

El Rally de Mayo

or

The March Hare Makes a Beeline For a Party

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to "El Rallye de Mayo". This rally is a sign hunt using "beeline" instructions to guide you along the rally route. Please read these instructions carefully: they regulate and define all actions to be performed by you in order to complete this rally.

The rally will have a free start at 1:00 PM. You will have 3-1/2 hours to complete the rally and must turn in your answer sheet at the finish no later than 4:30 PM.

1. How Do I Stay On Course?

The course is determined by a "beeline" instruction set. A separate sheet describing how beeline instructions work is provided with this set of instructions.

Mileages provided with any particular instruction in the beeline will be good to within +/- 0.05 mile (that's about 260 feet). However, specific instructions in the beeline may be a close together as 0.01 mile (a little over 50 feet), so pay close attention.

2. What Roads Are Used For This Rally?

Only paved roads (almost all tarmac or "chip-and-oil") are used for this rally. Because of the type of surface construction, there may be loose gravel on top of the paved surface; however, the type of road should be recognizable.

Roads that are clearly private driveways, are marked "Private", "Do Not Enter" or the like, or are able to be viewed as blocked at their intersection with the rally route are not used and do not exist on the beeline.

Teams will turn into a parking lot only when directed to do so at the appropriate point(s) on the beeline.

3. How Are Signs Involved?

Signs you are hunting for in this rally are located on only the right-hand side of the rally route within 30 feet of the road surface, and will be both visible and readable when seated in the car without having to look to the rear. Multiple signs mounted on a common support (like a post or frame) are considered to be one sign. Signs painted on or attached to wheeled vehicles or mailboxes or mailbox supports don't exist.

Teams will be asked to count the total number of signs they see that contain a cross (or multiple crosses) formed by two distinct intersecting lines. The two lines must completely and smoothly continue through and past the point of intersection, and need not be the same width. A sign (in combination with its support) may not be considered as a cross. Some examples of valid crosses are provided with this set of instructions.

4. Scoring

The rally will be scored based how close a team's mileage comes to the actual mileage the rallymaster traveled on the beeline route. Provisions will exist in the score sheet to allow a team to record its mileage as recorded by the vehicle's onboard odometer at specific points along the rally route for purposes of a simple odometer factor correction. If a team's final mileage is within 0.5 miles of the rallymaster's mileage, it will be considered a match.

Should more than one team match the rallymaster's mileage, the one that has seen the number of signs along the rally route (as described above) closest to the rallymaster's number without going over that number will be declared the winner.

5. The End of the Rally

In keeping with what a bee does at this time of year, the rally ends where it starts: at the *Sunset Overlook* on Bluff Road in Columbia, IL. Call 314-705-4210 if needed, should you get a bit disoriented on the course and need help. Thank you for attending the rally. I hope you enjoy it!

--Tom vonHatten (AKA the "March Hare"), Rallymaster