



Longtime SMSCC member Harry Peterzell, in passenger seat, and son Paul

# 2010 Issue 1 - Jan

# Mindless Mulling from the Prez

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(Our Prez, Sam, has been busy with writing FFNs and Inaugural. We'll hear from him in the next issue.)

Road & Tach is published,

usually, every two months.

Good questions! And the

for how long?

answers are:

Who gets Road & Tach? And

SMSCC members get *R&T* for

as long as they are members.

Contestants on SMSCC rallies

are put on the mailing list for 4 months, which usually gets them at least two issues. So, the more rallies you run, the longer

### COMMUNICATION WITH SMSCC

CAN BE DONE EITHER BY SURFACE MAIL TO:

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### OR

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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, <u>both parents</u> 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

you get *R&T*. BUT – *R&T* is now being posted on the SMSCC website. So, would you like to help the environment (and SMSCC's treasury) by being notified via email when a new issue is published? And not have it snail mailed to you? Once on the email notification list, you stay on it until you tell us to take you off the list (or until your email bounces).

To get on the email notification list, just let me know in person or by email to ean21@juno.com or by phone at 310-372-7168 or ??

when	<u>what</u>	W
Feb 5	First Friday Niter	E
Feb 17	FFN Checkout	E
Mar 5	First Friday Niter	В
Mar 17	FFN Checkout	E
Mar 27	Ocean's Eleven	E
Apr 2	First Friday Niter	Е
Apr 14	FFN Checkout	Ε
May 1	Citrus Blossom	E
May 8	Rally School	S
May 7	First Friday Niter	Е
May 15	Cal Inland Rally	?
May 19	FFN Checkout	E
May 24	El Camino Real	S
Jun 4	First Friday Niter	Е
Jun 16	FFN Checkout	E
Jul 5	First Friday Niter	Е
Jul 17	FFN Checkout	E

### **Rally Calendar**

	<u>where</u>	<u>who</u>	<u>more info</u>
Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
out	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
out	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
even	Starbuck's, Encino	ITN	itnrally.org
Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
out	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
som	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
ol	Santa Barbara	PCA	zone8.pca.org
Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Rally	???	PCA	zone8.pca.org
out	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Real	Santa Barbara	PCA	zone8.pca.org
Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
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### NOTICE

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

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#### Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club First Friday Niter

November 6, 2009

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Total
	CLASS C						
*1	Michael Klein/Kevin Ayers	BMW	SMSCC/ITN	0.35	0.52	0.26	1.13
*2	Matt Voorman/Sean Ayers	Toyota	Prague Drinking Team	0.20	0.19	1.02	1.41
3C	Rob Hughes/Hank Feilen	Mitsubishi		0.59	0.04	1.21	1.84
4	Z Spiegel/Jerry Hull	Lexus	Topless Car Club	0.26	2.04	0.10	2.40
5	Sabrina Williams/John Hannon	Nissan		0.30	1.13	1.03	2.46
6	Dave Botwin/Michael Westmore	Jaguar		P 1.84	1.04	0.20	3.08
7	Andrew Schark/Patrick Strong	Honda	Cal Club	1.81	1.04	3.29	6.14
8	Cathy Robson/Bill Leflang	Dodge	PCA	2.28	5.00	3.72	11.00
	CLASS B						
*1	Jon Barrett/Bob Dunlop	Mazda	Street Stylistics	0.87	0.80	0.57	2.24
	CLASS A						
*1	Robert Friedman/Revere Jones	Mini	PCA/TCSCC	0.74	0.03	2.51	3.28
2	Paul McGaffey/Ron Dunlop	COBRA	ITN	0.30	0.82	2.55	3.67
	no control card turned in for Car 2 (Cla	ass D)					
	* - Trophy C - best single leg in C	P - creeping penalty					

See you at the next FFN on

December 4

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

(earns a Rally Buck)

Thank you for running this FFN.

#### Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club

First Friday Niter

December 4, 2009

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	Total
	CLASS A								
*1	Dan Bailor/Don Bailor	Toyota		0.03	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.07
2	Nathan Harris/Joe Akerman	Subaru	ITN	1.49	0.01	0.40	0.02	0.04	1.96
3	Larry Boone/Jenny Boone	Pontiac	Pumkin	1.44	0.34	0.01	0.21	0.00	2.00
	CLASS B								
1	Robert Friedman/Revere Jones	Mini	TCSCC/PCA	1.75	1.57	0.56	1.34	1.17	6.39
	CLASS C								
*1	Sabrina Williams/John Hannon	Nissan		0.22	0.15	0.56	0.92	0.28	2.13
2C	Robert Day/Sally Kinsey	Mazda	SCCA	0.15	0.53	0.50	0.99	0.07	2.24
3	Sam Weissen/Joanna Paden	Hyundai	SMSCC	0.75	0.15	0.84	0.96	0.51	3.21
4	Mary Ann Laun/Jeff Laun	Toyota		1.65	0.12	5.00	0.35	0.23	7.35
	CLASS D								
*1D	Jed Behar/Ted Knox	Mazda		1.35	1.53	2.66	0.41	2.90	8.85

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

Thank you for running this FFN. See you at the next FFN on

(earns a Rally Buck)

# January 1, 2010!!



Event Name:InauguralEvent Date:Jan 16, 2010Number of Scored Controls:\_\_17\_Length of Competition:\_201.26 miles\_Name of Chairman:\_\_Joanna Paden\_\_\_\_\_Date \_\_\_\_\_Jan 25, 2010

Sanction #: 2010-NC-19-01.2 Unit of Scoring:\_hundredths Organizing Region: Cal Club

Positions				Driver and	Member Number or	SCCA Region	Make	Total			
	Class		Car	Navigator	Hometown & State	or	of	Penalty			
Overal	Е	L	S			No.	(First and Last Names)	Driver & Navigator	Weekend Mbr	Vehicle	Points
1		1				3	Bruce Gezon Steve Gaddy	Murrysville, PA New Market, MD	Philadelphia Washiington, DC	Nissan	121
2	1					1	Jim Crittenden John Sears	Grand Junction, CO Tucson, AZ	Weekend Mbr AZ Border	Chev	189
3	2					6	Chuck Larouere Bob Morseburg	Murrysville, PA Seattle, WA	Steel Cities Northwest	Chev	310
4	3					7	Stu Helfer Jack von Kaenel	El Cerrito, CA Arlington, VA	San Francisco Detroit	Ford	400
5	4					10	Mike Thompson Fred Rosevear	LaCrosse, WI Madison, WI	Land O' Lakes Land O' Lakes	Toyota	455
6	5					4	W. David Teter Dave Head	Newark, DE King George, VA	So. Jersey NWOR	Hyundai	583
7	6					2	John Emmons Lois Van Vleet	Galesville, WI Galesville, WI	Land O' Lakes Land O' Lakes	Chev	637
8			1			8	Jessica Toney J Toney	San Carlos, CA Woodland, CA	San Francisco San Francisco	Porsche	743
9			2			5	Robert Day Sally Kinsey	Rolling Hills Estates CA Rolling Hills Estates CA	Cal Club Cal Club	Mazda	2162

Event Name:StagecoachEvent Date:Jan 17, 2010Number of Scored Controls:\_\_17\_Length of Competition:\_224.84 miles\_Name of Chairman:Joanna PadenDateJan 25, 2010

Sanction #: 2010-NT-19-01.2 Unit of Scoring:\_hundredths Organizing Region: Cal Club

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Positions							Driver and	Member Number or	SCCA Region	Make	Total
			Cla	ass		Car	Navigator	Hometown & State	or	of	Penalty
Overal	Е	L	S			No.	(First and Last Names)	Driver & Navigator	Weekend Mbr	Vehicle	Points
1		1				5	Bruce Gezon Steve Gaddy	Murrysville, PA New Market, MD	Philadelphia Washiington, DC	Nissan	17
2	1					2	W. David Teter Dave Head	Newark, DE King George, VA	So. Jersey NWOR	Hyundai	23
2	1					6	Chuck Larouere Bob Morseburg	Murrysville, PA Seattle, WA	Steel Cities Northwest	Chev	23
4	3					4	Jim Crittenden John Sears	Grand Junction, CO Tucson, AZ	Weekend Mbr AZ Border	Chev	26
5	4					8	Mike Thompson Fred Rosevear	LaCrosse, WI Madison, WI	Land O' Lakes Land O' Lakes	Toyota	38
6	5					1	John Emmons Lois Van Vleet	Galesville, WI Galesville, WI	Land O' Lakes Land O' Lakes	Chev	39
7			1			9	Jessica Toney J Toney	San Carlos, CA Woodland, CA	San Francisco San Francisco	Porsche	87
8	6					3	Stu Helfer Jack von Kaenel	El Cerrito, CA Arlington, VA	San Francisco Detroit	Ford	211
9	7					7	Robert Friedman Revere Jones	Sherman Oaks, CA Altadena, CA	Cal Club Cal Club	Cooper	416

