

Heat Wave TSD Rally – By Steve Long

On Saturday July 11th, twenty teams of faithful Time, Speed, Distance (TSD) Rallyists came out to challenge themselves once again to follow instructions, control their throttles and stay focused at the “Heat Wave Rally.”

After a pre-run briefing over coffee at Moonraker in Shingle Springs, driving spanned El Dorado, Amador and Sacramento counties. Teams were represented by the Sacramento Valley Region of PCA along with other clubs and vehicle makes. We welcome any TSD Rallyists to partake. Our club has become the Northern California hub for this kind of fun! In some circumstances, Rallyists have opted to purchase their own Porsche to be more immersed in the SVR!

Teams were tasked with a ninety-mile route and over eighty unique Route Instructions to arrive at the ultimate goal of beer and pizza at Skipolini's in Folsom. This TSD Rally encompassed about four hours of total time.

Feedback from the Rallyists was positive and a good time was had by all! As per usual, awards are given for various levels of experience along with consideration if ‘Equipment’ being used.

For those following the evolution of the SVR PCA Series, we have seen a strong shift this year to those learning and leveraging ‘Equipment’ such as rally computers and Apps. These tools, when used properly, guide the rallyists via a calculated cadence in order to hit the prescribed time marks for each Section. Of note, Brad Call and Tom Morstein-Mare had a breakout performance in the “Expert Equipped” classification by scoring a mere 27 second variation from the perfect result, even with a mid-course error by the Rally Master (me!) They won their class and were overall winners! I believe this may be their historic best result as well.

There was also an amazing result by Sam Pope and his son Nolan Pope in “Experienced Unequipped” who rallied to a mere 53 second variation by using stop watches and good old-fashioned math and seat-of-the-pants instinct! This performance won their class and second overall.

Winners were:

Beginner: Kevin and James Provins 179 points

Experienced Equipped: Persephone Crittenden and Christian Pelletier 141 points

Experienced Unequipped: Sam and Nolan Pope	53
points	
Expert Equipped: Brad Call and Tom Morstein-Mare	27
points	
Expert Unequipped: Genny and Bob Pauwee	108 points

See below for the official results and 2026 Series Standings.

Setting up a TSD Rally takes around 40-50 hours of effort. Thank you to Kim Long, Andy Stocker, Judy Stocker, Marcos Alanis and Brad Call for lending their expertise and support to make the Heat Wave Rally happen! Also, a special thanks to Genny and Bob Pauwee for their triage of that aforementioned Rally Master hiccup which helped the other Rallyists. You did God's work out there!

If you want to come out and test your skills, communication and in some cases, your marriage... the next SVR PCA TSD "August Ambush" Rally is August 22nd. You will find a link to that event in this edition of The Drifter. There will be another Rally on October 10th and one more to be determined.

If you are a bit intimidated with the prospect of a TSD Rally, don't be. Feel free to reach out to me at membership@svr-pca.org and I will help calm your fears!

We hope to see you out there!