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“Let’s Try Something Newell!” a Leaf-Peepers rally

Date: Sunday October 24th, 2010.

Hoping to capitalize on the most colorful weekend of the leaf-peeping season along the Ohio River, we’ll be taking a foliage tour of hilltops, valleys, tree-lined ridges, creek beds, and farm-lands. And because the rallymaster likes them: also decaying urban centers, awesome industrial areas, and of course: river roads and the bridges that make them even more awesome. In some areas, the foliage should be in full color; the third weekend of October last year was beautiful! The emphasis is on sight-seeing, not “gotchas!” for this rally.

This year, we’ll run up to East Liverpool, Ohio, and traverse the Newell Toll Bridge. It is one of the last dozen private toll bridges in existence, as well as a lovely open-grate suspension bridge high above the Ohio River.

This will be a driver’s rally, using paved, unpaved, previously-paved, and partially paved roads. Make sure your steering and brakes are good, as some of the lesser travelled roads are very narrow and twisty. We’ll be traveling in all three states: Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania, sometimes with no official notice that you crossed a border (although in some places, the difference in road maintenance is interesting).

This will be a timed rally with long legs, no course following traps, and the “usual” historical markers along the way. New-comers should not have any trouble following the route. There is a mid-point break in Calcutta, OH!, and dinner/scoring is at Janoski’s Country Restaurant in Clinton, PA, about 7 miles from the start.

Registration: Registration is at 12:00 PM (NOON) First car to start at 1:01, but you’ll need time to go over the instructions and ask questions. Rally fee is \$10.75 per car (seventy-five cents of which is the toll to cross the Newell Bridge).

Start: Registration is in the parking lot of the First Commonwealth Bank in Imperial, PA near the intersection of US 22, US 30, and PA 978. Coordinates: N 40 26.390 W 80 14.412.



What are Peepers?

Peepers are photos of possibly interesting or significant things that are passed on the rally route. Sometimes they’re just goofy signs, or strange lawn decorations. In fact, you may not get to see the exact scene as shown in the peeper, as it was a photo of something that may have moooved on, or be lost to the ages.

