

Road Rally School and Rally - Feb. 15

The 2020 Cascade road rally season started off with a full house of students eager to learn how to be successful time-speed-distance road ralliers. Sixteen driver-navigator teams endured the crowded two-hour rally school classroom session and immediately set out to run the “practice” final exam road rally.

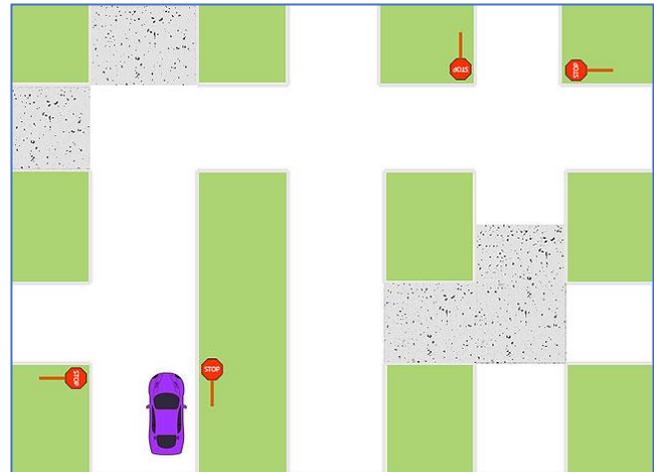
The rally school swiftly covered essential skills for Cascade TSD road rally: getting ready, knowing the rules, staying on course, avoiding traps, and staying on time. Of course, being on time won't help if you're in the wrong place. Learning how to stay on course is the first priority and you do that by understanding the main road.

In Cascade's TSD road rally world, a main road exists at every intersection. The main road is the rally route you follow if you don't have an executable route instruction for that intersection.

In fact, you can execute a route instruction containing a course directing action only when it takes you off the main road.

Knowing where the main road goes at every intersection and knowing how to follow the route instructions are critical to finishing a road rally. (Make sure they tell you where the finish is before you leave the start. ;-)

The Rally School Rally course started in North Plains, traveled along West Union, Valley Vista, Germantown, Skyline, Jackson Quarry, Helvetia, and points in between, ending at the Helvetia Tavern. The route was about 45 miles long and took a bit over an hour and half to drive - just about half of a Saturday Series rally.



Follow the main road to exit this maze.
White roadway is paved. Grey roadway is gravel.

Leg	In Time	Difference	Score
11	13:49:01	0:00	Late 0
10	13:45:31	0:25	Late 25
9	13:38:08	0:22	Late 22
8	13:28:09	0:29	Late 29
7	13:15:00		Restart
6	13:05:33	0:13	Late 13
5	13:01:05	0:25	Late 25
4	12:54:31	0:24	Late 24
3	12:46:58	0:18	Early 18
2	12:38:09	0:57	Late 57
1	12:20:00		Restart

Many of the road rally concepts presented at rally school were practiced and tested along the way. Four simple rally traps spiced up the event, including Monte's odo trap (take xx minutes to complete the next xx NRIs), a number switch (if Monte puts BENEDEMEER in a rally, there's a number switch), and a couple main road traps (L at T. Pause xx. ITIS). They were well protected so even if you do it wrong you end up back on course, with a time penalty.

The GPS app that was used to time and score the rally alerted contestants when they passed a checkpoint. The app displayed their leg time penalty in seconds and noted whether they were early or late and it displayed their cumulative score for the nine timed legs.

Rally school was the first TSD road rally for many of the attendees. Some had attended very few or had only attended rallies hosted by other clubs. It is great to see so many new faces at a Cascade rally event. Some rally veterans (who snuck in) shared their valuable experience, reinforcing the discussion. The day seemed to strike a positive note and many indicated they plan to come back to run more Cascade rallies this season. Success!

And we're pleased to report that everyone made their way to the finish; and just like veteran ralliers, some found more creative ways to get there. Congratulations to all the Rally School Rally graduates.

The Rally School handout is available: http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/Files/2020_Rally_School_Handout.pdf

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CSCC Rally School Rally Results

Are We There Yet?

