The Fairfield Fling

April 29, 1989, Westport, Connecticut Rallymasters: Clint Goss and Vera Shanov

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Details

Host club: Fairfield County Sports Car Club (FCSCC)

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Come to The Fling and explore 70 miles of scenic roads in Fairfield County, CT on April 29! This is a straightforward, TSD rally with less than 3 miles of good quality unpaved. The Fling is an excellent event for novices and beginners - there will be a novice school before the start and cars pre-registered in Novice class will receive a Rally Introduction by mail. All you need to run is a car, driver and navigator, watch with a second hand, and a clipboard.



Start/breakfast: Saturday, April 29, 1989

Fuddruckers, 1495 Post Rd East, Westport, CT I-95 Exit 18, then North to Post Rd (Rte 1). Right turn, then 1.2 miles to the start.

Finish/dinner: Tanglewoods Restaurant, Westport, CT

10:00 - 11:30 Registration
11:00 - 11:30 Novice School
12:01 First car starts
4:00 First car finishes (approx)
6:00 Awards at Tanglewood's (approx)

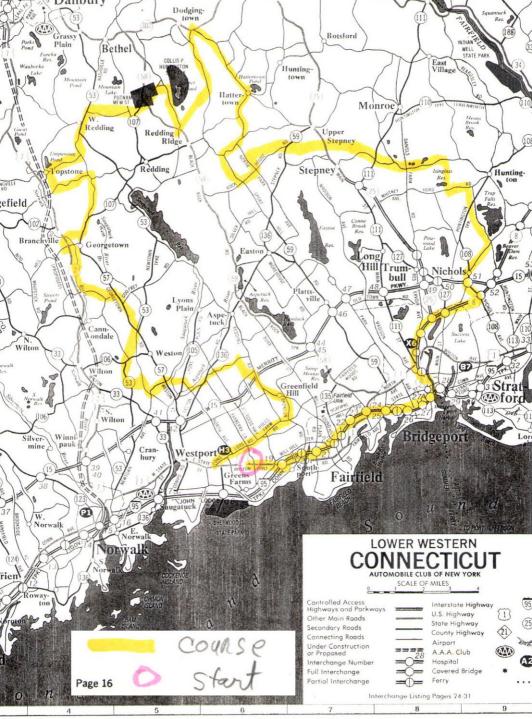
General Instructions (and Rally Intros) will be mailed on April 22 to all pre-registered as of that date. Please detach the form below and submit to the rallymaster:

Clint Goss 6 Fieldcrest Road Westport, CT 06880

(203) 222-8531

Make checks payable to: The Fairfield County Sports Car Club, Inc.

Driver: Navigator: Street: Street: City/State: City/State: Telephone: Telephone: Class: A ____ B ___ C ___ D (Novice) ___ Member: FCSCC: ____ SCCA: ____ Car Make/Model: Year: ____ License: ____ State: ____ FCSCC Member? Yes No \$12 Pre-Register by April 22 \$10 \$14 Register after April 22



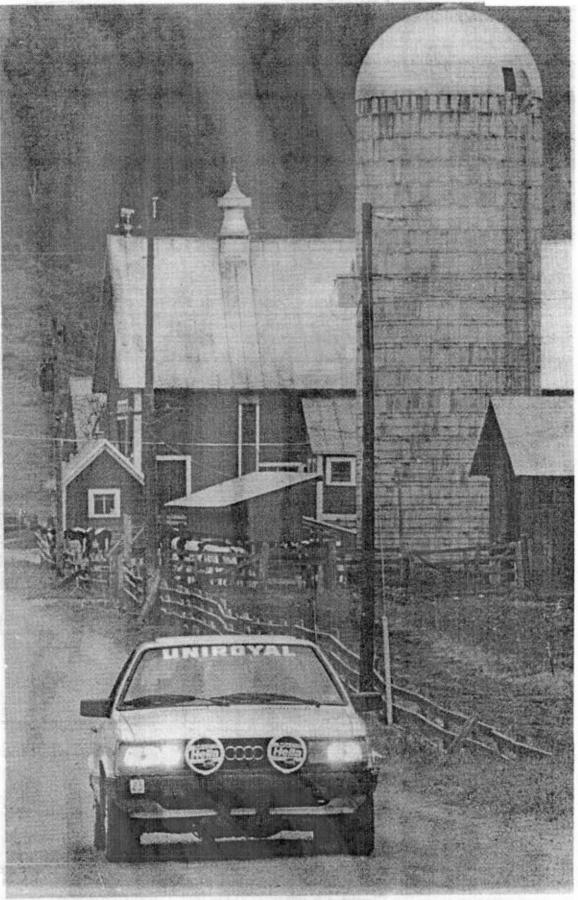
Sports car club to hold rally in Westport

