

SCCA Lone Star Region Hedy Lamarr Road Rally, 4 August 2018

I would like to thank the people who helped put on this event. Joaquin Effinger was our lead car and had run the route beforehand to make sure he knew the way. Edgar Martinez was the chase car along with his son Eddie. Steve Hudson was at registration and helped all of these strangers feel at home. I would especially like to thank Betina Foreman who was particularly instrumental in the success of this rally. She managed to get our flyer out to numerous facebook accounts in the area which really helped attract new drivers. She was also our official registrar and brought sweet rolls for registration. After registering everyone she ran the route and then helped everyone at Mamacita's feel welcome at lunch. Besides all of these duties, she also took pictures of the event both at registration and at Mamacita's. **Thank you ever so much for your help Betina!**



The registration table was set up in the old Anderson Grocery Store parking lot next to Jim's Restaurant at the "Y" (junction of US-290 and Texas 71) in Southwest Austin. Table and chairs were in place at 9:30 and people began showing up almost immediately. Six teams had signed up for this event on clubregistration.net but three of these failed to show up at the event. Eight teams signed up through my email account but four of these failed to show up. 12 teams signed up at the registration table. We thus had 19 teams for this event and four cars for Staff (Lead, Chase, Registrar, and Rallymaster).



Two of the cars did not have navigators. Both of these cars followed Billy Mullins's Mazda. The two cars without navigators were Carol Clark in her Mazda, and Steve Estrada who joined the event

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through VETMotorposorts (his three buddies bailed at the last moment). TJ Powell had a classic Cadillac with two passengers besides his navigator.



The first car was released at 11:01 and the cars left at approximately 1 minute intervals depending on how fast the last car exited the parking lot. All 19 cars had departed by 11:27.

The highlight of the Rally seems to have been the Luckenbach stop where everyone was supposed to buy a souvenir to show at Mamacita's during the meal. The lead car said he was so fascinated by that stop that he spent 15 minutes there. Several people said that they spent over 30 minutes there and still wanted to go back.

The first team arrived at Mamacita's at 12:25. Mamacita had a back room which accommodated our whole group. Two cars did not stay for the meal at Mamacita's. One needed to be back in Austin by 5:00 and the other had a dog in the car and could not leave it in the heat. Most people enjoyed the Tex-Mex menu at Mamacita's but two people got the chicken fried steak which led to several favorable comments. The youngster in the group was accommodated with chicken nuggets.

Awards:

Youngest Participant went to Sam Holland's delightful son, Hayden.



Most unique car went to David Grimshaw's 1968 Saab. David said that the car had originally be owned by the wife of a Saab repairman. David bought the car several years ago when the original owner decided he was too old to work on it any more.

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The award from the person coming the furthest to attend the event went to Ken and Nancy (Nan) Morris of Houston.



There was a tie for third and fourth place based on the questionnaire handed out to cover clues along the route. Two teams only missed three questions. To decide who got which place, they were asked to say how many cattle guards they passed over on this road rally. Andrew Morris guessed 14 but David Grimshaw guessed 16 which was actually the correct number. David and his navigator, Sean Omlaw were given the 3rd place trophies while Andrew and his navigator, Ethan Chaffee, were given the 4th place trophies.

The Second place trophies went to Jerry and Dot Centanni with only two incorrect answers. They were the winners of the 16 June Geronimo Road Rally.

The First place trophies were awarded to Jan and Rick Jones who only missed one question on the questionnaire. They may have had an advantage since they had another couple as passengers in their Cadillac.

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Top Row: Jerry Centanni, Andrew Morris, Ethan Chafee, Sean Omlaw, David Crimshaw. Front Row: Dot Centanni, Jan Jones, Rick Jones

A final award was given to Mamacita's for having us and for giving us the special treatment of our own meeting room.



