

2022 Senior Butt Rally
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Day 3

The SpotWalla tracker map shows riders today all over the United States. Reports are that no one took us up on the Mexico bonus yesterday but I don't have absolute confirmation on that yet. So far I have not seen a tracking spot cross into Canada. The bonuses there are frankly not worth the effort, and that was on purpose. We included them since they were suggestions of the "Legends" group, although the difficulty of obtaining them didn't seem to make sense for this rally. But, I am always amazed at how far these riders can go in a short time.

"Chicken Challenge"

Perhaps a driving force this year leading to the extra miles is the "Chicken Challenge". A new annual addition to the landscape of the Senior and Junior circuit, the Chicken Challenge divides the two rally fields into two separate teams populated with five teams from each rally. The method to select teams has been established and will be a tradition of its own. Two captains were selected to lead the teams. They were selected based on their finishing positions from the prior year. James Owen by way of his 1st place finish in 2021 leads one team and Danny Dossman leads the other, based on his 2nd place finish last year. The teams were given names, the "Haves" for the 1st place team and the "Have Nots" for the 2nd place team. The SBR teams were split "playground" style with Danny picking first and James second. The JBR teams were then split based on a blind draw. Here is the makeup of the 2022 Haves and Have Nots.

Chicken Challenge 2022 Teams	
Haves	Have Nots
281 Team Kiweagle	519 Test Dummies
594 Radar Love	590 SACKS
340 Midwest Misfits	525 Aloha Y'all
575 The Ancient Mariners	634 BoomChakaLaka
633 The Knights That Say Ni	493 Bounty Hunters
904 Chicken MI-TENNS	901 Keep Moving Forward
908 Team Ohana	909 Team G2G
905 Rambler and Ratchet	906 The Blue(s) Brothers
902 Team Millennial Falcons	907 Too Trashy
910 Cedar Beavers	903 The Long & Short of It

The scoring rules for the Chicken Challenge:

The highest three finishing scores for SBR teams and the highest three finishing scores for JBR teams of each Chicken Challenge Team will be combined, along with 5,000 points for each additional SBR/JBR finishing team of each Chicken Challenge Team, to determine the total score for each Chicken Challenge Team. The highest score will be declared the winning team. ***In case of a tie, the two team captains will face off and arm wrestle to determine a winner.***

While highly unlikely, I am hoping for a tie. I'm pretty sure James would normally best Danny in arm wrestling, but Danny is a better cheater. At any rate, it would be fun to watch.



Former friends and teammates from the now DNF'd team "**BoomChakaLaka**", Mike Hall and Glenn Royal, posing with individual team member Chicken Challenge trophies and medals, in front of the new permanent trophy. As part of the "**Have Nots**", by rule they could still walk away with some brass and have their team name emblazoned on the permanent trophy if their teammates finish on top. At least they might get the Team Spirit award based on their outfits and custom made stickers provided to the Rallymaster. Bribes and freebies pay off in the SBR/JBR 😊.

"Six Days"

The Senior Butt Rally is an offshoot of the Iron Butt Rally and wouldn't have been born if there was not an IBR to go before it. Likewise, the SBR (and companion JBR) are following this year in the footsteps of the IBR once again. Last year before the 2021 IBR, a group of talented musicians, led by the marginal singing talents of your Rallymaster, created the "unofficial" theme song of the IBR called appropriately, "Rally Time". Not to be outdone, the reassembled musical group "Lightnin" Rod Wall and the Farkles, has created the soon to be top of the charts song, "Six Days", which will serve as the theme song for the SBR/JBR going forward. I believe it captures the essence of the rally in great detail.

Listen to and watch "Six Days" here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ibFTEJkO50>

And the IBR's "Rally Time" is here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff7GVVUhzKA>

All over the map...

If you aren't following along with the SBR/JBR group rally SpotWalla tracking page, check it out here:

<https://new.spotwalla.com/lp/0c3d-119338f7-a0f8/view>

Today I counted teams in at least 15 different states during the day. Most times there are no more than one or two teams in any state. As a Rallymaster that is reason for joy. It means of course that a good portion of your teams, who all think they have the winning route, are wrong. I certainly don't know what the winning route is, but I know there is only one for each division of the rally. We'll know Friday, but the announcement is held until the Finisher's Banquet at the Big As Texas Party Saturday night. Tickets are sold out, unless you know the Rallymaster, or Lisa Landry, then they are not. 😊

"BROO"

BROO (shorten from BROOD to meet a four digit bonus code feature) is the code for a bonus available each night for taking a photo of one of the riders attempting to hatch their egg / rally flag. Some riders will do anything for a few points. Some will take things a bit too far. These are the only non-X-rated photos I can show you of folks trying to earn this bonus.



And then there is this:

I don't know the Gillihan's very well. In fact, we only met in person for the first time on Saturday at check-in. They seem like a really nice couple. Dave and Heather are from Fort Worth. They do things different over in Fort Worth. They were supposed to ride in the JBR last year but some issues came up and they couldn't make it. So, we invited them back this year. They sent in this photo from the Four Corners Monument bonus. They seem to be having a good time - a really good time.

We're glad to have them. They'll fit in just fine with this crowd. Move along folks. Nothing to see here. Just two people having a little "bonus" fun.



A few from the road:

