

2015 PCA Porsche Parade at French Lick

TSD (Time, Speed, Distance) Rally

General Instructions

SO, WHAT IS A TIME-SPEED-DISTANCE RALLY, ANYWAY?

It is a contest where two person teams follow instructions that take them on a public road course at specified times and speeds. Unlike a race, where the object is to complete the course in the shortest time, in this type of rally the object is to match the “perfect time” as calculated by the rallymaster - neither early or late.

WHAT DO I NEED TO COMPETE?

1. A Porsche with enough gas to cover about 110 miles.
2. A partner to drive or navigate (must be two people and Parade entrants and not guests, no extra passengers).
3. Suggest that you bring a watch that tells time in seconds that you know how to set.
4. Suggest that you bring a clip board with writing instruments.

WHERE AND WHEN DO I START?

The rally is on Tuesday, June 23. It starts from the West Baden resort. Start times are at one minute intervals beginning at 8:00 AM. You will draw a start time and be given details about the start at Parade Check-in. The rally is about 3 ½ hours long including a mid-point break. Official time will be available at the start and you will need to set your watch to the official rally time.

WHERE AND WHEN IS THE TSD RALLY SCHOOL?

A rally school is scheduled for Monday, June 22 in the afternoon. Check the Parade Schedule for the time and location.

HOW WILL I KNOW HOW TO FOLLOW THE COURSE?

20 minutes before your start time you will get a set of written instructions like the sample on the last pages of these General Instructions. Do each instruction in numerical order. Instructions do not overlap. This means you must complete each instruction before looking to start the next. The notation RI# is an abbreviation for Route Instruction Number.

WHAT ARE THE ROADS LIKE?

In four words: FANTASTIC, FUN, PORSCHE ROADS. The roads in and around the Hoosier National Forest and Patoka Lake are hilly, curvy and almost all are as smooth as a Concours Porsche's finish. The rally uses only public paved roads. Dead End roads are used only when the instruction says "Use this dead end road". Parking lots are used at some controls to avoid blocking non-rally traffic.

WHAT IF I BECOME LATE FOR SOME REASON?

First of all, we have made the course as easy to follow as we could. Approximate distance to each turn will be included in the instructions. There has been absolutely no attempt to get cars lost in the forest. (The rallymaster's idea of providing bread crumbs to each car so they could find their way back was vetoed by the PCR Rally chairmen). Nevertheless, you might become late for any of a number of reasons - some due to your mistake and some because of circumstances outside your control. Either way, if this happens, use one of the Time Delay Request slips included in the Start Envelope. Choose the number of minutes you are late, write it on the two part slip and turn the original (top copy) in at the next manned control. Your score will be adjusted without any penalty. The reason for this rule is safety for you, other competing cars and the public. Any reasonable request will be granted but you must turn in the Time Delay Request slip before you take any paperwork from the next control. The amount of time requested has been changed to whole minutes effective with the 2015 Parade. The seconds are preprinted as zero.

Time Delay Request:	Amount of Time Requested: _____:00 Seconds
On Leg #: _____	<i>(Use whole minutes shown above)</i>
Car Number: _____	Received at Control #: _____

HOW WILL I KNOW I AM DOING THE INSTRUCTION AT THE CORRECT PLACE?

As we mentioned earlier, approximate distance will be included for each turn. Also, almost all instructions include a quoted sign or landmark. There are three rules to keep in mind:

1. A Rally Glossary is included in Appendix VII of the PCRs. If a term in the instructions (sign or landmark) is defined in the Glossary, it will be used in that sense only. We will provide at Parade Check-in a shortened version of the Glossary that excludes terms not used this year. Words not in the Glossary are to be read as ordinarily used.
2. If the instruction refers to a sign, a continuous portion of the sign will be set off in quotation marks. Signs may be on the left or right unless the instruction specifies which side. Spelling must match the sign but capitalization, letter style and punctuation need not be matched. Signs are to be read as obviously intended. The following signs will not be used: Signs on mailboxes, on vehicles and on the pavement. Numbers on utility poles will not be used. Signs will face you, be approximately parallel to you or an angle in between. However you will never have to look behind you to read a quoted sign. Also, the only "Speed Limit" signs we use will face you and apply to the road you are on.
3. A landmark is a physical object. For example, it may be a building, a river or (frequently) a road. If the landmark is not defined in the Glossary, it must be identified by a sign on or near it that matches the word or words in the instruction. When the instruction refers to a landmark it will be in ALL CAPITALS. Unpaved roads and objects whose signs cannot be read without looking behind you will not be used as landmarks. The sign identifying the landmark need not be listed in full, but a continuous portion will be included. For example a road with a sign identifying HOOSIER FOREST ROAD, might be identified as HOOSIER, or FOREST ROAD, but not as HOOSIER ROAD.

WHAT HAPPENS IF NO INSTRUCTION TELLS ME WHICH WAY TO GO?

At those intersections, go as straight as possible. Also, if the instruction applies, do it even if you would go in the same direction without the instruction.

HOW IS MY SCORE DETERMINED?

