

SPRING TULIPS '04

After some confusion, some teams don't apply their "rally caps" until they start the route, four intrepid teams started on the May 23rd FINGER LAKES Region Spring Rally, the third in the Spring Series. The starting and ending location was "The Union Hill Country Store", on the Monroe / Wayne county line at Ridge Rd. "The lunch crowd was larger and later than expected", was the comment from the owner after the event. That led to being rushed to meet the event schedule. As a result, not all teams had the time needed to decide upon the best "rules" to follow for this event.

Four different route following instructions were provided, with tulip instructions being considered the easiest, followed by map program based instructions, written and finally a string map. Each of these were given a handicap from one to 0.5 based on the rallymasters belief regarding their relative difficulty. Rookie and experienced rallyists were grouped by applying an equipment factor based upon analysis of the Winter Rally Series results. This resulted in Equipped cars having an additional handicap factor of 2.5 applied, while Limited cars were given a handicap of 2.0. Stock class cars did not have an equipment handicap.

A map of the rally area was provided and for an extra handicap of 1.2 a map with the route shown was available.

To keep the team from getting bored, there were questions with answers to be found along the route. Each correct answer reduced the teams' scores by 5% of the score before considering the questions. Although some were easy to find, a one and a half minute pause was allotted for finding the answer to when the Zurich Bog was dedicated.

Although it was intended that no one go of course, everyone found the wrong turn at one point or another.

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Carl F. Dresie, Rallymaster

Results:

Driver / Navigator	Leg						Tot.	Inst.	Equip.	Map	Ques.	Score
	1	2	3	4	5	6						
Smith / Smith	53	9	3	76	189	43	373	0.5	2.5	1.0	3	396.1
Langdon / Langdon	47	58	17	11	200	59	392	0.5	1.0	1.0	9	107.8
Vitaly / Brown	17	104	156	108	200	60	646	1.0	1.0	1.0	1	613.3
Laitenberger / Segall	52	6	1	25	16	46	146	0.5	2.5	1.0	8	109.7