

Geargrinders News

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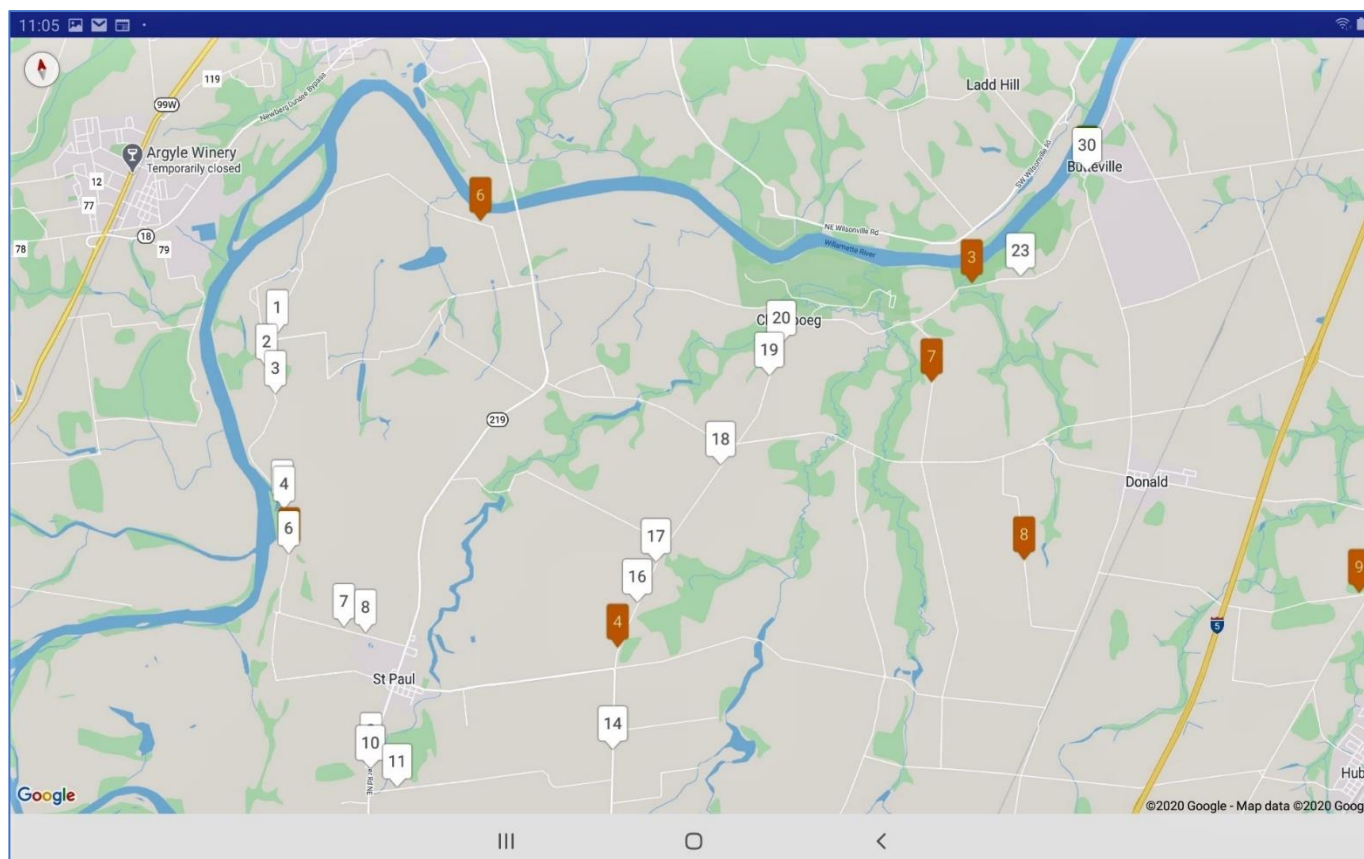
Saturday Road Rally Series - May 16

Cascade's third TSsD (Time Speed social Distance) road rally on May 16 attracted 25 entries, breaking recent Saturday event records. Then two teams canceled and a third nearly made it to the start, so 22 teams ran the rally and arrived at the finish. Still a record for Saturday rallies. Notable is that half of the teams ran in the Novice class. And six teams were new to the Cascade Geargrinders road rally program. It's great to see so many new teams!

Although the weather was cloudy, obscuring glimpses of distant mountains, the route offered lots of roadside scenery. The ride ended at the Historic Butteville Store, then the rally headed off past Champoege Park and through the quaint village of St. Paul, home of the St. Paul Rodeo. The route toured the fertile Willamette Valley, past fields of Crimson Clover in full bloom, hops vines climbing skyward, dark green Tall Fescue growing taller, and orchards of Hazelnuts covering the hillsides. Sharp eyes noticed a Heritage Roses nursery. The rally headed west after a short break in Hubbard, climbing the foothills of the Cascades through Christmas tree farms and managed forests. The last of 17 timed controls was just outside of Estacada. The 90-mile route took about 3 hours to drive.



