

Rally Follow Up

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Rallymaster

Fifteen teams entered the Emerald Empire Rally held on May 21st. The event started at the Sizzler in Springfield and the odometer calibration transit took teams to Hendrick's Bridge County Park. The first timed section headed East on Deerhorn and then back West on 126 to Waterville where the route turn on Camp Creek Road. The route then followed Camp creek across Marcola Road becoming Hill Road. Teams proceeded thru the community of Mohawk and cross Marcola road again following Sunderman Rd. A quick hop on Marcola road to Old Mohawk road and a jog onto McKenzie View Drive lead teams into a break in Coburg. Heading North out of Coburg on N Coburg Rd led to some twists and turns, a bridge over the freeway, and nice drive up Gap Rd to Brownsville. Teams then headed East out of Brownsville to Hwy 228 where they headed East and then South on Courtney Creek Drive. This led to Timber Road which diminished to a single lane paved route up and over some hills eventually passing the shot gun creek recreation area and reaching Marcola Road. A few departures off Marcola road, including one with a covered bridge eventually brought folks back into Springfield to Round Table pizza.

All fifteen teams finished the event. First place overall running in the Limited class and cranking a Curta mechanical calculator was Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolyansky with 26 seconds of error. Second overall with a "so close it hurts" score of 27 seconds or error was Larry Lefebvre and Bill Colish also running in Limited and cracking a Curta. Third overall and First in SOP (seat of the pants) class was John Montgomery and Steven Brantley with 102 second of error. First in Novice and Fourth overall went to Brad Moffett and Dainelle Kober with 201 second of error.

Teams appear to enjoy the event and the weather cooperated providing a warm sunny day which enhanced the views along the route.