### Stagecoach 2010 – A Rally with a plan By Larry Scholnick

How do you decide where to put the lunch break on a rally? My answer used to be "Oh, I'll see where we are when it gets to be lunch time and I'll find some lunch spots nearby". In designing Stagecoach 2010, the follow-up event to Inaugural 2010 (which went from Mission Hills in the San Fernando Valley to Lompoc in California's Central Coast), I knew that I had to get the rally back from Lompoc to the L.A. area and that lunch had to be in the middle. And I knew that I had to find places for morning and afternoon breaks such that the time between breaks never exceeded 2 hours.

The plan was coming together – 2 hours including the odo check, morning break, 2 more hours, lunch, 2 more hours, afternoon break, and 2 more hours to the final checkpoint. Allowing for 20 minutes for each break, an hour for lunch, and a few minutes to drive to the finish, this would be nearly a 10-hour rally.

Where should I put lunch? The choices were few. Santa Barbara itself. Goleta (just west of SB), and Carpinteria (east of SB). The winner was Goleta with a gas/fast food strip packed into less than a mile on the north side of the freeway. The AM break could be in Buellton, Solvang, or back in Lompoc; it couldn't be in Los Alamos or Los Olivos – not enough facilities in either one. Solvang has too much traffic congestion, and there would be too much territory to cover in the 2nd segment if the AM break were back in Lompoc. Given the mandate of staying off freeways and away from congested areas, the PM break had to be in Ojai. The finish location presented a different problem the farther east you go in Simi Valley, the more congestion you encounter; either it finishes near the west end of Simi or there has to be a freeway drive to the finish. The winner was the Marie Callendar's on Madera Road, with its separate banquet room at no extra charge.

Two hours to go from Lompoc to Buellton? They're less than 20 miles apart, so I knew I had room to play with. I set up an odo check which took the public roads of Vandenberg AFB to the southern edge of the Santa Maria valley. Leg 1 took San Antonio Road along the northern edge of the base. Leg 2 took Harris Grade Road, the former route of CA-1 before they built the highways to Vandenberg, to a DIYC in the Mission Hills section of Lompoc. Lea 3 skirted the eastern edge of Lompoc and took the first 5 miles of Santa Rosa Road, the back road from Lompoc to Buellton. Leg 4 finished Santa Rosa Road, ending at the southwest edge of Buellton, delivering contestants that started at 7:30 AM to their morning break at 9:10 AM.

25 minutes later, with plenty of choices for gas, food, and facilities, they were ready to face the roads again. Drum Canyon, a wicked little road west of Buellton, was the next challenge. Leg 5 ended at the park at the north end of Drum Canyon. Leg 6 was the only leg that had to include a stretch of freeway driving. I tried a route that included the legendary Foxen Canyon Road, but it would have added nearly 40 minutes to the course. 40 minutes I didn't have. Leg 6 included some of the roads of the eastern Santa Ynez valley, ending at a DIYC on Armour Ranch Road west of Cachuma Lake. Leg 7 took CA-154 to Stagecoach Road, a road that had to be included on a rally named Stagecoach. Leg 8 took (Old) San Marcos Road, a road with ultra-sharp turns posted (not 15 MPH, not 10 MPH) at 5 MPH! And now it's lunch time – maybe a little early at 11:15 AM – but well-appreciated nevertheless.

