

2022 Senior Butt Rally / Junior Butt Rally
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Epilogue

The Senior Butt Rally Winners – “Well, well, well...”

“Well, well, well...” Those were the words that came out of my mouth before introducing the winning SBR team at last Saturday’s Big As Texas Banquet. After a deliberately long pause, in an attempt to come up with something clever to say about the winners, all I could do was feign my surprise at the result. But of course no one in the audience was buying the ploy. “What have we here?” I continued, followed by reading the team’s stats for miles and points and then declaring them the winners of the 2022 Senior Butt Rally. **James Owen** and **Chris Wiltshire, Team Kiweagle**, had emerged on top of the pile, besting nine other highly qualified SBR teams to take the title.

For James it was seemingly another walk in the park, his third win in three tries, retaining his grip as the undisputed king of the SBR. Wiltshire on the other hand had to pedal a little harder, making the trip from his home in New Zealand before he could even ride one mile in the event. The riders for **Team Kiweagle** had never met prior to pairing up for the rally. It didn’t seem to affect the result. Perhaps we need to split the SBR into two rallies – one that just has James Owen and his teammate competing against a computer simulated routing program from NASA – and the other for the rest of the field. But then, we wouldn’t want to embarrass the fine folks at NASA, would we? Congratulations James and Chris. Well done.

Team Kiweagle receiving their first place hardware at the Big As Texas Banquet.



The Podium

Radar Love, the team headed up by IBR and Hoka Hey Finisher **Ken Andrews**, took second place. As always, second place behind a James Owen team in the SBR is like winning the other rally. You beat everyone else, just not the King. Ken was joined by **Bill Karitis**, to form a team that came together at the last minute after Ken's original teammate, Chris Hopper (of 100,000 miles in 100 days fame) could not make the rally. The new duo wasted no time getting up to speed, creating a unique radar themed logo and even showing up at the start with radar love t-shirts. These guys did it up right and their last minute formation didn't seem to hamper their rally results.



In 3rd Place we have **Paul Meyer** and **Peter Green** of the team known as **SACKS**, an acronym formed from the **State Alliance of Colorado and Kansas Smokers**. I have no idea if such an organization actually exists, logic would tell you it doesn't, but then logic is not something these two riders are known for. The resulting contracted name was good enough to get them to the podium. Here they are with their matching t-shirts and smokes, ready to take on the rally. Being an occasional cigar smoker myself, a point brought out by my inclusion of a cigar purchase bonus each year in the rally, I have calculated that team **SACKS** would have actually won the SBR had they abstained from their cigar breaks during the event. I will not disclose my calculations that prove this because I don't have to. I'm the Rallymaster and I said it, so it must be true. I hope the **SACKS** are not too "sad" to find this out. ☺



New Three-digit SBR Numbers

This is a perfect time to bring up one of our meaningless little gems of the Senior Butt Rally – the awarding of our special SBR three-digit “Finisher” numbers. This is a pure rip off of the IBR three-digit number awarded to Finishers of the IBR. That number really means something. Mine is 459, and don’t you forget it. ☺ It means everything to me as a Finisher of the IBR. But the SBR three-digit number is sort of a goof bit – something we specialize in at the SBR. Some people take it a little too seriously. One of those people is Paul Meyer.

Paul is a three time entrant to the SBR, claiming one podium finish, one finish, and one absolutely spectacular DNF with partner David Uhl, in 2021. In the 2019 version of the rally in which he paired with Margaret Peart as team **Serious Issues**, Paul missed out gaining SBR three-digit status due to his youthful age which fell below our cutoff for Senior status for that year. In 2021, the result was never in doubt as he and Mr. Uhl flamed out early and often, repeatedly screwing the pooch despite already being toast on Day 1. If you need confirmation just re-read the Daily Reports from 2021 (they’re on the IBA website → <https://www.ironbutt.org/SBR/index.html>)

Just pick any day. They appear in every one of them, a record that can’t be broken.

