Heart of Texas Rally April 29, 2017

El Camino Real de Los Tejas



HEART OF TEXAS RALLY

The historic El Camino Real ran from the capitol of New Spain — present day Mexico City — winding through Saltillo, Monterrey, Laredo (on the modern Texas border), San Antonio, and Nacogdoches, before reaching the Louisiana border at the Sabine River and ending at Natchitoches in modern Louisiana. The trail has a 2,500-mile length. For centuries the Native Americans had used the trail routes for trading between the Great Plains and Chihuahuan Desert regions. The El Camino Real de Los Tejas was first followed and marked by Spanish explorers and missionaries in the 1700s. It was one of several named El Camino Real, or 'royal road' or 'King's Road', that connected the

Spanish possessions in North America with Mexico City. Interest in the road revived in 1915 when Texas Legislature appropriated \$5,000 to survey and mark the route, and professional surveyor V. N. Zivley was commissioned to make the study. A few years later Daughters of the American Revolution placed granite milestones along the route to mark it. The markers, originally placed every 5 miles from the Louisiana-Texas border to the Rio Grande, stretch along the original primary Camino Real. Some have been lost to time, moved, or are located on private property but many still exist and are easily seen along the shoulders of many a Texas highway.

Welcome to the 2017 Heart of Texas Rally. Originally the brain child of James Stovall, he passed the torch to the NIITWIt group after the 2016 rally. The premise of this rally is to gain as many possible points within the 12 hour time limit of the rally itself. The central theme of the rally is the Camino Real granite markers placed along the route by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Although 123 of the markers were originally placed along the route, many have been lost to time, moved due to road construction, or are located deep on private property where modern roads no longer followed the ancient highway. We found 52 of these markers located in good locations, easy for you to find and generally

with somewhere safe to park. Each designated marker represents a card in a standard deck of playing cards. You MUST successfully obtain at least 5 different markers from the bonus list to be considered a finisher in the rally. Using basic poker rules, the better the hand you have of 5 marker 'cards', the better combo bonus points you obtain for those markers. The rules are explained in better detail further on.

The riders with the BEST poker hand and the WORST poker hand will each win a free entry into the 2017 BigTexRally in October 2017. Only one hand can be claimed per each rider.

If during the rally you have mechanical issues, a crash, trouble finding a bonus, are stopped to render aid, or any other of the myriad of reasons you might be stopped (except for trains or ferries) CONTACT HQ ASAP.

Rally HQ Contacts:

RALLY MASTER – Paul Tong 214-250-1340 or paultong971@gmail.com

SCORE MASTER - Troy Martin 817-690-7944 or qikslvr1@gmail.com

12 HOUR RALLY

The 2017 Heart of Texas Rally begins at 6:00 AM Saturday, April 29, 2017, and ends promptly at 6:00 PM at the LaSalle Hotel in Bryan, Texas. You can start anywhere you desire as long as it exists within the borders of Texas. Please do not start from anywhere that precludes you being able to ride the speed limit and make it to the finish in 12 hours.

All riders arriving after 6:00 PM Central Time will be DNF (Did Not Finish). Scoring will begin about 4:00 PM Central and dinner will be served somewhere around 7:15 PM Central. If for any reason you arrive late, you are still always welcome to the after event festivities.

LaSalle Hotel, 120 S. Main St., Bryan, TX 77803 GPS: 30.672780, -96.373855

If during the rally, you have mechanical issues, a crash, an injury, trouble finding a bonus, you stop to render aid, or any other of the myriad of reasons you might be delayed or stopped, contact the Rallymaster or Ridemaster as soon as possible.

Rallymaster: Paul Tong 214-250-1340 - paultong971@gmail.com

Ridemaster: Troy Martin 817-690-7944 - qikslvr1@gmail.com

If you have any questions prior to the rally start, especially if there is a rule or bonus which needs clarification, please contact the Rallymaster. We'll be glad to sort it out.

NOTE: We are mailing rally flags to each rider

START: This is an anywhere start (in Texas) rally. This means you can choose any location within Texas in which you can obtain a time/dated business receipt (see rules on RECEIPTS) to start the 12 hour rally (just make sure you have enough time to get to the finish). The time/date on the receipt cannot be any time prior to 6:00 AM Central on Saturday April 29, 2017. For those doing electronic e-mail scoring, you take a picture of the receipt and e-mail it to scoring (see the CLAIMING A BONUS section). Retain the receipt just in case. For those doing traditional scoring, you must bring the start receipt to the scoring table. Riders who do not properly submit a start receipt will be DNF for the rally. Write down your starting mileage on your receipt AND your bonus claim form!!!! If you want to start from the LaSalle Hotel, you can meet with the Rallymaster in the lobby at 6:00 am and forego the need for a start receipt.

