

# Geargrinders News

October 2020



## Mountains to the Sea Rally - Sept. 19

Twenty-three teams ran Cascade's seventh TSsD (Time Speed social Distance) road rally on Sept. 19. All teams completed the first 20 legs up to lunch. Twenty-two finished the remaining 16 legs to the end. (Car 9 had a car-sick navigator and left the rally at lunch.)

Mountains to the Sea was the first Cascade rally for seven teams. Eight teams ran in the Novice class, eleven in SOP, one in GPS, and three in Unlimited. The field included a broad spectrum of road rally experience.

### Rally route

The rally started in northwest Portland, went out I-84, across the Columbia River on I-205 North, and joined I-5 North, to the Ridgefield exit. The route continued through La Center, Amboy and Chelatchie, then across the Yale Bridge before turning west along the north shore of Lake Merwyn to Woodland. There the course turned north along the ridge overlooking the Columbia River to Kalama, then followed the Old Pacific Highway north to the lunch transit across Longview.



After lunch, the rally continued west, following the Columbia River toward the sea, past Cathlamet and Skamokawa, then north to cross the Grays River Covered Bridge. Then on to Willapa Bay and the final Monte Carlo leg to Long Beach.

The rally route was about 200 miles and took about six

and a half hours to complete, including breaks and lunch.

### What ralliers said

Thanks again for putting on such a beautiful rally. We did make it out to Clark's tree last night. What a cool monument to the adventurer spirit.

We had fun, and I think we are planning to attend the next one, too.

Thanks for an excellent adventure! I really appreciate all the work that you both put into creating these events.

Had a great time on some interesting back roads. Love the instant checkpoint feedback of the Richta app.

That was a blast. Thank you for all the work you have put into making this a great experience.

### What the rallymasters said

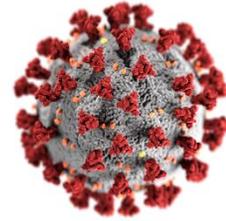
This was the rally that almost wasn't. Mountains to the Sea (M2C) was on the original 2020 calendar for May 16. By New Years we already had much of the route laid out. But our work was put on pause when a landslide closed a critical piece of highway on the route. On Jan. 28, state transportation officials didn't know when it would reopen. "It could be weeks, months."



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So we set M2C aside and continued work on Cascade's road rally program. We held an in person road rally school on Feb. 15, and on Feb. 28 we announced the first Saturday Series Rally would be March 21.

Then the coronavirus pandemic. Gatherings were prohibited. Restaurants were closed to all but take-out service. It became obvious that we couldn't have in-person on-site registration and that ending a rally at a restaurant to announce results and give out prizes wasn't going to happen. Road rallies and other autosports events were being cancelled all across the country.



In our planning for the 2020 road rally season, we had already decided to use the Richta GPS Checkpoints app to time and score road rallies, so checkpoint worker crews were no longer needed to exchange paperwork with rally competitors several times during an event. Each car would run an app on their smartphone to get scored at each GPS checkpoint. No human contact needed for timing and scoring.

We had also decided to implement online registration using [MotorsportsReg](#). Our original intent was to offer optional online registration for those who wanted to pay with plastic since we only took cash or check at on-site registration. To comply with coronavirus restrictions, we made online registration required and we discontinued on-site registration. We figured out how to complete the check-in process virtually. No human contact needed for registration and check-in.

We had a plan for how to put on road rallies during the pandemic. On March 13 we announced that the March 21 Saturday Series Rally was not cancelled and that, "this road rally will require no human interaction other than within each car." On March 20 we published Cascade Geargrinders [Coronavirus Message](#), laying out our plan. "We'll stay in our car; you stay in yours." Fourteen cars ran our first TSsD (Time Speed social Distance) road rally.

Although we had worked with the Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau for several months to identify an ending location and other amenities for our participants, we decided that postponing Mountains to the Sea was the right decision. On March 23 we announced that M2C was postponed from May to September. Good decision, since it still wasn't clear then whether the landslide would be cleared by May.



