



7th Charlie & Martha Dow Fall Tour
October 13th, 2024

Welcome to Porsche Club of America Northeast Region's 2024 Charlie & Martha Dow Fall Tour!

Gimmick Rally...

- ✓ Today's rally takes you on a lovely drive but requires a bit of work. As you follow along there are questions posed in the route instructions. You must pay attention (driver mostly to the road, navigator to the questions) and (the navigator!) must write down the answers on the answer sheet. Turn in the answer sheet when you finish and get ready for lunch. We'll score and then the winners (most correct answers) will get a trophy.

Before you leave...

1. Your clipboard contains a waiver page. Each adult in the car must sign the PCA Liability Waiver. You will be asked to hand in these documents to event staff when you reach the starting line.
2. At least one person per car will need to attend a drivers' meeting near the table at 9:30 am.

Away we go...

- ✓ Directions have been broken out on a turn-by turn basis.
 - The first column ("Distance from start") shows the mileage at the start of each leg.
 - The second column ("Directions and Questions") tells you what to do (for example, "turn right) or poses a question.
 - The third column ("Go for") tells you the length of that leg.
 - Start looking for the answer to the question as you start that leg (hint: sometimes immediately as you start). The answer will be in that leg and will be before the answer to the next question. If you miss an answer you may retreat to find it if you


wish but be very careful on narrow roads – or you can just skip that question. Also, see the tiebreaker note below.


- Record the answer to the question on the answer sheet on the appropriate Q# line.
- Set your trip odometer to zero before leaving. But be aware that these directions use GPS mileage and most car odometers are slightly different. As you progress along the route you may see your odometer drift slightly away from the Total Distance in the directions. Pay attention to the “leg length” measurements as these will always be within one tenth. Cell phone or car GPS tools are suggested as an aid.
- ✓ The challenge for this rally is not to find the route, but to enjoy the scenery and have some fun finding answers to the questions. The easiest is to bring up your favorite navigation app and make sure the directions and the nav app agree. To make it easy for you to follow the route you can have the route displayed on your smartphone, which will help you follow the route and also get back on route if you take a wrong turn.
- ✓ The course is available on Ride with GPS. You need to have the application installed on your phone in advance (there is a 7-day free trial). To load the route, click on or type the following into your phone browser: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/48643420>. You should do this before you get to the start point as cell service is poor there. This will open Ride with GPS and load the route (but do not click on “navigate”). Click on navigate when you are at the start point and it will begin.
- ✓ Questions about GPS navigation go to Anker at BostonSeaRover@gmail.com or 978-764-2564.
- ✓ Included in your kit is a clipboard and pen to assist with waiver signing and following along the route instructions. The pen is yours to keep but we do ask that you return the clipboard.
- ✓ IMPORTANT: We will send cars off every go seconds – as you await the instruction to begin you may (optionally) tell your “Most Embarrassing Car Story.”
 - If you get lost, have questions or drop out – please call Bill at 774.270.0152 or Anker at 978-764-2564.

And the winner is...

- 🏆 Upon completing the route, present your score sheet and clipboard to event staff at the

finish line. Write down the final odometer reading on your answer sheet (no cheating! We reserve the right to check it). This is used as a tiebreaker – lowest mileage (that exceeds what we know the course to be) will win. This means that a team that doesn't have to backtrack to find a clue will prevail. (And thus you are discouraged from speeding around and missing a clue!)

 Park your car and join your fellow club members at the Billiards Cafe.

 We hope you will stay for the awards but we can't determine a winner until all cars have finished. For those who chose not to stay, winners will also be announced via email and trophies sent to the winners if they are not present.

PCA Safety Briefing:

- It is assumed that each participating driver has a current driver's license and automobile liability insurance.
- Safety is paramount. This rally is NOT a competitive or a high-speed driving event. Individual drivers are responsible for operating their own vehicle safely.
- Obey speed limits and all other traffic laws.
- No drugs or alcohol are permitted in you or on you during this event.
- The driving directions contain key details about the route, any safety concerns or areas where the tour may have to slow to maintain safety.
- Pass non-motorized traffic and pedestrians SLOWLY, giving a wide berth. Watch out for bicyclists and horses on the back roads.
- Do not bunch up. Leave a safe distance between cars. If a car wants to pass you because you're taking your time to read the instructions, pull over in a safe location with shoulder and let them by.
- Drive with headlights on to increase visibility to other cars.
- In an emergency, pull over, stop in a safe location, turn on emergency flashers.
- Responsibility for maintaining PCA's excellent history of safe and enjoyable events rests with each participant.
- Have fun and be safe!