



ROAD *and* TACH



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Presidential Mulling

Editor says:

Our President, Sam Weissen, did not submit a column for this R&T. Usually I would be hounding him for his article, but not this time. He gets a pass this month because he and his wife Joanna (formerly Paden) have recently experienced the birth of their son Edward Russell Weissen. Eddie was born at 12:05 am on July 28. We haven't seen Eddie at a rally yet, but I'm sure it won't be too long before we do.

Welcome to the world, Eddie!



You will notice that a flier for the USRRRC is enclosed. We need your support for this – as competitors, workers, and for checkout. Please contact us to sign up. Thanks!!

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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>
Sep 2	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Sep 14	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Sep 17	Carrera de Sierra	Rocklin, CA	PCA	916-481-6084
Oct 7	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Oct 19	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Oct 21	USRRRC	Santa Clarita	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Oct 22	USRRRC	Santa Clarita	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Oct 23	USRRRC	Santa Clarita	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Oct 29	Sleepy Hollow	Ontario	ITN	www.itnrally.org
Nov 4	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Nov 12	El Camino Real	Camarillo	PCA	zone8.pca.org
Nov 16	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Nov 24	Thanksgiving	Mom's house	family	Mom
Dec 2	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Dec 14	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Dec 21	Hannukah begins	your house	family	your Rabbi
Dec 25	Christmas	your house	family	Santa Claus
Jan 6	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Jan 18	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168
Feb 3	First Friday Niter	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	www.smscc.org
Feb 15	FFN checkout	BofA, Mission Hills	SMSCC	310-372-7168

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Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club
First Friday Niter
July 1, 2011

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Total
<i>CLASS A</i>								
*1	Vince Mark/Revere Jones	Mini	TCSCC/PCA/Slow	0.51	0.03	0.20	0.01	0.75
2	Paul McGaffey/Larry Richardson	COBRA	ITN	0.02	0.09	5.00	0.00	5.11
3	Joe Akerman/Nathan Harris	Subaru	ITN	4.11	0.01	5.00	0.26	9.38
<i>CLASS B</i>								
*1	Larry Scholnick/Jeanne English	Mazda	SCCA/SMSCC	0.09	0.02	0.97	0.01	1.09
2	Greg Bartlett/Lea & Macy Bartlett	Jaguar	TCSCC/Slow Racing	0.25	0.39	5.00	0.36	6.00
<i>CLASS C</i>								
*1	Greg Whale/Steve Laumann	Audi	SCCA	0.05	0.39	0.30	1.00	1.74
2	John Dillon/Christine Robinson	Audi	Widget Rally Team	1.02	0.64	0.08	0.38	2.12
3	Andy Stauber/Jerry Hull	Mini		1.95	0.21	1.07	0.70	3.93
4C	Mike Klein/Kevin Ayers	VW GTI	SMSCC/ITN/PCA/BMW	0.43	0.04	5.00	0.02	5.49
5	Dave Botwin/Michael Westmore	Jaguar		0.61	0.31	5.00	0.41	6.33
<i>CLASS D</i>								
*1	Terry Murphy/Glenn Shigemasa	VW Bug	TCSCC/Slow	0.33	0.89	2.42	0.51	4.15
2	Raymond Flores/Brad Willoughby	Toyota		3.04	3.41	3.24	1.18	10.87
3D	Bill Bergman/Mary Bergman	Chrysler		5.00	5.00	0.92	0.04	10.96
4	Jorge Dell'Aquila/Jeff Tran	Mercedes		5.00	5.00	1.12	1.47	12.59

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

The July FFN from a Navigator's Point of View
by EAN 21

Larry Scholnick and I were out of town working Great Race when club checkout for the July FFN occurred, so we decided to actually run the rally – something we don't often get a chance to do.

Of course, that meant we had to decide what class to run, and who would drive. I prefer to drive, but will navigate in any class. The only real problem I have when navigating is that I get carsick. Not always – but night rallies are definitely more 'conductive' to getting sick. I decided to ask the rallymaster, Joanna Weissen, where the rally went and whether she thought I would have a problem. Better still, we asked her husband, Sam, what he thought since he also tends to get carsick. Sam said he thought I'd be fine to navigate, so Larry and I decided to run class B.