We had some time before we needed to get back to M2C, so we went to work putting on five more TSsD road rallies. Attendance surprised us. Last year we averaged 13.5 cars per rally. Our 2020 plan projected an average of 15 cars per rally. Even before 2020M2C we were averaging 17.7 cars per rally! The new TSsD with GPS timing rally format was popular and attracting a new audience.

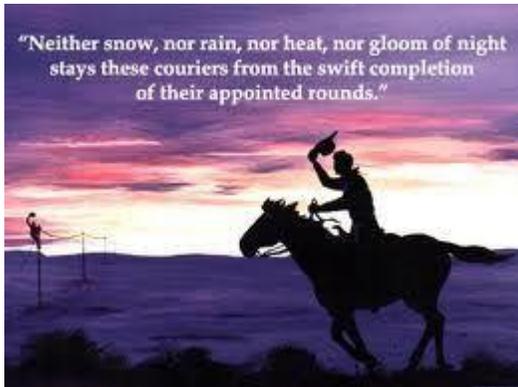
With the landslide cleared enough to open one lane of the highway in July, we went back to work on the Mountains to the Sea route. We first measured the weekend after Fourth of July. But the landslide wasn't our only road issue. Our original odo went over the I-5

North Interstate Bridge. When we learned of the impending northbound traffic closure (thank you, Kasey), we rerouted (and remeasured) the rally using I-205 North.

We were down to a final measuring run when the wildfires hit. Although the entire region was thick with wildfire smoke, we were most concerned about the [Big Hollow Fire](#). It started about a week and a half before the M2C

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rally and was only about 10 miles as the crow flies from the morning break at the Chelatchie Prairie Store. If the winds didn't shift and the humidity didn't increase, this rally would be cancelled after all. We drove the very smoky route on Sept. 6 and again on the 12th. The fire moved no closer. Then on Sept. 17 we made a final run through the course. The wind had shifted, humidity was up, it even rained. The sky was clear of smoke! The M2C rally was on for sure.



So the post office has nothing on us. Neither landslide nor virus nor road closure nor wildfire kept us from putting on the 2020 Mountains to the Sea Rally.

Thank you to the [Breakers Hotel](#) for allowing us to use their facility as an ending location. Thank you to the [Beach Fire BBQ](#) for providing dinner boxes. And thank you to the [Long Beach Peninsula Visitors Bureau](#) for their help in securing these businesses for our event and for providing info packets for all participants.

Congratulations to the winners!

First overall and first Unlimited is the team of Bob Morseburg and Angela Suggs with a total score of 16 over 36 legs. Very impressive!

Second overall and second Unlimited is the team of Zack Pharis and Brandon Harer, with just one more point for a total score of 17.

Finishing third overall and third Unlimited is the team of Kevin Poirier and Chris Hale with a score of 65.

Finishing first SOP and fourth overall is the team of Blake Harer and Jeremy Greene with a score of 66.

Second SOP and fifth overall is Marcus Gattmann and Kerrie Steffenson.



*First SOP Driver Blake Harer and Navigator Jeremy Greene*

Simon Levear and Ben Bradley finish third SOP and sixth overall.

The top Novice finisher is the team of Jolynn "Maverick" Franke and Julie "Goose" Miletta.

Andrew Brewer and Coralee Brewer finish first and only in the GPS class.

Congratulations to all participants, and thank you for running the 2020 Mountains to the Sea Rally!

Road rally - the game that takes you places.

Come drive with us!

[www.cascadegeargrinders.org](http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org)



*First Novice Driver Jolynn Franke and Navigator Julie Miletta*



## Cascade Sports Car Club's Mountains to the Sea Rally

September 19, 2020



Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager

Car	Team	Vehicle	Class	Score
22	Bob Morseburg / Angela Suggs	2007 Honda Civic	UNL	16
6	Zack Pharis / Brandon Harer	2005 Pontiac GTO	UNL	17
7	Kevin Poirier / Chris Hale	2019 Mazda CX5	UNL	65

