

It was a difficult rally, but the more enjoyable because of that, and it certainly found the best crew, who I am convinced have developed eyes in the back of their heads. Brian Armstrong and Norman Kendrick have my thanks for providing a most exciting night's sport, and just as soon as my navigator can clock four minutes for the mile, I'm ready for the next.

NIGHT NAVIGATION RALLY JUNE 23/24

by The Editor & Organiser.

This Rally began rather ominously with 13 starters. It consisted of five sections, a simple 22 mile reversed route card, two map reference section, one place name section and one section with intersecting bearings.

Whilst waiting for Roger Bowyer, the Marshal at TCl to arrive at the half way stop near Colchester, I was wondering how things were going on. As I left the start after seeing all the competitors on their way, I was rather shocked to see John Huntridge in a complete muddle over the reverse route card section. He, like the majority who had trouble with this section, tried to put the route card on to the map instead of following the directions slavishly as was intended. Anyway when Roger did arrive I was shaken rigid to hear that only three competitors had come through him with clean sheets on a section which in my wildest dreams I never thought would give anyone much trouble.

The first words of a competitor to fall upon my ears at the half way spot were "absolutely b....y ridiculous" and with that he promptly retired. This I thought was first class encouragement to organise another Rally.

However, at least three competitors showed that the whole thing was possible.

The two sections after the half way break did not succeed in John Huntridge losing one mark but he could not make up enough points on Peter Fryer in order to wrest his first position away from him.

On the whole I was rather surprised at the results of this Rally but at the end the nine finishers said, at any rate, that they had enjoyed themselves.

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