

Geargrinders News

Saturday Road Rally Series

Saturday dawned bright and blue - a first for this rally season. Rallymaster Brandon Harer put together a beautiful course that took advantage of the lush countryside of Clackamas County. With a few light traps sprinkled among the Christmas trees, ralliers criss-crossed the area to avoid the traps and secure those elusive zeroes.

Congratulations to the team of Simon Levear and Ben Bradley in car #2 for successfully zeroing two of the five legs! Was it any coincidence that the checkpoints were now using automated checkpoint lines to trigger the rally clocks? Only time will tell. (Yes, that's a pun).

Near the mid-point of the rally, contestants were treated to a trip to the Eagle Creek Fish Hatchery, home of the electric fish! After this shocking development, teams rallied forth while being confronted with a pair of ONTO traps and a spelling trap, until finally coming upon this in leg 5:

55. CAST 33 at "FISH HATCHERY" then TURN LEFT at JUBB.

56. L on STORMER ITIS.

57. R on MATTOON CAST 38.

A quick check of the rally rules shows us that both TURN and LEFT are deviations, so route instruction 55 has three actions: (1) change speed at a sign, (2) TURN (at first opportunity), and (3) LEFT at JUBB. Some rally teams might have been fooled and completed both deviations at the same place since the TURN happened to be a left at Jubb. Or perhaps the navigator didn't clearly communicate multiple actions. Regardless, while on course teams were executing both parts as separate turns, off course teams used instruction 56. Finally all teams got back together using instruction 57 - R on MATTOON - with off course being none the wiser. Such is the crafting of a good rally trap.

After the final checkpoint, rally teams had a short transit to the finish location at the Carver Hangar in Damascus where food was great and the company even better.

At the top of the leaderboard in Unlimited class was Simon and Ben - those two zeroes made all the difference. Taking the top spot in the SOP class was Sean and Tonia Anderson who were ticking off some good scores until they got caught by the TURN LEFT trap. Pablo and Yulia took home the Masters class win.



CSCC July Road Rally Results

Christmas in July

Saturday, July 7, 2018

Rallymaster: Brandon Harer

Car #	Driver / Navigator	Class	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	Total
2	Simon Levear / Ben Bradley	UNL	1	0	3	0	5	9
1	Kevin Poirier / Chris Hale	UNL	1	3	3	1	4	12
6	Sean Andersen / Tonia Andersen	SOP	12	22	4	52	185	275
4	Patrick Hanchek / Fran Hanchek	SOP	38	300	39	7	8	392
3	Pablo Eklund / Yulia Smolyansky	MAS	28	67	59	258	52	464
5	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	12	70	19	233	300	634

Next up in Cascade Sports Car Club's Saturday Rally Series is September 8. Rallymaster Simon Levear is sure to serve up a deliciously delightful road rally. All we can say right now is that it will start on Sept. 8 with 9 a.m. registration at Milwaukie Lowe's and end at a pizza place in Sherwood.

The September 8 rally wraps up Cascade's inaugural Saturday Rally Series. The Series Championship competition is tight in all classes. Only four of the five rallies count, so this last rally of the series will determine the outcome.

Saturday Rally Series standings are online: <http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/results.html>

Mountains to the Sea

And now, a word about a Cascade Sports Car Club tradition, the 53rd anniversary of the [Mountains to the Sea](#) road rally – August 4-5. If you run only one Cascade road rally this year, make it this one.

This two-day event is a tour-style rally, with mileage on every route instruction (no route-following tricks or traps). Both days include some gravel, less than 6 miles on day one and less than 3 miles on day 2, all under 30 mph. Saturday starts in Portland and ends in Seaside, with a beach party and BBQ dinner. Sunday's route travels back from Seaside, ending in Scappoose Sunday afternoon. A great weekend of scenic routes less traveled!

It's too late to sign up online. Just show up at the start. Registration opens Saturday, August 4, at 9 a.m. at Dealers Supply, 2345 NW Nicolai St., Portland. First car out at 10:01 a.m. Entry is just \$85 per car for members which covers entry in the two-day road rally and Saturday dinner for driver and navigator at the fabulous beach party. \$10 each for additional diners.



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