Back on the road at 12:15 PM, there was one zinger that I could pull. Send the rally back down San Marcos Road, but have the checkpoint earlier. "You've moved up the road – wait a minute, you're not you." Not only was the checkpoint ¾ of a minute earlier on the road, it wasn't even the same crew. 3rd crew, which had worked Buellton and lower San Marcos, had gone to lunch; 1st crew, which had worked San Antonio Road and Drum Canyon, had been to lunch and was now at upper San Marcos for their first afternoon assignment. Onward and eastward. There are only two main ways to get from Santa Barbara to Carpinteria, the freeway (US-101) and back road (CA-192). But there is one extra choice through Santa Barbara itself, Alameda Padre Serra. For some reason I didn't like that section of CA-192, so I chose APS; coincidentally, the rallymaster of Inaugural had made the same choice, so contestants who ran both events got to see it in each direction. The view had been better on Saturday – the westbound lane is perched above eastbound lane, and it wasn't raining.

Every time I drive US-101 between Ventura and Carpinteria, I pass the exit for Bates Road and think "they should put a motel there". This time I got off the freeway and decided to put a checkpoint there instead. Leg 10 ended at a DIYC in Carpinteria; leg 11 completed the drive of CA-192 and ended on Bates Road. From there the choices were freeway (US-101) or back road (CA-150); no choice, really. Leg 12 took CA-150 around the north edge of Lake Casitas to a DIYC; leg 13 took Creek Road, the back road into Ojai. Break time at 2:10 PM.

There are two main choices to get from Ojai to anywhere else, CA-33 (part freeway) to Ventura or CA-150 over the mountains to Santa Paula. It's obvious. really - CA-150 to Santa Paula. But first. there are a few roads through the eastern end of the Ojai valley for Leg 14. Leg 15 included CA-150, ending at a DIYC on South Mountain Road. Leg 16 took South Mountain Road and Balcom Canyon Road to a checkpoint on Old Balcom. Leg 17 reached a DIYC on the outskirts of Moorpark via Stockton Road and Broadway. Leg 18 ran through the heart of Moorpark, visiting Stagecoach Trail before reaching the final checkpoint on Read Road just a few minutes after 4:00 PM. A 5-mile drive to the finish and we're done!

The rally covered 231 miles in just over 8½ hours (including breaks, lunch, and time spent at checkpoints); 200 miles were driven with assigned speeds in about 5 hours. In the immortal words of Hannibal Smith (George Peppard) on "The A-Team":

"I love it when a plan comes together".

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*1	CLASS A Robert Friedman/Revere Jones	Mini	TCSCC/PCA	0.03	0.01	0.11	0.00	0.15
1	CLASS B	Mazda	Street Studiation	2.62	0.90	0.90	0.00	4 4 4
1	Jon Barrett/Robert Dunlop	Mazda	Street Stylistics	2.63	0.80	0.89	0.09	4.41
	CLASS C							
*1	Robert Day/Sally Kinsey	Mazda	SCCA	0.79	0.84	2.15	0.19	3.97
2	Dave Botwin/Michael Westmore	Jaguar		2.64	0.46	1.77	0.83	5.70
3C	Marcy DeKruyf/Mary Ann Laun	Honda		3.40	1.11	3.51	0.09	8.11
	CLASS D							
*1D	Steve Tompkins/Regina Tompkins	VW		0.90	1.56	0.20	1.02	3.68
2	Peter Parise/Debra Parise	BMW		0.49	4.42	2.56	5.00	12.47
3	Andrew Strauber/Jessica Glidewell	Mini		5.00	3.54	2.81	5.00	16.35
	no control card turned in for car 6 (cla	iss D)						
	* - Trophy D - best single leg in (earns a Rally Buc	C - best single leg in (earns a Rally E						
	Thank you for running this FFN. See you at the next FFN on February 5							

#### Get your helmet on. Or not. It depends.

With no national standard governing helmet use for any two-wheeled vehicles, it can be tough for those who like to let their brains hang out to remember where and when to put their skullbuckets on. It becomes especially complex for young riders, as many states mandate helmets only for riders under 20, 18 or 17 years of age.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has now made it much easier to figure out what's required, where, with interactive maps of motorcycle, low-power cycle and bicyclist helmet laws. If you were the sort of person who found that fun, then you could have some fun correlating their conveniently red and blue maps with so-called political "red" and "blue" states. Let us know if you do.

