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HARVEY/ZITKUS WIN SUNRISER 400 PRO RALLY BY NARROW MARGIN

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, Sept. 16 -- Scott Harvey of Rochester, Mich. and Wayne Zitkus, Toledo, Ohio, captured the Sports Car Club of America's Sunriser 400 Pro Rally by the closest margin possible -- one point.

Co-driving the Harco Dodge Colt, the team won the 12-hour, 330-mile rally on the final special stage before the finish line. Going into the stage, Dick Zwitzer of Rochester, N.Y. and Tim Cline of Elkhart, Ind., were leading in their Best Motors Volvo 146E. Although Harvey/Zitkus were only third fastest through the stage, Zwitzer and Cline were seven seconds further behind to lose the rally 10,330 to 10,331.

The victory was the first in the 1973 Pro Rally Series for Scott, and ended the domination of 4-wheel-drive Jeeps. It was the first time in three years Zwitzer has not won the Sunriser 400.

In third place with 10,403 penalty points were Jim Walker and Terry Palmer of Michigan in a Volvo 142. Fourth was the championship points leading team of Gene Henderson and Ken Pogue, also of Michigan, in a Competition Ltd. Jeep Wagoneer with a score of 10,427. The duo won two of the four events in the European-style rally series held to date and a team Jeep Wagoneer won the opening round.

Of the 39 cars starting the rally from Chillicothe at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 20 crossed the finish line here this morning. The 330-mile route covered a variety of roads in southern Ohio: dusty and rutted roads to mud holes, loose gravel to smooth, hardpacked runs through state forests. The first segment of the Sunriser 400 was the roughest, considered the "car breaker" by the organizers.

Walker and Palmer won 13 of the 29 special stages scored and tied for the win in two others. Henderson and Pogue won seven of the stages and tied for one victory while Harvey and Zitkus captured six of the stages and also tied for the win on one occasion on their way to the Sunriser 400 victory.

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OFFICIAL RESULTS of the Sunrider 400 Rally for the SCCA Pro Rally Series, Chillicothe, Ohio
 Sept. 15-16, 1973. Event sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America and conducted by
 the Ohio Valley Region, SCCA, in cooperation with the Columbus Rally Club.

Fin. Pos.	Driver/Co-Driver/Hometown	Car	Penalty Points
1	Scott Harvey, Rochester, Mich. Wayne Zitkus, Toledo, Ohio	Harco Dodge Colt	10,330
2	Dick Zwitzer, Rochester, N.Y. Tim Cline, Elkhart, Ind.	Best Motors Volvo 146E	10,331
3	Jim Walker, Ann Arbor, Mich. Terry Palmer, Jackson, Mich.	Volvo 142	10,403
4	Gene Henderson, Dearborn, Mich. Ken Pogue, Warren, Mich.	Competition Ltd. Jeep Wagoneer	10,427
5	Bill Dodd, Amherst, Ohio Rudy Kren, Cleveland, Ohio	Capri 2600	10,802
6	John Chalmers, Findlay, Ohio Bill Potvin, Toledo, Ohio	Cooper Tire Datsun 510	10,882
7	Walt Wagner, E. Lansing, Mich. Roger Culbert, Jackson, Mich.	Datsun 240Z	10,898
8	Rich Merritt, Worthington, Ohio Linda Merritt, Worthington, Ohio	Datsun 510	10,929
9	Jim Flanigan, Columbus, Ohio Jan Flanigan, Columbus, Ohio	Datsun 510	11,151
10	Dale McAlister, Midland, Mich. Joe LeBeau, Midland, Mich.	Dart Per. Subaru	11,380
11	Ron Snios, Rochester, N.Y. Mel Berger, Buffalo, N.Y.	Datsun 510	11,454
12	Bob Strecker, Jackson, Mich. Bob Daniels, Jackson, Mich.	Datsun 510 SSS	11,594
13	Garrett Harbron, Indianapolis, Ind. Al Mandell, Columbus, Ohio	Pizza Hut Mazda RX2	11,732
14	Wayne Forbush, Elyria, Ohio Lew Fine, Midland, Mich.	Dart Per. Subaru	11,931
15	Kent Gardam, Toledo, Ohio Sandy Gardam, Toledo, Ohio	Datsun 510	12,242
16	Jim Hale, St. Clair Shores, Mich. Keith Angell, Ann Arbor, Mich.	Datsun 510	12,384
17	Dave Birdsall, Flint, Mich. John Crawford, Davison, Mich.	Dart Per. Subaru	12,512
18	Jerry England, Cincinnati, Ohio Anne England, Cincinnati, Ohio	Ford Cortina	12,699
19	Bill Braund, Detroit, Mich. Cam Warren, Santa Barbara, Calif.	Toyota	12,744
20	John Moir, Canada Earl Moore, Canada	Ford Pinto	14,606

19 teams did not finish.

1973 SCCA Pro Rally Series point standings (for SCCA members only) - top 12 positions:

DRIVERS		CO-DRIVERS	
1	Gene Henderson 389.68	1	Ken Pogue 292.31
2	Scott Harvey 291.29	2	Wayne Zitkus 192.11
3	Cam Warren 158.08	3	Tom King 191.29
4	Wayne Forbush 156.14	4	Terry Arnold 173.87
5	Dale McAlister 150.60	5	Joseph LeBeau 150.60
6	John Smiskol 145.46	6	Carol Smiskol 145.46
7	John Chalmers 139.81	7	Bill Potvin 139.81
8	Bill Braund 136.61	8	Lewis Fine 132.46
9	Guenter Kern 117.97	9	Bill Braund 126.32
10	Erhard Dahm 100.00	10	John Campbell 100.00
11	Hendrik Blok 92.11	11	Ron Richardson 92.11
	Bob Hourihan 92.11	12	Larry Brown 89.47

NEXT EVENT: Oct. 6-7, Nor'wester, Washington