So off we went, the odo check taking us west into the Santa Monica mountains. It ended on Topanga Canyon, and the route then went on Old Topanga. And while Larry was enjoying the curvy roads, I'm dealing with a lettered instruction to decrease speed at each "15 MPH" – and not think about the curvy roads.

We finally got to the first checkpoint where we could stop moving for a few minutes. Ah, that felt good. The second leg was on less curvy roads, and we made it to the DIYC. But I was starting to feel the symptoms that meant I might be throwing up soon.

And indeed, soon after leaving the DIYC (and catching a trap that us driving on Encinal Canyon instead of the much twistier Decker Canyon) I had to ask Larry to pull over and stop. I don't need to describe what happened next, but I will say I'm glad that we could take a time delay!

We got to the finish and I told Sam about my 'problem', and he said "Yeah, I forgot that it was worse at the beginning of the rally. Sorry!"

Even so, we had a good time – except for forgetting to add the 1 minute for the DIYC to my timing log. (I did it correctly on the control card, but not on my log.) Thanks, Joanna!

PCA San Gabriel Valley Region/Santa Monica Sports Car Club

EUREKA

July 9, 2011

Place	DRIVER NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1 Leg 5	Leg 2 Leg 6	Leg 3 Leg 7	Leg 4	Total
<i>Class A</i>								
*1	Joe Akerman Nathan Harris	Dodge Stealth	ITN	0.03 0.76	0.15 1.26	0.08 0.36	0.02	2.66
2	Joe Boucher Linda Marsh	Porsche 944	PCA-SB	0.00 0.21	1.75 0.49	2.18 0.18	0.25	5.06
3	Revere Jones Jared Leadbetter	Mini S	PCA-SGV/TCSCC	0.18 1.53	0.43 5.00	0.01 0.53	0.10	7.78
4	Fred Beltran Charlie Engen	Mini Cooper S	SMSCC	0.32 2.11	2.09 5.00	0.17 5.00	0.10	14.79
5	Paul McGaffey Larry Richardson	COBRA	ITN	0.04 5.00	0.91 5.00	1.29 5.00	5.00	22.24
<i>Class C</i>								
*1	Sean Ayers Kevin Ayers	BMW 325ci	SMSCC/ITN	0.12 0.17	0.53 2.63	0.44 0.23	1.08	5.20
2	Jessica Toney J Toney	Porsche Boxter	PCA	1.31 0.03	0.52 1.13	0.96 0.28	1.47	5.70
3	Phil Reese Linda Reese	Porsche 997	PCA-SBR	2.72 4.13	0.24 1.88	2.27 3.24	1.94	16.42
4	Cathy Robson Bill Leflang	Dodge Caravan	PCA	3.81 1.76	1.78 3.41	5.00 2.33	2.44	20.53
<i>Class E</i>								
*1	John Dillon Christine Robinson	Audi TT	Widget Rally Team	0.17 0.13	0.11 5.00	0.05 5.00	5.00	15.46
2	Bill Bergman Mary Bergman	Chrysler PT Cruiser	Widget Rally Team	1.83 2.12	2.26 0.43	4.48 2.53	2.37	16.02

* - Trophy

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

Cal Club SCCA/Santa Monica Sports Car Club

First Friday Niter

August 5, 2011

Place	DRIVER/NAVIGATOR	CAR	CLUB	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Total
<i>CLASS A</i>							
*1	Revere Jones/Jared Leadbe	Mini	TCSCC/PCA	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.05
2	Nathan Harris/Joe Akerman	Stealth	ITN	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.07
<i>CLASS B</i>							
*1	Patrick Strong/Andrew Scha	BMW	SMSCC/SCCA	0.41	0.04	0.08	0.53
<i>CLASS C</i>							
*1C	Mike Klein/Kevin Ayers	VW GTI	SMSCC/ITN/PCA/B	0.05	0.53	0.28	0.86
2	Robert Day/Sally Kinsey	Mazda	SCCA	0.46	1.39	0.10	1.95
3	John Dillon/Christine Robins	Audi	Widget Rally Team	1.34	1.56	0.34	3.24
<i>CLASS D</i>							
*1	Jorge Lopez/Weena Lopez	Mini	SCCA	1.45	0.06	0.87	2.38
2D	Bill Bergman/Mary Bergman	Chrysler	Widget Rally Team	0.03	2.44	0.36	2.83