Evaluation Reports

Did you have Fun?	8	Yes	0	No
Would you run this event again?	8	Yes	0	No

Comments from Suggestions:

- 1) I only read the top of flyer at Motortexas.com so I mistakenly thought the Rally started at 10:00 so I arrived at 9:30. My issue as I did not read the bottom right box. All was good, fun. Would like to start earlier in the day.
- 2) Clues for the first section were good and had clever wordplay. We liked them but wished the whole route was like that.
- 3) Run in cooler months
- 4) First time participant so not knowing what to expect, all was great. Thank You.
- 5) None
- 6) First time to do a rally. Had fun, would do it again, was well run, instructions were clear.
- 7) This was my first one and I had a blast. Great route. I hope to get more veterans involved. Keep up the Great Work.

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8) Put the staple for instructions on the TOP LEFT corner so it is easier to turn the page

Comments from Complaints:

- 1) No Complaints, All Fun !!
- 2) None
- 3) Some of the mileage was significantly off (He was right. It should have been 3.5 miles, 5 minutes)
- 4) Two big dips which ground off some frame motor AC (Just in gest)
- 5) None
- 6) If you run a winery trail at least allow the navigator to sample and buy some wine for later, otherwise going to a winery is pointless and frustrating.

Would any of the following topics be of interest to you?

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| 5 | Painted Churches |
| 5 | Night Sky Watching |
| 4 | San Antonio Missions |
| 6 | Frontier Forts |
| 2 | Winery Trail |
| 5 | Texas Independence |
| 5 | Pie Run (5 famous pie places) |



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Driver					Navigator		People	Score	
0	Effinger	Joaquin	S	Lead Car	None		1		
1	Estrada	Steve	CR	VETMotorsports	None	5B	1		
2	Craig	Adams	CR	PCA	No Show				
3	Duke	Jim	Y	Work	No Show				
4	Mitskog	Thor	CR	PCA	Mitskog	Courtney	2		
5	Roland	Murphy	CR	DCC	No Show				
6	Mullins	Billy	CR	Mazda	Hurd	David	2	-8	
7	Binder	Bob	Y		No Show				
8	Morris	Ken	Y	Corvette	Morris	Nan(cy)	2		
9	Bolick	Roger	Y		No Show				
10	Henwood	Brenda	Y		Henwood	Chuck	2	-5	
11	Jones	Jan	CR	2016 Nissan Rogue	Jones	Rick	2	-1	
12	Newkirk	Jim	Y		Kelly	Marie	2	-6	
13	Risebberger	Elmer	Y		No Show				
14	Duden	Christopher	Y		No Show				
15	Taylor	Nick	W	Lotusw	Taylor	Suzanne	2	-10	
16	Withkowski	Doug	W		Withkowski	Sally	2	-4	
17	Hernandez	David	W		Hernandez	Otto	2	-7	
18	Butler	Ron	W		Davis	Martha	2	-6	
19	Powell	T.J.	W		Johnson	Josh	4	-4	
20	Grimshaw	David	W	Pugeot	3rd Place, Most Unique	Omlaw	Sean	3	-3
21	Morris	Andrew	W		4th Place	Chaffee	Ethan	2	-3
22	Clark	Carol	W			None	5A		
23	Maeurer	Ted	W			Maeurer	Lona	2	-5
24	Centanni	Jerry	W		2nd Place	Centanni	Dot	2	-2
25	Holland	Sam	W	2004 Ford Excursion	Youngest Award	Holland	Monica	4	-7
26	Martinez	Edgar	W		Cleanup Car	Martinez	Edward	2	-10
27	Betina	Foreman	S		Registrar		1	-4	
28	McElroy	Ken	S		Rallymaster		1		
							45		

Lessons Learned

- 1) People were at the registration table as soon as it was set up.
- 2) Advertising on Facebook, Austin Statesman, Mazda, and Corvette Club was most effective.
- 3) Getting advertising out three months in advance helped get the word out.
- 4) Using clubregistration.net worked for people with racing background and my email worked for people without the racing background. The registration table worked for both.
- 5) Depending on future routes, the team at the endpoint should be different from the Registration team. If people had not dallied at Luckenbach, the first car would have made Mamacita's before the Rallymaster could drive from Jim's to Fredericksburg.
- 6) The VHF radios were a good idea but apparently don't have the range required for a hill country rally. They might work for an Austin city limits rally.
- 7) An official photographer would have been nice. They could take pictures of each car and team at registration and then of the participants at the end.

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