As with the last two Saturday rallies, we stayed home and watched on the Richta Rallymaster map as teams progressed along the rally route in real time. We also monitored the Richta Rallymaster app scoreboard, watching as teams pulled into the lead or slipped behind after a bad leg score.



Orange markers are GPS checkpoints. White markers are contestant cars.

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This rally contained a few more challenges than the first two in this season's Saturday Rally Series. But the penalties for these planned off course excursions were small - under 30 seconds.



The first challenge was at an intersection where the main road goes straight, offering on course teams an opportunity to PAUSE 15 seconds at a yield sign ITIS (if there is such). Off course teams took the short route through the intersection and missed the PAUSE, making them a little early at PC 7.

The next challenge was an NRI that offered a PAUSE 15 seconds at STOP ITIS. The obvious yet incorrect place to do this was at a railroad crossing with an official highway stop sign; however, since there was no intersection of rally roads, it could not be a STOP. Off course teams paused, making them a little late at PC 9.

The third challenge directed you to change your speed down 2 mph at each sign reading "LAKE" prior to the next instruction. The challenge was that there were 4 correct signs, not 5 since "LAKEVIEW" didn't count. (You can't quote part of a word as a sign.) Teams that saw 5 signs were slightly late at PC 10.

Oh, but there's more. The next challenge was an NRI that instructed you to change your average speed to 43 for 1.5 miles then change your average speed to 37. The very next NRI was R meaning to go right next opportunity. So on course teams drove 1.5 miles before starting to look for the right. Off course teams took a right before the 1.5 miles had elapsed, followed a shorter route to the PC, and arrived at PC 13 about 30 seconds early.

The final challenge was a main road following challenge. The NRIs are:

- 63. R on TUCKER. CAST 30.
- 64. R first OPP.
- 65. R on SKINNER. PAUSE 30 seconds. ITIS.

Shortly after turning on Tucker, you arrive at a T intersection. So you can use NRI 64 here, correct? Nope. The road on your left has a back-facing stop sign, the road on your right does not have a back-facing stop sign, so the main road here goes right. You can't use NRI 64 here because it would go the same direction as the main road. You proceed to the right and continue to look for an opportunity to execute NRI 64. You find that opportunity at the next intersection which happens to be Skinner, so you use NRI 64 to go right on Skinner and you skip NRI 65. Off course cars used NRI 64 at the T intersection, then used NRI 65 to go right on Skinner including the 30 second PAUSE, making off course cars about 30 seconds late to PC 19.



This rally included 11 pauses to manage, not counting the ones you weren't supposed to execute, which explains the title "Taking Time to PAUSE".

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We received two questions before the rally.

A question about CAST, Change average speed to, does that mean to go the speed stated or maintain the posted speed? Going 45 in a 55 zone with blind hills isn't wise.

Response: CAST is change average speed. Maintain this average speed from the point where indicated until the CAST is changed. Since you have to stop at stop signs, slow down for curves, hit the brakes for an animal in the road, etc., you have to go faster than CAST to make up for the slow spots so that overall you maintain that average speed set by the CAST. Perfect score is determined by measuring the course and calculating exact time at CAST. Sometimes the CAST feels too slow or too fast; it's an average. CASTs are set with safety in mind.

A question about NRI-36: The RRRs say that all parts of an NRI must be completed before moving on to the next NRI. How do you complete NRI-36?

Response: RRR 4.1 says, "An NRI is active (available to be initiated) when all parts of the preceding NRI have been completed. Initiate (begin) an NRI when you reach its first reference point."

NRI 36 says to CSD 2 at each sign reading LAKE prior to the next NRI. The location of the next NRI is known - it's at OM 12.06 at an intersection controlled by a traffic signal. There is at least one LAKE sign. So you complete NRI 36 by arriving at OM 12.06 at a signal, having CSD'ed at least once.



ways and will be working on getting better. Looking forward for the next one."

"We had a great time and improved over last time. Two zeros!! Several single-digit scores. We maxed one leg. My navigator didn't realize that the "R" without mileage or street name just means take the next possible right (in this case after going 1.5 miles). And then I had to stop for him to barf so we maxed that one. Dramamine next time. Super happy with our results on the other legs. Can still improve a lot, too. Thanks again!"

"Excellent Rally. Not too hard. Had some "interesting" features/challenges. The app works like a charm. Really wanted to see it in action and WOW. Fantastic. Are all the Saturday rallies using the app? Cya again if yes. "

We received some nice comments after the rally:

"Thank you for a great rally this morning."

"Nice job on the rally. We really liked the rally and luckily only had some light rain on the early part. Thanks for your work on everything and the communication ahead of time was really great. Pre-event notes were great. Post-event communication timing was really great."

"My son and I really enjoyed the rally. We had a great time reading the directions and learning what the different terms meant. We have seen the error of our

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Scores overall were very good. The 22 Novice teams got 5 perfect zero leg scores collectively and averaged 20 points per leg. The eight SOP teams got 6 zeros and averaged 12 points per leg. The Equipped cars added another 7 zeros and averaged 13 points per leg. Amazing scores!



Edmund Frank and Jo Su finished first in the GPS class with 252. Congratulations! We hope to see more folks running in this class over time.

