


2020 Touchet Valley Tour Rally

Instructions

This is a 'gimmick' rally. There are multiple clues in each step that help you determine the correct route, the correct time and the correct distance. The rally instructions are laid out similar to those from the Dakar rally handbook. Each of the three columns provides information you will need to stay on course while meeting the time constraints. **This is not a race.** This is a technical competition to see how close you can come to the Rally Master's established time. Points will be deducted for early finish or late finish times.

Left Column		Center Column	Right Column
Instruction, Total Mileage -or- Time from Start		Tulip	Fill in the Blank; Course Hint. -or- New Speed
Instruction Number	Mileage From Previous Step		

00 : 00 : 00			The rain in Spain falls where? _____
12	3.7		

In the **Left Column** there are three windows. In the large window you will see an instruction, a mileage or a time.

- Instruction – **First Opportunity, Last Opportunity, Any Opportunity** for example. This indicates when you need to initiate a course or route change.
- Mileage – **25** for example. This is a Total Mileage from the start of the rally and the point you initiate a course or route change.
- Time – **01 : 15 : 12** (hours : minutes : seconds) for example. This is a Total Elapsed Time from the start of the rally and the point you initiate a course or route change.

In the **Left Column**, in the left hand small window, you will find the instruction number. The instructions are sequenced 1, 2, 3, 4,, ∞

In the **Left Column**, in the right hand small window, you will find the mileage from the previous step.

In the **Center Column**, you will find the '**Tulip**'. This is a drawing that shows the trail, the direction change and/or landmarks at a particular Instruction, Mileage or Time. The bulb at the base of the Tulip is the direction from which you are entering the instruction. If the word '**Speed**' is entered as a Tulip, this instruction is a speed change. The specified speed must be maintained until the next 'Speed' instruction. The new speed will be indicated in the **Right Column**.

In the **Right Column**, there is a course 'hint' that will generally include a 'fill in the blank'. You must fill in the blank. Points will be deducted if you do not provide a correct answer to the question or statement. You will find the answers as you drive the established route. The answers may be part of the Road Name or an obvious Landmark. You will not have to leave the vehicle to find an answer. If certain words are underlined within the hint statement, they are part of the Road Name or Landmark description.

General

Use the Mileages and Times provided to your advantage. If you enter a Timed instruction early, slow your pace over the next few instructions to re-baseline your time to the rally master's. If you arrive late, add some speed to the next few instructions. Same with the mileages; excessive or under-mileage (total or between steps) is a pretty positive indication you are lost. You will need to back track and hopefully catch up. **DO NOT SPEED**.

Cautions

ALL RALLY SPEEDS ARE AT THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT OR BELOW. There are no dirt roads, no forging of streams or rivers and no off-road excursions. All roads are paved and in generally good condition. Many of the roads will NOT have a center stripe so stay to the right. There are a number of areas where livestock could enter the highway, these areas are well marked, **PAY ATTENTION**. Many of the areas you will be traveling through are agricultural and you may encounter heavy farm and harvesting equipment. Be respectful, be patient, these guys are earning a living, you're out for pleasure.

Break Downs

You should include a cell phone as part of your packing list. If you have a break down and need help, you may call 509-531-5614 (that's my number), AAA or 911 as the situation demands. We have access to a flatbed trailer and several pick-up trucks so we can haul you home if needed.

Bail Out

If you are completely lost and cannot get back on course, the last instruction step will include the finish destination. Try to get there at or before 11:30 am. Close to 100% of the roads traveled will have good cell phone reception so pull out your smart phone, set the destination and let Google Maps bring you in.

This year's event ends in Walla Walla WA at the Walla Walla Steak Company.....we will be dining in the Rail Car.

Have Fun, Be Safe, Be Good.....MMJennings