

Event Results

Barrio Peg Street-O Results -- 6/29/08



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Details

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Our first street-O came off without a hitch. Using an aerial photo of my neighborhood, assembled by Ludwig Hill, I roamed the streets on foot and bike for several cool mornings looking for interesting locations. One theme that popped out was using the campaign signs people had posted in their yards. Orienteers were given a pen and an overly flimsy control card with 22 questions and multiple choice answers. People did little or no pace counting or compass work in this neighborhood, though other city areas could easily require more technical skills.

My concerns were having an area that was large enough and interesting enough and a map that was readable with an adequate number of controls, but not too close together. Of the many washes and alleys on the map, some were easily runnable and others completely impassable but this could not be discerned on the map. I also discovered just how many big, mean-sounding dogs are held in by flimsy backyard fences, so I had to keep people out of most alleys.

The police department didn't think we needed a permit for this meet, thus decreasing costs and work, but that may not be the case in the future if we use a park as a start point. I didn't get any questions when I was cruising the neighborhood slowly on my bike, searching houses and yards for points of interest, going back and forth to ascertain that I'd marked the right spot on the map for the control. However, during the event, one team was approached in a friendly way by a local asking what in the world all these people clutching pieces of paper were doing.

This meet was not well publicized and attracted no new people because I wanted to see how everything would go on our maiden street-O voyage. However, this could be a wonderful meet format for drawing newcomers. It's so much less of an investment in time and gas that we may be able to lure people in for a try, then ease them into later meets out in the boondocks.

While flipping through the city atlas, I noticed a couple of other neighborhoods which might be better sites - weirder street layout, a park with restrooms for a start site. I think a one-half to one mile square would be a good size area. Today's event was about 3/4 square mile with most of it a grid of streets.

One of the beauties of Street-O is no hanging out or retrieving controls. The lack of work may have contributed to the pleasant time we had hanging around chatting after everyone's run. I really appreciate all the feedback I was given about this course and street-O in general. People seem to want to do it again.

So how does your neighborhood look? These are easy, low-key events to set, perfect for an orange course orienteer. I would like to see us have these events often. This will give us all a chance to orienteer more often with less burnout for meet officials. Ludwig is preparing "how to make a street-O map" for the website and I would be glad to consult with anyone interested in setting.

Controls minutes

1. Mark Everett	22	1M	45
2. Cristina Luis	22	1F	50
3. Jeff Brucker	22	2M	58
4. Ludwig Hill	21	3M	
5. Jeff Brodsky	16	4M	
6. Michael Rule	15	5M	
7. Lost with Pat	14	1T	
8. Pathway Deviants	12	2T	
9. Margrit McIntosh	11	2F	
10. Mark Lee	10	6M	
Mike Thompson	REC		
Gail Brodsky	REC		
Jim Stamm	bike REC		