

Geargrinders News

September 2020



CAST Your Vote, a Game / Gimmick Road Rally - August 22

Ten courageous teams came out to run Cascade's sixth TSsD (Time Speed social Distance) road rally on August 22. All ten teams successfully completed the event.

Rally route

The all-paved rally route was just under 115 miles on course and took about four hours to complete including a short break. Rally teams started from the parking lot of the Evergreen Parkway Theater in Tanasbourne on a sunny Saturday morning. The route headed north through the new North Bethany area, traveled up to Skyline and back to West Union to complete the odometer calibration zone. Then the real fun began.

The first part of the rally was a Q&A - a part of the rally with no prescribed speeds or times, other than to complete the Q&A and start the TSD by a specified time. The Q&A route traveled some of our most loved rally roads through Helvetia, Pumpkin Ridge, Mountindale, Verboort, and Kansas City. Rally teams were solving puzzles, answering questions, did they see this or that, which half of the OR did they execute. The Q&A finished with a drive through Forest Grove, including time for rest and refreshments.



The first TSD part started at the Lake Stop Store south of Forest Grove. On the TSD, teams were treated to views of scenic Henry Hagg Lake while they circumnavigated the lake. Five GPS checkpoints timed the cars on their circuitous route.



After the Hagg Lake TSD, the second Q&A, much shorter than the first, traveled up and over Blooming Fern Hill into one of the more fertile road rally areas. Some of the trickiest challenges of the day were in this part of the rally. There were several possible routes through the area and most of them were traveled by our contestants. The answer to a Q&A question revealed whether a team emerged from the maze on the correct route. Three of the top four finishers got this one right!

The final TSD continued through Laurel and Buckheaven and up and over Bald Peak, passing five GPS checkpoints along the way, ending in Farmington at the Cruise In Country Diner.

The route offered some spectacular scenery, and the clear sunny weather made it easy to see the sights.

Challenges

Everyone got some of the Q&A questions right. Some did better than others. The Gattman / Harer team got all but two questions correct. The Eklund / Smolyansky team had only three incorrect answers.

Q1 started the Q&A quite innocently, "Is the distance between NRIs 12 and 14 greater than 1 mile?" The correct answer is No, they are only about two inches apart on the page.



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Q5 asked if you saw the “VALLEY VISTA FARM” sign. Half the teams got this one right. That means that the other half didn’t notice the number switch and went around the loop in the opposite direction. Rally teams probably saw rally cars going by the other way, wondering whether they or the other rally team were going the correct direction.

Another navigational challenge began with a Special Instruction that initiated you into the Tee Party. “As a loyal member of the Tee Party you will proceed left at the first T and right at the next T, continuing to flip flop at each T encountered regardless of the actual main road.” As if this weren’t enough, there were also two notes in effect - NOTE Ghouls Gambol: TURN on PUMPKIN. NOTE Red. R on HARRINGTON. The next NRI is (A) L on ROY OR (B) Stay right on KERKMAN. Q8 asks which half of the OR instruction you executed. On course teams went left at a T three times and right twice and used NOTE Ghouls Gambol three times. The last left at T was executed on Harrington, refusing the Red Herring(ton) of a NOTE, and then using the (B) half of the OR to go right on KERKMAN.



Can you really expect to see a triceratops on a road rally? Q10 asked which do you see first, (A) TRICERATOPS or a sign saying “THANK YOU”. Well, actually there is a triceratops statue out on Kansas City Road (really), but since what you are looking for is a landmark identified by a sign and this statue has no sign identifying it, the barn with an American flag and a big “THANK YOU” is the correct answer.

Q13 caught all but one team. Here’s the situation. There are two notes in effect - NOTE Official Information: “HILL” does not exist. NOTE Anita Hill: L on DOBER. A supplemental rule for this event decreed that, “Multiple signs on the same support are considered the same sign.” After executing an NRI to R at T, Q13 asks: Do you see “ADOPT-A-ROAD” (A) Once, (B) More than once, or (C) Not at all.

