

## The October Cryptid Car Crawl (Monster Mash 2023) Official Results

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Awards were given for first and second place in any class where there were at least two teams. As usual, the perfect score is 1000. There were no official protests, but one unofficial one netted a few teams some extra points (described in the Notes section).

Some scores (in **bold**) were slightly adjusted after re-checking the scoresheets, and the first team to arrive got victimized by an unfortunate carry-the-one failure on my part and got quite a few more points than the scoreboard indicated. Fortunately for me, no winner results were impacted by score adjustments (phew).

Class/Place	Car	Driver	Navigator	Passengers	Score
First Timers					
	1 <sup>st</sup> 7	Lucas Dewey	Hillary Klein	Erica Moen, Evan Klein	890
	2 <sup>nd</sup> 8	Drew	Nicholas Goldewsky-Dill		870
	5	Josh Little	Jena Lee	Sophia Raptis	<b>790</b>
Beginner					
	1 <sup>st</sup> 11	Jeffrey	Therese Zabarsky		<b>760</b>
Novice					
	1 <sup>st</sup> 9	Rachel Congress	Ted Tanabe		870
Senior					
	1 <sup>st</sup> 3	Nick Duguid	Heather Mellows		<b>910</b>
Expert					
	1 <sup>st</sup> 4	Emil Rodolpha	Kit Rodolfa	Mary Jo Rodolfa	<b>950</b>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> 10	Brian Andersen	Michelle Jolly		<b>910</b>
	6	Ed Slintak			845
	2	Bob Hirsch			745
Master Expert					
	1 <sup>st</sup> 1	Dean Stanton			905

We had 11 teams this time around, not quite as many as the previous one, 'The Princess Bride', but I'm glad so many people showed up to give my novice Rallye a whirl. Thank you everyone who participated.

Welcome especially to the three First Timer teams – you should have gotten a coupon for your next Rallye on the house. If not, please contact me at [oct2023@therallyeclub.org](mailto:oct2023@therallyeclub.org), and we'll figure out how to get you one. We hope to see you again soon.

Writing a rallye is a *lot* of fun, albeit very time consuming as an enterprise. It's a lot easier than it looks but also a lot harder than it looks; it started off as a CourseMarker rallye from the 80s and evolved over several iterations into what you got to run this month. A lot has changed in 40 years, so some of the instructions needed adjustment due to things like a mall being built in the meantime, and certain roads getting a lot busier.

Big props to Dave, Cris, Ken, Jill, and Linus, for validating multiple versions of the Rallye and catching me multiple times when an adjustment broke something else along the way, and for making suggestions that made sense. I couldn't have done this without you.

I'm also greatly appreciative of Abby and Glen, who not only dressed as mad scientists for the occasion, did an amazing job of running the CP despite my last-minute briefing, but also didn't conduct any COVID tests when random passerby asked if that was what they were doing...

Thank you again to Eric and Dean for prepping multiple flavors of par plaques (lime, pistachio, and grape).

And finally, thanks to Kat, who patiently drove me around the course multiple times as we doubled back to check both A and B answers while I scribbled notes and verified visibility of street signs, and for stepping up to help score when I got overwhelmed by multiple teams showing up all at once.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the comment forms. The biggest takeaway was that quite a few people felt it ran a little long, but all teams made it in roughly on time, so I didn't penalize anyone for showing up a little after 4pm as there was a logjam when turning in scoresheets. (A few too many RIs got added to avoid large stretches of space between certain instructions, and Rallye School started a little late and ran a little long, so I took that into account.)

Notes:

- There was an errata in the critique: 50 had only one correct answer, but the associated (not-so-sneaky) scoresheet gimmick 'accepted' two possible answers. If you got 50 right, you got full credit for both. If you got 50 wrong, you didn't get credit for the switchout either. Only one team did this correctly.
- Full credit of 5 points was given for any monster that had an RI +/-1 for the listed monster in the Critique, as 'what RI were you currently working on' is subject to interpretation.
- Teams that got CP 2 may have been led to believe that there were no monsters in their car, and interpreted that as no longer having the Wizard, despite the Wizard's exit not being triggered; they were given credit for an 'early' TIM-impacted answer.
- Six teams declined to pick up ghostly hitchhikers, and only two of them delivered them to the finish line.
- Best comment overheard at the CP: "We're having fun so far, but Clara is stinky."
- Second best comment: "You should bring a stepladder and a set of pruning shears to clear trees out around signs." (Almost all of the cars managed to find the buried sign, fortunately).

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-Jeff Young, Rallyemaster