

Feb. 27 - Rally School Rally

Cascade's road rally season opener, the Rally School Rally was a practice event designed to help novice road ralliers learn to play the game. For rally veterans, it was a chance to tune up rally skills for the new season. Registered teams received invitations to attend a virtual rally school review the night before the event and an after-rally debrief virtual meeting after the rally. Attendees had plenty of questions for the organizers.

The Rally School Rally was originally scheduled for Feb. 20. The checkout was scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13,



Logie Trail was a vital link in the planned Rally School Rally route. "Was" is the important word here.

but snow kept us in our driveway, so we tried to run the checkout the following Tuesday. There was snow on the roadsides, but road surfaces were clear and mostly dry. It was a beautiful day for a drive in the country.

Until we encountered a road closure due to downed trees. The County couldn't say when it might reopen. The road was a vital link in our planned rally route with no easy workaround.

We postponed the event to the following Saturday, Feb. 27, in hopes the road would reopen. By Tuesday, the 23rd, the road remained closed and it was obvious we would have to reroute the rally. By Wednesday the new route was measured and calculated, and the new times were entered into the Richta Rallymaster app. Whew!

Unfortunately the delayed rally date cost us some entries. Eight of the 25 registered teams were unable to attend on the rescheduled date. Still we were happy to have 17 teams run the event.

For 11 of the 17 teams, this was their first CSCC rally. We asked them **how they heard about the rally**:

- Audi club member forwarded the Facebook invite
- I have been on the lookout for driving events around Portland and found out about your club via an internet search.
- From the CSCC newsletter.
- Thirty years ago, my girlfriend married a man who worked for Toyota and was big into rally. I was intrigued then and have wanted to do it all this time. The time is now!!!
- Wife & I heard about the rally/s when we learned about & volunteered for a track event last year.
- I always wanted to get involved with the SCCA which is headquartered just up the road from where I grew up in Topeka, KS. Viewing the PIR/SCCA schedule, I noticed CSCC had quite a few events as well. My CSCC research then led me to the TSD Rally! I'm really looking forward to it!
- How did you hear about this rally? PCA
- My husband is interested in auto cross and he was looking at different events surrounding his interest in that that he and I could both participate in.



Car 9 Navigator Jamie and Driver Brian Anderson and Car 14 Driver John and Navigator Gena Connelly

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The rally route was about 70 miles from the start in northwest Portland to the ending location in Scappoose. It took under two and half hours to complete the event. The route included a lap around Sauvie Island, a drive up Cornelius Pass to Skyline, down scenic Rocky Point Road (an exciting drive even at 23 mph), a low-land tour of the Scappoose dike, through the backroads of Warren past the House of Many Stones, west into the foothills of



The House of Many Stones

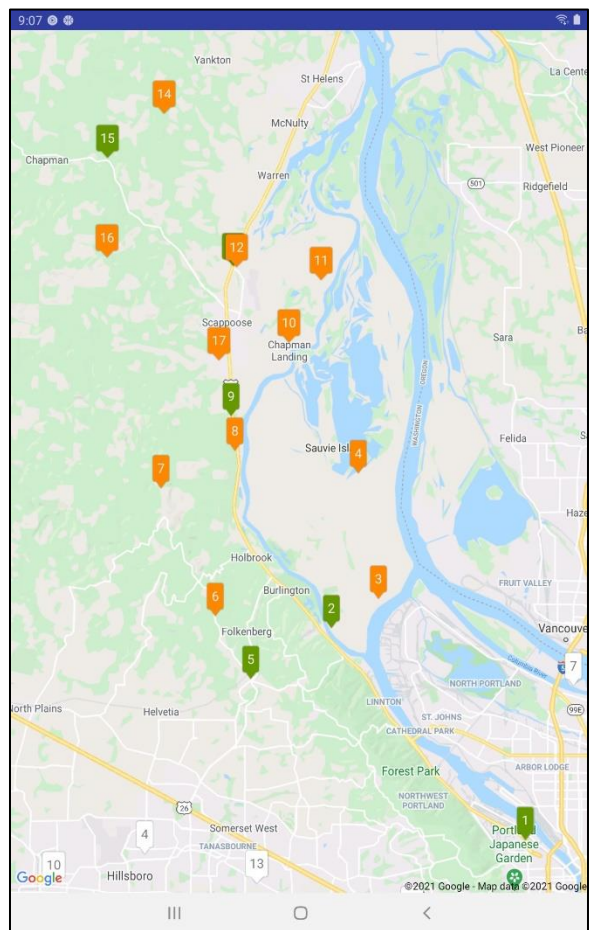
the Coast Range to Spitzenberg and up Pisgah Hill, finally emerging out of the forest onto Dutch Canyon, with the final GPS checkpoint just inside the Scappoose city limits.

The rally included 11 timed legs with five CZTs after the start. A CZT is a specific time of day at which an instruction is to be executed. Official mileage was reset to zero at each CZT, which was helpful since all of the route instructions included official mileage.

A fun drive. But a path with purpose. The rally introduced new ralliers to the fundamentals of Cascade TSD road rally. The rally school portion of the event started with homework - review the Cascade Geargrinders [Novice Guide](#) and become familiar with the [Road Rally Rules](#). Then study the [Rally School Handout](#) which included the Rallymaster Notes and Route Instructions for the rally. All this reading led up to a virtual Q & A meeting the night before the rally. The virtual Q & A was so successful that attendees requested a virtual debrief after the rally.

