

“Monte Carlo, What’s That?”

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A control, sometimes called a checkpoint, is a place where your car number is noted along with your time of day arrival and your time of day departure. Generally, control locations and perfect arrival time are not disclosed. In a Monte Carlo style rally, control location is disclosed to you along with the perfect arrival time for Car Zero (CZ). The Monte Carlo location is calculated exactly to the 0.001 of a mile, but not disclosed. Although the perfect CZ arrival time is exact to the 0.01 of a minute the location is given to the 0.10 of a mile, which makes it an approximate mileage.

Average speeds (CAST) are not given in a Monte Carlo rally. Only the perfect arrival time for CZ is given. You can drive as fast or as slowly as you like to arrive at the control on time. But don’t get a traffic citation! Disqualification is the penalty for a ticket!

You may be wondering, “Where is the challenge?” You know approximately where the control is – but not exactly. You have to gamble how close you can get to the designated control mileage, based on the exact time you are to be there, without driving into the control. When you get in view of a control the timing crew will require you to come on through it. Should you hesitate and are deemed to be stopped; you are subject to receiving a Stopping Penalty.

Monte Carlo Sample

Mileage	CZT	NRI #	Instruction	Notes	Clock In/Out
12.543 0.000	1906.00	6	End Odometer check at “Weirdo”. SOL		
6.543		7	Right after “7-Up”.		
7.509		8	L at STOP		
10.7	1920.60	9	Control #1		
10.804		10	Go toward “Chula”.		
11.4	1921.58	11	Control #2		
11.742		12	S @ STOP/CZT 1922.00		
12.1	1925.50	13	Control #3		
12.426		14	R		

Is it possible to zero all the controls? Sure, come give it a try!