

## No Frills Rally March 2, 2013



The first event of the 2013 CCSCC competition year is now on the books. I caused it to be a non-starter last weekend, but managed to pull things together in time for March 2, 2013, for five teams who came out in the cold to play. I had a couple of problems to contend with right from the start. I managed to mess up the spreadsheet with the details for leg 1 and had to do a corrected one. I was looking at it because the first car,

DeMeritts, had arrived at checkpoint 1 early and then presented me with a time delay slip. Since they are usually spot on and tough to beat, I started investigating. I sent all the other teams on their way for leg two while I made up some corrected out slips. Then mistake two appeared on the horizon with a phone call from the Townsends looking for a blank sign. I had made use of a crossroad sign as a landmark on one instruction, but forgot to draw it into the instructions. I called up the other teams and got them all back on course to return to the checkpoint. Since this was a rally master error, I opted to throw that leg out. The other legs of the rally went by without much of a hitch from my point of view.

The scores in Seat of the Pants were very good overall, especially the B&B team of Bedford and Blackwelder, who scored in single digits on legs 1 and 3. They dropped off a bit on legs 4 and 5, but still had a respectable score. Ingles and Flora were only 21 points back at the end. If they had been closer on leg 1 they would have made it a real race. The 3<sup>rd</sup> team in SOP was the father/son team of Gary and Sean Patrick. Sean was out for his first rally and the two made a respectable showing. I hope we'll see them out for more this year.

Final congratulations should go to the Townsends who really killed the legs and scored only 5 points for the rally. An excellent start to the year for them.

Thank-you to all who came out. It's always great when a rally actually comes together.

Bill Wagner.

Team	Class	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	Total	Position
Bob Townsend Karen Townsend	Nav	1	0	1	3	0	5	1st Overall & 1 of 2
Bob DeMeritt Marianne DeMeritt	Nav	100	0	100	1	0	201	2 of 2

Russ Bedford Mike Blackwelder	SOP	6	0	2	45	21	74	1 of 3
Tom Ingles Jonathan Flora	SOP	47	0	13	25	10	95	2 of 3
Gary Patrick Sean Patrick	SOP	81	0	24	51	15	171	3 of 3