

Kettle Moraine Colors
October 30, 2021

Twenty Three cars started the Kettle Moraine Colors rally on a brisk and overcast Saturday morning. Twenty Three cars finished 5 hours later. That's always a win for any committee.

Temperatures were in the upper 50s and warmed into the mid 60s by afternoon. The overcast remained, but rain never developed. That made for good rally conditions, but somewhat muted the fall color show. As it turned out, we had a late fall and were still about a week ahead of peak colors, but some areas provided a nice canopy of fall colors. Speeds were moderate in keeping with the tour nature of the event, usually around CAST 35-40.

34 legs were scored. The RICHTA control/scoring system was used, and as usual, worked flawlessly. Two legs were tossed due to a measurement error. It was clear from the results that controls were fair and the speeds reasonable. Even first timer class was won with an average score under 8 points/leg.

Equipped class was won by Gary and Sharon Starr with a score of 10.4 points. We scored equipped class to 0.1 second. If we had scored to the second, the Starr's score would have been 1. Close behind in second place was Fred Glenn and Matt Zajac with 19.2 points. If scored to the second, they would have had 5 points.

Calculating class is defined as apps only with GPS or stock odo measurements. Andrew and Hannah Temple won the class with 159 points or an average score of 4.4/control.

SOP was won by the team of David Drager and Jason Schultz with a score of 106 or 2.8/control. Note that beat the best calculating team.

1st timer class was won by Joanne and Robert Greko with a very respectable score of 280 or 7.8 points/control.

The committee tried something new this year by adding a non-competitive tour class. These folks had the option of either following simplified route instructions or by running as a group behind the sweep car. This seemed to have mixed results. The tour cars started about 30 minutes after the last rally car, but quickly caught up with the rallyists. This meant that we needed to extend the breaks and in several cases wait until the rally had cleared CZT points. People seemed to like the concept and we had 9 entries we might not have gotten otherwise. In the future we will either put the tour cars out first, or hold them longer. We also will eliminate some roads that were appropriate for the rally, but not the tour.