

Lake Erie Council

Venturing RoadRally

October 25th, 2020



Participant Guide

**Overview** - What is a RoadRally? Some might call a RoadRally an intense scavenger hunt on wheels. There are several different types of Rallies. In our RoadRally a driver and navigator(co-pilot) go on a scenic drive through parts of Cleveland and some of its suburbs. During the drive you are asked to follow a specific route and answer questions along the way. It is NOT a race and following all speed limits and traffic laws are part of the game. Scoring is based on how precise you drive the course and on how many questions you get right. The closer your Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) is to the baseline and the more questions you get correct result in a higher score. You lose points by missing turns, going too fast or too slow, and not answering questions.

### **What Do I Need to Participate?**

1. A minimum of two people, a driver and a navigator. **NOTE:** The Guide to Safe Scouting only permits drivers 18 years or older to operate a vehicle at scouting events.
2. A street legal car covered by an automobile insurance policy. Your car will need to pass a simple safety inspection before you are allowed to compete (see Appendix A).
3. Pencil and Eraser
4. Cell Phone
5. Water and Snacks (keep hydrated and don't get hangry!)
6. Clipboard\*
7. Paper\*
8. Watch w/second hand or Smartphone\*
9. Calculator\*

\* - The last four items are not absolutely necessary. A clipboard is nice to have to write on when in a moving vehicle. Items 7, 8 and 9 are for people that want to run Time-Speed-Distance calculations to try and improve their performance.

### **Cost**

Entry for one vehicle is \$10 and includes two patches for the driver and navigator. Additional patches are available for other passengers at \$3 each. All entries are handled online using event registration on the Lake Erie Council website calendar.

### **Before you Arrive**

1. Make sure car is topped up with fluids (gas, washer fluid, oil, etc)
2. Secure all loose items in the driving cockpit.
3. Prior to starting the rally it is recommended that you go to the restroom. There will be facilities available at the starting point and one of the checkpoints.

## **Sequence of Events**

Check-in begins at 8:30am with the first car leaving at 9:00am.

1. When you arrive you will be assigned a parking spot. You will then confirm your registration information with the registrar.
2. Note any last minute changes or notes that the rallymaster may have posted.
3. Vehicle inspection will be done at this time.
4. Once you pass the inspection you will be given a car number by a race official. Display this on the passenger side lower front windshield.
5. Starting time goes by car number and start interval. So if your car number is 7, and the start interval is every 2 minutes your start time would be 9:14am. There will be someone calling you to the ready position prior to your start time.
6. Route instructions will be given to you just prior to starting.
7. You will get a signal to pull to the starting line and a second signal to start.
8. Drivers and Navigators, you are going to be excited and wired when you start. Treat each other with respect and help each other whenever possible. Here are a few points of the scout law to remember: Helpful, Courteous, Kind, Cheerful, Brave.
9. The **“Panic Pack”** should only be used as a last resort. It provides the name and address of the Finish area. Opening the Panic Pack will cause you to lose 500 points and any chance of a respectable finish. Just know that it is an option if you get completely lost or can't stand being in the car together any longer.

**Three golden rules to a successful TSD rally (highest to lowest in priority):**

**1) Stay on the road 2) Stay on the course 3) Stay on time**

## **Hints & Tips**

1. **DON'T GET LOST.** Concentrate on the route first, on time second. This is rallying's most important rule regardless if you're on your first rally or your hundred and first. Time lost while off course may never be made up and can bring you your greatest penalty.
2. **DON'T ASSUME ANYTHING.** Be sure you really read the Participant Guide and don't hesitate to ask questions. It will definitely help improve your overall score.
3. **HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR OWN ABILITY TO STAY ON COURSE.** Don't assume that the car(s) in front of you during the rally know where they are going and try to follow them. Although they have the same Route Instructions you do, they may be wrong. Also remember that wise rallymasters may have the route double back upon itself just to fool followers!

4. CHECK OFF EACH ROUTE INSTRUCTION AS YOU COMPLETE IT -- BUT ONLY WHEN IT IS COMPLETED. Checking off an item in advance is the surest way to miss that instruction altogether, since you then act on the one next in line.
5. DON'T GIVE UP. If you're lost, or think you are, pull off the road and look things over calmly. Plan a recovery by examining road maps or trying to recall significant landmarks. TRY THIS TRICK: When you discover you're off course, STOP AT ONCE AND NOTE YOUR ODOMETER READING. Turn around and return to where you left the rally route using exactly the same route you just traveled. Read the odometer again and double the distance from the previous reading (where you turned around). Subtract this total distance off course from your present odometer reading and recalculate your timing to know what time you should have been at this point. You will not be able to turn back your odometer to compensate for being off course, but you CAN subtract the total distance off course from each subsequent odometer reading during the remainder of the rally, so don't despair. Sometimes it's worthwhile trying to cut cross country to get back to the route. But if you try this stunt, bear in mind that you may skip a checkpoint.
6. READ EACH NEW SET OF INSTRUCTIONS WITH SCRUPULOUS CARE. A favorite Rallymaster's trick is to issue a new set of instructions after a lunch break or scenic stop, or even at a special checkpoint. Beware of such traps.
7. DON'T FORGET TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO YOUR ODOMETER OR TIMEPIECE, AS INSTRUCTED. If your rally is being timed leg-to-leg, and the next Route Instruction shows mileage starting from "zero", then be sure to zero your odometer and clear your stopwatch. Restarts after breaks in the rally may also require you to zero your odometer and stopwatch.
8. DON'T SHORT CUT. Even when the end is in sight, follow every instruction to the letter.