The Fairfield County Sports Car Club (FCSCC) is holding "The Fairfield Fling" road rally on Saturday, April 29, beginning at Fuddrucker's, Post Road East, in Westport, and finishing at Tanglewood's, also on the Post Road in Westport.

In between, participants in The Fling will drive 70 miles of scenic roads in Fairfield County, in a straightforward, time-speed-distance road rally. The course will be driven on public roads at moderate, legal speeds. The

course is described by a set of written instructions which also indicate the speed at which to drive. Arrival time at certain, secret points along the course will be noted and score will be computed by comparing the actual time to the theoretically correct time. Cars compete in classes with others of similar experience.

A rally team consists of two people, a driver and a navigator. Children under 13 are allowed continued on page 39



A ROAD RALLY IS NOT A RACE! You don't need special equipment or a fancy car, just the desire to spend an afternoon touring the countryside. On Saturday, April 29, the Fairfield County Sports Car Club will be holding such a rally, beginning and ending in Westport.

Rally registration form

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Driver:	Navigator	:	
Street:	Street:	+	
City/State:	City/State	:	
Telephone:	Telephone	e:	
Class: A B C	D (Novice)	Member: FCSCC:	SCCA:
Car Make/Model:	Year:	License:	State
FCSCC Member? Yes No			

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in the car and there will be an award for the best finisher with such an added member.

\$12

\$14

\$10

The rally car can be almost any vehicle which is street-legal. A sports car is not necessary. This event has classes for cars with such accessories as variable odometers and computers designed for rallying. Beginning rallyists need not be so fancy, but should be equipped with a watch with a second hand or digital readout, a pocket calculator,

a clipboard, paper and assorted pens and highlighters.

Pre-Register by April 22

Register after April 22

The participants will be treated to a pleasant drive through Fair-field County (which will take approximately four hours), friendly people, the added spice of low-key competition, and dinner and awards at Tanglewood's.

A rally is not a race! Contestants are required to follow the course at a safe and legal speed. Early arrival at check points is penalized as much as late arrival, with compensation rules for delays. Moving violations or consumption of alcohol during the event are cause for disqualification.

To pre-register, send in the form with the entry fee. A detailed description of the rally will be mailed out the week before the event. Entrants in the novice class will receive "An Introduction to Road Rallying," a 10-page write-up on the sport. A novice school will be held before the start of the rally.

Registration will be held at Fuddruckers from 10-11:30 a.m., followed by a half-hour novice school. The first car starts at 12:01 p.m. and finishes at approximately 4 p.m. at Tanglewood's. Dinner and awards follow at 6 p.m.