<u>FINISH</u>: You must be at the circle drive in front of the LaSalle Hotel in Bryan, TX <u>no later than</u> 6:00 PM Central on Saturday April 29, 2017. There, you will check in with a staff member with your odometer and you will receive any items you need for the scoring process. If you arrive later than 6:00 PM Central on Saturday April 27, 2017, you will be DNF. You will still be welcome for all post-event activities. There are rooms in a block at the LaSalle Hotel but the rooms will go quickly. Reserve a room by calling the hotel and telling them you are with the Heart of Texas Rally (group code "BIKE"). You will be able to park our motorcycle for the night in the courtyard.

TIME: The rallymaster's clock will be set according the official NIST time which can be located at www.time.gov.

GOOGLE DROP BOX: You may access all rally documents at https://goo.gl/V5H7Td. You must print out the bonus claim form and use it for documenting your bonus collection for the rally (one will also be sent with your rally flag). You will bring the completed bonus claim form to scoring regardless of which scoring method you choose. Do not forget to include all non-moving bonuses on the bonus claim form including TEST, SPOT, and any others offered prior to the rally start. The DropBox will also include a rudimentary .gpx file with bonus locations. You do not have to use this .gpx file and we encourage you to develop your own system.

RULES:

- 1. Safety Do not do anything that brings your personal safety or that of another into jeopardy. There are no prizes or official honors bestowed upon any finisher of this rally and it's not worth it to take chances. It is not necessary to exceed the speed limit or to drive at speeds that are excessive for current road or weather conditions. We want you to ride smart and have a good time. Any notice that you are driving recklessly or in a manner that puts this organization or our sport into a bad light may result in disqualification. This is not a race.
- 2. Equipment and Gear- All motorcycles must be in good working order and capable of a moderate day's worth of riding. Your bike needs to start, have sufficient tread on the tires, no fuel or oil leaks, and all have required lights and equipment necessary to pass a Texas vehicle inspection. You MUST wear a DOT certified (or higher rated) helmet at any time you are on your motorcycle regardless of whether it is moving or running or not. Violation of this basic rule may result in immediate disqualification. You must also wear pants (does not matter what kind, just no shorts or capris, etc) and motorcycle worthy footwear (i.e. no sandals, flip flops, etc). We also HIGHLY recommend you wear quality motorcycle gloves, a protective jacket, and other motorcycle safety gear.
- 3. Conduct- Respect the Rallymaster, rally staff, and each other. It's a simple rule. If you come upon the scene of an accident, whether it involves one of our riders or not, we expect you to stop and render aid to the best of your ability even if all you can do is call 911 and direct emergency personnel to the scene. Failure to stop is considered a DNF violation. If you must stop and it will cause you to be late, immediately notify the Rallymaster and we will make reasonable accommodations. If you are going to be more than 30 minutes late to the finish, contact the RM so we don't send a search party out for you.
- 4. Insurance and License- Each rider must carry basic liability insurance in accordance with the state he or she is licensed and is responsible for his or her own liability. Each rider must have a valid driver's license with motorcycle endorsement in accordance with the laws of the state in which they live. Lastly, the rider's motorcycle should have a current registration and inspection as required by the laws of the state in which they live. If your motorcycle license plate does not display a current registration sticker, bring your registration receipt you received when you renewed.
- 5. **Start information** See "START" above
- 6. Finish information- See "FINISH" above