Your score is the difference between your elapsed time for each leg of the rally and the Official (or “Perfect”) time as calculated by the rallymaster. Each leg ends in a Control (sometimes called a Checkpoint).

There are three types of Controls. They are I. OPEN CONTROL; II. DO-IT-YOURSELF CONTROL; and III. ROUTE CONTROL.

I. At an OPEN CONTROL, your arrival time is taken as you pass the PCA IN sign. Do not stop at this sign, pull ahead to the timing station. Stay in your car. A nice volunteer worker will come to you. If you have a Time Delay Request or DIYC slip (explained later) give it to the worker before you accept any hand-out. You will get a Timing Slip (see below) that shows your TIME IN. If you disagree with the time you are given, ask to see the Control Captain at once or you’ll be stuck with it. This Timing Slip will show the time (TIME OUT) to start the next leg. You will also receive a Control Slip that tells you where the next leg begins and the number of the next instruction. It will have information about the leg you just completed.

You cannot stop within sight of an OPEN CONTROL except for safety reasons. You can, however go slow as long as you do not become a traffic hazard (very unlikely). If waved in by a Control worker at the PCA IN sign, you must accelerate to the CONTROL or be penalized.

Timing Slip

TIME IN _____:_____:_____		Car # _____	Control	12
Scoring Team Only	_____:_____:_____	Penalties _____		
	_____:_____:_____	Rally 2015 French Lick	Leg 13	"sticky goes here"
DO NOT Write on this slip - copy the information to your scorecard and turn this in at the Finish (in the scoring envelope)			TIME OUT	

II. DO-IT-YOURSELF-CONTROL (or DIYC) is a sign on the right of the rally route listed in the instructions. For example:

DIYC at “Indy 500”

When you reach this sign, stop, note your time, pull ahead and find the DIYC slip (see below) that was included in your envelope at the Start. Enter the time (Hour-Minute-Second) you think you should have arrived there. This does NOT have to be the time you actually arrived. However, your TIME OUT from this point is exactly three minutes after the TIME IN you entered. Don’t lose this slip; turn it in at the next Open Control before you accept any hand-out. Do not block this sign. Pull ahead so that other cars may execute the DIYC.

DIYC Slip

TIME IN _____:_____:_____	Car # _____	DIYC	9
_____:_____:_____	Penalties _____		
<p align="center">Rally 2015 French Lick</p> <p>Write your arrival time at the DIYC in the TIME IN space. Your TIME OUT is exactly 3 minutes later. Hand this slip in at the next manned checkpoint & place the NCR copy in your envelope.</p>		TIME OUT Next Leg	<p align="center">_____:_____:_____</p> <p align="center">(hours:min:seconds)</p> <p align="center">(3 minutes after TIME IN)</p>

III. ROUTE CONTROL. What happens when a last minute detour is needed? This has been known to happen. A sign there for twenty years gets knocked down five minutes before the first car is due. For that reason a lead car will preview the course. There are no planned ROUTE CONTROLS on this rally. In the unlikely event a detour is needed a worker will be stationed there with a “PCA ROUTE CONTROL” sign. Stop and follow his or her directions – even if oral.

YOUR FINAL SCORE IS THE SUM OF THE FOLLOWING:

Penalties

- 1 point for each second early or late at each control up to 300 points maximum.
- 30 points for unauthorized stopping in sight of a control or disobeying being waved in.
- 30 points for leaving the start at West Baden early (you will be timed out by a worker.)
- 100 points for being nasty to the volunteer workers (unsportsmanlike conduct).

PROTESTS

The Protest Committee will be available at the end of the rally in the same area where the scoring envelopes are turned in. Protests must be filed in accordance with PCR G-9.6.

SCORING --- stuff to turn in at the end of the rally

Within 60 minutes of your arrival time at the final Open Control, you must turn in all your Timing Slips and any Time Delay Request slips in your completed scoring envelope to the Scoring Table at the French Lick Springs Hotel (the rally instructions will have the exact location). In order to be scored, you must turn in a scoring envelope.

Don't worry if you have trouble following directions of how to complete the scorecard. Workers there will help you (and even lend you a calculator if needed).

Provisional results will be posted in the Hospitality Room as soon as possible. The exact time and location of the posting of official results will be provided when you turn in your scoring envelope. In the event that you disagree with the official posted results, please recheck your scoring first. If the discrepancy still exists, please bring it to the attention of a Rally official no later than one hour after the official posting period began. There will be a Rally official available at the official results posting site. Any mathematical errors will be corrected.

HOW IS OFFICIAL MILEAGE OBTAINED?

The rallymaster pre-ran the course in a car with radial tires and a special odometer that counts in increments of 0.01 miles. The Route Instructions will show the places where mileage was reset to 0.00. Distance is available in miles and kilometers. For rally purposes 1 mile = 1.60 km. Approximate mileages given for each turn are rounded to the nearest 0.1 mile or 0.1 kilometer. When a speed change is instructed at a quoted sign, the mileage at that sign is used for calculations (naturally). When the speed change is a turn, the mileage at the apex (or midpoint) is used. Maximum distance between route instructions is 5.00 miles (8.00 km).