### **Scoring Basics**

- Each leg of the race is scored separately and worth 600 points. If you get lost, try to get back on track because you might still be in the running. It is also a great way of improving your RoadRally skills for the next time you compete.
- Leg scores will be determined by deducting 2 points per second for early and 1 point per second for late. Maximum 600 points per leg.
- Maximum score for answering questions is 200 points. Points are deducted for each incorrect or missing answer.
- Opening the "Panic Pack" will result in a loss of 500 points.
- Disqualification will result under the following circumstances: Unsportsmanlike conduct, failure to control vehicle, violation of laws, harassment of officials or the public, etc. The rallyist involved may or may not be so advised by a rally official.

## **Prizes**

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. In addition, you may decorate your car to be entered into the Spirit Award competition. Rally officials will act as judges for the Spirit Award.

## **Breakdowns and Emergencies**

If you have a breakdown or emergency and feel you must abandon the rally please contact Rally Officials using the contact information on the route instructions. It is important for us to keep track of all participants.

## **Guide to Safe Scouting** (Transportation section in entirety)

1. Seat belts are required for all occupants.
2. All drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked for any reason. If the vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 people, including the driver (more than 10 people, including the driver, in California), the driver must have a commercial driver's license (CDL).
3. The drivers must be currently licensed and at least 18 years of age. Scouting youth (under age 18) are not insured under the Boy Scouts of America commercial general liability policy.
4. Trucks may not be used for transporting passengers except in the cab.
5. All vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. It is recommended, however, that coverage limits are at least \$100,000 combined single limit. Any vehicle designed to carry 10 or more passengers should have limits of \$1,000,000.
6. Obey all laws, including the speed limit.
7. Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours in one 24-hour period regardless of the number of drivers available. Driving time must be interrupted by frequent rest, food, and/or recreation stops. The intention is to include sleep and thorough rest breaks while traveling long distances. Don't drive while drowsy. Stop for rest and stretch breaks as needed. Fatigue is a major cause of highway accident fatalities.
8. Drivers must refrain from using hand-held cell phones while driving. Text messaging while driving is prohibited. Hands-free units are acceptable, but must be used sparingly while driving.

## **Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse FAQ** (scouting.org)

### **Q. How do the Barriers to Abuse apply to transportation?**

**A.** An adult may not drive or be alone in the car with a Scout unless that Scout is their own child. An adult may drive two or more Scouts.

## **COVID-19 Precautions**

1. All current state and local guidelines will be in effect as well as the latest guidelines from the Lake Erie Council.
2. Social distancing is in effect and participants are required to wear masks in all areas (ie. Start, Finish, Checkpoints, Registration, etc.) where they come in contact with other people. You may relax your mask while in the car, but need to replace it when coming into areas with other people.
3. It is recommended that cars be limited to family members. Learn more about travel guidelines at the [CDC website](#).

# VEHICLE INSPECTION FORM AND EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

(This form will be returned to you at the end of the rally.)

This form, upon completion, must remain at rally headquarters and be readily accessible in the event of an emergency.

Event Name 2020 Venturing RoadRally Date 10-25-2020

Driver \_\_\_\_\_ Navigator \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number\* \_\_\_\_\_

Car # \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate \_\_\_\_\_

\*In case race officials need to contact you while you are on the rally course.

**DRIVER:** In case of emergency, the following person should be notified (excluding rally partner).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**NAVIGATOR:** In case of emergency, the following person should be notified (excluding rally partner).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

The following items are to be inspected:

\_\_\_\_ Headlights (high/low beams), parking lights, tail lights, and brake lights

\_\_\_\_ Horn

\_\_\_\_ Windshield wipers

\_\_\_\_ Directional signals

\_\_\_\_ Rear-view mirror

\_\_\_\_ Foot brakes (subject to static brake test)

\_\_\_\_ Parking brake (holding ability)

\_\_\_\_ Tires (sidewalls and tread in good condition)

\_\_\_\_ Seat belts (properly installed for all occupants)

\_\_\_\_ Car decorations, if any, must be scouting appropriate

\_\_\_\_ Car number displayed on windshield (obtain from rally official)

The above items have been inspected on my vehicle and are in working order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Competitor signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rally official signature

## ADDITIONAL PASSENGER EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Car # \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSENGER 1:** In case of emergency, the following person should be notified (excluding rally teammates).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSENGER 2:** In case of emergency, the following person should be notified (excluding rally teammates).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSENGER 3:** In case of emergency, the following person should be notified (excluding rally teammates).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSENGER 4:** In case of emergency, the following person should be notified (excluding rally teammates).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSENGER 5:** In case of emergency, the following person should be notified (excluding rally teammates).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PASSENGER 6:** In case of emergency, the following person should be notified (excluding rally teammates).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_