_P	ace	Car :	# Driver	Navigator	1	2	_3_	4	_5_	6	7	8	Total
1	1A	14	Neil Kizner	Dave Hannum	1	1	5	1	0	1	1	1	11
2	2A	25	Bob Schlain	Ann Schlain	1	0	2	5	4	10	0	3	25
3	1B	4	M. B. Folsom	Barbara Ciesla	2	9	2	1	4	6	6	1	31
4	3A	0	Maryanne Rhodes	Paul Prezioso	8	0	0	4	3	7	23	4	49
5	4A	7	Phyllis Bower	Skip Bower	10	0	2	4	9	3	20	3	51
6	1C	3	David Lewis	Cindy Carson	2	15	71	24	44	2	80	13	251
7	1D	30	Scott Currie	Peter Jackson	8	74	109	12	65	3	32	17	320
8	2C	50	Herb Suessenbach	Pego Mack	1	6	94	38	113	0	9	65	326
9	2B	20	Paul Mliner	Seth Naylor	43	84	82	12	17	14	52	47	351
10	2D	51	Jim Carroll	Sandi Carroll	2	12	159	41	49	7	70	19	359
11	3C	43	Mark Ziburis	Linda Groman	21	64	109	14	1	107	18	71	405
12	3D	15	Barbara Szabo	Alan M. Szabo	74	40	99	34	47	31	60	52	437
13	4D	34	Alex Fricke	Lisa Overton	3	22	186	46	89	35	45	24	450
14	5D	48	Keith J. Scala	Jim Hodge	49	28	44	89	39	79	74	53	455
15	6D	2	Steve Miller	Peter Kilbourne	10	21	9	12	98	300	2	9	461
16	3B	32	Paul Fredricks	Bob Goeller	12	78	121	38	16	22	85	174	546
17	4B	52	Bob Walker	Steven Gottschalk	58	6	11	62	150	42	39	192	560
18	4C	1	Fred Mahler	Carla Mahler	6	3	107	52	87	83	59	249	646
19	5C	41	Ed Rhodes	Scott DePalma	12	29	196	100	179	18	145	1	680
20	7D	49	James Nam	Oliver Young	274	76	215	42	3	65	54	3	732
21	6C	53	Paul Omichinski	Debbie Omichinski	300	103	66	100	19	9	99	51	747
22	8D	28	Susan Tackman	Lisa Mottola	97	20	100	60	31	57	104	300	769
23	9D	5	Mike Kim	Marcos Pilozo	41	103	90	259	2	2	0	300	797
24	10D	40	Lisa Wright	Michael Brown	58	57	300	51	207	26	124	24	847
25	7C	11	Nancy Smalter	Greg Smalter	299	40	45	85	49	28	17	300	863
26	11D	27	Alan Witt	T. J. Dvorchek	242	22	111	100	98	1	96	199	869
27	12D	13	Gene Ritacco	Jackie Ritacco	14	48	172	56	105	90	95	300	880
28	13D	10	Tod Bryant	Marija Bryant	186	103	300	70	25	110	173	44	1011
29	14D	16	Ken Wilkens	Angela Richter	60	117	300	111	70	106	102	149	1015
30	8C	56	Jerry Dembiczak	Jerry Dembiczak	72	72	67	171	78	8	267	300	1035
31	15D	29	Brenda Fulton	Harold Peck	143	56	158	49	278	66	3	300	1053
32	16D	47	Georgiana Glasow	Daniel Glasow	155	36	300	11	191	271	3	149	1116
33	17 D	35	Jerry Silverman	Neil Silverman	64	133	175	119	72	29	250	300	1142
34	18D	23	Peter Geike	Marcia Geike	300	267	300	181	45	31	20	19	1163
35	19 D	19	Jerry Froschauer	Linda Froschauer	19	300	193	108	95	56	97	300	1168
36	20D	26	Jack Edwards	Maria Ladra	300	300	198	70	177	52	34	51	1182
37	9C	54	Rudy Streng	Joan Streng	55	233	190	27	114	115	300	149	1183
38	21 D	33	Elaine Costeines	Christopher Costeines	142	23	164	142	246	290	44	149	1200
39	22D	6	Bobby Kellner	Mike Miller	12	163	300	137	232	173	299	51	1367
40	23D	17	Tim Confessore	Michele Confessore	300	22	289	300	192	199	60	17	1379
41	24D	24	Robert Zenhigh	Janet Stevens	2	221	74	300	41	300	300	151	1389
42	25D	36	Vince Dattalo	Mike Blake	130	77	49	300	82	186	300	300	1424
43	26D	8	Jack Perkuhn	Alfred Richter	300	137	247	276	106	177	119	106	1468
44	27D	46	Frances Siegler	Paula Douglas	105	78	273	300	144	300	300	49	1549
45	28D	18	Brian Twomey	Theresia Twomey	300	189	158	300	300	296	19	49	1611
46	29D	39	Jay Anderson	James Denuil	206	300	129	213	136	300	300	117	1701
47	30 D	42	Michael Jeremiah	Robert Jeremiah	300	272	300	300	300	300	16	300	2088
48	31D		Greg Early	Gerald Early	300	300	81	300	242	300	300	300	2123
49	32D	38	James K. Millberry	Donald R. Millberry	197	300	300	296	300	173	300	300	2166