So, here is your new list of SBR three-digit numbers, complete with the addition of Mr. Meyer, thanks to the podium finish for team **SACKS**. Congratulations Paul for getting the monkey off your back. We’re looking forward to your progress up the podium ladder next year. Other additions for 2022 include IBR Finishers and now SBR Finishers, **Lyle Monroe** and **Gary Huff**.

2019	001	James Owen
2019	002	Terry Lahman
2019	003	Lynda Lahman
2019	004	Art Garvin
2019	005	Margaret Peart
2019	006	Dan Crowley
2019	007	Dennis Cunningham
2019	008	Marc Beaulac
2019	009	Mike Hutsal
2019	010	Pat Ford
2019	011	Marty Cover
2019	012	Dave Biasotti
2019	013	Cathy Davies
2021	014	Greg Rice
2021	015	Danny Dossman
2021	016	Peter Green
2021	017	Ken Andrews
2021	018	Ken Cowart
2021	019	Leon Begeman
2021	020	Al Greenwood
2021	021	Mike Hall
2022	022	Paul Meyer
2022	023	Lyle Monroe
2022	024	Gary Huff

The Big Dogs



Paul Meyer, Peter Green, Ken Andrews, Bill Karitis, James Owen and Chris Wiltshire await the results.

Full results for the Senior Butt Rally field:

Senior Butt Rally					Points	Miles
1	281	James Owen	Chris Wiltshire	Team Kiweagle	493,304	5,902
2	594	Ken Andrews	Bill Karitis	Radar Love	408,472	5,683
3	590	Paul Meyer	Peter Green	SACKS	301,273	6,123
4	525	Lyle Monroe	Dan Lessert	Aloha Y'all	282,340	5,200
5	575	Marty Cover	Jack Airlie	The Ancient Mariners	280,961	4,603
6	340	Art Garvin	Steven Rufo	Midwest Misfits	246,899	4,485
7	633	Gary Huff	Doug McCleary	The Knights Who Say Ni	188,000	3,867
8	493	Mike Riley	Jeff Hallquist	The Bounty Hunters	DNF	4,770
9	519	Danny Dossman	Matt Wise	Test Dummies	DNF	-
10	634	Mike Hall	Glenn Royal	BoomChakaLaca	DNF	-

The Junior Butt Rally Winners – The Team That Almost Wasn't

On the way to the Junior Butt Rally, only thirty or so miles from home, **Lionel Ramos'** teammate, Tom Postles, had an unplanned get off from his bike. Tom was not seriously injured but with a few scrapes and a damaged bike, Tom's attempt at the JBR was over for 2022. That left Lionel with a dilemma - either go back home or head to Texas. Lionel got Tom's issues squared away as any good teammate would and headed to the event, not knowing for sure what event he would eventually ride, if any. After a phone call with the Rallymaster the word was put out that Lionel needed a last minute teammate replacement. As you can imagine, these late swap outs are problematic to say the least. Finding someone who already has the time off to ride is a needle in the haystack proposition. The most logical place to steal a rider from turned out to be the Ride Around Texas event.

Robert Long came to Texas to ride in the Ride Around Texas (RAT) event hosted by RAT Wrangler and three time IBR Finisher Tim Masterson. When he heard of Lionel's opening he was immediately interested. There were just a few problems. Robert didn't bring a computer, thinking he wouldn't need one. That would leave them only one point of attack on the rally puzzle. He also didn't have an auxiliary fuel cell on his bike. Strike two. And he had never competed in a rally. Any rally. None. Strike three, or so it seemed. Robert headed to Sherman, Texas to prepare for the RAT attempt, thinking his chances were doomed. Little did he know there were SBR/JBR faithful bending Lionel's ear in the bar at the host hotel. The call went out to Robert around midnight before the Saturday riders meeting. Team formed. Plans changed.

A new team name was needed. I take some pride in supplying that for them at the sign in table. Maybe you can see where it came from. Lionel earned a no-draw position in the 2023 Iron Butt Rally last year while competing in the Senior Butt Rally. Robert, by virtue of his 1st place finish in the 2022 JBR will now join him at the IBR starting line in 2023. Not bad for the team that almost wasn't. Best of luck to you both in the 2023 Iron Butt Rally!