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Cannonball Baker's 1914 coast-to-coast trek to be retraced



Photo courtesy Don Emde

Don Emde, winner of the 1972 Daytona 200, has announced a new multi-year project that will retrace the record-setting 3,378-mile, 11-1/2-day route completed by Cannonball Baker in 1914. The historic feat shaved almost nine days off the existing record at a time when there were few highways west of the Mississippi, yet the 30-year-old Cannonball shocked the naysayers by completing the San Diego to New York ride aboard his Indian V-Twin. Cannonball went on to set more than 140 records aboard both motorcycles and cars, and competed in the Indianapolis 500 as well.

Emde's "Cannon Ball Project" will attempt to find the exact route taken by Baker, including many roads that no longer exist. Riding bikes provided by KTM North America, and sponsored by Parts Unlimited, Don and a staff writer from Don Emde Publications will navigate stretches of the trip in segments over the next 18 months and document the difficulties Baker encountered during his historic feat. The riders will have modern creature comforts, namely the KTM 990 Adventure motorcycles they will be riding (Baker's Indian had very little suspension and was only around 10hp) and probably hundreds more gas stations than Cannonball would have encountered 97 years ago. We are hoping the project will be completed and documented in both print and video in time for the 100th anniversary of the event.

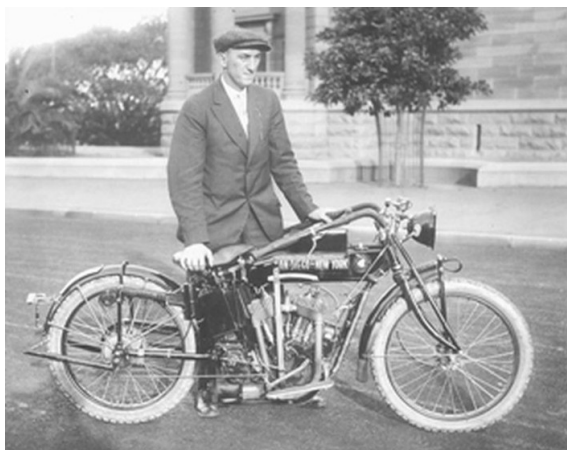


Photo courtesy Wheels Through Time Museum

The completion of the original 1914 record run was public relations heaven for Indian at the time, attesting to the brand name's mechanical reliability, further bolstering Indian's reputation among racers and riding enthusiasts, at a time when there were several hundred motorcycle manufacturers selling bikes instead of the handful that survived the Great Depression. You can follow the progress of Emde's Cannonball Project at CannonballProject.com.

from *Hemmings Daily*, May 23, 1911

Want to Become a Better Rallyist? Come Run a Checkout! by EAN 21

So you've run some First Friday Nites, maybe only a few or maybe even a lot. But somehow you still aren't getting the good scores you want. You're still buying the traps, and wondering how you will ever learn to do this 'rally thing' better.

Well, I have an answer for you - come on checkout with us! All of our rallies, from the monthly FFNs to our longer day rallies like Eureka and Highway Robbery, go through a process called checkout.

Checkout is a 'practice' running of the rally by SMSCC club members and guests, to make sure the rally works as intended before we present it to you, our contestants.

We run it as if it were 'for real', except that we do not actually time cars at the checkpoints. On checkout we make sure that there are no typos, that signs and landmarks are spelled correctly (or at least as intended by the rallymaster), that instructions are not missing (yes, that happens!), that speeds and pauses are appropriate - in short, we look at all aspects of the rally.

We then sit down after running the rally and go over every instruction, to see if anything needs to be changed to make it correct or better.

Checkout makes the difference between a rally that is easy to understand with unambiguous instructions and one that has contestants scratching their heads wondering what the rallymaster meant.

And by forcing us to closely examine all aspects of the instructions, it makes us better prepared when we are competitors.

