

## Maine 400 Results

Each year we attempt to design the Maine 400, so that a competitive ride will be about 400 miles. This year we got it pretty close. Our first place rider finished with 403 miles. We always have a good idea where the best routes are hidden in the mass of information in the Rally Book. Then we sit back and wait to see what routes, bonus and combinations attracted the most attention.

This year we knew that Greenville was a tough ride, but the lead riders would need those big bonuses. We expected that Rangely, Acton and Avon would be worth a look, but no one went there. And that is a pity, because those are some beautiful roads in the northwest corner of Maine. In addition to Greenville; Augusta and South Portland bonuses were visited by most of the finishers.

Early on we had a bonus near Greenville on Elephant Mountain (B52) that we removed because the dirt road was in very poor condition. The bonus coordinates were on the first coordinate postings. We should recognize Tim Hynd for his ride up the mountain to photograph a bonus that wasn't a bonus.

This is the first time the Maine 400 has coupled up with the Down East Rally. I think the finish in Hermit Island worked, and I got positive feed-back from most of the riders. I'll talk with the leaders of the Down East Rally and see if we can do this again. We started at Reynolds Super Sports in Buxton, and I want to thank Scott for his continued support. We had a pretty good bonus at Street Cycles in Falmouth that few riders claimed. That is too bad, because it could have made a difference in some final standing.

First Place	Jennyfer Audet from Wotton, Quebec on a Honda CBR 1100, 3416 points
Second Place (tie)	Grayson & Ann Cook, Barkhamsted Ct, 3008 Points
Second Place (tie)	Cyril Visovski, Golden's Bridge, NY, 3008 Points
Fourth Place	Tim Hynd, Union, Maine, 2981 Points
Fifth Place	Bob Amadon, North Attleboro, Mass, 2445 Points
Sixth Place	Donnie Cooke, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, 2207 Points
Seventh Place	Scott Cameron, Trenton, Nova Scotia 2189 Points
DNF	Kevin Craft, Peter Clapp & Stephan Parenteau

Kevin Craft had a great ride going and could have finished as high as second, but he made a paperwork error on a mandatory bonus. This was the most difficult call for the Rally Masters in the entire rally. Kevin, a gentleman, accepted our decision with grace.

Thanks to our scorers: Eric Davis, Scott Gibson and Bob Griffin. Additional thanks to Bill Parker who sorted out the riders in the parking area, and Sharon who assisted with the paperwork at the start.

Bob Collin & Shawn Blair