- By David Traver Adolphus





photo courtesy The Motorcycle Illustrated, March 1908"



IIHS map of motorcycle helmet use laws

### When motorcycles were illegal in Australia'

For an amazing 40 years, from 1909-1959, it was technically illegal to learn to ride a motorcycle in Australia. As has happened in many other parts of the world, the State never repealed its original 1909 Motor Vehicle Act, but instead amended it many times over the years. When it was written, motorcycle use was permitted, but the law also stated that anyone learning to operate any motor vehicle must have a licensed driver beside them, tricky unless your bike was equipped with a sidecar.

We doubt anyone was actually prosecuted under the statute, but the government nevertheless revised it in 1959 to allow a licensed driver to accompany a learner on another bike.

- By David Traver Adolphus

From Hemmings eWeekly 12/25/2009

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# Audi to tackle Pikes Peak — without a driver

Along with the flying car, the car that drives itself has long been a favorite fantasy of futurists — never mind the daydream of motorists stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic on the freeway. Audi, for one, has been working on the idea, and they've now made enough progress that they're giving the world a long look at their brainchild: the Autonomous Audi TT Coupe.

The car is the result of work done at the Volkswagen Group Automotive Innovation Laboratory — VAIL, for short — in Palo Alto, California. VAIL is a collaboration between Volkswagen Group Electronics Research Laboratory and the Design Dynamics Lab of Stanford University, in partnership with Sun Microsystems. The goal is not to do away with driving enjoyment, Audi says, but to free the driver from monotonous tasks, such as driving to the same spot in a parking garage each day. The automaker also believes that the technology could reduce driving fatalities.

The Autonomous Audi TTS nicknamed "Shelly," for French driver Michelle Mouton, the first woman to win the Pikes Peak hillclimb in 1985 — looks pretty much like an ordinary TTS. But its driving inputs are handled by software written by Stanford engineers, and guided with GPS technology.

Audi is considering demonstrating the Autonomous Audi TTS's capabilities in a high-speed run up Pikes Peak in 2010. "The noncompetitive environment would allow the Autonomous TTS to show its capabilities at various speeds and conditions, including drifting," the automaker says. Read more at <u>audiusanews.com</u>.

- By David LaChance Hemmings eWeekly, 11/19/2009

### Yeah, Mazda!

The October, 2009, Car & Driver had an article on \$20,000 best used car bargains. One of the selections was the 2004-08 Mazda RX-8. The article goes on to state:

When Mazda introduced the RX-8 for 2004, brand purists feared that the insertion of back seats would mark the beginning of the end of the rotary powered sportiness. In fact, those loyalists had nothing to fear. The car turned out to be amazing to drive, and its four place configuration gave the RX-8 one of the most practical cabins of any sports car. With two comparison test victories and 10Best awards, the RX-8 is a perennial C/D favorite. And as it turns out, used examples are shockingly affordable.

In 2008 Mazda retroactively extended the engine warranty on '04-'08 RX-8s to eight years/100,000 miles due to the Renesis rotary's bad reputation.

Lapping GingerMan Raceway, the RX feels solid, with no shakes or rattles, and draws praise for the obedience it shows in corners despite wearing all-weather rubber. The steering is direct and pleasantly weighted, never too light or heavy. As we've said in the past, we crave more oomph than the 238 HP and 159 pound-feet of torque on tap from the 1.3 liter rotary, but the engine charges to its 9000 rpm redline, and the six speed manual's shifts are crisp. So, while straight line speed is not the RX's forte, as one editor noted, "The RX-8 teaches the value of precision and momentum - and it's very good at precision."

On public roads near the raceway, this RX-8 disguised the g-hungry monster within – its compliant ride makes it a sensible daily driver. If you're looking to split duties as both a commuter and a weekend track toy, the RX-8 is a near perfect choice.

[The specific vehicle tested was a 2005 with 30,000 miles.]

Concerns: the RX-8 has a big thirst for oil, so check it frequently. Pre-

mature engine failures and cold start issues have led Mazda to extend the warranty, and there are over 60 active service bulletins.