The first part of the rally will be a zone (usually called an Odometer Check) that you can use to find the difference between your odometer and the rallymaster's. This year, a part of this zone will give you a chance to see the difference between your speedometer and the rallymaster's. You will be told to try to maintain 50 MPH (80 kph) between two signs. The navigator should note the time at the start and finish. We will tell you the correct time based on statute miles. (You may be surprised!) There are no Controls in the Odometer Check, so you can wait out extra time at the end.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

E-mail your questions to paradetsdrally2015@gmail.com or mail to J Toney, 540 Elm St, Woodland, CA 95965. They must be received by June 8, 2015. Please phrase the question so they can be answered Yes, No or Does not occur. All questions and answers will be posted at Parade Hospitality.

Also, we suggest attending the annual Rally School on the day before the event. And, if you are interested in seeing some of the "traps" that might be on the rally, look at the sample route instructions that follow plus the explanation of what might be done wrong by the contestant. However, don't freak out! Remember we have written the route so no one should get lost on the beautiful roads around French Lick.

SAMPLE ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

Approximate Mileage	RI#	<u>I</u> nstruction
0.0	1.	Begin Rally at "Kids Fest". (This is the Odometer/Speedometer Check section. Don't leave early. You have 30 minutes to reach RI# 5; you can wait out any extra time at that point).
0.2	2.	Straight at Traffic Light.
1.1	3.	"French Lick Airport". This is 1.13 official miles from the start. If you maintain 50 MPH between here and RI# 4 and the navigator times how long it takes to reach it, you can compare your speedometer with the Rallymaster's.
5.1	4.	"Paoli 13". This is 5.10 miles from the start. It should take 4:46 to travel here from RI# 3.
10.1 /0.0	5.	End odometer/speedometer section at "English", 10.09 miles after the start. Leave here 30 minutes after your start time. Begin at 35 MPH. Mileage reverts to 0.00
1.3	6.	Right onto 620 S, CAST 25 (CAST means <u>C</u> hange <u>A</u> verage <u>S</u> peed <u>T</u> o).
	7.	At "Hoosier" CAST 40 for 1.30 miles then CAST 25.
	8.	Pause 15 seconds at "Indy" OR CAST 28 at 123W.
4.0	9.	Left on 223E.
	10.	CAST 29 at T OR "W Street".
	11.	Pause 15 seconds at TWO SCHOOLS OR CAST 33 at third "School".
	12.	CAST 40 at DUSTY RHODES OR CAST 30 at "Dusty Rhodes".
0.0	13.	DIYC at "High Water" sign on right. Enter the time you think you should have arrived here on the DIYC slip in your envelope. Don't lose it, turn it in at the next OPEN CONTROL. Leave here 3 minutes after the time you entered for your TIME IN. Do not block this sign. Provide space for other cars to complete the DIYC. CAST 45. Mileage reverts to 0.00

{End Sample Route Instructions }

SOME NOTES ON THE SAMPLE ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS.

(But first an explanation about the use of parenthesis!) We know this doesn't apply to you - but some entrants never read these General Instructions. To keep them from becoming permanent residents of the Hoosier National Forest, we explain things in parenthesis throughout the instructions. This is always there to help the contestant - not to fool him or her.

You will notice many "traps" involve OR instructions. The rule for these is "Execute either the instruction before the word "or" (whether or not capitalized) or the instruction after the word "or" but not both. The first opportunity encountered should be used to execute the numbered instruction."

RI# 7 and RI# 8: (RI# means Route Instruction Number, of course). Remember the rule that you must complete each instruction before starting the next. Suppose 123W comes before "Indy", but is only one mile after starting RI# 7. You couldn't do it because RI# 7 is not yet completed. Probably "Indy" would be the proper choice if there wasn't another 123W after RI# 7 was finished.

RI# 10. You are on a straight road passing a town with lettered street names. You come to T STREET. If it was any other letter, you would do it there. However, T is a term defined in the Glossary (an intersection in the shape of a T) so you can't do it there because Glossary terms can only be used as defined. W will be the good choice, even though it comes later. However that isn't the only trap in this instruction. The second part does not say anything but "W Street"; it does not say to CAST 29, so you just pass the sign without doing anything else.

RI# 11. You come to a point where there is an Elementary School on your right and a High School across the street from it. Yes, these are two schools, but to be a valid landmark, it must be identified by a sign that reads "Two Schools". Unless there was one, you would look for a third "School" sign.

RI# 12. This instruction illustrates the difference between quoting a sign and using it to identify a landmark. Here the sign is just beyond the road. It clearly identifies it - but the road is unpaved. The General Instructions prohibit using unpaved roads as landmarks, so the first part (using DUSTY RHODES as a landmark to change speeds) can't be done there. However, the sign is still there - it can and will be used to do the second part of the instruction. (The real Dusty Rhodes played for the Philadelphia Phillies when the rallymaster was a kid).

These are a few of the things the (some say perverted) minds of expert rallyists pay attention to in order to try and hit the controls exactly on time. Remember - no rally "trap" will get you off course in this rally.

STILL CONFUSED? Come to the Monday Rally School (and maybe get more confused - but probably not).