So you’re looking for the next NRI which is S 1st OPP at UNGER ITIS, but you’re also watching for DOBER. And there it is, Dober Road, an L opportunity. But, wait. The Dober Road sign is on the same post as a sign identifying Iowa Hill Road. A sign with the word “HILL”. NOTE Official Information makes the “HILL” sign and all other signs on that post disappear. So no Dober Road sign, no L opportunity. You pass up Dober and keep going. Along the way you see an “ADOPT-A-ROAD” sign and count one. Then you come to an opportunity to go S on UNGER. That takes you past an incorrect “ADOPT A-ROAD” sign (missing a hyphen) and it takes you to the other end of Dober Road where Dober is an L opportunity and there’s no “HILL” on the post so you go left on Dober. You take the main road to the left at the T at the other end of Dober, you go by the “ADOPT-A-ROAD” sign again and count two.

So the answer to Q13 is (B) More than once. How hard was that.



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Notable is the Morseburg / Eddy team who got every question correct up until the very last question. Bob also shared that his TSD scores on legs 3 and 9 are entirely explainable. (Both Legs 3 and 9 started at a time certain specified in the route instructions.) Bob says, "I set my clock off by a minute. Only concentrated on seconds totally ignoring minutes. Navigator heard me say the time and wondered why it was off a minute but didn't say anything because she figured I knew what I was doing." If only you'd set your clock correctly...

Questions

We received one question before the rally, and it was about the Supplemental Rules for this event:

Question: When does a Special Instruction come into effect?

Response: Add to Supplemental RRR 6.32 Q&A - A Special Instruction is in effect when the immediately preceding NRI is completed.



Cascade Sports Car Club presents an Autumn GTA

CAST Your Vote

Democracy is never easy, but it's worth the effort



Date: November 3, 2012

Registration: 11 a.m.

First car out: 12:01 p.m.

First car finishes: about 4 p.m.

Cost: \$20/car CSCC member
\$30/car non-member

Start location: Formerly Haggens Foods
18000 NW Evergreen Parkway
Beaverton, Oregon

More information: rally@cascadesportscarclub.org
<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/geargrinders>



What ralliers said

Great rally! The off course "TIRE" leg was better than the on course route. (We drove them both.)

Thank you! This was a great rally.

Thank you. Had lots of fun.

Thanks for all your work putting on the event. We had fun.

Thanks for the good time and the challenges. Glad the emergency signs got put up! [Road signs went missing at two crucial intersections just days before the rally.]

Thanks, had a good time.

My wife and I had a fun time on the rally. Big thanks to you and Monte for organizing this!

What the rallymasters said

On Saturday, November 3, 2012, Cascade put on an Autumn GTA, "CAST Your Vote, an Election Year Rally". The route included gravel roads. Main road determinants were variable and changed throughout the rally. The main road at any intersection was determined by applying every MRD and counting how

many "votes" each direction received. The direction with the most "votes" is the main road at that intersection. From time to time, you were instructed to CAST YOUR VOTE, total up the total "votes" each direction received and enter those totals on your scoresheet.

We wrote that CAST Your Vote rally at the end of an era of us organizing and writing SCCA Regional and National Course Rallies. These events were considered the height of trick-and-trap aka Course rallies. It's what we enjoyed most. Cascade's rally program was considered at that time a trick-and-trap-style TSD rally program, not as technically hard as the SCCA Course Rallies, but challenging enough for local Friday Nighters. The CAST Your Vote GTA was technically WAY harder than the routine Cascade rallies. Eight teams ran that rally.



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The 2020 CAST Your Vote reflects upon its 2012 predecessor, but way toned down. Some of the original traps / questions remained, but no gravel, no variable main road, no main road determined by votes for direction. We aimed for a more fun trick-and-trap rally, still challenging but not blow up your head stuff. We hope we achieved that.

Congratulations to the winners!

Congratulations to the winners! First overall and first SOP is the team of Marcus Gattman and Brandon Harer with a total score of 86. Second overall and first Unlimited is Bob Morseburg and Cheri Eddy. Third overall and second SOP is Larry Lefebvre and Simon Levear.



CSCC Game / Gimmick Rally Results

CAST Your VOTE!

