

# Time of the Signs Road Rally

Welcome to the Time of the Signs Road Rally. It is a straight forward TSD (Time/Speed/Distance) rally with no intentional traps. It abides by the April 2001 Champaign County Sports Car Club Rally Code (as amended herein). You should not need to refer to the Rally Code today since most or all of the information you might want from it is contained in these General Instructions. The Rallymaster is Jerry White (Cell (217) 390-7851).

**CHECKPOINT PROCEDURE:** Unless instructed not to, pull past the CHECKPOINT and park on the right side of the road. One team member from each vehicle must go back to the CHECKPOINT, to report their car number, turn in a Time Adjustment form (if applicable), and receive a checkpoint slip. **Read it carefully.** It tells what the OUT MARKER (OM) is, the **out at** time to leave from it, what to CAST, and what instruction to work on. Special Instructions and/or Other Information may also be given. It also has a “**How did you do?**” column for keeping your score and an area to find your next “**oops**, you may be off course” **odometer** reading. The timing of every LEG is independent so you get a fresh start at each OUT MARKER. The official odometer was re-started at zero (0.000) at both ends of the Odometer Comparison Zone and at every OM. To allow others access to the OUT MARKERS please await your out at time a little before or after them.

**TIME ADJUSTMENT (TA):** If you get off course, are delayed in any way, or have any reason that one or more acceptable adjustments to normal leg scoring be made for you, submit a cumulative TA form for the leg before receiving a checkpoint slip. TA forms are on the bottom of the next page and some of the checkpoint slips. If you are delayed longer than 5.5 minutes call the rallymaster as soon as possible.

**TIMING & SCORING** will be based on the clock at the REGISTRATION VEHICLE. **Set your time keeping device to it!!** All classes will be scored as follows.

- 1 point for each .01 minute early or late at a CHECKPOINT up to 100 points.
- 100 points or disqualification for reckless driving, interfering with rally operation, unsportsmanlike conduct or a moving violation (ticketed or not). Assessed at the discretion of rally officials.
- 100 points for unjustified stopping or creeping (going less than ½ the CAST) in sight of a CHECKPOINT.

**ROUTE-FOLLOWING PRIORITIES:**

1. Special Instructions (oral or written)
2. Route Instructions
3. Follow the MAIN ROAD

The **MAIN ROAD RULE** for today's rally is Straight as Possible (SAP). This means that at T's (even very unusual ones) and Y's (even odd unequal ones) no MAIN ROAD exists and at other intersections the MAIN ROAD is the road that leaves the intersection by the route that takes you more directly ahead through the intersection than any other route. The MAIN ROAD is defined so that instructions aren't needed at every intersection. You are to take the MAIN ROAD at any intersection at which you aren't instructed to take a different route. If the instruction you are working on can't be executed when you arrive at a T or Y you are off course. Retrace your route and start again from the last place you know you were on course.

**SIGNS:** Information in an instruction that is enclosed in quotes (" ") has been quoted from a sign. A prominent part of the sign will be quoted in full or in part without regard to capitalization, punctuation, unquoted artwork, defacing, weathering, etc. Any misquoting of word spelling or abbreviation is unintentional. Words will not be split or broken. Disregard spacing between the numeric and letter parts of county road signs (i.e. "100 E" will be used for both "100E" and "100 E"). Rural house number signs and signs on mailboxes will not be used.

**A LANDMARK** will be identifiable:

1. by its definition in these General Instructions, or
2. by being identified by a sign (or signs) that indicate it goes by the name given in the instruction, or
3. by being commonly recognizable as an example of whatever is being called for by the instruction.

**CONVENTIONS:** All signs and landmarks needed to execute an instruction will be found along the rally route after the execution point of the preceding instruction. Any misspelled words or abbreviations are unintentional. All terms in the Route and General Instructions that are not defined in these General Instructions are to be used as commonly understood. Route information in parenthesis ( ) is meant to be helpful.

**DEFINITIONS:** Except for CAST (an acronym) uppercase words below indicate sign wording or a landmark.

**after** Any navigational aid mentioned in conjunction with “after” will be found anywhere along the rally route following the preceding instruction’s execution point and preceding the instruction’s execution point.

**at** “In the vicinity of” for actions that direct a course of travel; “even with” the leading edge for speed changes.

**CAST** Change, Commence, or Continue Average Speed To the given number in miles per hour. A speed change associated with a landmark will be done when the rally vehicle first arrives at the given landmark. A speed change associated with a turn is to be done when the right front wheel of the rally vehicle breaks the vertical plane along the leading edge of the road being turned onto unless a STOP landmark/sign is referenced then it is to be done at the STOP sign.

**CHECKPOINT** A vehicle marked by a “✓” sign (see example at the REGISTRATION VEHICLE).

**jog** To continue your general direction of travel through an intersection that is offset in the direction indicated.

**left / right** A turn in the specified direction of from 1 to 179 degrees onto an OPPORTUNITY.

**LEG** An independently timed section of the rally from an OUT MARKER to a CHECKPOINT.

**ODOMETER COMPARISON ZONE (OCZ)** The part of the rally you should use to compare your odometer to the rallymaster’s. Its “begin” and “end” points are indicated in the first few Route Instructions. The rally was measured with a resettable thousandths reading odometer that reads 10.00 miles in 10 interstate miles.

**OPPORTUNITY** A public road that: 1. goes in the direction you are instructed to go, and 2. is not A. dirt or grass; or B. marked NO OUTLET, DEAD END, PRIVATE DRIVE, DO NOT ENTER, ROAD CLOSED, ROAD CLOSED AHEAD, etc.; or C. clearly barricaded, a dead end, or an access to a garage, factory, farm field or parking area (except the DRIVES and PARKING AREAs/LOTs mentioned in these General Instructions, the Route Instructions and on the checkpoint slips); or D. illegal to enter.

**OUT MARKER** Location to start a leg from. The START for LEG 1. Given on checkpoint slips for other legs.

**REGISTRATION VEHICLE** Jerry White's white minivan.

**START** The driving lane directly east of the LIGHT POLE closest to the REGISTRATION VEHICLE.

**STOP** An official octagonal sign at which your rally vehicle is required to stop.

**T** An intersection having the general shape of the letter T as your vehicle approaches from the base.

**Y** An intersection having the general shape of the letter Y as your vehicle approaches from the base.

← Detach here → ----- ← Detach here →

**Car Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Leg Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time Adjustment (TA) Form**

Please adjust our time by \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. (**Time delayed** [cumulative for the leg] in decimal minutes rounded to a minute or half minute.) Minutes. 00 or 50 (If it will be more than 5.50 minutes call the rallymaster to alert the checkpoints etc.)

As we entered the **checkpoint** we **delayed** exactly \_\_\_\_\_ hundredths-of-a-minute (usually less than 50) for safety reasons.

When leaving \_\_\_\_\_ we **changed** our **out time** from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.  
“Checkpoint X”, “RI XX” (or other identifying information) Hour : Minute.Hundredth Hour : Minute.Hundredth

**As directed:** ↓Leg # ↓RI # ↓Hour:↓Minute.↓Hundredth ↓Hour:↓Minute.↓00 or 50

A. At Route Instruction # \_\_\_\_\_ we timed ourselves IN at \_\_\_\_\_ and OUT at \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Then on: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_.

C. " \_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_.