



Ghouls Gambol Halloween Road Rally - Oct. 31

Seventeen teams left the start line on Halloween morning to run the 54th anniversary Ghouls Gambol road rally.

Rally participants submitted ballots to select the winners in the Costume Concourse.



The winners were Car # 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Pac-Man, the team of Kevin and Angelique Ortega. Congratulations!

The rally route

The odometer calibration check traveled along the Columbia River on Marine Drive to Troutdale. Then the rally route journeyed out the Historic Columbia River Highway into the Gorge.



After a brief break at Guy W. Talbot State Park at Latourell Falls and a loop around the Vista House, the route meandered along the Sandy River, crossing the Bull Run and Dodge Park bridges, ending at Meinig Park in Sandy.



Bright autumn colors decorated the all-paved route. The rally was about 80 miles long and took about three hours to complete. The weather was sunny, the views were beautiful, and the roads were just fun to drive.

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The story

The title of this year's Ghouls Gambol was "A Stranger Stalks the Highway..." The following story was parsed out amidst the route instructions, a bit more on each page.

He was a stranger to these parts, standing on the side of a lonely road in Oregon, hitchhiking in a thunderstorm.



Time passed slowly. No cars went by. It was raining so hard he could not see his hand in front of his face.

Suddenly he saw a car approaching over the hill. The car was moving very slowly, appearing ghost-like in the rain. It slowly crept toward him and stopped.

Eyeing the car suspiciously but eager to get out of the rain, he jumped in the car and closed the door. Only then did he realize there was nobody behind the wheel.



And no sound of the engine could be heard over the driving rain.

Again the car crept slowly forward. He was terrified, yet too scared to think of jumping out and running.

He saw the car was approaching a sharp curve and, still too scared to jump out, he was sure the ghost car would go off the road and into the river far below.

But just before the curve, a shadowy figure appeared at the driver's window and a ghostly hand reached in and turned the steering wheel, guiding the car safely around the bend.



Then, silently, the hand disappeared through the window, and the hitchhiker was alone again.

Paralyzed with fear, he watched the hand reappear every time they reached a curve, steer the car and just as mysteriously disappear.

Finally, sure that death awaited at every turn, he jumped out of the car and ran for town.

Wet and and shaking, he went into the nearest bar and told everyone about his supernatural experience.

A strange silence enveloped the room and everyone got goosebumps when they realized he was telling the truth about the strange car and the ghostly hand that guided it on its way.

And there, on the last page of the route instructions, the telling of the story ended. When the rally cars completed the route, we announced the winners of the costume contest. With that same email, we attached the TSD calculations for the rally which included the continuation of the hitchhiker's story.



Just then, two men walked into the bar. They were dripping wet. As they took off their rain gear, they looked around the room. Their eyes came to rest on the hitchhiker.

"Look!" said one of the men. "There's the idiot who jumped into our car when we were pushing it in the rain!"

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What the rallymasters said

It was so nice to actually visit with the ralliers at the end of the rally. We set up a table in the parking lot, put out the season awards for folks to pick up, and set out sweet rewards and Ghouls Gambol mementos for the rally winners. Feedback about the rally was very positive. Folks seemed to have a great time.



Car 15 driver Andy and navigator Mercedes Lilienthal

Congratulations to the winners!

First overall and first GPS was the team of Bob Morseburg and Cheri Eddy with a total score of 7 over 16 scored legs. Bob and Cheri zeroed 15 of the 16 legs. Outstanding accuracy! (Any remaining concerns about the accuracy of the Richta GPS Checkpoints app should now be laid to rest.)

Second overall and first Novice was the team of Brian and Jamie Anderson. This was their first season as Cascade ralliers and they did great! We expect they'll move up to the SOP class next season.

Third overall and second Novice was the team of Andy and Mercedes Lilienthal. We hope to see them at more rallies next season.

Torm Kelsey-Green and Kasey Klaus finished fourth overall and first SOP. Torm and Kasey had a solid season. They wrote the July Saturday Rally this year, and we expect they will rallymaster an event next season.

Ed Frank and Jo Su finished second SOP. They weren't able to run many rallies this year. Hopefully next year we'll see them more frequently.

