

HURDLE 2024 GTA Road Rally
Saturday October 19, 2024
NER/SCCA Road Rally Championship Series

Welcome to Hurdle 2024 GTA Road Rally. The object of this rally is to visit the locations revealed by the clues on the Question and Answer sheet and answer the questions with the information found at the locations. To begin, you should locate each of the places described in the clues on the map. The next step is to determine the shortest possible route from the start to the finish, which encompasses all of the sites. **Answer the questions in any order you choose. You are required to visit each site to obtain the answer and to note your mileage. The use of GPS, Smart Phones, Internet connected devices or similar is not allowed for determining the shortest route between questions, nor to find the answer to a question**

The entry with the lowest score, which is comprised of mileage, incorrect or omitted answers, and penalties, will be the winner – see Scoring, Item #9 later in this document.

Prior to receiving your Question & Answer sheet and map, you will complete an odometer check. This is done in order to normalize all of the entrants' odometers. As every car follows the same route, a correction factor can be calculated to a standard. This makes the odometers for all cars mathematically equal.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Teams are limited to two adults (over age 16) per vehicle. One additional adult (over age 16) may allowed at the discretion of the organizers (please contact event organizers at jon.lamkins@cox.net for approval and limitations). No limit to children (under age 16) but the total number of contestants per vehicle cannot exceed the number of seat belts available in the vehicle.
2. Prior to starting odometer check, you should complete an official entry form, and sign appropriate release and waiver of liability forms and technical inspection forms. Contestants that are not SCCA members will be required to complete an SCCA Weekend membership form. Forms will be emailed to all teams pre-registered for the event and should be completed electronically and emailed back to the event organizers at least two days prior to the event date.
3. Other materials you will receive include the following:
 - A. General Instruction Sheet (this form).
 - B. Odometer Check Sheet
 - C. Question and Answer Sheet (The questions are listed in no particular order)
 - D. Official Map (Connecticut Official State Tourism Map)

All the information you need in order to figure out the locations to visit is on the official map.

4. NOTE: If the name of a town appears in the clues, or elsewhere, in caps (i.e., BRISTOL), it refers to the whole township, If it appears with only the first letter capitalized, (i.e., Bristol), it refers to the village itself. If it appears capitalized and in bold type (i.e., **HARTFORD**), it refers to the county.
5. You will probably spend at least the first hour to hour and a half for registration, the odometer check, and planning the route you will use to run the rally.

6. You may use any road you wish in your attempt to log the shortest distance on your odometer. Please respect private roadways. None of the clues will be located on one. You may use maps in any format (paper, electronic, GPS).
7. Use of GPS, computers and other Internet connectable devices (PDAs, Smartphones, Tablets, etc.) to answer questions OR to plot the shortest route between questions IS NOT allowed.
8. All answers must be entered on the Question and Answer Sheet in the spaces provided. **IMPORTANT** – You must enter your odometer mileage (to the nearest 1/10th of a mile) at each of your stops. A space is provided for this in the left margin before each clue. Each omission will result in a 2-point penalty. NOTE – Neatness will be considered in the event of ties.

9. Scoring:

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| A. Each mile traveled: | 1 point |
| B. Each 1 minute late at finish (see final clue for time this starts to accrue): | 1 point |
| C. Arriving after 6:00 p.m.: | 100 points |
| D. Failure to answer a question correctly: | 30 points per numbered clue |
| (For multiple part questions, the 30 points will be spread over the parts. Thus a question with 3 parts is worth 10 points per part) | |
| E. Failure to enter mileage in spaces provided on Question and Answer Sheet: | 2 points per omission |

The questions are written so that the correct answer should complete the sentence or answer the question posed. For most clues, there is a space provided for each word of the answer. If you find the correct location to visit, the answer will fit naturally on the answer sheet. You do not need to “make the answer fit” by trying to guess the meaning of the question/answer. Below is an example:

At Lake Hammonasset, _____ recreation permit is required to use this area. **The answer, Water Authority** fits in the spaces provided and answered the question perfectly. You may find answers that could be correct but do not fit in the spaces. Those answers are **not** correct. If you visit the right location and find the right sign/marker/information, the answer will fit. However, if there is **one long line** for the answer, the answer may not require specific wording. If there is a problem with a large number of contestants’ answers on a particular question, we will attempt to find a remedy that is fair to all. If you wish to discuss a question, please locate/contact Jon Lamkins or Kelli Lamkins, 2020 Rally Masters. (cell phone 860-620-4839)

10. Glossary: Terms used on the question and answer sheet

Along: Usually used in conjunction with a road designation (ex. Along State Route 5), answer is located on either side of referenced road, however, it may not be visible from the road.

In The Vicinity: Answer is located within a drivable radius (as determined by the rally organizers) from the referenced location

Near: Answer is located within a walkable radius (as determined by the rally organizers) from the referenced location

Off: Usually used in conjunction with a road designation (ex. Off State Route 4), to get to the answer you will need to take a road, path, walkway, or trail not drawn on the map which intersects with referenced road designation

2024 COVID-19 General Instructions Addendum

While the threat from COVID-19 is lessening, it is still around. Every attempt will be made to minimize the risks of exposure to the virus.

Ultimately, it is your responsibility to assess the risk to you and to make the decision on whether to participate. If you are feeling unwell or are experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath please stay home. If you have been in contact with someone who has been experiencing these symptoms in the last two weeks, please stay home.

While on site please take the health and safety of your fellow participants, volunteers and staff into consideration and practice social distancing, wear a mask, and wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.

Connecticut Guidelines: <https://portal.ct.gov/dph/communications/health-topics/covid-19-2023-update---ending-of-the-public-health-emergency>

One last thing

You may be disqualified for:

- A. **Obtaining an answer to a question without going to the site.**
- B. **Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as backing up, to reduce mileage. This is an individual team/car contest; the sharing of information between cars and/or following each other is considered unsportsmanlike.**
- C. **In-motion traffic violations.**
- D. **Using alcoholic beverages during the rally.**
- E. **Using GPS, electronic maps, navigation software, computers, Smartphones or similar devices to determine the shortest distance between locations and/or question answers.**

Above all else:

Please enjoy yourselves and the sights of Connecticut!

Hurdle 2024 GTA Directions to Start

Directions to the Start (Southington Drive In, 935 Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike, Southington, CT)
Meriden-Waterbury Turnpike is also known as Route 322. It can be accessed via Exit 4 off Route 691 or Exit 28 of Route 84. (It is closer to 691 than to 84).

Directions to the Finish: Athena Diner II, 864 Washington St, Middletown, CT. Washington Street is also State Route 66. The diner is located along State Route 66 between State Route 217 and State Route 3