	Porsche	PCA-SGV/SMSCC/HC	1.75	0.20	0.19	1.20	0.22	2.10	0.81	3.74	10.21
<i>Class E</i>												
*1	Gerry Elder/Linda Ostrin	Chevy		4.38	5.00	4.10	5.00	4.75	2.86	2.73	5.00	33.82

* - Trophy

Thank you for running Eureka! We hope you enjoyed it.

January 16, 2010 INAUGURAL - an SCCA National Course Rally
January 17, 2010 STAGECOACH - an SCCA National Tour Rally
 Come join us for a weekend of rallies. Inaugural starts in Mission Hills, CA, and travels to Lompoc where we will spend the night. Stagecoach leaves Lompoc and returns to the San Fernando Valley for the finish and awards. Flyer coming soon!

RECALL LOG

Volvo: 2008-10 S80; 2009-10 XC60, XC70. Main electronic module may not send signal to fuel pump causing stalling. 11, 993 units. Volvo recall # R215.

Mitsubishi: 2008-09 Lancer Evo, Ralliart, Ralliart Sportback. Fuel return pipe can shake loose causing fuel leak. 6903 units. NHTSA recall # 09V349.

Nissan: 2009-10 Altima, Maxima. Upper front strut insulators may be bad. 26, 398 units. NHTSA recall # 09V358.

Audi: 2006-10 A3; 2008-10 TT, TT Roadster. Fuel tank vent valve may allow fuel leak. 10,200 units. Audi recall # 20Q3/J3.

Toyota/Lexus: 2004-09 Prius; 2005-09 Avalon, Tacoma; 2006-10 Lexus IS; 2007-09 Lexus ES350; 2007-10 Camry, Tundra. Driver's side floor mat can stick gas pedal open. 3,800,000 units. NHTSA recall # 09V388.

Triumph M/C: 2005-09 Sprint ST1050. Corrosion can cause rear drag link to break. 2849 units. Triumph recall # SB403.

RECALL LOG

BMW M/C: 2009 K1300 GT, K1300S. Handle bar switches for turn signals & engine off can fail. Unknown number. NHTSA 09V384.

Nissan: 2008 Rogue; 2008-10 Infiniti M35, Infiniti M45; 2009 Cube, Murano. All with tire pressure monitoring system sold or registered in the "salt" belt. Sensor can corrode lose air. 143,223 units. NHTSA recall # 09V393.

GM: 2009-10 Pontiac Vibe. Sold or registered in "cold" climate states. Power brake system can freeze because of condensation. 10,119 units. NHTSA recall # 09V392.

Ford: 1992-03 Econoline; 1993-97 & 1999-03 F Super Duty; 1994 F53; 1995-02 Explorer; 1995-97 & 2001-03 Ranger; 1995-03 Windstar; 1995-02 Mercury Mountaineer; 2000-03 Excursion. All equipped with Texas Instruments Speed Control Deactivation Switch. Switch can overheat and cause fire. 4,500,000 units. Ford recall # 09S09.

Fatal Popularity

If you think the famously dangerous and wild traffic of European city centers like Paris and Rome is a recent development, you underestimate the appeal of driving fast.

As a correspondent for The New York Times reported in 1898, "There have been so many accidents arising from the furious driving of motor carriages in Paris that the Prefect of Police has been obligated to station a large number of policemen at the entrances to the Bois de Boulogne to take the names and addresses of the persons who persist in violating the eight-miles-per-hour regulation."

In August, these armed officers apprehended the Duchesse d'Uzès, "who stokes her own machine," along with her grandson, Jacques. The Duchesse, Anne de Mortemart-Rochechouart, was the first woman in France to obtain a driving license, and was fined for driving her Delahaye Type 1 runabout at 15kph in the speed zone.

- By David Traver Adolphus

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REPCO RALLY AUSTRALIA
New South Wales; Sept. 3-6, 2009

1. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen		
Ford Focus RS WRC 09	2:53:06.5	
2. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena		
Citroen C4	2:53:54.0	
3. Daniel Sordo/Marc Marti		
Citroen C4	2:54:11.1	
4. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila		
Ford Focus RS WRC 09	2:54:58.5	
5. Sebastian Ogier/Julien Ingrassia		
Citroen C4	2:55:29.8	
6. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin		
Ford Focus RS WRC 08	2:58:32.8	
7. Henning Solberg/Cato Menkerud		
Ford Focus RS WRC 08	3:00:24.3	
8. Federico Villagra/Jorge Compagnon		
Ford Focus RS WRC 08	3:00:45.9	
9. Hayden Paddon/John Kennard		
Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX	3:08:42.6	
10. Martin Prokop/Jan Tomanek		
Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX	3:08:51.2	

RALLY de CATALUNYA de ESPANA
Salou, Spain; October 2-4, 2009

1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena		
Citroen C4	3:22:14.7	
2. Daniel Sordo/Marc Marti		
Citroen C4	3:22:26.7	
3. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen		
Ford Focus RS WRC 09	3:23:08.8	
4. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills		
Citroen C4	3:23:27.1	
5. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia		
Citroen C4	3:23:56.3	
6. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Anttila		
Ford Focus RS WRC 09	3:25:04.5	
7. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin		
Ford Focus WRC 08	3:29:30.2	
8. Federico Villagra/Jorge Compagnon		
Ford Focus RS WRC 08	3:30:42.8	
9. Henning Solberg/Cato Menkerud		
Ford Focus RS WRC 08	3:31:22.3	
10. Dany Snobeck/Gilles Mondesir		
Peugeot 307 CC WRC	3:33:10.7	

DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP

	Spain	Total
1. Mikko Hirvonen	6	84
2. Sebastien Loeb	10	83
3. Daniel Sordo	8	58
4. Jari-Matti Latvala	3	39
5. Petter Solberg	5	30

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

	Spain	Total
1. Citroen	18	151
2. BP Ford Abu Dhabi WRT	10	130
3. Stobart VK M-Sport Ford	4	73
4. Citroen Junior RT	5	42
5. Munchi's Ford WRT	2	23



RALLY COLORADO
Steamboat Springs; Sept. 18-20, 2009

1. Andrew Picard/Jeremy Wimpy	Open
07 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo	1:30:18.5
2. Andi Mancin/Marciej Wislawski	Open
07 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo	1:32:05.2
3. Nathan Conley/Todd Moberly	Open
04 Subaru Imprezza	1:35:46.0
4. Mark Fox/Jake Blattner	Open
04 Subaru Imprezza	1:35:46.0
5. Patrick Moro/Ole Holter	SP
05 Subaru STi	1:37:03.4
6. Jimmy Keeney/Melissa Keeney	SP
07 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi	1:39:46.3
7. Dan Conley/Christopher Herlache	SP
07 Subaru WRX wagon	1:40:59.0
8. Arkadiusz Gruszka/Lukasz Wronski	Open
06 Mitsubishi Evo IX	1:42:35.8
9. John Conley/Keith Rudolph	2WD
03 Dodge SRT 4	1:48:22.3
10. Dillon Van Way/Ben Slocum	2WD
02 Ford Focus	1:55:58.4

LAKE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE RALLY
Houghton, MI.; October 16-18, 2009

1. Travis Pastrana/Christian Edstrom	Open	
09 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi	1:43:15.1	
2. Antoine L'Estage/Nathalie Richard	Open	
09 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X	1:47:41.0	
3. Ken Block/Alessandro Gelsomino	SP	
09 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi	1:52:44.5	
4. Heath Nunnemacher/Mike Rossey	SP	
07 Subaru STi	1:54:44.1	
5. Andi Mancin/Maciej Wislawski	Open	
07 Mitsubishi Lancer Evo	1:55:18.7	
6. Patrick Moro/Ole Holter	SP	
05 Subaru STi	1:56:03.4	
7. Markk Fox/Jake Blattner	Open	
04 Subaru Imprezza	1:56:43.8	
8. Arkadiusz Gruszka/Lukasz Wronski	Open	
06 Mitsubishi Evo IX	1:59:36.7	
9. Jimmy Keeney/Melissa Keeney	SP	
07 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi	2:00:28.9	
10. Henry/Cynthia Krolkowski	Open	
00 Subaru Imprezza	2:01:32.6	
13. William Caswell/Eliot Sherwood	2WD	
91 BMW 318i	2:18:16.3	
14. Gary Wiggin/Kim DeMotte	2WD	
91 Volkswagen GTi	2:18:37.2	

	Joe Boucher	16	2
12	Dave Jameson	14	2
	Sabrina Williams	14	2
14	David Budlong	13	2
15	Andrew Provost	11	2
	Kim Provost	11	2
17	Bruce Gezon	10	1
	Steve Gaddy	10	1
	Jack von Kaenel	10	1
	Stu Helfer	10	1
	Larry Richardson	10	1
	Lisa Gould	10	1
	Max Likhterman	10	1
	Veronica Hirsch	10	1
	Linda Marsh	10	1
	Connie Somers	10	1
	Glen Hori	10	1
	Gerry Elder	10	1
	Linda Ostrin	10	1
30	Dan Bailor	8	1
	Don Bailor	8	1
	Jim Schulz	8	1
	Nicole Capote	8	1
	Robert Dunlop	8	1
	Jon Barrett	8	1
	Anita Lampert	8	1
	Cathy Robson	8	1
	Bill Leflang	8	1
	Richard Wetzel	8	1
	Rik Larson	8	1
	Robert Day	8	1
	Sally Kinsey	8	1
	Janis Jones	8	1
	Dik Jones	8	1
45	Karl Broberg	6	1
	John Martin	6	1
	Nicole		
	Matsudaira	6	1
	Kurt Smith	6	1
49	Matt Finnestead	5	1
50	Steve Leyva	4	1
	Adri Van West	4	1
	Paul McGaffey	4	1
	Ron Dunlop	4	1

2009 SMSCC Rally Series

These standings are based upon the results of Inaugural, Citrus Blossom Special, Not My Fault, and Eureka.

	<u>2009 Rally Series</u>	Points#	Rallies Run
1	J Toney	30	*4
	Jessica Toney	30	*4
3	David Botwin	26	*4
	Michael Westmore	26	*4
5	Joe Akerman	21	3
6	Revere Jones	20	1+W
7	John Sears	19	3
	John Hannon	19	3
9	Nathan Harris	17	3
10	Tom Gould	16	2

* - three best rallies counted

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

2009 Specials

Zero Bucks

Contestants are awarded 'Rally Bucks' for getting zeroes—

Class A contestants get 1 Rally Buck per zero,

Classes B and C get 2 Rally Bucks per zero,

and Class D contestants get 3 Rally Bucks per zero.

Rally Bucks can be accumulated and used like cash for FFN entry fees.

All specials subject to the whim of the SMSCC board. Get in on it while you can.