Evil Numbers Halloween Rally October 25, 2013



After messing up last year I finally managed to put a Halloween rally together. I kept the build-your-own-instructions-aspect of past rallies by making people dig through a bag of candy to find the instruction slips, but then added a bit of brain work to the mix. The teams had to do some translation of the sign and speed numbers since I disguised them a bit. I did provide translation grids but they needed to have read through the general instructions to understand what to do. Most teams figured out what to do fairly quickly. Only one team, Miner/Schrepfer, resorted to a panic envelope on Leg 1.

We had some newcomers out for this rally. Gail ("He's a terrible navigator") and Gary ("My wife is lost") Nielsen made the 100 mile trip down from Matteson, IL for their first rally. Gary is one of our regular autocrossers but apparently struggles when he's in the right seat. They had some difficulties navigating the course, but didn't seem too discouraged and are thinking of giving it another try at the November rally. Another Novice, Maxim Schrepfer, made it just in time and teamed up with Gale Miner. They had some difficulties on Leg 1 ("Who writes numbers in binary!"), but pulled it together and had two good legs to finish the rally.

Another new ralliest, Scott Beatty, came along with Emanuel Martin in SOP. The Martin/Beatty team was on their way to a solid win until they missed a speed change at the start of Leg 3. The max score they received gave the SOP win to Tom ("No tape in this car.") and Linda Ingles.

There would have been a good contest in Navigational until the Townsends had to pull out during the first leg. Jesse Farrell teamed up with Jonathan Flora, moving from the autocross course into the navigator seat complete with rally computer. These two made a good team scoring less than 30 total points. Their scores were so consistent that we would love to know if their clock or correction factor was off just a bit.

Thank-you to all who came out to the rally. Special thanks to Jerry White for helping with the cold-run and rally check and to Jim Hamilton for organizing the after-rally weenie roast. I'm already thinking about next year.

Bill ("Hope I didn't offend anyone with the above quotes") Wagner.

Team	Class	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Total	Position
Jonathan Flora/Jesse Farrell	Nav	10	8	9	27	1 st Overall/1 of 2
Bob Townsend/Karen Townsend	Nav	100	100	100	300	2 of 2
Tom Ingles/Linda Ingles	SOP	24	25	13	62	1 of 2
Emanuel Martin/Scott Beatty	SOP	5	17	100	122	2 of 2
Gale Miner/Maxim Schrepfer	Novice	150	40	73	263	1 of 2
Gail Nielsen/Gary Nielsen	Novice	100	100	100	300	2 of 2

Rallymaster: Bill Wagner

Cold Run & Checkpoints: Jerry White Hot Dog Roast: Jim Hamilton