

WEST 6 COAST

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Yep, hot on the heels of Newsletter 2, comes, you guessed it...Newsletter 3. Much of this Newsletter will be part of the Bonus Packet, however some of these procedures may elicit some questions, so let's start that discussion now.

- **Tim Allen:** I have been completely remiss in mentioning that Tim Allen, of PNW-GT fame, is part of the rally staff. If he says something, consider it the same as if I said it.

Since I haven't come up with an official title for him, think of him as the rally's Commander Riker. (If you didn't watch Star Trek: The Next Generation: 1) You should; and 2) It means he's second in command.)

- **How to Start and Finish the rally:** Since there are multiple start finish locations, we obviously won't be doing an IBR style grand send off with a police escort. (In fact, we'd really like to NOT have a police escort for anyone.) That said, here's how you will start and finish the rally.
 - **To Start:** You'll need to take two pictures and submit two separate bonus codes. For purposes of this example, I'm going use Lacey's codes, but the procedure will be identical no matter where you're starting, just with different codes:
 - **SF101:** With your rally flag in the picture, take a picture the item described in the bonus pack. *THEN*
 - **SF102:** Take a picture of your odometer with the codeword we'll provide you the morning of the rally. You'll need to write this codeword on a piece of paper so it's visible in the picture. Rally flag not required.

BOTH of these codes must be submitted to start the rally. No other bonuses will be scored unless you submit these two bonus codes.

- **To Finish:** Just like the start, you'll take two pictures and submit two separate bonus codes. Again, we'll use Lacey's codes as an example, but the procedure will be the same for other SF locations:
 - SF121: With your rally flag in the picture, take a picture of the item described in the bonus pack. *THEN*
 - SF122: Take a picture of your odometer with another codeword we'll provide you on the final day of the rally. Rally flag not required.

BOTH of these codes must be submitted prior to 1159 on Aug 21th to be considered a finisher. No exceptions.

- **Rip-Cord Bonus:** Y'all got me thinking about the requirement to start and finish at the same SF location. My original thought was that having riders finishing at a different location provided a significant advantage to those riders who were starting at one of the checkpoints. It basically meant they could ride significantly fewer miles for the checkpoints, and therefore have more time to earn points elsewhere.

However, the other morning in the shower, (you're welcome for that visual) it came to me that it might be possible to work this into the game a little bit. So...here's what I came up with.

*****THE FOLLOWING SUPERCEDES EVERYTHING PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED ABOUT STARTING AND FINISHING AT THE SAME LOCATION*****

You MAY chose to finish the rally at a different SF location than you started from, provided you claim one of the following RC bonuses prior to submitting your finishing bonus:

RC101	Started in Lacey, finish in Eugene
RC102	Started in Lacey, finish in Sacramento
RC103	Started in Lacey, finish in Duarte
RC201	Started in Eugene, finish in Lacey
RC202	Started in Eugene, finish in Sacramento
RC203	Started in Eugene, finish in Duarte
RC301	Started in Sacramento, finish in Lacey
RC302	Started in Sacramento, finish in Eugene
RC303	Started in Sacramento, finish in Duarte
RC401	Started in Duarte, finish in Lacey
RC402	Started in Duarte, finish in Eugene
RC403	Started in Duarte, finish in Sacramento

Please note the name of this Bonus Category: **Rip Cord**. That should put this in perspective. Submitting one of these codes will cause you to lose points in exchange for the advantage you are receiving by riding fewer miles than your competitors.

The intent of this code is to provide an emergency means of finishing the rally if things go sideways -OR- if you're just flower sniffing and want to plan a Disney vacation or visit Olympia's scenic homeless encampments at the end of the rally.

So how many points will you lose if you take this option? Let's just say it will be *significant* and you'll find out when you get the bonus pack.

While I don't put it past someone to figure out a way to eek out some additional points by using this code ("RIDE HARDER NOT SMRTER!"), that is NOT its intent. But if you can figure out a way to make it work, more power to you.

- **Rest Bonuses:** There will be two rest bonuses during the rally. Use them whenever you want. However, at night sure makes a lot of sense to me.

Things are obviously a little different since I won't be able to collect receipts from you at the end. Here's how to claim your rest bonuses. We'll be using the codes from Rest Bonus 1 as an example:

- **Rest Bonus Start:**

- Obtain a receipt that shows at least the following information:
 - Date
 - Time
 - City and State
- Take a picture of this receipt and your odometer. Submit this picture with bonus code ZZ100. You may not collect additional bonuses until you stop your rest bonus.

- **Rest Bonus Stop:**

- Obtain a receipt that shows at least the following information:
 - Date
 - Time
 - City and State
- Take a picture of this receipt and your odometer. Depending on how long you chose to rest for, submit this picture with one of the following bonus codes:
 - ZZ104: Four hour minimum
 - ZZ105: Five hour minimum
 - ZZ106: Six hour minimum
 - ZZ108: Eight hour minimum

- ZZ110: Ten hour minimum

We'll allow a reasonable number of miles between these odometer readings – like get a receipt, go get gas, ride to the hotel, ride to get a receipt. However, the intent of this bonus is for you to be STOPPED and RESTING. Don't try to get a competitive advantage trying to be cute here.

Points will be in the bonus pack and will be structured to make you think about how much rest makes sense for you. (Imagine a logarithmic curve...) Hey, did you read this whole thing? Awesome. Submit code PR103 with a picture of something that starts with the letter 'R' and I'll give you 500 points.