

Feast or Famine Rallye

August 18, 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS (SGI)

This rallye will follow the 2023 General Instructions as published by the Chicago Region PCA except as modified below.

STARTING LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

Mariano's parking lot (across from LA Fitness), 2323 Capitol Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062

9:30AM: Registration opens

10:00AM: Rallye school begins

10:30AM: Drivers' meeting begins

10:51AM: Car #1 receives instructions

11:01AM: Car #1 official start time

Your out time is your car number plus 11:00AM.

The rallye will be run with the state-of-the-art Richta Rallye GPS app for timing and scoring. Each rallye team will be required to bring a smartphone that is equipped with the "Competitor — Richta GPS Checkpoints" app. This app will monitor your car's position during the rallye and will record the precise time that you pass each checkpoint on the rallye route. Once you have passed a checkpoint, the app will calculate your score for that leg and display it to you. The Richta app records time in seconds and you will be assessed penalty points for each section that you are too early or too late into a checkpoint.

In the unfortunate event that there is a glitch or failure in the Richta app during the rallye, you will be scored at the maximum points (300) for each leg missed. Make sure your phone is plugged in and charging, that the app is running, and that your screen is on during the rallye. The app will not function properly if you are using your phone to call or text at the same time. Please make sure the app is updated to the most recent version (v.1.28).

All times for this rallye will be stated in units of one minute (1.0 minute) unless noted otherwise. All distances in this rallye will be stated in miles unless noted otherwise. All CASTS will be stated in miles per hour. CAST will not exceed posted speed limits.

MAIN ROAD RULES (MRR)

This rallye follows the MRR unless a Special Instruction (SI) or Route Instruction (RI) can be executed that takes the rallye car in a direction different from that of the MRR. In other words, follow the MRR unless an instruction takes you in a different direction. In the absence of such an instruction, the MRR for each possible turn or through each intersection for today's rallye are as follows (from highest to lowest priority):

- 1) **ONTO**
- 2) **LEFT at T or Y**
- 3) **SAP (Straight as Possible)**

MRR DEFINITIONS:

- **ONTO** – The "Main Road" as determined by this rule is that road on which you have been placed by the use of a directional instruction (**LEFT or RIGHT**), the word **ONTO**, and the designation of the road (e.g., **LEFT ONTO Jones**). You must remain on the designated road, or you must re-enter the designated road *in the same direction* as originally instructed, whenever it is encountered, unless a Route Instruction (RI) directs you in a different direction.

If you are originally placed ONTO a road by the word **TURN** (e.g., TURN ONTO Jones), the direction of travel will be evident, as you will only be able to go in one direction when the road is encountered. You must remain on the designated road, or you must re-enter the designated road in the only direction possible (and rest assured, there will only be one possible direction) whenever it is encountered, unless a Route Instruction (RI) directs you in a different direction.

If you encounter two conflicting ONTOs—regardless of whether they are LEFT/RIGHT ONTOs or TURN ONTOs or a mix of both—the ONTO relating to the street that comes first alphabetically takes priority. For example, assuming there are two possible ONTOs at a given intersection—one for ONTO Apple and another for ONTO Jones—the ONTO Apple takes priority because Apple comes before Jones when alphabetized. ONTOs will remain active unless and until cancelled by a Special Instruction.

- **LEFT AT T OR Y** – The “Main Road” as determined by this rule is the road to the left at all T and Y intersections. The intersection may or may not be marked by double arrows. You must be traveling up the stem of the T or the Y, and slant *T* and *Y* intersections are also considered T and Y intersections.
- **STRAIGHT AS POSSIBLE (SAP)** – The “Main Road” as determined by this rule is the road that goes straight or nearly straight as possible through an intersection. It is not possible to go straight as possible at a T or Y. Where necessary the terms “KEEP” or “BEAR” will be used in conjunction with a direction to define the path of the Main Road.

ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

The RI contain both Numbered Route Instructions (**NRI**) and Lettered Route Instructions (**LRI**). All NRI must be executed in ascending, consecutive numerical order. NRI may contain one or more LRI which may or may not be executable, but must be executed, if possible. Once a NRI that precedes a LRI is completely executed, the LRI presents an opportunity to be executable as well as the next NRI. At each opportunity, the first available LRI or the next NRI should be completely executed. Once the LRI is completely executed, any preceding LRI(s) is/are cancelled. However, subsequent LRI remain active until the next NRI is executed.

Unless noted in the RI, directionals such as North (N.), South (S.), East (E.), and West (W.) and suffixes such as Rd., Ave., St., Dr., etc., need not be considered (e.g., an “ONTO Jones” instruction would be executable at both Jones St. and Jones Rd.). Punctuation such as periods, commas and apostrophes need not be exact. Spelling must be exact. Spaces between words in street names can be ignored.

Signs will be contained within quotation marks; roads and landmarks will not have quotation marks but must be marked with an identifying sign or else they do not exist.

The following roads do not exist and should be disregarded: dirt or gravel roads, private driveways, roads marked “Private,” “No Trespassing,” “Dead End,” “Keep Out,” “No Outlet,” “Pavement Ends,” roads to gated communities, roads leading to apartment complexes, roads named Bennett, Miller, Meadowoods, and Westwoods, public driveways, park entrances, plant entrances, roads clearly ending in parking lots, roads to forest preserves, roads clearly visible as cul-de-sacs, and entrances to toll roads and expressways. Roads marked “No Thru Traffic” do exist. Every exit from a Round-About should be considered a valid exit. Entrances to parking lots exist if at the end of the ODO leg. If entering a parking lot, enter completely and do not block the entrance for other cars.

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: You must complete the crossword puzzle below before the rallye. If you are unable to solve one or more clues, you may contact the rallyemasters for help any time before August 18, 2024, without incurring any penalty. You may also research answers on the Internet. The rallyemasters will NOT provide penalty-free answers on the day of the rallye. However, a sealed envelope containing the complete solution to the crossword puzzle will be distributed to each team along with the route instructions on the day of the rallye. If your team returns the envelope in its original sealed condition, no penalty will be imposed. If, however, your team opens the envelope during the rallye or fails to return the sealed envelope, a 300-point penalty will be added to your final score.

On the day of the rallye, each team will be given a handout featuring ten photos of sights you may see along the rallye route. At the conclusion of the rallye, each team must present to the Rallyemasters photos of exactly FOUR of the ten sights (i.e., take the photos on your phone along the route). If a team fails to present FOUR such photos, 200 points will be added to their final score. The photos must be of the exact same sights (or sites) shown on the handout, although the orientation of the photos need not be identical.

CHECKPOINTS AND SCORING

This rallye utilizes the Richta GPS Checkpoint app for all checkpoint timing and scoring. The Richta app on your smartphone will monitor your car's location using GPS and will know when you pass a checkpoint ("CP"). The app will "DING" to alert you that you have passed a CP, record your arrival time ("TA"), and compute your score. When you cross a CP, please continue driving at the specified CAST and do not stop, creep, or back up. The route will continue in the direction of travel prior to the CP, and the timing portion of the next leg will commence immediately. CPs will not be identified by the traditional checkpoint signs and are not identified in the RI. There are no CP critiques in the app for this rallye.

Your TA will be cleared every time you encounter a scored CP, and all scored CPs are scored based on the time out of the previous CP. Time lost on one leg of the rallye may not be made up on the following leg, as each leg is timed and scored separately. Points will be scored as follows:

- 1 point for each 1 second early or late arriving at a CP;
- Maximum timing penalty at each CP is 300 points (5 minutes);
- Penalty for missing a CP altogether is 300 points.

There are several off-course markers throughout the rallye that will notify you via the Richta app when you have deviated from the official route.

