SI: One ringy dingy... two ringy dingy... A gracious hello and welcome to this evening’s coursemarker gimmick rallye. Please fill out the top section of the page titled “Score Sheet”. Please take your time and read carefully. There are no gimmicks on capitalization anywhere. There are no gimmicks on spelling, spacing, punctuation, or pluralization in the GIs. End SI.

DEFINITIONS – Other terms take on their standard dictionary meanings.

AT – as close as possible, within 100 feet
COMPLETE – execute or delete
CRI – Continue or begin working on the RI indicated and delete all lower numbered RIs, if any
CS – Continue Straight
DELETE – render non-existent
DM – Delete the most recently executed Memo.
DRI – Delete the RI in effect
EXECUTE – physically do
INTERSECTION – a location where two or more roads meet, where you can proceed in more than one direction not counting a U
L – turn to the Left
NUMBER – one or more digits, set off by spaces or punctuation
ON – physically On the road
OPP – an Opportunity to turn in the direction indicated
R – turn to the Right
REDIAL – Bring the most recently executed RI back into effect. If the most recently executed RI is already in effect, then do nothing.
T – an intersection shaped like the capital letter T approached up the stem
TURN – change your direction of travel between 30 and 150 degrees at an intersection
U – reverse your direction of travel
WORD – one or more letters, set off by spaces or punctuation

INSTRUCTIONS – When two or more instructions or instruction parts of different priority conflict or coincide, do the one of higher priority first. When two or more instructions or instruction parts of equal priority conflict or coincide, do the one higher on the page first.

THE TYPES OF INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

1. CVC (California Vehicle Code): Obey the law and drive safely.
2. Rallyemaster and Rallye Personnel: Do what they ask of you.
3. SIs (Special Instructions): Just do them. There are no gimmicks in SIs. Do not work on any other instructions while executing SIs. SIs found on the RI pages come into effect and go out of effect as indicated by the SI.
4. GIs (General Instructions): The ground rules of the rallye. You are reading them now.
5. Memos: Instructions labeled "Memo" which can appear anywhere. Memos come into effect when received and remain in effect until deleted.
6. Notes: Instructions labeled "Note" on the RI page. Notes come into effect upon the completion of the immediately preceding instruction on the RI page, and are deleted upon execution.
7. Stars (Star Instructions): Numbered instructions labeled "Star" on the Star/SI page. Stars and SIs on the Star/SI page come into effect as described under CMs, and go out of effect when executed.
8. RIs (Route Instructions): Numbered instructions on the RI page. RIs come into effect upon the completion of the numerically preceding RI unless instructed otherwise. RIs go out of effect upon execution.
9. L at otherwise uninstructed Ts.
10. Go as straight as possible.
11. Reverse your direction of travel.
ROUTE – All roads used will be paved and public. Driveways exist only at the start and finish. When instructed to U, make the U at a safe and legal place but consider it made where instructed. SI: The divided driveway for the Pine Forest Apts is a private drive. End SI.

SIGNs – Only government- and rallye-erected signs are valid for this rallye. Papers received from rallye personnel are not signs. Do not look behind you to see any signs. Do not split words. Memos, Notes, or RI’s using “AT” can be executed only where a word that follows “AT” in the instruction can be found on a sign. Instructions using “AT” are not invalidated by the presence of additional words, numbers, or symbols on the sign. The words Street, Way, Court, Avenue, Road, Drive, and their abbreviations do not exist on signs. SI: Check street signs carefully, because some are backlit by street lights, and are therefore hard to read after dark. End SI.

ERNESTINE THE OPERATOR – Ernestine dislikes letters that cannot be found on her telephone dial (shown to the right). Therefore, letters that are not found on Ernestine’s telephone dial do not exist on signs. Words are neither split nor joined by such non-existent letters. For example, deleting the letter Q from “SEQUOIA” would leave the single word “SEIOA” rather than the two words “SE UOIA”. Likewise, deleting the letter Z from “THE ZOO” would leave the two words “THE OO” rather than the single word “THEOO”.

CMs (Call Markers) – CMs are rallye-erected signs with one or two letters, a number, and reflective tape. The CM at the start is valid. When you encounter a valid CM, record the CM by writing its number in the correspondingly lettered space on your score sheet. After you record a CM, delete any uncompleted Star parts in effect, then bring into effect any Star or SI on the Star/SI page that corresponds to the number now appearing in the space on your score sheet. Star parts are lettered, and any Star parts in effect are to be completed in alphabetical order. Stars go out of effect when executed.

CALL FORWARDING – Ernestine sometimes forwards her calls to you. After recording the number 27 on your score sheet, bring Star 72 into effect.

CPs (Checkpoints) – CPs will be on the right and will be identified by a rallye-erected sign similar to the “/.” sign at the start. There is no CP at the start. Stop and enter any checkpoints by handing the CP personnel your score sheet and saying “Have I reached the party to whom I am speaking?” Be sure to follow any instructions and to question any answers you receive from the CP personnel. The CP location on Barbara Avenue will be open from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

TBs (Tiebreakers) – Before turning in your score sheet, answer the tiebreakers. TB 2 is to guess how many CMs were posted for this rallye. TB 3 is to guess how far from perfect your score will be, at 10 points per gimmick. TB 4 is to pick a color.

MISCELLANY – During the rallye, you can reach the rallyemaster via cell phone. The number will be posted at the start. At 6:00 PM there will be a short rallye school, during which we will give away a couple of gimmicks. The finish is located at The Boardwalk, 4940 El Camino Real, Los Altos (650)964-7500. The finish opens at 9:00 PM and closes at 10:00 PM. Late score sheets will be penalized 10 points per minute late up to 10:15 PM, at which time they will no longer be accepted. If you disagree with the gimmicks as explained in the critique, you can file a protest after discussing the problem with the rallyemaster. Memo Notre: L at Dame. All protests must be turned in by 10:15 PM, must be printed, and must include your car number, your class, the problem, and the desired resolution. Honored protests may affect an individual car, an entire class, or the entire rallye.

Good luck, and enjoy the rallye!

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