[editor says: My '04 RX-8 has 130,000 miles on it and is still going strong. I love rotary engine cars!!]

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### Unexplained Error? Did You Read the Addenda?

A couple of the recent FFNs have had addenda which changed something in the generals, and thus affected the rally timing and/or route.

And at the finish of both of those FFNs, several teams came up to the scoring table to ask about their bad scores. We said, "Didn't you read the addenda?" And the response was, "What addenda?"

The teams asking the questions should have known better – they were not beginners. Yet they did not take the time to read the addenda before starting the rally.

On one of the rallies an addendum changed the definition of SIGNAL, with the effect that what would usually be considered 'non-SIGNALs' could (on this rally) be counted. And so when a lettered instruction said to pause half a minute at each SIGNAL, those who had read the addendum knew to pause at the 'non-SIGNALs' as well as at the 'real' SIGNALs. And those teams who had not read the addendum ended up with a bad score.

It is also important to read the handouts given at checkpoints. Besides giving you your out speed and next instruction, there is sometimes official information that can affect an upcoming leg. I have sometimes even told contestants what the true time is for the next leg. But does everyone get a zero? No! Because many teams did not read the official information.

Remember – read the addenda, and read the handouts.

### RALLY OF BRITAIN Cardiff, Wales; October 23-25, 2009

- 1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena Citroen C4 WRC 3:16:25.4
- 2. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen Ford Focus RS WRC 09 3:17:31.5
- 3. Daniel Sordo/Marc Marti Citroen C4 WRC 3:17:32.5
- 4. Petter Solberg/Phil Mills Citroen C4 WRC 3:17:53.5
- 5. Henning Solberg/Cato Menkerud Ford Focus RS WR 08 3:22:53.4
- 6. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin Ford Focus RS WRC08 3:24:11.4
- 7. Jari-Matti Latvala/Miikka Antilla Ford Focus RS WRC093:28:37.3
- 8. Conrad Rautenbach/Daniel Barritt Citroen C4 WRC 3:30:53.2
- 9. Eyvind Brynildsen/Denis Giraudet Skoda Fabia S2000 3:38:48.1
- 10.Armindo Araujo/Miguel Ramalho Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX3:40:44.2

### DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP

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	Wales	Total
1. Sebastien Loeb	10	93
2. Mikko Hirvonen	8	92
3. Daniel Sordo	6	64
4. Jari-Matta Latva	ila 2	41
5. Petter Solberg	5	35
6. Henning Solberg	4	33
7. Matthew Wilson	3	28
8. Sebastien Ogier	0	24
9. Federico Villagra		16
10.Conrad Rautenba	ick 1	9

### **TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

[2009 final]	
Wales	Total
1. Citroen Total WRT 16	167
2. BP Ford Abu Dhabi WRT	
10	140
3. Stobart VK M-Sport Ford	
7	80
4. Citroen Junior Team 5	47
5. Munchi's Ford WRT	23

### 2010 AUTO SAFETY

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has issued its annual survey of the safest cars. The rating is based on the best job of protecting people in front, side, rear and rollover crashes and have electronic stability control.

LARGE CARS: **Buick LaCrosse** Ford Taurus Lincoln MKS Volvo S80 MIDSIZE CARS: Audi A3 Chevrolet Malibu [built after 10-091 Chrysler Sebring [4 door with ESC1 Dodge Avenger Mercedes C Class Subaru Legacy Subaru Outback Volkswagen Jetta [4 door] Volkswagen Passat [4 door] Volvo C30 SMALL CARS: Honda Civic [4 door with ESC, except Si] Kia Soul Nissan Cube Subaru Imprezza [except WRX] Volkswagen Golf [4 door] MIDSIZE SUVs: Dodge Journey Subaru Tribeca Volvo XC60 Volvo XC90 SMALL SUVs: Honda Element Jeep Patriot [with thorax airbags] Subaru Forester Volkswagen Tiguan

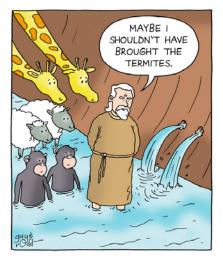


## RADAR PROTECTORS

These are the folks who hope to protect you from radar traffic patrol. Here is a list of web sites that track radar and traffic patrol in many areas of the country. Some of these sites are easier to use than others and we make no warranty as to the accuracy or timeliness of this information.