- 7. **Picture requirements** In order to facilitate a smooth rally and less time at scoring at the end, we are instituting a photo by e-mail process. This will require a device which can digitally capture your bonus photo and then e-mail the photo to a designated e-mail address. There is no requirement on the size of the photo. We ENCOURAGE you to use a large file size so we have the ability to zoom in. This is especially helpful for e-mailing in receipts photos. Just don't make the picture so small that we cannot see your rally flag or the thing we sent you to photograph. DO NOT go out and purchase a cell phone with data capabilities just for this rally. If the bonus e-mail process is prohibitive to you and you need to submit photos via a memory card, you must notify the Rallymaster at least 7 days prior to the rally so that we may determine if an exception needs to be made and the most reasonable manner in which to accommodate this exception. Instructions are listed below on e-mail scoring and standard digital camera scoring. If your e-mail device breaks, you may revert to a digital camera for the remainder of the rally but contact RM at the finish to see if TEST can still be claimed.
- 8. Flag Requirement Your rally flag must be in every picture UNLESS the bonus requirement specifically states your flag is not needed. Your flag is needed for receipt submissions. Your rider number on the rally flag must be visible and legible. YOU MUST REMOVE YOUR ENTIRE BODY FROM YOUR MOTORCYCLE TO TAKE THE PICTURE. All pillions must be in EVERY photo unless the instructions specifically state your flag does not have to be in the picture or you are photographing a receipt. You may use any tripod, selfie-stick, or any other device you choose. You may hang your flag on your motorcycle in any manner you choose. You just must not be on your motorcycle when the picture is taken, driver or rider. If the bonus requires the rider be in the picture, this means that both the rider and the pillion (and your rally flag) must be in the picture.
- 9. SPOTWALLA bonus- Check your bonus listing for the SPOT bonus. This bonus is for joining the public rally page AND sending us a SPOTWALLA link for your personal ride prior to the rally start. If you go to https://www.spotwalla.com, you will find links and information on to what devices are compatible with SPOTWALLA. You do not have to own a Spot device. DeLorme Inreach is compatible as are apps that you can place on your iPhone or Android phone. There are numerous options.
 - To get 250 points for this bonus, join the public Heart of Texas Rally page on Spotwalla with your rally flag number as your location ID. Once done with that, create a personal trip in Spotwalla and send us the link. If you choose password protect your personal trip link, please include the password in the e-mail you send us with the link. Prior to the rally start, send your name and your link (and password if one) to <a href="https://doi.org/10.2007/no.2007

PUBLIC SPOTWALLA PAGE

There will be a special place in Heaven for Jason Jonas. He runs the Spotwalla page and provides this excellent service to the whole world free of charge. Jason has set us up a public Spotwalla page for the rally. You are NOT REQUIRED to participate but you will not receive the SPOT bonus unless you join the public page and send us your personal trip link. There's no view password on the public page so please be sure you are aware of secure zones and how to control the types of messages that update your location on the page.

Secure zones are regions of the map where locations will not be shown. They allow the user to safeguard their home, place of work, grandma's house or any other region where they want to maintain some privacy. More information on secure zones can be found here:

https://spotwalla.com/help/devices.php#home

The direct link to the 2017 Heart of Texas Rally location page is:

https://spotwalla.com/locationViewer.php?id=421

Riders can join the public page by clicking this link:

https://spotwalla.com/join.php?a=a&id=421



When you join the page, you will have an opportunity to enter your rider number as your location ID. Use your rally flag number as your location ID.

When I receive your personal trip link, I will double check to make sure you have registered for the public link. I will then add that you achieved the SPOT bonus on the score sheet BUT <u>you must still remember to list it on your bonus claim form.</u> It can be the first bonus you list and just put down your start time and the start mileage on the corresponding blanks on the claim form.

CLAIMING A BONUS

All photos must clearly show your rally flag in the picture unless the instructions for the bonus specifically state otherwise. For receipts, just place your receipt next to your rider number on your rally flag and take a picture of that. Your rider number must be visible. For two-up couples, the pillion must appear in all pictures (except for receipt photos, unless your pillion is REALLY small).

Example shot with a flag (from the 2015 NIITWIt Rally Clinic):



Please note the example photos in the rally book. Your photo does not have to exactly match but when scouting, we took our photos from the easiest spot we could reach the bonus, so if you try to match our photo as much as possible, your scoring will go much easier. You've ridden mile after mile to reach some of these destinations. Take the time to read, and then re-read, the bonus instructions before you snap your photo and shoot off down the road.

Once the picture is captured, you will e-mail the photo to:

hotscoring@gmail.com

You will put in the subject line: RIDER NUMBER + BONUS CODE

Example: **54 LIZC** (this is rider #54 claiming bonus LIZC)

The Rallymaster and/or Scoremaster will attempt to reply to each submission. It may not be immediate so do not sit around at the bonus location waiting for a reply before you move on to the next bonus. If you are in a no-data zone, attempt to submit your bonus as soon as reasonably possible. Do not hold the pictures until the end. Once the photo is sent, log the bonus on your claim form by filling in the pertinent information. Send all photos in the order taken and list them on your bonus claim sheet in the order submitted. At scoring, we will compare our list with your list to make sure they match. If you don't log it on your claim form, you will not get that bonus. If your claim sheet matches the scorer sheet, your scoring is done and should take about 30 seconds. Don't forget to check your e-mail periodically. If we have issue with your bonus submission, we might reply back with information on how

to fix the problem and we'd hate for you to be really far down the road before you receive notice of a possible issue. Still, as hard as we try, we can't be real-time so you can expect some delay at times.