11	Andrew Brewer / Coralee Brewer	2018 Cadillac ATS 3.6 AWD	GPS	640
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5	Blake Harer / Jeremy Greene	2007 BMW 328i Coupe	SOP	66
8	Marcus Gattman / Kerrie Steffenson	2018 Subaru Wrx	SOP	117
14	Simon Levear / Ben Bradley	2014 Ford escape	SOP	129
2	Dave Sacry / Kathy Sacry	2010 Ford Mustang	SOP	175
16	Colin Nagle / Michael Nagle	2005 Dodge SRT-4	SOP	269
4	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	2007 Dodge Caliber	SOP	276
19	Bill Ferber / Kelly Ferber	2013 Fiat 500 Pop	SOP	500
13	Vic Sung / Sherry Duan	2017 Volkswagen Tiguan	SOP	592
20	Tyler Roberts / Bradley Bergstrom	2001 Ford SVT Cobra	SOP	599
12	John Eastburn / Angie Eastburn	1973 BMW 2002	SOP	721
18	John Johnson / Maria Menor	2011 Porsche Cayenne Turbo	SOP	744

17	Jolynn Franke / Julie Miletta	2018 Chrysler 300S	NOV	251
10	James Petersen / Stephanie Heiden	2006 Porsche Boxter S	NOV	301
1	Brian Anderson / Jamie Anderson	2020 Mazda CX5	NOV	354
15	Angelique Ortega / Kevin Ortega	2013 Hyundai Sonata	NOV	474
21	Dan Miletta / Justin Franke	1993 Chevrolet G30	NOV	520
3	Jesse R Baker / Kristin Tarnowski	2018 Ford Mustang GT	NOV	1488
23	Brad Musick / Maureen Petterson	2015 Mazda 3	NOV	1521
9	Seneca Lacombe / Hayden Lacombe	2013 Subaru WRX	NOV	DNF



**Register by October 28:**

<http://msreg.com/CSCCOctoberRally>

Complete check-in via email: October 30

**Entry fee:**

\$20 per car for CSCC members

\$30 per car for non-members

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.

The Ghouls Gambol Halloween road rally will comply with Cascade's 2020 Road Rally Rules:

[http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/Files/Road\\_Rally\\_Rules\\_2020.pdf](http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/Files/Road_Rally_Rules_2020.pdf)

Due to the continuing pandemic, Ghouls Gambol will be Cascade's eighth TSsD (Time Speed social Distance) road rally conducted in compliance with the Cascade Geargrinders

Coronavirus Message: <http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/news/coronavirus-message.pdf>

\*An optional Costume Concourse will start half an hour before first car is due out. Teams that choose to participate are asked to park in the parking lot, leaving an empty space between cars. If you choose to get out of your car, please wear a mask and maintain adequate social distance. Make sure your car number is easily seen on your costume and your decorated car. A ballot will be provided with your materials. Write your costume winner choices on your ballot and send an image of your ballot, along with photos of you and other teams, to the rally organizer before starting the rally.

Day-of-event on-site registration will not be available. Online registration closes midnight October 28:

<http://msreg.com/CSCCOctoberRally>

Those who register online by the October 28 midnight deadline will receive an email on Thursday the 29th, providing further instructions including your car number assignment, instructions for registering your car number in the Competitor Richta app, and a link to e-sign the required event insurance waiver. Once you've completed these check-in steps, we'll email the route instructions. You'll need to print them.

On Saturday morning, leave the start by your assigned out time. Follow the route instructions to the end. Results will be emailed after all teams have completed the course. Prizes will be delivered to the winners after the rally.

For over 50 years ghosts, goblins, spirits and ghouls have haunted Cascade Sports Car Club's Halloween road rally. In bygone years, rally teams navigated through cemeteries or reached into a screaming victim's chest to find hidden clues, or worse.

Some say if you listen on a cold, crisp October day you can still hear screams at haunted locations like the legendary barn on Pumpkin Ridge or the slaughterhouse.

This year's Ghouls Gambol offers an all-paved beginner-friendly tour-style road rally that takes about three hours to drive. The route will explore forests and farmland brightly lit with full autumn colors in the Columbia River Gorge area, ending in Sandy. Beautiful views and great roads that are just fun to drive!

**Start location:**

Dealers Supply

2345 NW Nicolai St, Portland, OR 97210

**Schedule: October 31**

\*Optional Costume Concourse: 9:30 am

First car out: 10:01 am

First car arrives at finish (approx.): 1 pm

Results emailed: after all cars finish



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