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager



Car#	Driver / Navigator	Class	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	Total
15	Steve Bledsoe / Bob Ellis	SOP	82	20	21	89	19	45	1	53	5	335
8	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	45	60	16	116	2	11	11	72	8	341
14	Annie Thompson / Bill Thompson	NOV	120	1	22	76	33	34	12	79	4	381
12	Carole Hedsdtrom / Brad Hedstrom	NOV	92	37	14	83	8	108	4	28	10	384
6	Robert Paxman / Will Pollard	NOV	72	15	40	120	20	56	21	41	3	388
2	Chris Williams / Roger Superneau	NOV	9	74	18	120	32	115	8	63	0	439
9	Derek Johnson Love / Kate Love Johnson	NOV	65	75	15	120	120	4	0	60	1	460
1	Dave Sacry / Kathy Sacry	SOP	57	63	13	76	14	0	120	120	5	468
13	Todd Etchieson / Amber Etchieson	NOV	21	42	120	71	34	120	27	39	2	476
3	Brian Anderson / Jamie Anderson	NOV	120	41	1	120	9	120	59	67	4	541
7	Ben Overton / Kyle Overton	NOV	12	28	15	120	120	120	96	75	25	611
10	Andy Lilienthal / Mercedes Lilienthal	SOP	120	120	120	66	33	120	2	48	0	629
5	Bob McArthur / Marty Lawrence	SOP	87	57	33	120	120	120	13	75	7	632
11	Rich Franca / Kris Franca	NOV	120	120	14	120	120	95	72	39	28	728
4	Steven Potter / Audrey Potter	NOV	120	30	120	120	120	120	6	120	120	876
17	Chance Chase / Adryannia Chase	NOV	97	120	120	32	58	120	120	120	120	907

What to expect of Saturday Series rallies

The Rally School Rally was created to provide an example of what the Cascade Saturday Series rallies will be like this year in terms of style and format. With GPS timing and scoring, you can expect more legs (more passage controls aka checkpoints).

Overall event length (three to four hours) will remain the same, but legs on average will be shorter.

Passage controls will be noted in the route instructions so you'll know where you need to be on time. You won't know precisely where, but you'll know it's coming up.

Expect fewer traps and simpler traps. As noted, most of the rally school attendees are newcomers to Cascade's rally program. Traps familiar to veteran ralliers (number switch, spelling trap, onto a sign, turn at sideroad, main road traps, etc.) are all new to our new audience.

Official mileage will be provided on more route instructions, as much as possible.

Only paved roads will be used. Gravel will be avoided. Bring out your pretty car.

These rallies will be easier and more fun for the contestants, not to mention much easier to manage from the organizers side. Everybody wins, how about that!

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Saturday Road Rally Series - March 21

The Saturday Road Rally Series kicks into gear on March 21. It's a whole new season and even more fun.

The Saturday Road Rally Series offers beginner-friendly time-speed-distance road rallies, lasting from three to four hours, starting and ending in the Portland area.



Entry requires a street-legal vehicle, licensed and insured driver, navigator, and a smart device (e.g., cell phone or tablet) running the Competitor Richta GPS Checkpoints app. The Richta app will be used to time and score the rally.

\$20 per car for CSCC members, \$30 per car for non-members.

Online registration (optional) available through March 18:

<http://msreg.com/CSCCMarchRally>

Check in opens at 9 am on Saturday, March 21, in the northeast corner of Lowe's parking lot. Review the route instructions and hob nob with rally contestants until the informational meeting at 9:45 am. Listen carefully and ask questions! Then leave the parking lot at 10 am plus

your car number and follow the route instructions to the end. Expect to arrive at a restaurant in three to four hours.

The March 21 rally is the first of five Saturday Series rallies this season. With a Series Pass, Cascade members can save money, register just once, and run the same car number for all five Saturday Series rallies. Just \$80.

Series Pass registration form: <http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/Files/CSCC-Series-Pass-2020.pdf>

Not a Cascade member? Join here: <https://cascadesportscarclub.org/membership/>

Mountains to the Sea - May 16

Make plans to attend the 55th anniversary of Cascade's classic Mountains to the Sea Rally - The Rally to Clark's Tree. This year's rally ends in Long Beach, Washington, at the most northerly point reached by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. Captain William Clark marked the spot by carving the date and his name into a tree.