If you reach a bonus destination and the bonus is unavailable (i.e. closed, burnt down, stolen, moved, etc) call the Rallymaster or Scoremaster. If you cannot reach us because everyone else is calling, take a picture of the surrounding area and the coordinates on your GPS to show you were there and submit that. If another rider is able to claim the bonus normally though, you will not be able to claim those points. Make every effort to comply with bonus instructions before resorting to alternate proof. Traffic, parades, military operations, and road races will not work as excuses why you couldn't get to the bonus for a picture. Look for a work-around to the problem. If everything fails, call the Rallymaster.

You may take as many pictures of any bonus as you desire but do not submit them all. Find the best picture and submit that one. Keep the rest and we can look at them later if it's necessary.

Also be aware that you may have to walk, or climb, to claim some of these bonuses. Some of them are difficult for anyone. If you cannot physically perform the task, do not attempt them. Trust the rallymaster, there are significant points available for much easier to reach bonuses. Some bonuses that require considerable non-riding effort have decent point values, but this is because the bonus will take anyone a decent amount of time to claim. It's proportional to the time and effort. Research your route and bonuses you attempt to claim before the rally start. There are no tricks. Some things worth seeing are not accessible directly via motorcycle but we still want you to experience them.

SUBMITTING YOUR START RECEIPT & OTHER BONUS RECEIPTS

The rules for receipt bonuses are essentially the same as any other bonus and we're going to make it easy for you. For your starting receipt, make sure it is computer generated, lists the name and address of the location which can only be in Texas. Ensure the time and date on the receipt is no earlier than 6 AM on April 29, 2017 (Central). Write your starting odometer some place on the receipt. On the front of your rally flag, place your receipt next to the rider number. Take a picture making sure the entire receipt and rider number are in the picture. Then, e-mail your picture to scoring at:

hotscoring@gmail.com

You will put in the subject line: RIDER NUMBER + Start Receipt (Example: 17 – Start Receipt)

For all other bonuses that require a receipt, such as SOCI or LUNCH, place your receipt next to the number on your rally flag, take that picture and e-mail to scoring.

You will put in the subject line: RIDER NUMBER + BONUS CODE (Example: 14 LUNCH).

Easy, right? (Note: the larger the picture file size, the easier for us to zoom in and see the receipt detail, so this is one time not to scrimp on the file size.)

RECEIPTS

All receipts MUST be computer generated. Additionally, the receipt must contain the establishment's NAME, ADDRESS, and also include the DATE and TIME. Anything else will not be accepted. Your Scoremaster is a real hard-ass. Deal with it.

Additionally, keep your receipts for the scoring table in case there is a problem with the picture you submit.

STANDARD DIGITAL CAMERA SCORING

You do not have to do the e-mail scoring. If you need an adapter to connect your camera, please make sure you bring it to the scoring table. Scorers will be able to download data from standard SD cards, but if you're using something else, please make sure you bring anything needed to read your data with you. Unfortunately, if you choose digital camera scoring (vs. the e-mail scoring method), you will not be eligible for the TEST bonus which offers a significant bonus for those choosing to do e-mail scoring.

If you use a standard digital camera, you must set the camera to the proper date and time on the Central time zone. No photos will be accepted that are marked by the camera as being taken outside of the rally hours. Please remove any non-rally photos from your memory card. The Scoremaster has stated there will be penalty points if non-rally related photos should be on the card.

COMBO BONUSES

A combo bonus means that you achieve a set amount of points for successfully obtaining particular bonuses. For example, a combo bonus COMB1 might require you to successfully obtain three picture bonuses; let's call them BON1, BON2, and BON3. Once you successfully submit those three bonuses, you will automatically be given the combo bonus. You do not need to send anything in BUT be sure to list it on your bonus claim form.

The Camino Real poker hand combo bonuses work in the same fashion. The scorecard will automatically detect the best hand you hold regardless of how many Camino Real markers you obtain. List the Camino Real combo on your bonus claim form, but you will not need to send anything in.

