



High price of gas keeping you off the road? Heat got you down? But you love to rally in your car, and learn things about interesting places in Texas that you can drive to, don't you? We can help.

Run the 2009 TableTop Rally, brought to you by the rallymasters at Texas Region, SCCA, with the cooperation of Mapsco. You "rally" in the *Roads of Texas* atlas, entirely in the air-conditioned comfort of your own home. The tricks, traps, and challenges are much the same as in one of our driving rallies, without actually needing a car.

There will be no 'in-person' registration. You must go to MotorsportReg.com to sign up. You can access them at tinyurl.com/TT09msr. The cost is only \$15 for SCCA members, and \$20 for non-members. Registration is open until midnight, July 31.

You must have a copy of the latest Mapsco *Roads of Texas*, which is the same book that we sent out last year for the 2008 TableTop Rally. It is identified as ISBN-13: 978-1-56966-421-6 on the back cover, or as "Copyright 2005, 2008" on page 1. You can order one by calling Mapsco at 800-718-4627 (during CDT business hours from July 6th through August 14th) and asking to speak to Tracie Castor, and mentioning the "TableTop Rally." The price is \$15 post paid. DFW residents can go by any Mapsco store and purchase the same book at a further reduced rate, again by mentioning "TableTop Rally."

On August 1 we will email out the General Instructions, the Route Instructions, and the sheet (file) to use to submit your answers. Your answers must be returned, postmarked by August 31, or time-stamped August 31 if delivered electronically. Mail to Rally, 702 West Shore Dr, Richardson, TX 75080, or email to rally@texasscca.org. Graded sheets will be returned to you, and you will have 1 week to tell us if you think we have made a mistake. Final results will be emailed shortly after that 1 week is up. DFW residents who want to get together and discuss the TableTop Rally results are invited to the awards ceremony for the DFW Map Rally, to be held September 5th around lunch time, at a location to be announced.

Classes: First-timer: never run a map rally before; Novice: never won a trophy in a map rally; General: does not meet the conditions of the other classes; Master: has won a first-place trophy in the Massacre or other Massacre-type map rally, or has entered such a rally 10 or more times.

The Granddaddy of all such map rallies in the USA is "The St Valentine's Day Massacre". Portions of our TableTop Rally are being written by three Massacre experts, Steve Gaddy, Jeanne English, and Liz Witt. So enter today! Don't delay, because you will need plenty of time to get the correct answers. It will be fun, and it will be a challenge.

PS: If you have to order a Roads of Texas atlas, and so lose a couple of days' solution time, that's an example of force majeure!