And it's not just rallies with traps that need to be checked out. ALL rallies need a good checkout, even a tour rally (one with no traps). We look for the same things - and we try to make sure that there are no instructions that might be interpreted in a 'trap' manner. What about that straight-off? Or the pause at what looks like a signal but really isn't because it is at a pedestrian crossing and not at an intersection? If the rallymaster is writing a trapless event, these things have to be fixed.

We invite all of you to come join us on a checkout (or two or three). If you know that you are not going to be able to run a particular FFN, come on checkout instead. You don't have to pay the \$10 entry fee, and you will learn a lot! Checkouts are usually held a couple of weeks before the actual date of the rally. Contact Jeanne at ean21@juno.com or 310-372-7168 or Larry at Larry_Scholnick@yahoo.com or 818-986-4565 to join us.

NEW ENGLAND FOREST RALLY
Newry, Maine; July 15-17, 2011

1. Antoine L'Estage/Nathalie Richard	Open	
09 Mitsubishi Lancer Eco X	1:32:34.3	
2. David Higgins/Craig Drew	Open	
11 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi	1:33:22.7	
3. Travis Hanson/Terry Hanson	SP	
07 Subaru Imprezza WRX STi	1:37:01.5	
4. Thomas Lawless/Alexander Kihurani	Open	
07 Mitsubishi Evo IX	1:37:08.8	
5. Chris Duplessis/Karl /Atkinson	2WD	
11 Ford Fiesta R2	1:40:03.2	
6. Andrew Picard/Jeremy Wimpey	2WD	
11 Scion xD	1:43:32.7	
7. Adam Yeoman/Jordan Schulze	Open	
02 Subaru Imprezza	1:48:05.1	
8. Dillon Van Way/Jake Blattner	2WD	
11 Ford Fiesta	1:48:30.9	
9. Evan Cline/Grzegorz Dorman	SP	
05 Subaru WRX	1:48:31.6	
10. Viorel Dobasu/Dominik Jozwiak	Open	
11 Mitsubishi Evo X	1:50:33.9	
13. Justin Carven/Geoff Clarke	2WD	
79 Volkswagen Rabbit TDI	2:09:57.7	

2011 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Driver

1. David Higgins	101
2. Antoine L'Estage	96
3. Travis Hanson	82
4. Dave Mirra	54
5. Adam Yeoman	32

CO-DRIVER

1. Craig Drew	101
2. Nathalie Richard	96
3. Terry Hanson	82
4. Marshall Clarke	54
5. Jordan Schulze	32



NESTE OIL RALLY FINLAND
Paviljonki; July 28-30, 2011

1. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena		2:39:37.0
Citroen DS3 WRC		
2. Jari-Matti Latvala/Mikko Anttila		2:39:45.1
Ford Fiesta RS WRC		
3. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia		2:39:49.8
Citroen DS3 WRC		
4. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen		2:40:46.1
Ford Fiesta RS WRC		
5. Petter Solberg/Chris Patterson		2:40:53.2
Citroen DS3 WRC		
6. Mads Ostberg/Jonas Andersson		2:41:04.8
Ford Fiesta RS WRC		
7. Henning Solberg/I lka Minor		2:43:02.5
Ford Fiesta RS WRC		
8. Matthew Wilson/Scott Martin		2:43:30.2
Ford Fiesta RS WRC		
9. Kimi Raikonen/Kaj Lindstrom		2:43:36.8
Citroen DS3 WRC		
10. Juho Hanninen/Mikko Markkula		2:44:50.7
Skoda Fabia S2000		

RALLY DEUTSCHLAND
Trier; August 19-21, 2011

1. Sebastien Ogier/Julien Ingrassia		3:32:15.9
Citroen DS3 WRC		
2. Sebastien Loeb/Daniel Elena		3:32:55.7
Citroen DS3 WRC		
3. Dani Sordo/Carlos del Barrio Corral		3:34:11.5
Mini John Cooper Works WRT		
4. Mikko Hirvonen/Jarmo Lehtinen		3:34:59.6
Ford Fiesta RS WRT		
5. Petter Solberg/Chris Patterson		3:36:03.9
Citroen DS3 WRC		
6. Kimi Raikonen/Kaj Lindstrom		3:39:40.5
Citroen DS3 WRC		
7. Henning Solberg/I lka Minor		3:40:01.8
Ford Fiesta RS WRT		
8. Armindo Araujo/Miguel Ramalho		3:41:45.7
Mini John Cooper Works WRT		
9. Peter van Merksteijn/Erwin Mombaerts		3:42:17.5
Citroen DS3 WRC		
10. Dennis Kuipers/Frederic Miclott		3:42:24.9
Ford Fiesta RS WRT		

DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP

	Germany	
Total		
1. Sebastien Loeb	21	192
2. Sebastien Ogier	27	167
3. Mikko Hirvonen	12	156
4. Jari-Matti Latvala	0	96
5. Petter Solberg	11	94

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

	Germany	
Total		
1. Citroen Total WRT	43	333
2. Ford Abu Dhabi	17	242
3. M-Sport Stobart Ford RT	4	105
4. Petter Solberg	12	83
5. Ice 1 Racing	10	48
6. Munchi's Ford WRT	-	32
7. FERM Power Tools WRT	6	22
8. Team Abu Dhabi	-	20
9. Monster WRT	1	9
10. van Merksteijn Motorsport	8	8
11. Brazil WRT	R	1

RECALL LOG

Yamaha: 2006-09 FJR1300. Electrical system can have bad ground. 9850 units. NHTSA recall # 11V338

Toyota: 2006-07 Lexus RX400H; Highlander Hybrid. Inverter module can over heat. 82,273 units. NHTSA recall # 11V342.

Polaris: 2004-11 Victory Kingpin; 2006-11 Jackpot. Accessory seat backrest can break. 1688 units. NHTSA recall # 11V346.

Dodge: 2003-11 Ram 2500, 3500; 2008 Ram 1500. Left tie rod stud can fracture. 242,780 units. Dodge recall # L16.

Ford: 2007 Ford Five Hundred; Mercury Montego. Fuel tank filler neck not properly welded. 2945 units. Ford recall # 11S20.

Honda (M/C): 2009 ST1300PA; 2008-10 ST1300, ST1300A. Rear brake reservoir can leak. 2232 units. Honda recall # R86.

Ford: 2002-05 Excursion; 2002-07 E-250, E-350, E-450, E-550; 2004-11 Ranger. Bad multi function switch can cause loss of turn signals,

tail lights, hazard warning & brake lights. 26,715 units. Ford recall # 11C18.

Kawasaki: 2011 ZX 1000 JBFL, 1000KBFL, 1000 KBL. Wiring harness can get pinched and cause engine to quit. 2560 units. NHTSA recall # 11V363.

Volvo: 2007 S80. Poorly routed power steering hose can break. 8406 units. Volvo recall # R246.

Nissan: 2011-12 Altima. Transverse link bolt not properly tightened. 20,000 units. NHTSA recall # 11V371.

Ford: 1997-99 F-250; 1997-04 F-150; 2002-03 Lincoln Blackwood. Continued exposure to road salt can cause fuel tank straps to corrode. 1,100,000 units. Ford recall # 11S21.

Chrysler: 2008 Chrysler Town & Country, Chrysler Voyager; Dodge Grand Caravan. A/C leak can cause short and deployment of passenger air bag. 299,718 units. Chrysler recall # L01.

Honda: 2005-08 Element; 2005-10 Accord; 2007-10 CR-V, all with auto trans. Transmission bearing can break and stall engine. 1,512,107 units. Honda recall # R89.

GM: 2012 Buick LaCrosse. Stabilitrac system can have bad calibration causing difficulty with steering. 4077 units. GM # 11222.

GM: 2012 Chevrolet Impala. Power steering hose routed too close to catalytic converter-hose can melt. 10,344 units. GM #11224.

MOST STOLEN CARS 2010

As reported by the National Insurance Crime Bureau:

1. Honda Accord (2 (indicates 2009))
2. Honda Civic (1)
3. Toyota Camry (3)
4. Acura Integra (4)
5. Cadillac Escalade (5)
6. Toyota Corolla (6)
7. Dodge Ram (new)
8. Nissan Altima (8)
9. Nissan Maxima (new)
10. Chevrolet Tahoe (7)

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

2011 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.