

which ever came first. Creative cheating was encouraged and in some instances heavily rewarded. More mundane cheating and whining was severely penalized. What other event provides screw drivers for screw ups and a protest form a quarter inch square with specific instructions to "Please write legibly"?

The questions provided an advanced course in auto history. Included were old showrooms along famed "Automobile Row" with signs for Hupmobile, Marmon, and Locomobile still visible. Almost a dozen race tracks were located as well as a number of firsts such as: the first traffic light, the first car wash, and the first bribing of a traffic cop. Another batch of questions related to SCCA history and sports car watering holes.

The event concludes at a local Pizza Restaurant where an irreverent and hilarious awards ceremony takes place. Since the winner has to put on the following year's event the results are always a nail biter right up to the end. Second place finishers celebrate more than the outright winners. The trophies are kept intentionally gross so that they will be returned the following year. A gigantic "Hero of the Year" award is presented based on competitors' nominations. The theme changes each year but it is always a fun social gathering. With a \$10 per car entry fee (any number of navigators) plus a cooperative restaurant that allows individual orders the event never loses money yet continues to grow.

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