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Details of the Traps

Leg 1 – From instruction # 1 to instruction # 4

Official mileage: 7.49

Photo Clue A: The special photo instruction stated L onto "DRAKESTOWN RD". Although you did see the sign in Photo Clue A, anything in the route instructions that appears in capitals and is enclosed in quotation marks is a direct reference to a sign. As you can not turn onto a sign, you should have continued straight on Naughright Road. If you turned onto Drakestown Road, then you turned R onto Fairview Ave at a different point and continued to the checkpoint.

Penalty: 55 mileage points.

Leg 2 – From instruction # 5 to instruction # 12

- Official mileage: 7.43
- Instruction # 8: The rallye is on through, paved, public roads. Roads other than these do not exist unless the factor that makes them nonexistent is specifically overridden in the route instructions. In instruction # 8, you turned right on Pickle Road, which eventually becomes **unpaved**. You were not directed onto Pickle Road by name. You then continued on Pickle Road where you came to an intersection where the road on the right Van Pelt Road is **paved**. As Van Pelt Road is paved, this is a forced right turn. If you stayed straight on the unpaved Pickle Road, you would have encountered the off-course Passage Control which was visible from the intersection. Everyone eventually makes a L onto Route 512 East.

Penalty: 30 mileage points, plus stopping at an off-course Passage Control (200 points).

Leg 3 – From instruction # 13 to instruction # 16

Official mileage: 4.32

Instruction # 13 This instruction asked you to **BR on to Route 512 East**, not **onto** (note: two words vs. one word). Since you were not directed **onto** Route 512 East, which is the second route following priority, you would need to follow the third route following priority, which is straight as possible. At the intersection, you should not have turned left to stay on Route 512, but gone straight on Black River Road. You would have then seen SOL Photo Clue B, made a L FOPP, then a R at STOP to get back on Route 512 East.

Penalty: 65 mileage points

Leg 4 – From instruction # 17 to instruction # 24

Official mileage: 8.61

This is the official odometer leg. There were no "planned" traps in this leg.

Leg 5 – From instruction # 25 to instruction # 29

- Official mileage: 4.02
- Instruction # 26: You were looking for *both* the scene in **SOL Photo Clue C** and the sign, as it was in quotes, in instruction # 26, **R at "BERNARDSVILLE RD."** You came upon the Bernardsville Road / Bliss Road signpost before you would have seen Photo Clue C, but as the signpost is a continuous surface used to convey information per the general instructions, you should not have made a right turn, as the clue did not say **RIP "BERNARDSVILLE RD."** You should have stayed straight on Bernardsville Road (which later becomes Mendham Road) until you saw the SOL mailboxes to stay on-course.

Penalty: 35 mileage points.

Leg 6 - From instruction # 30 to instruction # 36

- Official mileage: 0.99
- Instruction # 30: This instruction had you looking for an **SOL RIP "TURNBULL"** sign, which was on the left along with a number of other road signs at Chapin Road. As the road ahead is a dead end, and the driveway on the right is private, this is actually a forced left. You should not have considered this an intersection,

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because according to the generals, the rallye course is on through, paved, public roads and roads other than these do not exist. Therefore, according to the first route-following priority, you can only perform an action when you have two or more valid directions of travel at an intersection. As this is not an intersection, you should have continued looking for instruction # 30, which was a little further down the road. You would have then gone L on Dryden Road and encountered the scene in HTS Photo Clue D.

Penalty: 425 mileage points.

Leg 7 – From instruction # 37 to instruction # 44

- Official mileage: 8.14
- Instruction # 38: You were looking to make a left at the third **RIP** "**MOUNTAIN TOP**", keeping in mind that you were told that street signs may be SOL or on the right. The first sign that you encountered had MOUNTAINTOP as **one word**, not **two**. If you incorrectly counted this, then you would have made a L onto Boulderwood Road and saw the scene in Photo Clue E, then made a L at STOP to get back on course. If you realized that the first sign was not valid, then you would have gone past Boulderwood Road and then made a L on Roebling Road where the third MOUNTAIN TOP (two words) sign was on the right.

Penalty: 35 mileage points.

Photo Clue F: This was not a trap. We felt it was a nice water feature at this home. However, by making it a photo clue, it probably caused some to consider that it was a trap, so for some perhaps, that was "the trap."

Leg 8 – From instruction # 45 to instruction # 53

- Official mileage: 5.53
- Photo Clue G: You were looking for *both* the object in **SOL Photo Clue G** and to make a **R at STOP**. The sign in Photo Clue G was on a mailbox post, and per today's instructions, there were no valid route following clues on mailboxes or their supports. You should have not made the L on Hardscrabble Road, but instead made a R (on Hardscrabble Road) and continued until everyone rejoined on Corey Ln.

Penalty: 165 mileage points.

Leg 9 – From instruction # 54 to instruction # 59

Official mileage: 5.84

This leg was simply to get everyone heading towards the finish. There were no "planned" traps in this leg.

Leg 10 – From instruction # 60 to instruction # 65

- Official mileage: 10.74
- Instruction # 62: You were looking for *both* the scene in **SOL Photo Clue H** and were also **onto** Route 512 West as per Instruction # 62. Based on the second route following priority, once directed **onto** a road by name or number, the signs indicating that road may be found on the right, left or in front. When you encountered the intersection of Black River Road and Route 512, the only street sign at the intersection is for Black River Road. There are no visible signs for Route 512 West, therefore you must go straight as possible based on the third route following priority. All you know is that Black River Road is straighter than your alternative. You should have gone straight onto Black River Road, where you would have encountered the scene in Photo Clue H, then an on-course Passage Control, then L at triangle, then L at STOP, then made a R at RIP "FAIRMOUNT" (a street sign) to go onto Route 517. If you stayed on what you thought was Route 512 West (which it was), you would have made a R at RIP "FAIRMOUNT" (a sign for the farm market) onto Route 517.

Penalty: 10 mileage points, plus missing an on-course Passage Control (200 points).

TOTAL OFFICIAL MILEAGE: 63.11 miles

Please remember you were only competing against teams within your own "Class," and the "honor" of being 1st Overall. So, if everyone in your "Class" fell for the same trap, it would not affect your "Class" standings. We used different traps throughout the rallye, to test everyone's skills. The real winners of today's event are the recipients of the toys that were donated for the USMC "TOYS FOR TOTS" program. We hope you enjoyed the event and look forward to seeing you next December! Thank you!