



Lilo & Stitch presented March 6, 2010 by **The Rallye Club**

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As good fortune would have it, no knowledge of Lilo & Stitch was needed to enjoy the pursuit of cousins, checkpoints, candy and coursemarkers on **The Rallye Club's** March event. I'm guessing "Lilo" is the little girl, and "Stitch" is the blue dog/gremlin thing, but who knows? Not to worry though, I also don't know the difference between Scooby Doo and Shaggy Doo, or any of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Although never "officially" disclosed by name, rallyemasters Nick & Teresa Stefanisko "stitched" their sneaky selection of signs, signatures, Supps, and serious & silly gimmicks into straight and sinewy city streets. Seven of Stitch's cousins hopped in and out of our car at various intervals, creating chaos and confusion, but not enough to rival the U.S. government's 166-page brochure on "How to Prepare Pork". No offense intended, Stitch, if you are some type of porcine pet.

Clever rallyists realized that a U was defined as a "turn" for this rallye, and turns had to be done at intersections. Even cleverer rallyists who downloaded their General Instructions (on-line at therallyeclub.org) may have figured this gimmick out in the comfort of their family room on a lazy Wednesday evening. But cleverest of all would be those who remembered to actually execute U's at the proper place **on the rallye route**. I'm not pointing a finger at anyone who failed to do this, because when I point a finger at someone else, I'm pointing three at myself!

One of my favorite gimmicks was the STOP sign that became a coursemarker. While cousin "Alphathief" was in your car, only the first letter on signs was visible. The STOP sign also had "4-way" on it, but "way" did not exist on signs. The added piece of reflective tape thus turned the STOP sign into CM **S 4**. Nice! Another favorite was cousin "Kayak" who allowed you to read words forwards and backwards, so you could record CM **AC 9** again as CM **CA 9**. Sweet!

Unfortunately, there was no cousin "Nightvision" on the rallye. We sure could have used his help finding some of the signs activating or deactivating the various cousins, especially a sign on a fence that led to 40 points worth of gimmicks. Ouch! In fairness, the GI's listed many signs that did not count, such as house numbers, pole numbers and numbers on curbs, so we have no one to blame but ourselves. Wait . . . isn't someone *else* always to blame?

The mental image of cousins coming and going along the route made things quite enjoyable. It's a shame there is only one Zak Stefanisko (rallyemasters' son). Several dozen of him dressed up as various cousins and actually, physically, getting into and out of our car all night long would have been hilarious. It would have left me in stitches.

Tom's Totally Meaningless Factoids :

RIs : 21 **CMs :** 46 physical CM's (+3 that could be recorded 2 ways)

FISH CMs : No true FISH -10 on Johnson (could only see "J"), and -10 past Pomeroy (good RI)

U's and REV's on a perfect rallye : 23 **Misspellings :** 2 Nickolsen and Seborf (Frobes)

Word that looked misspelled but wasn't: Bucher

Most used gimmick : Cousin 15, "Right E O" (7 times / 70 points)

Unused gimmick : The ejector seat of my Aston Martin

Best reeker not used : The STOP sign CM could also be recorded as **T 4**, **O 4** and **P 4**

Free goodies : Magnetic dash plaque and CP candy

CP phrase/task: "Have you seen Dr. Jumba " (later, "the evil genius")