Saturday, August 22, 2020

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager

Car #	Team	Car	Class	TSD	Q&A	Total
4	Marcus Gattman / Brandon Harer	2018 Subaru WRX	SOP	36	50	86
10	Bob Morseburg / Cheri Eddy	2007 Honda Civic	UNL	124	25	149
3	Larry Lefebvre / Simon Levear	2004 Mini S	SOP	65	125	190
1	Paul Eklund / Yulia Smolyansky	1974 Alfa Romeo GTV	SOP	113	100	213
8	Fran Hanchek / Anne Hanchek	2008 Ford Escape	SOP	74	175	249
9	Kasey Klaus / Torm Kelsey-Green	2007 Dodge Caliber	SOP	69	225	294
6	John Montgomery / Steven Brantley	1989 Honda Prelude	GPS	47	250	297
2	Don Jankowski / Mike Nagle	2005 Dodge SRT-4	SOP	81	225	306
7	Bill Ferber / Kelly Ferber	2013 Fiat 500 Pop	SOP	132	200	332
5	Jamie Anderson / Brian Anderson	2020 Mazda CX5	NOV	157	200	357

August Rally Leg Scores: http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/files/CSCC_AugustRallyLegScores.pdf

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What the winners said

By Brandon, Car 4

We are glad you held the trap rally and we were able to make it. I haven't run an SCCA national course in several years so this was taking me back to those times and I smiled when reading the supps.

The number switch, watch for bikes (oh boy did we see them) and flip flop leftmost and rightmost for the Tee Party made the morning trek through the traditional CSCC rally country a fun one. Someone else adopted OUR road!

We were going to email and ask if we should not answer questions at all that we felt were not ever in effect. We decided to answer no anyway since the paperwork said to submit an answer for each question. We liked seeing that either a no response or No response was accepted 😊



By the time we got to Harrington Rd and were deciding which route instruction applied or was superseded by another, our confidence was building as we stepped up the pace and saw how we still had a lot of ground to cover before 12:30 + car number. We were a bit rushed and had an abbreviated break -where is the closest restroom in Forest Grove, Stat!- but that was partly due to needing to pause for about 10 mins to handle a personal call. It's no fun to get a call from work on a rally, but it might as well be in a free zone if it happens!

The TSD portion allowed the navigator to sit back and let the driver do the work. I just announced the scores as they rolled in and we were nervously catching the traffic in front of us in the no passing loop around the lake. We were just getting near a local's bumper when the last PC rang out on the Hagg Lake dam. Everything was in multiples of threes and even a couple of near impossible to obtain zeroes - at least when you're running unequipped.

The absence of the sign was enjoyable in the beautiful rolling hills of Iowa Hill, Unger and Dober. We did the course following correctly and even caught punctuation on an Adopt A Road sign used for one of the questions. We couldn't help but reminisce about the times there used to be a checkpoint here and there in this familiar CSCC rally terrain. No phantom Corvettes or aliens on Firdale today, Simon was probably wondering when we would get down Nursery road for the "8th Leg"



Gun Store seen if on course

When going through the Verboort area, we remembered to watch for VISITATION and as soon as we passed by, I said " Stop! That was a BLINKER also, need to go back!" And so we did. Without thinking about reference point for Notes and believing we needed the action point to do the note - which was AFTER VISITATION - we kept on going and saw a "<- GUN STORE" sign a short distance later that wrongly reinforced my thinking that that would be the other half of the instruction the off course people would be looking for. Nope! We

were the off course people that shouldn't have done R at BLINKER on Visitation and there must have been an actual Gun Store landmark somewhere else in the vicinity!

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Anxiety was at an all time high when the GPS coordinates froze on Bald Peak road when we were waiting for a PC to go off. Just after making it past the tourists going so far under CAST it was nauseating. There is no worse time. Navigator was saying...It has to be before our Pause at Stop. There's the stop ahead...there's the stop... Oh no, checkpoint didn't go off! Ah, the app clock is moving but the coordinates froze up in the past couple minutes!?!? F L I P A U-EEE!

Yikes we have to double back and restart the app...but how long to time dec...we are SOP. Oh and that app better not start moving again right as we are doubling back in opposite direction or we_are_sunk. Sure enough, it snaps out of it on its own somewhere after we had passed the PC in reverse...sheesh.