Fairfield County Sports Car Club 32 Hill Street New Canaan, CT 06840

March 30, 1989

Chief of Police 50 Jesup Road Westport, CT 06880

Dear Sir,

On Saturday, April 29, 1989, the Fairfield County Sports Car Club, Inc. will run an automobile Road Rally - The Fairfield Fling. This event will begin and end in Westport, CT and will travel through Fairfield, Bridgeport, Shelton, Trumbull, Easton, Redding, Weston, and Wilton. Approximately 25 cars will leave Westport at one minute intervals, beginning at Noon. Please refer to the enclosed flier for details on the schedule and other information.

The cars will drive at legal and safe assigned speeds over secondary roads in these areas. At intervals on the route, checkpoints will be set up in safe locations on lightly travelled roads. The checkpoints consist of a vehicle parked well off the side of the road (so as not to impede traffic) and will be identified by an orange and white sign with " \checkmark " painted on it. The purpose of these checkpoints is to time contestants to insure that they are, in fact, driving at the assigned speeds.

A rally is not a race. It is a precision driving tour. Penalties are assessed for driving too fast as well as too slowly. Contestants are aware that the penalty for use of alcoholic beverages, or for the commission of any moving violation during the event is disqualification.

Participants are expected (and required) to conduct themselves in an orderly fashion at all times. However, the mere presence of 25 cars over the space of an hour, on a road which, under normal circumstances, would not see that many in a day may elicit inquiries from local inhabitants. Therefore, the local Chiefs-of-Police in the above communities have been advised of this event and have been supplied with full information. This is not a request for assistance; we are informing you in advance to avert any confusion.

Should you require any further information about the event, please call me at (203) 222-8531.

Sincerely,

Clint Goss - Rallymaster

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Fairfield County Sports Car Club

Clint Goss, rallymaster

Westport, Ct. April 29--It's no secret that rally clubs in the METRO area have been disappearing rapidly over the last decade and others still around have drastically reduced their rally program. That's why today's rally was a cause for celebration. The Connecticut Classic, a tough, usually all-night rally last ran over five years ago. Since then FCSCC has been totally autocross oriented, producing national championship caliber members. Rallying seemed to be a dead sport in this corner of the Nutmeg State.

Clint Goss has now decided to change that, but he was faced with a couple of challenges. Where would he get the workers to man the checkpoints? Unlike a solo event the contestants can't work the corners between their runs, checkpoint workers have to sit in their cars, sometimes for hours, while the rallyists come by. They have to time them in accurately, no easy feat when a "train" of novice cars drive in bumper-to-bumper. They have to match the correct time in with the correct car number, write the timing information on the correct contestant's scorecard and give each team an out-time from the control making sure that no two cars leave at the same time. Oh yes, they have to be able to do all of these things simultaneously.

The second challenge facing Clint was how to make the rally interesting. Fairfield County has two basic speed limits. Real Slow and Dead Stop. Most of the roads which are rally viable are posted at 25mph with a few posted at the dizzying speed of 30mph. How could you make a rally interesting at these speeds?

Well the rallymaster faced these challenges and overcame them. Workers? No problem, just ask some friends to drive two to four hours just to get to the rally so they could work it for you. Credit here, and a lot of admiration, goes to the rallyists of the New England Region – S.C.C.A. who came from eastern Connecticut and Massachusetts as well as New Hampshire to make this rally a success.

