

Hello Tinfish,

After a week of taking care of little Alexa and Bianca I finally found some time to input all of the checkpoint times and do a little analysis. The entire results are forthcoming in an excel spreadsheet for you to AGONIZE OVER the next 11 months while you wait for Damn The Torpedoes 2009. If I had only...why did we?...why were we SO SLOW on the way to Harrison? Oh, the fun sleepless nights that await the ones of you who really blew it on one leg.

Speeders

Now why would anyone speed on an event like this? My guess is that you got off course and tried to make up time. A collective sigh went through the teams when David McClure in the Banana Yellow Shelby had a meeting with the local constables. David had been the fastest to checkpoint one doing it in 90 minutes. The next closest team was 20 minutes slower so the McClure/Quarterman team began the day way out in front.

Other tickets include:

Michelle Deubler	Mercedes 350SL - Should have had the slutty pirate costumes!
Blake	El Camino (with a little help from the Buick Electra of Glenn Stephens)
Atwell	GTO (I don't know the story here)
Kee	Porsche 914 – Rookie gets a ticket.

DNF Due to Being Lost or Car Troubles (each has a story to tell)

Keith	Mercedes 190SL	Skinner	Porsche 914
Dowling	MGA	de Irisarri	Porsche 911SC
Caudle	BMW 3.0CSi	Cutts	International Scout
Rigby	Triumph TR250	Atwell	Pontiac TransAm
Jewell	Pontiac Firebird	Marbury	Pontiac Riviera
Dunn	Jaguar E-Type	Garrison	Chevrolet Camaro
Ballard	Sunbeam Alpine	Rohner	Triumph TR3
Frosh	Triumph TR8	Spruill	Triumph TR6

Leg One – Mount Vernon and Clinton

I'm not proud of this number but NINE of the forty-nine teams that started did not make it to Clinton or made it without the required photograph. One of the teams called me and was very upset. "Did you know there were two Mount Vernons in Georgia?!?" they asked. I told them that there were actually three but only one met the criteria on the clue. That got me a click on my cell. The Jack Dowling team called. The son-in-law who was also employed by Jack was the navigator. Apparently his marital and professional situations were up to change after his lack of navigational skills became known on the first leg!

Fastest Teams To Clinton 117 Miles

Ellis Mercedes 450SL	1:46:10
Little Triumph TR6	1:47:31
LeCours Pontiac Trans Am	1:48:32
Jensen Triumph TR8	1:50:02

Overall Rank After Leg One

1) Ellis	450SL
2) Little	TR6
3) LeCours	TransAm
4) Jensen	TR8
5) Stephens	Electra
6) Horsman	E-Type
7) Lorenz	Barracuda
8) Hughes	Mustang
9) Caine	450SL
10) Smith	E-Type Navy

Slowest Teams To Clinton

Richards Datsun 240Z	3:07:00
Jones Oldsmobile Cutlass	2:40:40
Barrett BMW 3.0CS	2:30:53
Munroe BMW 2002	2:20:20

Leg Two – Harrison and Garfield

Could two towns be any more different than these two? There were about thirty different routes one could take on this leg. Only two teams did not make this checkpoint due to car trouble or navigational skills. Actually, Juan's navigator could not SPEAK OR READ ENGLISH. I'm not saying he should in order to be a citizen but people, please make sure your navigators are proficient in the English language in future DTTs. While there might be a cute French, Italian, or even Russian phrase, English will remain the dominant language.

Fastest Teams to Garfield 120 Miles

Little Triumph TR6	1:50:01
Horsman Jaguar E-Type 4.2	1:53:11
Lorenz Plymouth Barracuda	1:56:44
Farver Triumph TR6	2:00:15

Overall Rank After Leg Two

1) Little	TR6
2) Horsman	E-Type
3) Ellis	450SL
4) Lorenz	Barracuda
5) Jensen	TR8
6) Stephens	Electra
7) Farver	TR6
8) Smith	E-Type Navy
9) Niblett	2000 Saloon
10) Caine	450SL

Slowest Teams To Garfield

Hughes Ford Mustang	3:08:28
Richards Datsun 240Z	2:46:58
Munroe BMW 2002	2:38:10
Jones Oldsmobile Cutlass	2:27:40

Leg Three – Manassas

With no rest and a quick ringing of the Bully Bell from Mississippi State University you were off to Manassas, only forty miles away. We lost three cars here. If you didn't know your *War of Northern Aggression* history you had that great 8-point font sheet that had EVERY ANSWER IN THE ENTIRE EVENT! I heard one team actually never looked at the sheet thinking it was just included to confuse you!

Fastest to Manassas

Brown Triumph TR4A	41:30
Ellis Mercedes 450SL	43:25
Hughes Ford Mustang	43:37
Jensen Triumph TR8	43:45

Overall Rank After Leg 3

- 1) Little TR6
- 2) Horsman E-Type
- 3) Ellis 450SL
- 4) Lorenz Barracuda
- 5) Jensen TR8
- 6) Stephens Electra
- 7) Farver TR6
- 8) Smith E-Type Navy
- 9) Niblett 2000 Saloon
- 10) Caine 450SL

Slowest to Manassas

LeCours Pontiac TransAm	1:31:32
George MG MGB	1:12:30
Munroe BMW 2002	1:09:55
Richards Datsun 240Z	59:52

Leg Four – Race Pond and Seagle’s Saloon

The day was getting late and the clue showed photo of my Herald next to a street sign that read “Race Pond Rd.” Some of you thought that the clue was the train tracks in the background instead of the street sign. I understand that teams were simply driving down Highway 280 looking for the intersection of Race Pond Road because the DeLorme Gazetteer showed a train track beside the road. We lost two more teams here. The Cuda put the pedal to the metal as did the TR8. The rumor is that Team Ellis in the 450SL found another logging road through the swamp.

Fastest to Seagle’s

Little Triumph TR6	1:56:37
Lorenz Plymouth Barracuda	2:06:33
Horsman Jaguar E-Type	2:11:51
Niblett Triumph 2000 Saloon	2:17:20

Slowest to Seagle’s

Richards Datsun 240Z	4:14:25
O’Brien MG MGB	3:39:02
Munroe BMW 2002	3:19:03
Williamson Triumph TR6	3:05:23

FINAL RESULTS

1) Little	TR6	18) Memler	MGB
2) Horsman	E-Type	19) LeCours	TransAm
3) Lorenz	Barracuda	20) Williamson	TR6
4) Jensen	TR8	21) Barrett	3.OCS
5) Ellis	450SL	22) Montoya	2000 Estate
6) Niblett	2000 Saloon	23) Hughes	Mustang
7) Stephens	Electra 225	24) Jones	Cutlass
8) Trembley	TR6	25) O’Brien	MGB
9) Smith	E-Type Navy	26) Munroe	2002
10) Caine	450SL	27) Richards	240Z
11) Smith	P1800		

- 12) Smith E-Type Red
- 13) Groethe TR6
- 14) George MGB GT
- 15) Scarborough TR6
- 16) Brown TR4A
- 17) Farver TR6