Questions before the rally focused on use of the Richta app, trip odometer resets (/0.00), managing your time at a CZT, and best practices for handling materials and devices in the car. The predominant discussion at the after-rally debrief was about time allowances, specifically how to use a time allowance at a CZT.

So, let's review. Here's how to use a time allowance when you are late to leave a CZT (time-of-day restart). You arrive at the CZT. What time is it now? What is your restart time? Your restart time is the CZT plus your car number - it displays in your app when you arrive at the CZT. How late are you? Subtract your restart time from actual time. That's how late you are. Bump that up to the next half minute and that's how much time allowance you need to take.



Rally School Rally control locations - green markers are CZTs, orange markers are PCs

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For example, say you arrive at the CZT at 12:11:15pm. Your restart time was 12:10:00. You are 1:15 (one minute 15 seconds late). Round that up to the next half minute, so take a time allowance of 1:30. Assuming it took no more than 15 seconds to calculate and enter the time allowance, leave the CZT as soon as you enter the time allowance. If you need more time, add another minute and wait until that time expires before leaving.

Time allowance example	
12:11:15	ACTUAL ARRIVAL TIME AT CZT
12:10:00	YOUR RESTART TIME IN APP
1:15	DIFFERENCE - YOU ARE LATE 1 MINUTE 15 SECONDS
+1:30	TIME ALLOWANCE

In practical terms, you don't have to stay at the CZT location to perform this calculation. You could just pull up to the CZT, note your arrival time, zero your tripmeter, and continue to execute the route instructions, maintaining CAST, while you calculate and enter the required time allowance. Just make sure you enter it before you reach the next GPS checkpoint (PC).

This time allowance is applied to the leg that starts at the CZT and ends at the next PC. As soon as you arrive at that PC, a new leg begins

so the time allowance displayed on the app reverts to zero - it's already been used. Since you started a new leg at the PC, you are on time and you don't need to re-enter the time allowance for subsequent PCs. However, you do need to repeat this exercise at each subsequent CZT, asking - what time is it now, what time was our restart, are we late, do we need a time allowance?

Easy peasy.

What ralliers said after the rally:

- It was fun!
- Looking forward to the next one.
- Thanks for doing this!
- That was really fun!
- We had a great time!
- The Richta app is really easy.
- Beautiful drive and perfect weather!
- We had such a great time.
- Thank you for putting these events on.
- We had a lot of fun!
- That was awesome. Most intense 30-40 mph drive I've taken.
- Thanks for the great time. Some pretty countryside up there.

Congratulations to the top finishers:

Finishing first overall and first in the GPS class was the team of Steve Perret and Kathryn Hansen.

Second overall and first in the SOP class was the team of Brian and Jamie Anderson.

Third overall and first Novice was the team of Jan Bliss and Dave Stauff.



Car 3 Driver Steve Perret and Kathryn Hansen (in their car) chatting with Car 8 Driver Bill and Navigator Kelly Ferber at the start

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CSCC Rally School Rally Results

Here We Go!

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager



Car #	Team	Class	Vehicle	Score
Equipped: (nonstock measuring and calculating equipment allowed)				
3	Steve R Perret / Kathryn Hansen	GPS	2005 Subaru Impreza	60
2	Andrew Brewer / Coralee Brewer	GPS	2018 Cadillac ATS 3.6 AWD	422
Unequipped: (stock)				
9	Brian Anderson / Jamie Anderson	SOP	2020 Mazda CX5	89
17	Jan Bliss / Dave Stauff	NOV	2005 Ford Escape	124
12	John Lucas / Susan Lucas	SOP	2014 BMW 335xi	125
11	Robin McDermott / Jon McDermott	NOV	2015 Mazda Mazda3	144
1	Jason Krieg / Justin Wiezorek	NOV	2017 Chevrolet SS	158
8	Bill Ferber / Kelly Ferber	SOP	2013 Fiat 500 Pop	166
7	Lee Nielsen / Eric Nielsen	NOV	2000 Audi TT	197
10	Kat Iverson / Hal Ballard	NOV	2009 Kia Rondo	208
16	Sheldon Flom / Holly Flom	NOV	2017 Mini Cooper Clubman	230
6	Sabrina Garvin / Cody Garvin	SOP	2017 Volkswagen Golf R	233
14	Gena Connelly / John Connelly	NOV	2014 Subaru WRX	282
15	Stacy Rutledge / Madena Parsley	NOV	2012 Acura RDX	293
5	Betsy Blackie / Laura Maclean	NOV	2020 Subaru Legacy XT	356
13	Rick Clark / Nancy Clark	SOP	2007 Porsche Cayman S	357
4	Sheldon Flom / Holly Flom	NOV	2018 Nissan Maxima	363

March 20 - Saturday Series Rally

The Saturday Road Rally Series kicks into gear on March 20. It's a whole new season of fun.

The Saturday Road Rally Series offers beginner-friendly time-speed-distance road rallies, starting and ending in the Portland area, starting at 10 a.m. on a Saturday morning, lasting from three to four hours.

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

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

Registration available through March 17: <http://msreg.com/CSCCMarch2021Rally>

2021 Saturday Series Pass

The March 20 rally is just the first of six 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 six Saturday Series rallies. Only \$100.

Series Pass registration: <http://msreg.com/CSCCSeriesPass21>



CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB GEARGRINDERS

2021 Road Rally Schedule*

as of 2/17/21

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

Entry fee:

CSCC members **\$20 per car**

Non-members \$30 per car

July 17

August 21

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](#).



Special Events

February 27 – Novice or Nervous Rally School – Start the new season with a virtual 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](#).



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