CAMINO REAL BONUSES and CAMINO REAL POKER HAND COMBO BONUS



The earliest effort to preserve and commemorate El Camino Real de los Tejas was conceived in 1911. Claudia W. Norvell, a member of the Daughters of American Revolution who lived in Beaumont, was attending the group's annual convention in Washington, D.C., where she heard a delegate from Missouri declare that the Santa Fe Trail, which began in 1791, was the oldest trail in the United States. Norvell, knowing that El Camino Real de los Tejas was a hundred years older, thought it would be good to recognize that fact. At their November 1911 meeting in Galveston, the DAR's Texas chapter developed a plan to commemorate the road and selected Norvell to oversee it.

The DAR's plan was to mark the route of the El Camino Real with granite markers placed at five-mile intervals. The DAR worked with the Texas

Legislature to hire a railroad surveyor, V.N. Zively, to place oak survey posts indicating where the granite markers were to be placed. The DAR contributed \$13,000 for the project, and the legislature appropriated \$5,000. The railroads agreed to transport the granite markers for half of the regular rate. Zively conducted his survey in 1915 and the granite markers were placed in 1918. Over the last 100 years, civilization has changed and the landscape of Texas has changed. When Zively made his survey in 1915, there were no paved roads in Texas. Automobiles, still somewhat new, had great difficulty navigating the dirty, muddy trails of rural America. Many of these markers exist in the same location they were placed. Others have been moved due to the building and expansion of highways. Some have been lost in floods and others just lost to time. Of the original 123 markers, over 100 can still be found yet several are located on private property; others are not located in the most convenient locations for the intrepid rally rider to easily access.

We have located 52 markers that are in fair to good locations to access. 52 like the number of cards in a standard deck. For this rally, each granite marker in the bonus listing has been assigned to a card in a standard deck.

TO QUALIFY AS A FINISHER OF THE 2017 HEART OF TEXAS RALLY, YOU MUST SUCCESSFULLY PHOTOGRAPH AND SUBMIT TO SCORING 5 SEPARATE GRANITE MARKERS AS DESIGNATED IN THE BONUS LISTING.

If you do not successfully obtain 5 Camino Real granite markers as listed in the bonus pack, you will be considered DNF.

Your 5 card hand, like a poker hand, could qualify you for one of the combo bonuses designated for the Camino Real markers. You can claim as many Camino Real markers listed in the bonus listing as you desire, and obtain the point values for each one, but you can only claim ONE poker hand combo bonus. Choose the best possible poker hand of the cards you obtain and list this on your bonus claim form. The scorecard will automatically register your best hand, so there is nothing you need to e-mail in.

Possible hands are:

- One Pair
- Two Pair
- Three of a Kind
- Straight
- Flush
- Full House
- Four of a Kind
- Straight Flush
- Royal Flush

For explanations of basic poker hand rules, check out: http://www.cardplayer.com/rules-of-poker/hand-rankings

Although a hand of five cards that fits none of the above classifications (in other words a "high card" only hand) does not qualify for any combo bonuses, it's still a permissible hand for finisher status.

The rider with the BEST overall poker hand at the finish (that doesn't DNF) will win a free entry into Wayne Boyter's 2017 BigTexRally in October. The rider with the WORST overall poker hand at the finish (that doesn't DNF) will win a free entry into Wayne Boyter's 2017 BigTexRally in October. (most likely, this will be the person with a "high card" only hand)

Example:

A rider claims:

Marker #3 - 9 of Clubs

Marker #21 - 9 of Diamonds

Marker #29 – 3 of Clubs

Marker #34 - 3 of Hearts

Marker #38 - 10 of Hearts

The rider could claim the Camino Real Two Pair bonus (HT17-TP).

Once the rider successfully submits five Camino Real marker bonuses, the score sheet will automatically choose the best possible hand from all the Camino Real marker bonuses you submit. You don't need to do anything else BUT BE SURE TO LIST THE POKER HAND COMBO BONUS ON YOUR BONUS CLAIM FORM.

To avoid confusion for designating the best combo poker hand, the order of precedence for seniority of suits will be:

Spades (highest) - Hearts - Clubs - Diamonds (lowest)

If there is a tie for best hand, the ultimate winner will be determined by who has the highest non-hand card. Where there is the unlikely chance of riders having the exact same claimed cards, it will go to the rider with the best score vs mileage ratio (points per mile). For the low hand, it will be the rider with the lowest card outside of their claimed hand. In the event of the exact same cards claimed, it will be the lower points per card ratio.

THE TEST BONUS

Is this new method of scoring a little new to you? Do you want to make sure this is going to work before you start? I can't blame you and we want to make sure it works as well. Since reading comprehension is super important, we hope that you've taken the time to read this page because it's worth a bunch of points. Yes, this initial bonus, which you can earn the day you receive this rules sheet (and your rally flag), is worth 500 points. Again, you may submit this bonus when you receive your rally flag but not later than your rally start.

