

## The 12th of September Road Rally

The first rally of the Finger Lakes Region's Fall Rally Series was run on a beautiful day in western Wayne County. With temperatures in the low to mid 70's, a light breeze and a few high thin clouds it was an ideal day for driving down paved back roads. Only a slight haziness in the air made great views from the top of Beam Hill and other high spots. Richard and Suzanne Peebles found the 75-mile drive in their Porsche Boxster S very enjoyable.

The options available for running this rally included the use of a route map; instructions consisting of Tulip diagrams, Map program routes, a String Map or Written word; and the use of stock, limited or unlimited equipment. Each option had a handicap applied, thus making the choice of instructions and equipment a decision for each team. That is, where could they score the best OR which would be the most fun to run.

To further complicate scoring, there were ten questions to which the answer could be found along the route. Each correct answer reduced the score by 5%. Two teams found all ten answers (a surprise as the rallymaster had trouble finding a few of them) and only three were not answered by all of the teams. A great job of determining the colors on the "Funny Farm" sign, counting farmer on tractor signs and noting that Crowfield Farms featured the North American Plains Bison.

Richard and Suzanne running stock and using the written instructions finished with a score of 192.1. The Smith's barely beat the Hall's, both using written instructions, because Doug and Heidi had car troubles. That delay was enough to wipe out the advantage of running stock over unlimited. Their scores were 105 vs. 123.3.

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CFDresie, Rallymaster

Results - The 12th of September - 9/12/04						
Team Members Driver / Navigator	Experience Level	Timing Score	Instruction Handicap	Equipment Handicap	Question Adjustment	Adjusted Score
Alan Smith Amy Smith	Experienced	168	0.5	2.5	0.50	105.0
Doug Hall Heidi Hall	Experienced	493	0.5	1.0	0.50	123.3
Michael Pilawa Paul Mezzanini	Experienced	456	1.0	2.5	.6 (+ 5)	689.0
Richard Peebles Suzanne Peebles	Rookie	591	0.5	1.0	0.65	192.1