- -Speedtrap.org
- -CopSpy.com
- -Trapster.com
- -Njection.com

If any of these sites actually gives you helpful information, please let us know.



### **RECALL LOG**

Nissan: 2008-09 Rogue. Screw in steering gear cover can get loose causing steering problems. 163,659 units. NHTSA recall 09V411

Miamoda [child restraints]: Viva & Viva Supreme. Harness plate on rear of seat can have sharp edges and cut the harness. 5540 units. NHTSA recall # 09C006.

Mazda: 1995-97 & 2001-03 B Series. Cruise control/ABS switch made by Texas Instruments can over heat & catch fire. 39,600 units. NHTSA recall # 09V414.

Nissan: 2009 Sentra equipped with Bosch brake master cylinder. Fluid can leak causing loss of braking. 10,586 units. NHTSA recall # 09V431.

Jaguar: 2010 XF. Fuel transfer pipe in tank may be kinked & cause fuel starvation. 2131 units. Jaguar recall # J016.

Mitsubishi: 2008-09 Lancer, Lancer Evolution in the "salt belt" states. Air bag sensors can corrode from road salt and not deploy. 29,353 units. NHTSA recall # 09V435.

Chrysler: 2007-08 Jeep Wrangler with automatic transmission. Vehicles were not equipped with transmission fluid temperature warning systems. 161,450 units. Jeep recall # J30.

Chrysler: 2007 Dodge Nitro. Heavy use of wiper delay system can cause all wiper functions to cease. 84,680 units. NHTSA recall # 09V438.

Honda: Full nose masks for 2008-10 Accord 4 door. Material can get caught in hood latch not allowing proper latching. 3700 units. NHTSA recall # 09E063.

Volvo: 2010 XC60. Driver's side seat panel can release seat belt in side impact crash. 9667 units. NHTSA recall # 09V445.

Ferrari: 1995-99 F355 F1; 1995-99 F355.

Non dealer repair shops may have improperly installed screw clamps too close to fuel/ water lines causing leaks. Ferrari will provide a divider block to solve problem. 2356 units. Ferrari recall # 48.

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Toyota: 2000-03 Tundra. Trucks in the 'salt belt' can have rear cross members corrode and spare tire can fall out; in severe cases can affect brake lines. 110,000 units. NHTSA recall # 09V444.

Jeep: 2010 Grand Cherokee built between 10-22 & 11-12-09. Passenger side air bag may not deploy. 2990 units. Jeep recall # J33.

Land Rover: 2010 Range Rover. Problem in air bag system can stop deployment. 4001 units. Land Rover recall # P020. Subaru: 2002-03 Impreza WRX sold or registered in "rust belt" states. Extreme cold can cause leaks where fuel fittings and hoses join. 5724 units. Subaru recall # WVK-21.

Harley-Davidson: many models of 2009 & 10. Fuel tank mounts can distort in an accident and cause leak. 111,569 units. NHTSA recall # 09V457.

BMW [M/C]: 2009-10 K1300GT, K1300S. Poor fuel can clog throttle bodies. 2019 units. NHTSA recall # 09V471.

Volvo: 2010 XC60. Fuel line cover not properly attached. Could leak or start fire. 5253 units. Volvo recall # R218.

DJG [infant seat]: sold under the Cosco, Disney, Safety 1<sup>st</sup> & Eddie Bauer brands; manufactured between 1-6-08 & 4-6-09. Screws can come out of carrying handle allowing child to fall. Model info @ 1-866-762-3316. NHTSA recall # 09C010. 447,000.

Volvo: 2001-04 560, V70, XC70; 2002-05 580; 2003-05 XC90. Fuel pump can develop cracks in pump flange allowing smell and/or fuel leak. 136,100 units. Volvo recall # R220.

Audi: 2009 Q5. A-pillar trim cover can come loose when air bag deploys and cause injury. 6054 units. Audi recall # 70d4/J6.



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