This is what we want: Using the device and e-mail settings you will use for the Heart of Texas Rally, take a picture of your current, valid driver's license and a copy of your current proof of insurance in one photo. Use that device to then send that picture via e-mail to

hotscoring@gmail.com

Make sure that you use the proper bonus claim code in the subject line. The bonus code is TEST. Therefore, if I were to send in the picture of me and my documents, and my rider number was 16, the subject line would read:

16 TEST

Once you have completed this, we will send you a confirmation e-mail. Be sure to claim this bonus on your score sheet as TEST. This bonus and SPOT will most likely be the first two bonuses on your bonus claim form. If you claim TEST, you agree to do e-mail submission of bonus photos for the entire rally. Thus, if you decide to change to a digital camera for scoring, you will not receive TEST points.

HOW TO READ THE BONUS LISTING

The manner in which bonus listings are completed change from time to time. We want to give you a quick rundown on how to read our bonus listing.

For example, in the time restriction part, if the bonus says you can only claim it between 0900-1500 (9am to 3 pm), do not take the picture and send it in at 0830 (8:30am). That's too early. If the listing says 1300-1400 (1pm to 2pm) and you e-mail it at 2:02 pm, we understand that taking the picture and emailing it might take some time, so we will make allowances for this situation. We'll also make allowances for areas with no data signal that can delay your e-mail but do not take advantage of this consideration. If in doubt, we will examine the picture data and see at what time you actually took the photo. Still, do not submit it at 2:30pm. This would be too late.

If the bonus time requirements say that it is anytime, then you may claim it anytime. For all the bonuses that say daylight only, or sunrise to sunset, make sure we can tell there is daylight. If it is a night only bonus, it should look like nighttime.

Let's start with example 1:



Mustangs at Las Colinas is a bronze sculpture by Robert Glen that decorates Williams Square in Las Colinas in Irving, Texas. It is said to be the largest equestrian sculpture in the world. The sculpture commemorates the wild mustangs that were historically important inhabitants of much of Texas. It portrays a group at 1.5 times life size, running through a watercourse, with fountains giving the effect of water splashed by the animals' hooves. The horses are intended to PICTURE represent the drive, initiative and unfettered lifestyle that were fundamental to the state in its pioneer days.

Take a picture of the foal jumping into the water and no more than one other horse (2 max). In other words, you're going to have to walk up and get close for the picture. Anything not within these guidelines will not be accepted.

Here you can see the bonus Mustangs of Las Colinas. The bonus code you'll use for submitting the photo via e-mail and on your bonus claimed form is MUST. It is worth -500 points. It is located at 5221 N. O'Connor Rd in Irving, TX and the GPS coordinates are 32.870614, -96.938809. It is only available from 0800-0830 (8am-8:30am). The requirement for the picture is to take a picture of the foal jumping into the water and have no more than the foal and one other horse in the picture.

Example 2:



This site began as the Texas Tourist Camp in 1927. The owner, E.F. Boydston, realized he could make more money from the travelers, so he built this gas station and added the Texas Lunchroom (now Whistle-stop Café). To spice up the place, his brother add petrified wood around the exteriors in 1935. Bonnie and Clyde allegedly stayed in one of the cabins for a few nights. Interstates bypassed Decatur and the tourist spot slowly died. Boydston's granddaughter restored the location and helped establish a historical marker at the location.

Take a picture of the Petrified Wood Station. PICTURE REQUIREMENTS

Here you can see the bonus named Petrified Wood Station. The bonus code you'll use for submitting the photo via e-mail and on your bonus claimed form is PETW. It is worth -182 points. It is located at 904 US-81 Business in Decatur, TX and the GPS coordinates are 33.228609, -97.578609. It is available during daylight hours. The requirement for the picture is to take a picture the Petrified Wood Station.

If the availability is left blank, this means that the bonus is available anytime.

If you have any questions or concerns, during the rally call the Rallymaster or Scoremaster. Prior to the rally, e-mail me at paultong971@gmail.com.

Check out the link below which is the ride report of Steve Bracken from the 2016 NIITWIT Rally 12 hour edition. It's a good basic primer of what to expect and problems to avoid when riding in a 12 hour rally.

http://twigg2324.wixsite.com/lifebehindbars/single-post/2016/10/24/NIITWIT-2016---12-Hour-Rally