The team known as **The Long & Short of It**, claims 1st place in the Junior Butt Rally

The rest of the Junior Butt Rally Podium



Jay Bolinger and Mike Lindstrom, **The Blue(s) Brothers**, finished strong in 2nd place.



Team Millennial Falcons made the podium in the JBR coming in 3rd in a strong field.

Full results for the Junior Butt Rally field:

Junior Butt Rally					Points	Miles
1	903	Lionel Ramos	Robert Long	The Long & Short of It	258,171	5,822
2	906	Jay Bolinger	Mike Lindstrom	The Blue(s) Brothers	234,868	6,068
3	902	Steve Kotlarz	Nate Stueber	Team Millennial Falcons	217,925	4,562
4	904	Doug Vance	Larry Telling	Chicken MI-TENNS	207,797	5,513
5	901	Jim Craig	Russell Black	Keep Moving Forward	192,481	5,885
6	909	Dave Gillihan	Heather Gillihan	Team G2G	179,644	4,439
7	907	Eric Markus	Dan Alsop	Too Trashy	146,796	3,539
8	908	Nick Byrnes	Kerri Miller	Team Ohana	143,870	3,998
9	905	Morris Cox	Cynthia Cox	Rambler & Racht	123,562	4,671
10	910	Lynn Behrens	Ed Feyereisen	Cedar Beaver	DNF	-

What's That Big Chicken Trophy, You Asked

You may have noticed in some of the photos, our new giant permanent trophy, adorned with a chicken on top. What exactly is that, you may wonder? Good question. We are always looking for new ways to have fun with the SBR/JBR. One of those was born this year when we introduced a new "Team of Teams" game that pits two ten member teams against each other in a separate event. Each new "**Chicken Challenge**" team consisted this year of ten teams, five from the SBR and five from the JBR, drawn sort of playground fashion. One team was led by captain **James Owen** by virtue of his first place finish in the 2021 SBR. His team was given the name, "**The Haves**". The second team was captained by **Danny Dossman**, the SBR second place team leader in 2021. We called his team "**The Have Nots**". Points were awarded based on the top three finishing scores of the SBR/JBR teams involved in each team, plus some points for the remaining teams if they finished the rally.

In true "participation trophy" style, all participants received medals, regardless of whether they were on the winning or losing team, or even if they DNF'd the rally. We like to build self-esteem in the SBR/JBR. So, 2nd place medals were awarded to the last place team and 1st place medals were awarded to the team that came in next to last. That's right. Think about it. Here is the hardware and the combined team photo celebrating the event.



The Chicken Challenge Hardware



The Chicken Challengers

Next year **The Haves** will again be led by **James Owen**, our 2022 winning team leader, and **The Have Nots** will be captained by **Radar Love** member and 2nd place team leader, **Ken Andrews**. The team names of the members of 2022 “**The Haves**” team now adorn the permanent trophy. Let the clucking begin.

How It All Works...

The Senior Butt Rally and Junior Butt Rally once again used the exact same bonuses and basic rules. We created one small but significant difference in the scoring of the two rallies to keep them distinctive from one another. While the bonuses all carried the same point values, certain bonuses in the SBR carried a “tripling” effect with them. Basically, if an SBR team scored one of those bonuses, the next bonus they scored would have its point value tripled. JBR riders did not have this feature incorporated into their rally scoring. This feature produced different ride results for the two rallies, and sends the teams in different directions seeking the winning routes. Here’s how that result plays out in animated fashion, thanks to Jason Jonas and SpotWalla:

<https://new.spotwalla.com/animation/5c1f-91b4a-4c6c/view?speed=80>

Another common feature that has been used in each SBR/JBR rally, is the use of high point group photo bonuses. This year there were two separate group photo bonuses. The idea of the group photo is to give the riders a chance to rest, refresh, and regroup with fellow riders. A huge thanks this year goes out to **Voni and Paul Glaves** for hosting our group photo on Monday in Terlingua, Texas and to **Lisa Landry and Dean Tanji** for hosting our group photo on Thursday at the host hotel in Allen, Texas.