Car 4 - Navigator Brandon Harer (left) and Driver Marcus Gattman (right)

By guessing how far before the last reference the last PC was (before Bald Peak State Park) and guessing how long it might have taken to drive that at the old CAST, carry the two, add 30 seconds, what time is it now, do we have nine-and-a-half or nineteen-and-a-half available these days???!!! Ok the app is running, are we ready to leave right NOW ... 9:30 is in, let's go. Navigator now not taking eyes off the phone on the dashboard. "It will be a miracle if this isn't a max, but anything under 30 would be a gift...luckily we are doing very well up to this point..." Bam, a 6. We can't believe it and both say this will be considered our top all time Hail Mary Pass even over the magic 2 points on Rainbow Lane from about a decade ago. Details available upon request.

We pulled into the Cruise In Country Diner parched and more than ready for a late lunch. But first we needed to complete our Q&A form and come up with a consensus for those couple of questions we weren't quite sure about. "But Bob went the same way!?" And "But where was the Aristotle used?" And "We are going to say we saw that sign, right?" may have been said, maybe multiple times, much to the dismay of passenger cohort Kerrie Steffenson. We decided that signs on barns had to be legal and we officially saw some of the signs that had simply been seen with the naked eye.

I got a socially distanced Cadillac Burger in a clam shell and well deserved beer in a plastic cup and we saw the results come in while we were still eating. Talk about service! Thanks to the rallymasters for a challenging and fun rally.

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Mountains to the Sea - Sept. 19

Next up, a Cascade tradition, the [Mountains to the Sea Rally](#) is Sept. 19. This year's rally offers an all-paved full-day beginner-level tour-style time-speed-distance road rally that is fun to drive. The scenic tour route ends at the Breakers Hotel in Long Beach, Washington.

Although we'd planned a BBQ dinner and trophy ceremonies around a beach fire, restrictions due to the pandemic preclude these activities this year.

We are reducing the entry fee and offering an optional to go BBQ dinner box at the end of the rally. Regardless, it will be a great day of road rally.

The Rally to Clark's Tree ends 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.



\$55 per car for CSCC members, \$70 per car for non-members. \$15 each for box dinners.

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

Ghouls Gambol - Oct. 31

The last road rally of the year, [Ghouls Gambol](#), will be on Halloween morning, Oct. 31. Put on a costume, decorate your car, and then run a road rally. We can social distance in a parking lot and admire each other's creativity. Masks required. Best Decorated Cars and Best Costumes will be selected by popular vote.



The year 2020 marks the 54th anniversary of Cascade Sports Car Club's Halloween Rally - Ghouls Gambol. Long ago, the rally included haunted locations, like the legendary barn on Pumpkin Ridge or cemeteries where rally clues were hidden in a screaming victim's chest, or worse.

Entry requires a street-legal vehicle, a licensed and insured driver, a navigator, and a smart device (e.g., cell phone or tablet) running the Competitor Richta GPS Checkpoints app.

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

Online registration is available through Oct. 28: <http://msreg.com/CSCCOctoberRally>



CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB GEARGRINDERS

2020 Mountains to the Sea

The Rally to Clark's Tree

Saturday, September 19

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 at the Breakers Hotel in Long Beach, Washington.

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 GPS timing and scoring. Each rally team is required to bring a smartphone equipped with the "Competitor - Richta GPS Checkpoints" app.

The Breakers Hotel rates are \$99 for a studio and \$129 for a one bedroom, add \$15 for dog friendly rooms. Call the Breakers at 360-642-4414 and mention M2C.

Although we'd planned a BBQ dinner and trophy ceremonies around a beach fire, restrictions due to the pandemic preclude these activities this year. Therefore, entry fees have been reduced and an optional to-go box dinner is being offered.



Online registration is required. Registration closes Sept. 16.

<http://msreg.com/CSCCM2C>

Entry fee:

\$55 per car for CSCC members

\$70 per car for non-members

\$15 each to-go box dinners

Start location:

Dealers Supply parking lot

2345 NW Nicolai St, Portland, OR 97210

Schedule:

Check in: online

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.

Results posted: 7 pm approx.



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