

Scenic Road Rallies LLC

Specializing in designing and conducting rural road rallies for the automobile enthusiast since 1979.

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THE RALLY NEWSLETTER

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STATISTICS FROM 2007

2007 was another record breaker for Scenic Road Rallies with a total of 412 teams competing throughout the year compared with 383 teams in 2006. The teams came from 18 states and Canada driving vehicles built from 1956 thru 2008 in the rural road rallies. Below is a breakdown on the number and types of vehicles used during the 2007 road rally season.

111 Jeep	8 Sunbeam	2 Lexus
56 Chevrolet	6 Honda	2 Mazda
28 Porsche	5 AMC	2 Nissan
25 Chrysler	5 Buick	2 Rambler
23 Ford	5 Mitsubishi	1 Audi
22 Subaru	5 Saturn	1 Kia
17 Toyota	4 Jaguar	1 Land Rover
13 Dodge	4 VW	1 Lincoln
13 Mini Cooper	3 Mercury	1 Mercedes
12 GMC	3 Oldsmobile	1 MG
12 Pontiac	3 Saab	1 Plymouth
11 BMW	2 Hummer	1 Suzuki



CINCINNATI AUTO EXPO

The Cincinnati Auto Expo held at the Duke Energy Convention Center from February 21-24 is a new car auto show featuring over 150 new cars from 35 makes not including some very interesting prototypes. This was our 3rd year at the show promoting the road rallies and it proved to be busier than usual. On the first night of the show, local TV station Channel 9, ran a live 1 hour segment on the event including a 5 minute video of Steve Norris (The local meteorologist.) test driving three 4 X 4 vehicles on our "Return to Devil's Staircase" road course. The video, shot 2 weeks prior to the show and shortly after heavy downpours, made for some pretty exciting footage! At one point Steve is driving a Toyota FJ Cruiser into a stream about 2 feet deep. The water actually comes over the hood as Steve hits mid-stream.

Anyway, with Channel 9 giving us recognition for helping out with their video, we were very busy at the Auto Show this year. For everyone who stopped by to say "Hello" we appreciate your support.



UPCOMING RALLIES FOR 2008

Below is a list of rallies scheduled in the near future. Some of the rallies are vehicle specific while others are open to anyone with a street legal vehicle. For details on all of our rallies, please go to our website at www.scenicroadrallies.com and click on "Upcoming Rallies." Feel free to give us a call at 812-623-5727 if you have any questions.

3/9/08-3/11/08 [The Iron Furnace Road Rally](#) Sponsored by [Greenbo Lake & Carter Caves State Parks](#) of Kentucky, this very interesting course includes **2 beautiful covered bridges**; a tour of the amazing [Greenup Locks & Dam](#); a tour of the **Grayson Lake Dam Control Tower**; 5 historic iron furnaces; **6 steel truss bridges**; see a huge boulder that was dislodged from a nearby cliff by an earthquake years ago and see one of many **train tunnels** used in the early 20th century in eastern Kentucky. A great road tour for history buffs! **Still room available for last minute entries.**

3/15/08 [The Northwest Passage 4 X 4 Road Rally](#) This is our 3rd year for the Northwest Passage 4 X 4 Road Rally with only 10 slots remaining! The course is located in southeastern Indiana with **6 stream crossings up to 18" deep**. The best part of the course is a road know locally as "**Angela's Revenge**" which has to be the roughest county road in Indiana! During the day you'll have the chance to stop at a small country restaurant that will take you back to the 1920's! **Open to ALL four wheel drive vehicles.** Only 10 slots remaining as of March 1st!

3/28/08-3/30/08 [The Rockhouse Bottom Road Rally](#) Sponsored by [Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park](#) in south central Kentucky, this is the only overnight road rally for 2008 held totally on a weekend. This great course includes **crossing a river by ferry boat**; 3 historic churches built between 1804 and 1866; a **general store** in business since the 1920's; a chance to feed Trout 3 feet long at a **State Fish Hatchery** and of course a visit to the **Rockhouse**. Once again, we'll be going into areas very few people know about, so bring your cameras!

4/13/08-4/15/08 [The Eagle Hollow Road Rally](#) Sponsored by [Clifty Falls State Park](#) in **Southeastern Indiana**, this road course includes a tour of one of the most **famous Mansions in southern Indiana**; a visit to the [Markland Locks and Dam](#); see the **steepest non-cog railway** in the country; cross several historic steel truss bridges plus a visit to a piece of property here in Indiana that was once owned by one of the most influential business men in Cincinnati. This is a great time of year for driving the Indiana back roads!

4/26/08 [Ripley's Butternut Run Road Rally](#) Sponsored by [Ripley County Tourism Bureau](#) and the [Ripley County Chamber of Commerce](#), we just can't pack anything else into this extremely unique road tour which includes a mini tour of the world famous **Weberding's Carving Shop**; a visit to the Milan 54 Museum which commemorates Milan's State Basketball Championship in 1954 (**Remember the movie "Hoosiers"?**) plus a tour of the one of a kind and beautiful **Tyson United Methodist Church**. This is one very neat road tour!

