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Competitor Bulletin 2

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1. Change of personnel: CHIEF OF SERVICE: Ron Chester. ronchester1958@gmail.com 606.262.0416. Please make any service special arrangements with him.
2. Mark Everett and I have just finished our 4th trip to reconnoiter the Boone Forest Rally area. We've got the route and stages laid out...and we're really happy. Both of us have been involved with the New England Forest Rally for 30 years and I can tell you....the roads are nothing like the New England logging roads. These in Kentucky – and in fact all the roads in Kentucky – are really twisty. You'll enjoy the asphalt transit roads almost as much as the stages.
3. Here's a description of the stages:

FRIDAY: SS1/2 - Turkey Foot. Starts with a 2 mile downhill, one lane road; then a spectator area and 4.5 miles of 1.5 lane, gently uphill forest road with many mini hairpins.

SS 3/5 – Hale Ridge. The first 4.5 miles is an alternating gravel and asphalt county road past several homes; then an acute right leads to 3.5 miles of a gravel road along the side of Sturgeon Creek.

SS 4/6 – White Ash. Starts with a narrow 1 lane road downhill to a dry creek crossing (smooth) and then 2.5 miles of a rolling gravel road with multiple S bends. The finish is at a railway tunnel you'll have to see to believe. 😊

SATURDAY: SS 7/9 - Poplar Gap. The first 3 miles of gravel alternates between fast and slow sections leading down to a public road with a spectator area. Then ½ mile among the public road and an acute right turn onto a narrow 1 lane gravel road. 4 miles along here leads to an up and downhill asphalt section and the finish.

SS8/10 – New Hope Tower. This 7 mile stage has two different characters: The first half is my favorite; it's 3 miles of a twisty 1.5 lane gravel road. After one of the many Baptist Churches, it crosses a public road. The second half is a county road – again varying fast sections with multiple narrow curves and junctions.

SS 11 – S. Tree Tower. A 2 lane, faster road with sweeping turns flowing along a ridge passing a spectator area and a camping area near the end.

SS 12 – Mill Creek. Starts with a hairpin and a climb for the first mile; then it's a fast sweeping 2 mile road to the finish. It's then only 2 miles to McKee for the finish.

John Buffum
Clerk of the Course