Madelyn and Mark Tabor finished in third place SOP. The Tabor family is well known for their involvement in regional road rally of all sorts. It is nice to see them at a Cascade TSD rally.



Car 7 driver Angelique and navigator Kevin Ortega

Third Novice was Angelique and Kevin Ortega. This year's Mountains to the Sea Rally was their first Cascade event. We hope to see them at many rallies next year.

Congratulations to all the Ghouls Gambol Halloween road rally participants!

A special thank you to our checkout crew, Kat Iverson and Hal Ballard. They drove the course twice! Thank you!

That's a wrap

Although the Cascade Geargrinders 2020 road rally season is over, we're already planning next season. A proposed road rally schedule for 2021 follows. We are aware that June 19 conflicts with a Cascade race. Would you be more likely to attend on June 12 or June 26? Please let us know of other conflicts that would prevent you from running a rally on any of the proposed dates. rally@cascadesportscarclub.org

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Cascade Sports Car Club's 54th Anniversary Halloween Road Rally

GHOULS GAMBOL

"A Stranger Stalks the Highway..."

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager



Car #	Team	Car	Class	Total
17	Bob Morseburg / Cheri Eddy	2007 Honda Civic	GPS	7
5	Brian A Anderson / Jamie L Anderson	2020 Mazda CX5	NOV	114
15	Andy Lilienthal / Mercedes Lilienthal	2007 Toyota Yaris	NOV	125
2	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	2007 Dodge Caliber	SOP	175
13	Edmund Frank / Eustacia Su	2019 Porsche Macan	SOP	195
18	Madelyn Tabor / Mark Tabor	2014 Subaru Crosstrek	SOP	209
7	Angelique Ortega / Kevin Ortega	2013 Hyundai Sonata	NOV	290
3	Michelle Rand / Jon Rand	2016 Jeep	SOP	312
10	Chris Williams / Karyn Williams	2008 Nissan 350z	NOV	347
14	Bradley Bergstrom / Eric Bergstrom	2007 Toyota Rav4 Sport	SOP	349
6	Robert Paxman / William Pollard	2011 Nissan 370Z	GPS	395
4	Andrew Brewer / Coralee Brewer	2018 Cadillac ATS 3.6 AWD	GPS	513
16	Lukas F Davis / Katie Dilts	2012 BMW 28i M-Sport	NOV	613
1	Diana Ramallo / Jackson Lee	2018 Audi Sq5	SOP	666
8	Terri Wanke / Randi Besser	2018 Subaru Outback	NOV	803
9	Suzanne Feinberg / Jean Severson	2016 Subaru Impreza	NOV	1480
11	Nellie Brown / Grey Canada	2015 Subaru Outback	GPS	DNF

Ghouls Gambol Rally Leg Scores: <http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/files/CSCC2020GGscoreboardfinal.pdf>

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CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB GEARGRINDERS

2021 Road Rally Schedule*

Proposed (not yet approved) as of 11/1/20

Saturday Road Rally Series

March 20 Saturday Series rallies are beginner-friendly time-speed-distance road rallies, starting and ending in the Portland area. Rallies take three to four hours to complete.

April 17

May 15

First car starts: 10:01 am

June

12 or 26

Entry fee:

CSCC members **\$20 per car**

Non-members \$30 per car



July 17

Save with a Series Pass. \$100 for 6-event Series Pass. Run the same car number each rally. Available to members only. CSCC membership is [available online](#).

August 21

Special Events

February 20 – Novice or Nervous Rally School – Start the new season with a virtual classroom review of time-speed-distance road rally rules and procedures. Then run a practice road rally to test your team's navigational knowledge and driving skills. \$20 per car for CSCC members, \$30 per car for non-members.

September 18 – Mountains to the Sea – 56th 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, starting in Portland and ending at the Pacific Ocean.

October 30 – 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 2021 Cascade Geargrinders road rallies:

- 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](#) (app is free).
- For the duration of the coronavirus pandemic, events will be conducted in compliance with the [Cascade Geargrinders Coronavirus Message](#).
- Online registration is required: [MotorsportReg.com](#).