4/27/08-4/29/08 [The Fawn River Road Rally](#) Sponsored by [Pokagon State Park](#), in Northeastern Indiana, for the automobile aficionado we'll visit the impressive **Hostetler's Hudson Museum** and we'll visit the world famous **Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum!** For everyone else this action packed course includes a private tour of the **Powers Church built in 1876**, a private tour of St. James Chapel built in 1903, a candy factory tour, a stop at a local pickle factory, a visit to a **Clydesdale Horse Farm** plus we'll stop at a **Grist Mill built in 1846!**

5/4/08-5/6/08 [The Swan Lake Road Rally](#) Sponsored by [Swan Lake Golf Resort](#), this rural section of Indiana will treat us to **4 round barns**; a **tour of a county courthouse including a climb to the bell tower**; we'll walk across 2 historic foot bridges; see one of the **largest eggs in the world**; drive across several rare steel truss bridges; plus visit a memorial to the **Potawatomi Indian Tribe**. While this is a very interesting road tour only an hour from Chicago, you'll feel like you are in the middle of nowhere driving through these small railroad towns frozen in time.

5/18/08 [The Quaker Run Road Rally](#) Sponsored by [Milford, Ohio Quaker Steak & Lube](#), and specifically designed for the car guys that frequent this establishment. This course is run exclusively on back country roads, State Routes and U.S. Route 50. The course includes **3 covered bridges**, little or no traffic and some of the best cruising roads in Clermont, Brown, Highland and Clinton counties. **If your beast is no less ready to do battle than a P-40 Warhawk**, fire up your pride & joy and come out for a real drive with the big boys. This is the only road rally sponsored by Quaker Steak & Lube in 2008. Don't miss out on this one!

5/18/08-5/20/08 [The Lost River Road Rally](#) Sponsored by [Spring Mill State Park](#), this 2 day road course includes 12 historic steel truss bridges; **the longest covered bridge in the United States**; 3 round barns; a tour of the "**8th Wonder of the World**" - **West Baden Springs Hotel** (If you've never toured this awe inspiring building, this is your chance!); a little know spot in Indiana that has had a huge influence on the entire State; an informal tour of an old brick kiln factory; **a couple of fun things to do like climbing a fire tower** and walking across a swinging footbridge and of course, we'll search for the Lost River!

6/1/08-6/3/08 [The Deer Creek Summer Road Rally](#) Sponsored by [Deer Creek Resort and Conference Center](#), located in Southcentral Ohio, we invite you to enjoy the surrounding Ohio countryside on this 2 day road tour. We'll be stopping at 2 museums along the way, one that houses **Ohio's oldest traffic light (Very unusual!)** and the other with a flair for Stage Coaches! The course also includes **10 historic steel truss bridges**; several Civil War Memorials; a **vacation cabin of a past President**; visit a church built in 1878 and an outstanding chapel built in 1905. This is a great way to kickoff the start of Summer!

COFFEE MUGS FOR 2008

Great news for the Commemorative Coffee Mug collectors! This year we were able to secure 144 deep Blue with White print Road Rally mugs. We will again be awarding 1 Commemorative Coffee Mug to each of the top 3 teams in each road rally scheduled throughout the 2008 season. The extra 70 mugs will be available for purchase after each road rally for anyone who is interested. Price \$10.00 each.

This is a big improvement over last year where we were limited to 72 coffee mugs with only 10 extra mugs at the end of the season. Hopefully, everyone who wants a coffee mug this year will be able to acquire one of these beautiful and rare pieces commemorating the road rally season.



NEW WEBSITE FEATURE!

On our "What's New" page (<http://www.scenicroadrallies.com/events.asp>) we now have the complete listing of all 25 road rallies for the 2008 season including quick links to:

- A link to each flier featuring detailed information about that specific event.
- A link to a preview of pictures for that particular road course.
- A link to the 10 day weather forecast for that particular road rally.
- A link to that specific road rally sponsors website.

We hope everyone will find this additional information helpful when it comes time to choosing the right road rally or the best choice of clothes to wear for the event.



SUSAN RAY PUBLISHES ARTICLES FOR SCENIC ROAD RALLIES

A good friend of ours and freelance publisher, Susan Ray, will now be writing articles for Scenic Road Rallies in newspapers throughout Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and beyond! Susan, an accomplished writer and a firm believer in the power of the pen, has participated in several of our road rallies with her husband Alan. Driving their very fast Sunbeam Tiger (See photo above.) or their Subaru they always seem to have an outstanding time on the back roads!

Susan will be our lead contact representative for anyone sponsoring a road rally who is looking for a way to promote their event through newspapers or magazines. If you are interested in free print for your event, please contact Susan at 812-576-5570 or email Susan at discoveringhome@gmail.com This is a great benefit for all sponsors as you now have Susan as a third party willing to promote your event free of charge! Give her a call this week to get your event noticed throughout the region!