

Geargrinders News

Saturday Road Rally Series

The sun came out early Saturday morning making for a pleasant drive through the Clark County hills for the twelve teams of road ralliers that had assembled for the start of the May 11 Saturday Road Rally. Flashback to last year and it was heavy rain and high winds with checkpoint signs blowing over.

Rallymaster Kevin Poirier constructed a lengthy event with seven controls covering about 120 miles. Scenery was top notch with gorgeous views of Mt. St. Helens and the Columbia River. Roads were 100% paved with many a twist and turn. But this was no walk in the park. On the Saagerpalooosa difficulty scale, we rate this one a challenge.

The first couple of legs were pretty straight forward. The third leg included opportunities to execute a NOTE to "PAUSE at each YIELD". However, since all the opportunities were at railroad crossings which are not intersections, if you paused at the three crossings, you earned 30 penalty points. The fourth leg offered a mileage trap (CAST 41 for 0.75 miles at "NEXT 1 ½ MILES") worth 24 points.



Leg 6 spelled doom for most teams. The leg opens with an ONTO GREEN instruction, followed by an ITIS instruction to TURN on SHIRLEY GORDON. The trap is sprung when your first encounter with Shirley is an opportunity to drive straight on SHIRLEY GORDON. We all know you can't TURN by going STRAIGHT, so you refuse the ITIS (at that encounter) and continue to stay ONTO GREEN. You max early if you miss this – and some did. Those who did this trap correctly still had to make it through some confusing intersections, following GREEN wherever it went, eventually finding the correct opportunity to TURN on SHIRLEY GORDON. Half the teams that maxed Leg 6 also maxed Leg 7.

With longer legs, scores tend toward the higher side with nearly one-third of the leg scores timing in over the three-minute max. Many of those came from the last two legs with every team getting at least one max with one exception. The Novice team of Twyla Blanksma and Chris White scooted through Legs 6 and 7 with a combined total of 192, about half of the next closest team.

The SOP team of Bill and Kelly Ferber also displayed the agony and the ecstasy with maxes on legs 4 and 6 but a zero on leg 5.

Storming to victory by more than a minute and a half was the team of Sean and Brandon Andersen. Well done gents! Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolyensky took first in Unlimited, and Mark and Mike Heriford took first in Novice. Congratulations!



Next up in the Saturday Series is June 8 by rallymasters Kasey Klaus and Torm Kelsey-Green. Their rally also runs in the Clark County area, but that's where the similarity ends. They plan a tour-style rally (no tricks or traps), with focus on staying on time while enjoying the drive. Beautiful rally roads like Lucia Falls set the stage for a fun drive, ending in Battle Ground.

Registration opens at 9 am in the northeast corner of Lowe's parking lot, 13631 SE Johnson Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222. \$20 per car for CSCC members, \$30 per car for non-members.

CSCC May Road Rally Results

Mother of a Rally

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Rallymaster: Kevin Poirier

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Car #	Driver / Navigator	Class	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	Leg 6	Leg 7	Total
12	Sean Andersen / Brandon Andersen	SOP	37	14	18	67	79	300	56	571
2	Marcus Gattman / Kerrie Steffenson	SOP	46	14	18	23	25	300	300	726
10	Paul Eklund / Yulia Smolyensky	UNL	5	2	26	6	88	300	300	727
1	Larry Lefebvre / Simon Levear	SOP	6	20	29	15	138	300	300	908
7	Larry McCartin / Christy Temple	SOP	237	102	24	227	31	300	117	928
5	Mark Heriford / Mike Heriford	NOV	233	77	6	86	96	255	300	1053
11	Bill Ferber / Kelly Ferber	SOP	300	129	12	300	0	300	32	1073
6	Dave Wilson / Sherry Wilson	NOV	298	27	6	84	106	300	300	1121
8	Larry Anson / Fran Hanchek	SOP	157	77	19	300	300	300	7	1160
4	Twyla Blanksma / Chris White	NOV	300	91	300	300	88	112	80	1271
9	Kathleen Ellis / Bob Ellis	SOP	300	123	6	244	32	300	300	1305
3	Jordan Green / Carol Green	SOP	190	27	106	95	300	300	300	1318

August 10 Mountains to the Sea

The 2019 Mountains to the Sea Rally offers fun driving roads, beautiful scenery, a ferry crossing, and a BBQ beach party at South Beach Park near Newport. A block of rooms is now available at the La Quinta Newport. Make your reservation soon, call 541-867-7727, mention Mountains to the Sea Rally.

This beginner-level tour-style rally includes TSD regularity sections with GPS-timed passage controls, time of day restarts, and a Monte Carlo finale. Numbered route instructions are accompanied by official mileage. Passage controls are identified in the route instructions. For the Monte Carlo section, a start time/location and end time/location are provided. Route instructions identify the route, but no speeds are given. Just arrive at the identified final checkpoint at the specified time to zero the leg.

The 2019 Mountains to the Sea Rally will introduce a new, state-of-the-art method of timing and scoring road rallies. Each rally team will be required to bring a smartphone equipped with the "Competitor - Richta GPS Checkpoints" app.

The entry fee for 2019 Mountains to the Sea is \$85 for CSCC members, \$100 for non-members, which covers entry in the one-day road rally and Saturday evening beach party dinner for driver and navigator. \$10 each for additional diners.

Online preregistration is required. <http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/Mountains-to-the-Sea.html>

Come drive with us!