TIME DELAYS

If you are delayed along the rallye route for any reason, you may take a time allowance in the Richta app without penalty. If you are delayed due to a road blockage, slow traffic, getting lost, bathroom break, or any other reason, do not speed to try to make up the lost time. You can take a time allowance directly in the Richta app by pressing the TA+ button. Each press of the TA+ button adds more allowance time. The available time allowances are 10 seconds, 20 seconds, 30 seconds, 1.5 minutes, then one-minute increments up to 19.5 minutes. You can remove some or all the time allowances by pressing the TA- button in the app. Your time allowance will automatically reset to zero at the next CP. If you need to take a time allowance, you must do so before reaching the next CP. Once you have arrived at a CP, it is too late to take a time allowance for that leg. Keep in mind that sometimes CPs can be quite close together, so don't wait when you need to enter a TA.

GLOSSARY

- **REDUNDANCY:** Redundant instructions are identified in the route instructions. A route instruction is redundant when the instruction takes the same course through an intersection as you would normally take in the absence of that instruction. In such a situation, the route instruction is redundant and would not apply at that intersection; you would follow the course directions through the intersection and continue to work on the same instruction. The instruction can be executed only at an intersection where, in the absence of the instruction, you would have followed another route through the intersection.
- **CAST:** Change average speed to. When a CAST is specified to take effect at a speed limit sign, i.e., CAST 30 at 30 (without quotes), this refers to the actual speed limit sign, not a speed limit ahead warning sign nor an advisory speed for a curve ahead sign. At no point will the CAST be above the posted speed limit. If you find yourself traveling at a CAST higher than the posted speed limit, you are off course. Conversely, the CAST may often be lower than the posted speed limit.
- **ORM:** Official Rallye Mileage
- **SRIP:** Sign Reading in Part. Signs may be in front of you or to your left or right, but never be behind you.
- **SOL:** Sign on Left.
- **SOR:** Sign on Right.
- **TRANSIT ZONE:** A part of the timed rallye route in which there are no timing controls.

BOUNDARIES:

This rallye will take place on suburban and rural roads in Cook and Lake counties. It is less than 100 miles long with speeds up to 55 mph. There will be a Transit Zone with time to address personal needs. We recommend that you have plenty of fuel in your car and use facilities before starting the rallye. Once started, there are limited/no options for facilities and gas in certain legs. The maximum distance between route instructions for this Rallye is **3.2 miles**. The maximum distance of any leg in this Rallye shall not exceed **17 miles**.

Detailed driving directions are available for any teams that wish to tour the route. Teams choosing to tour will not be eligible for any awards. For teams that did not attend Rallye School, we highly encourage the use of touring instructions to reduce the possibility of getting lost (trust us, this one is going to be tricky).

The official times for this rallye are based on distances measured to the nearest tenth of a mile using the odometer of a 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee while driving the route (don't ask...). Times to travel the distances between CASTs (not including any delays, i.e., as if there were no stops or slowing) are calculated using the CAST and the distance for that CAST section. Along the route, all teams will encounter delays (curves, turns, stop signs, traffic signals, traffic, etc.) to varying degrees.

If you get lost or need to depart the rallye without finishing, please call one of the Rallyemasters:

Caroline Teichner – 312-282-5588 – caroline.teichner@gmail.com
Les Teichner – 312-925-3330 – lteichner@gmail.com

Unless you are a novice team or touring team, there will be a 150-point penalty for each call to the Rallyemasters for help. The Rallyemasters will also impose a 150-point penalty on the day of the rallye for each clue or answer solicited about the crossword puzzle. (*Hint: If you have more than two questions about the crossword puzzle, you should open the envelope with the answers rather than ask the Rallyemasters!*)

Thanks to Anna and Andy Skura for their invaluable mentorship and for pre-running the rallye.

At the conclusion of the rallye, please join us at **Georgio's Chicago Pizzeria & Pub in South Barrington (100 W. Higgins Road)**. We will be available to receive your complaints and criticisms then.

Thank you for participating, and we hope you enjoy!

Les and Caroline Teichner