This full-day beginner-level tour-style time-speed-distance road rally offers an all-paved scenic route that is fun to drive, ending with a BBQ dinner and a famous beach party at the Breakers Hotel. We'll have s'mores around the beach fire after trophy ceremonies.

\$85 per car for CSCC members, \$100 per car for non-members. \$10 each for additional diners.

Required online registration closes May 13:

<http://msreg.com/CSCCM2C>



Group activities are being planned for Sunday. Plan to spend the night and join your rally friends for some fun local activities. Breakers' rates are \$99 for a studio and \$129 for a one bedroom, add \$15 for dog friendly rooms. Call the Breakers Hotel at 360-642-4414 and mention M2C.



CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB GEARGRINDERS

2020 TSD Road Rally Schedule*

Rally School

February 15 – Novice or Nervous – Classroom review of Cascade Geargrinders' time-speed-distance road rally rules, followed by a practice road rally. Class starts at 10 a.m. at North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial St, North Plains, OR 97133. Rally starts about noon and ends about 2 p.m. at Helvetia Tavern. \$20 per car for CSCC members, \$30 per car for non-members. Register online <http://msreg.com/CSCCRallySchool>

Saturday Road Rally Series

March 21	Registration:	9 am
April 18	Drivers meeting:	9:45 am
June 13	First car out:	10 am
July 18		
August 22		

\$20 per car for CSCC members
(\$30 for non-members)



Save with a Series Pass

\$80 for 5-event Series Pass. Register once for the entire Saturday Rally Series. Keep the same car number all season. Available to members only. CSCC membership available at every rally.

Start location

Northeast corner of Lowe's parking lot, 13631 SE Johnson Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222

Special Events

May 16 – Mountains to the Sea – 55th anniversary of Cascade's classic rally. Full-day beginner-level tour-style time-speed-distance road rally, offering an all-paved scenic route that is fun to drive, ending with a BBQ dinner and a famous beach party at the Breakers Hotel in Long Beach, Washington.

September 19 – Game / Gimmick Rally - Test your trick-and-trap road rally skills in this fun rally. Without average speeds and checkpoint timing, scoring is based on correctly answering questions about things you see along the rally route.

October TBD – Ghouls Gambol – A Cascade tradition, this Halloween road rally explores the autumn colors around Portland's foothills and farmland. Caution: May include frights.



* For all 2020 Cascade road rallies, each car must have a cell phone (or other smart device) running the Richta Competitor app in order to participate.

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 #CSCC Road Rally



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2020 Mountains to the Sea

The Rally to Clark's Tree

Saturday, May 16

Join us for the 55th anniversary of Cascade Sports Car Club's classic Mountains to the Sea road rally. This year's rally offers an all-paved scenic route that is fun to drive, ending with a BBQ dinner and a famous beach party at the [Breakers Hotel](#) in Long Beach, Washington. We'll have s'mores around the beach fire after trophy ceremonies.

This full-day beginner-level tour-style rally includes TSD regularity sections with GPS-timed passage controls, time of day restarts, and a Monte Carlo finale. Route instructions are accompanied by official mileage. Passage controls are identified in the route instructions.

The 2020 Mountains to the Sea Rally utilizes a state-of-the-art method of timing and scoring road rallies. Each rally team is required to bring a smartphone equipped with the "Competitor - Richta GPS Checkpoints" app.



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Entry fee:

\$85 per car for CSCC members
\$100 per car for non-members
Entry fee covers entry in the one-day road rally and Saturday BBQ dinner for driver and navigator
\$10 each for additional diners

Start location:

Dealers Supply parking lot
[2345 NW Nicolai St, Portland, OR 97210](#)

Schedule:

Check in: 9 am
Participant meeting: 9:40 am
First car out: 10:01 am
Break: 11:30 am approx.
Lunch: 1:30 pm approx.
Break: 3:30 pm approx.
Finish: 5 pm approx.
BBQ dinner: 6 pm approx.
Results posted, awards presented
Beach party: 7 pm approx.



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