Most notable is first overall and first SOP Car #10 Curt Thompson and Pat Biggar with their total score of 56, under a minute penalty over three hours and 17 legs of rally. Congratulations, Curt and Pat! Tell us how you did it - what's your strategy for such precise SOP driving?

Another excellent performance from second overall and first Unlimited Car #30 Bob Morseburg and Cheri Eddy with 72. They were in first place until the very last leg, which added 28 to their score. What happened, Bob?

Winner of the Novice class was Car #5 Brian and Jamie Anderson with 184. They got 10 single-digit leg scores including a zero. Congratulations!

Saturday Road Rally Series - June 13

Next up in the Saturday Road Rally Series is June 13. This rally starts at Milwaukie Lowe's and ends in Woodland, Washington. Watch for more details.

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 app will be used to time and score the rally.

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

Online registration is available through June 10:

<http://msreg.com/CSCCJuneRally>



Mountains to the Sea - Sept. 19

The 55th anniversary of Cascade's classic Mountains to the Sea Rally is Sept. 19. The Rally to Clark's Tree 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.

Online registration closes Sept. 16: <http://msreg.com/CSCCM2C>

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CSCC Saturday Series Rally Results

Taking Time to PAUSE

Saturday, May 16, 2020

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager



Car#	Team	Class	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total
10	Curt Thompson / Pat Biggar	SOP	8	9	3	2	2	3	3	1	4	3	2	4	0	4	0	2	6	56
30	Bob Morseburg / Cheri Eddy	UNL	5	9	7	12	4	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	28	72
20	Brandon Harer / Steve Smith	SOP	3	11	20	7	7	7	4	3	4	6	0	1	3	7	6	6	5	100
18	Marcus Gattman / Kerrie Steffenson	SOP	5	3	8	3	10	5	17	8	2	6	2	2	10	0	8	16	0	105
3	Bill Ferber / Kelly Ferber	SOP	11	14	7	10	2	4	3	2	4	12	4	7	4	22	6	27	5	144
5	Brian Anderson / Jamie Anderson	NOV	12	14	4	5	12	5	10	4	4	50	6	3	20	8	22	0	5	184
16	Kyle Overton / Ben Overton	NOV	14	1	2	7	0	3	13	6	12	58	1	19	13	16	17	42	1	225
23	Mike Glass / Leonel Rivera	SOP	15	3	10	7	25	6	4	21	18	10	6	22	0	1	54	14	10	226
6	Jay Ward / Tina Ward	NOV	8	19	36	0	2	3	22	16	7	20	32	9	8	3	4	23	24	236
11	Robert W Carlson / Wayne Carlson	NOV	1	21	12	17	16	0	1	19	20	22	3	9	23	10	17	44	2	237
14	John Lucas / Susan Lucas	SOP	10	2	13	16	8	9	47	12	24	44	12	10	11	3	10	8	1	240
2	Torm KelseyGreen / Kasey Klaus	SOP	8	35	19	1	17	10	24	15	34	10	10	3	17	19	10	4	15	251
17	Edmund Frank / Jo Su	GPS	8	9	17	22	16	18	23	11	6	18	30	13	9	24	20	8	0	252
7	Connor Ward / Eric Scheitlin	NOV	17	19	10	15	15	9	31	16	1	34	2	8	16	14	19	28	3	257
1	Jolynn Franke / Julie Miletta	NOV	21	35	41	5	31	15	24	11	15	9	5	20	9	11	30	11	3	296
8	Michelle Rand / Jon Rand	UNL	6	1	10	20	10	1	10	7	19	120	14	0	11	5	23	24	40	321
12	Robert Ries / Jason Ries	NOV	10	1	10	3	39	14	19	11	52	9	13	10	35	54	9	36	14	339
19	Doug Heredos / Michael Heredos	NOV	13	28	24	0	2	0	26	3	9	120	5	120	10	5	51	6	8	430
4	Kris Franca / Rich Franca	NOV	1	27	48	26	1	1	37	28	28	36	24	2	20	14	21	99	35	448
9	Lynda Newman / Don LePoidevin	NOV	9	73	71	0	15	20	37	8	17	120	4	23	11	31	33	30	2	504
13	Lonnie Dicus / Patrick Iaboni	SOP	60	60	60	17	48	49	70	8	21	10	6	28	17	7	31	1	11	504
21	Jaxon Halebian / Emma Halebian	NOV	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	21	65	9	8	25	5	7	18	37	675



CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB GEARGRINDERS 2020 TSD Road Rally Schedule*

UPDATE

as of 3/23/20

Read [Cascade Geargrinders Coronavirus Message](#)

Saturday Road Rally Series

March 21	Online registration required:
April 18	MotorsportReg.com
May 16	First car out: 10 am
June 13	\$20 per car for CSCC members
July 18	(\$30 for non-members)



Start location

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

Cascade's Saturday Series rallies are beginner-friendly time-speed-distance road rallies, lasting from 2 to 4 hours, starting and ending in the Portland area.

Special Events

August 22 – 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.

September 19 – 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.

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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