

The 2019 Teddy Bear Rally – Answers

For those who would like to know how they did. We hope you enjoyed rallying in some scenic Morris, Somerset, and Hunterdon counties. If you are new to rallying, we encourage you to join us on future rallyes in 2020. If you are returning, we're glad to have you back. Please visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/mcnjrallye/> or www.mcnj.org for rally results, upcoming events, next year's December 8th, 2020 Teddy Bear Rallye, etc.

Leg 1 – From Instruction 1 to Instruction 9 Official mileage: 10.86 miles (ODOMETER LEG)

This is the Odometer Leg. There are no route-following traps on this leg. Everyone should have gotten a score of zero.

Leg 2 – From Instruction 10 to Instruction 16 Official mileage: 16.01 miles

This was a self-correcting trap. According to the Generals, all signs or objects will be found on the right unless a glossary term (eg, SOL, MBCSOL) is used to indicate it is on the left. After you made the right at the Top Dog Obedience School in Instruction 12, you were looking for two photo clues. You first encountered the large school sign in **Photo Clue A**, but this was on the left, and was not indicated as such in the instruction. You should not have turned L FOPP on S Four Bridges Road, but instead gone straight, where you would have seen the two Ort Farm silos in **Photo Clue B** and then turned L FOPP. Either of the L FOPPs take you to a SIG in Chester to execute Instruction 13, where everyone is together on Route 206 South.

Penalty: 394 mileage points (under mileage)

Leg 3 – From Instruction 17 to Instruction 25 Official mileage: 11.99 miles

According to the Generals, the rally course is on through, paved, public roads. Roads other than these do not exist unless specifically overridden in the route instructions. We instructed you to go onto several unpaved, and little-used roads in order to get to some hidden areas where there are huge farms and estates. Instructions 19, 20, and 21 specifically indicated that you were to turn onto an unpaved road. **Photo Clue C** directed you to go R FOPP, which you see on Spook Hollow Rd. You then come to a not-off-used, but classic MCNJ trap (thanks John Groot!) where you are now at an intersection of all unpaved roads. As you are not supposed to turn onto an unpaved road unless you are directed to (and in Special Photo Instruction C, you weren't), you should have followed the 3rd route-following priority and go straight as possible on the aptly named Long Lane, where you would have eventually reached a STOP and executed your R FOPP onto paved Black River Rd, instead of right onto unpaved Larger Cross Rd. Everyone then executed Instruction 22 and turned R onto Pottersville Rd. Photo Clue D was included in Instruction 24 as a helper to ensure you went straight at this STOP to the correct Checkpoint.

Penalty: 400 mileage points (under mileage)

Leg 4 – From Instruction 26 to Instruction 34 Official mileage: 12.86 miles

Again, according to the Generals, the rally course is on through, paved, public roads, unless the route instructions override it. In this case you were looking for two photo clues. **Photo Clue E** instructed you to BR at Y if you encountered the road in the photo (Ravine Lake Rd). As the road is a NO OUTLET road, it is not a through road per the Generals, and therefore does not exist. Since you did not 'see' the invalid road mentioned in **Photo Clue E** you continued to follow the signs for the Episcopal Church and would have passed the sign in **Photo Clue F** and made a R at STOP. Everyone eventually executed Instruction 30 and made a R onto the pretty and winding Lake Rd.

Penalty: 257 mileage points (under mileage)

Leg 5 – From Instruction 35 to Instruction 49 Official mileage: 12.23 miles

While on Old Farmers Rd, you were still looking for the sign in **Photo Clue G**. The first sign you encountered was not like the one in **Photo Clue G** (see below), as it did not have all the scratches, and so, you should have continued S at this STOP sign and continued looking for **Photo Clue G**, which you would have found before the next STOP intersection. Either way, you would have made a L at STOP and then executed R on Fairmount (Rd) (for those that were on-course, the sign only says "Fairmount"). Everyone then headed to the Brew Pub and finished the rally.

Penalty: 235 mileage points (over mileage)

Overall official mileage for today's rallye was **63.95 miles**. As always, the real winners of today's rallye are the recipients of the toys that were donated for the USMC "TOYS FOR TOTS" program. We would like to once again thank all the rallyists and our sponsor – ROUTE 46 SUBARU – for their ongoing support of the MCNJ/SCCA charity event. We hope you enjoyed the event and look forward to seeing you December 8th at the 30th Teddy Bear Rallye!



First sign encountered (incorrect)



Second sign (Photo Clue G) encountered (correct)