JCNA Rally Committee Report - 2008   March 17, 2008
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17 total rallies were sanctioned in 2007, and 15 were scored in 2007   13 rallies held, and 9 total rallies were scored in 2006.

Scoring system on the website has been updated to incorporate changes enacted up through the 2006 AGM. The change to make Drivers and Navigators score separately has not been incorporated, and Pascal has indicated that it will be worked after the AGM in case any further changes are voted in.

Rallymaster training was offered at the Houston AGM on March 24, 2007. Attendance was less than hoped, and consisted mostly of clubs that had experience doing rallies who wanted to share their experiences, ideas, and amusing stories relating to rallies. Follow-up email sent the training material to everyone who signed in.   There is a palpable lack of desire to put on, or run in, rallies as they are perceived as a lot of work. There has not been a Monte Carlo rally scored for 2007, but one has been held by JCOF in 2008

The issue of minimum cars and interpretations of the rules relative to the five car minimum that has was established prior to the 2005 reorganization of the Rally Program Manual. The rules said 'five cars' and not 'five Jaguars', however a rule change that is being proposed will make it essentially 5 Jaguars. The separate Driver and Navigator scoring will make it more complicated, and the proposed rule change is that a minimum of 5 Drivers in Jaguar engine powered vehicles will be required to score JCNA points, and likewise for Navigators.

Novice program is still not being utilized to any significant degree, and it has been proposed to change it to a Rookie of the Year type award for the person with the most rally points in their first year of competition. Bickering over novice qualifications would be reduced. Only 5 rallies had one or more novice scores entered.

Changes proposed by one member, and minor editorial changes are being proposed to the Rally Program Manual at the 2008 AGM. Relocating a significant part of Chapters 1 to chapters specific to TSD or Monte Carlo rallies has been included. The biggest changes are the above five entrant minimum, clarification of types of TSD checkpoints, relative to unannounced checkpoints.

Respectfully submitted,
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