Low speed limits? No problem, just find tight twisty roads with lots of ups and downs that would keep the drivers on their toes. EASY?? Just remember that southern Fairfield County may be one of the most densely populated areas of the eastern seaboard megalopolis.

I don't know how he did it but the roads Clint used were spectacular, uphills with tight hairpins, steep downhills that twisted and turned, narrow sinuous dirt trails, all excellent roads with very little local traffic to interfere with the rallyists.

Welcome rallymaster Clint Goss. Welcome back Fairfield County Sports Car Club. --Neil Kizner

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To enter the Series as a contestant, send \$5 (check payable to METRO Conference) to Ed Harris, Treasurer, 14 Cambridge Rd., Glen Ridge, N.J. 07028. Include your name, address, and a note telling him what it's for. You can enter the Series at any time, retroactive one event. Work requirement is one event.





MIKE BLAKE prepares for the road rally.

Fairfield Fling Road Rally competition held

On Saturday, April 29, the Fairfield County Sports Car Club sponsored The Fairfield Fling, a 70 mile Road Rally. The event began at Fuddruck-



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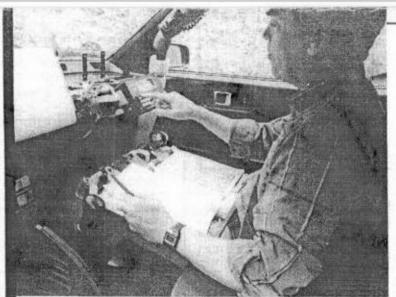
ers restaurant and ended at Tanglewoods restaurant in Westport. Fifty-six teams, each consisting of a driver and a navigator, competed in this precision driving tour which took them down some of the more scenic roads in Fairfield County.

The course was described by a set of instructions given out at the start. Driving speeds were also assigned in the instructions. Teams attempted to follow the course and stay exactly at the given speeds. Their progress was measured at eight secret checkpoints throughout the course. Each team was timed-in and given penalty points for being early or late.

Teams competed in four classes, based on their experience and the equipment they used.

First in the computer class, with a total error of less than seven seconds, were Neil Kizner, of Pelham Manor, NY, and Dave Hannum of Ridgefield. They were followed closely by last year's National Rally Champions, Bob and Ann Schlain, who had their young daughter Erica on board.

Class B, which allows only a precision odometer and speedometer, was won by Mary Beth Folsom of Marlborough and Barbara Ciesla of Webster, MA, both experienced rallyists but running together for the first time. They accumulated less than 19 seconds of error on the course.



BOB SCHLAIN checks the computer in his vehicle,

The Seat-of-the-Pants class allows no precision equipment and no odometer. This was won by Dave Lewis of Lowell, MA and Cindy Carson of Westport. Of special note were Rudy and Joan Steng of West Redding who ran in a 1967 Austin Healey without an odometer or speedometer.

Novice class had 32 competitors, many of whom were first time rallyists. Top honors went to Scott Currie of Danbury and Peter Jackson of Ridgefield with just over three minutes of total error. They were followed closely by Jim and Sandi Carroll of Oxford and Barbara and Alan Szabo of Milford

In addition to top placement awards, a trophy was given out for the best married couple, Maryann Rhodes and Paul Presioso of Orange who took third in the computer class. The infamous DLBF (dead-lastbut-finished) trophy went to Donald Millberry of Westport. The course was laid out by rallymasters Clint Goss and Vera Shanov of Westport. Upcoming events include Rallies in Torrington in July and Danbury on October 7. For more information on Road Rallies, call Clint or Vera at 222-8531 or come to a meeting of the Fairfield County Sports Car Club. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month, 8 p.m., at the Fairfield Howard Johnson's on the Post Road.



A ROAD RALLY IS NOT a race for speed, but entails driving within specific limits and finishing close to the projected time.