Voni and Paul Glaves hosting riders at the group photo in Terlingua, Texas



Lisa Landry and Dean Tanji hosting the group photo at the hotel in Allen, Texas

The “Legends” Come Through...

A central point to the SBR/JBR rally book has always been the use of bonuses that have been featured in past Iron Butt Rallies. For the 2022 version we put out the call to all previous IBR Finishers to submit any bonuses they felt worthy to be in our book. The phrase “be careful what you ask for” would be an appropriate comment regarding this request. The “Finishers” went to work supplying a combination of funny, meaningful and memorable bonuses for our field to play with. Some however, and you know who you are ☺, made it their mission to put the riders through their paces. The resulting bonuses from that group were difficult to say the least. Some had to be toned down as to the “requirement” stated in the bonus. Some had to be attached to low point values since the riders simply couldn’t get to them in our six day time frame (think Canada and Alaska). But all it all it turned out fine and I want to thank all those Finishers who jumped in the game. You truly made the rally a challenge for our riders.

Once again I would like to thank Iron Butt Rally veteran Dave McQueeney (IBA #29) for his incredible work cleaning up the bonus files to make them compatible with our modern day formats. Dave is the master for locating accurate coordinates and photos to bring the bonuses up to date. The rally book would not have been possible without his tireless efforts. Thanks Dave.

Dean Tanji Explains the Making of “Hard Miles”

We really scored a big bonus this year with the addition of Dean Tanji as keynote speaker. Many thanks to Lisa Landry for helping wrangle this in. She and Dean are long-time friends and have ridden together for years. Dean put together an excellent program complete with video inserts of rider comments during the IBR to demonstrate just how complex the event really is. Lisa is seen here adding a little commentary to the presentation from the rally staff perspective. Most in the audience were left with a new understanding of the IBR and what it takes to pull off a successful finish. Dean brought a small supply of Hard Miles DVD’s with him for the audience and they sold out in about 30 seconds. If you want to get a copy of the production I suggest you contact Dean through his company, Abracadabra Presentation Graphics, Inc. → <http://www.abracadabra.pro/>



Dean Tanji presents “Hard Miles” with an assist from Lisa Landry

Riders Get Artsy...

Dean was also tasked with judging a contest we staged for the “Best Decorated Egg”. This year’s “flag” was a plastic egg with the team number and their rally designation on it (SBR or JBR). Some of our riders got a little crazy. Dean is a smart man. He knew this should not be a “go it alone” venture. He enlisted the help of IBR vets **Betsy Young** and **Bill Thweatt** to assist with the judging. In the end the top prizes went to **Ken Andrews** and **Bill Karitis** with team **Radar Love** for the SBR, and **Team G2G**, comprised of **Dave and Heather Gillihan** for the JBR.



Dean Tanji and Judges Betsy Young and Bill Thweatt admire the rider’s artwork.



Bonus Photo of the Year Awards

Taking a little personal time to make a couple of awards of my own. Both of these come from the creative minds of riders in the Junior Butt Rally. Many of our bonus photos that are submitted by the riders to claim bonuses are very unique and creative. But sometimes one or two will just jump off the computer screen at you. I’d like to recognize two ridiculously funny staged bonus photos that hit that mark. Here you go:



Dave and Heather Gillihan having a little adult fun at the Four Corners Monument



Dan Alsop, as photographed by teammate Eric Markus, assisting with the delivery of the first ever egg laid by a mammal.

And Finally, the Team Logos...

Many of our teams took the team name aspect to another level, creating team logos, stickers, t-shirts and mugs. A few of those images appear below. These are really some creative riders.



A Few Closing Thoughts from 2022...

A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped out this year. You've been mentioned before so I won't repeat the list. But just let me say, you all know who you are, and you know how much you mean to me personally. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for helping pull this event together and make it a success. And to all the riders, you are why we do this. Ride safe. Good luck in your adventures along the way, and we hope to see you back in 2023.

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