

2010 Jukebox Roadkill Rally Revival Is A Hit

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On July 31, 35 cars met at Cascade Mazda for the revival of the Roadkill Rally. More than half of the participants had never rallied before so they weren't really sure what was in store for them. (Incidentally, the planners had never planned a rally before so we weren't sure what we were in store for either!)

Coffee, donuts and bagels were generously provided by Cascade and people munched while bright green T-shirts and goodie bags were passed out, photos were taken and finally the clues were distributed. Seven groups of 4 cars and two groups of 3 cars set out to take pictures of their group, wearing the loveliest shade of green; acting out song-related clues, and, of course, finding the most gory roadkill.

The weather held out although one group actually managed a picture of real raindrops (the rest settled for umbrellas and 'rain' from a garden hose or water bottle).

Ralliers had about seven hours to take pictures, get the pictures printed and arrange them in an album with embellishments and explanations. Once the albums were turned into the judges, dinner was served.

While waiting for the judges to decide on the winners, we had some fun and killed some time learning who keeps a picture of his wife in his wallet (Denny Heim), who wears striped boxers (our president was sporting a jazzy pair with surf boards), and which woman could remove her bra without taking off her shirt (we'll leave it to you to figure out for yourself which outgoing former president won that prize.....).

After careful calculation, the judges made their decisions: Third place went to Dave & Pat McCuen, Art & Maureen Davis, and Marcello and Peggy Codispoti.

Second place went to Jim & Joyce Simmelink, Janis & Tom Williams, Bob Haseley, and Mike Wendolowski & Jenny Sanchez. First place went to Bill & Ruth Drew, Bob & Betty Belding, Gil & Cheryl Miller and Denny & Julie Heim. Best Roadkill went to Scott & Mary Miller, Joe & Sandy Wilick, Jim & Susie Krysiak and Philip Daly & Patty Carlin.

Team One came in fourth place with Bob & Jan Stefancic, Jim & Pam Neusser, Marc & Robin Millis and Donald & Patricia Hoag. Fifth place was Team Eight featuring Mike & Linda DePietro, Tom DePietro and his girlfriend Liz, Donna Kasunic and Rachel Baker and Tom & Sandee LeMasters.

Sixth place went to Team Two comprised of Bill & Rancie Titley, Rich & Lilas Velardo, Charles & Marelene Rodgers, and Christine Wallis & Joseph Pope.

Seventh place went to Team Five with Tim Graham, Susan Gurbach & Daley Moy, Stephen & Ellen Laitinen, and Roger Davies & Carolyn Casterline.

The team bringing up the rear was Team 6 with Brad Neikirk & Ed Theiss, Kim Swisher & Margaret Swisher, Charlie & Stephanie Epes, and Gerald & Nancy Neikirk.

We had as much fun planning the event as ralliers had participating but all of the planning would have come to nothing without the teamwork, creativity and competitive spirit shown by all who participated. Thank you all for being such good sports! Thanks to all who helped clean up – we never saw a room full of tables and chairs transformed into an empty room so quickly (to that clean-up crew, you are all invited to Thanksgiving dinner at the Kramer's provided you stay to clean up).

And thanks to all of the RKR veterans who showed the RKR virgins on their team the ropes. Special thanks to Jim & Joyce Simmelink and Dave & Pat McCuen who were both the sole veteran couple on their respective teams – and still managed to win trophies!

Thank you to Cascade for providing a place to launch the rally, food to fuel the ralliers and prizes. Thank you also to Fred Vincent Mazda for their cash donation and to Bass Mazda & Rockne's for prizes. We'll be evaluating what went well and what could be improved in order to bring you an even better Rally in 2011.