



Geargrinders News April 2021

April 17 Saturday Series Rally

Next up in Cascade's road rally season is the April 17 Saturday Series Rally. The Saturday 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 April 14: <http://msreg.com/CSCCApril2021Rally>

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 available through April 14: <http://msreg.com/CSCCSeriesPass21>

March 20 Saturday Rally - The View From Here

The Saturday Road Rally Series shifted into gear on March 20. Rally entrants started in northwest Portland, traveled north across the Columbia River, through beautiful countryside on fun-to-drive roads. They spent a few extra minutes at some scenic spots - Venersborg Church, Lucia Falls Park, Cedar Creek Grist Mill - and ended in Battle Ground.



Venersborg Church

Thirty-two cars registered for the rally, including thirteen Series Passes. Getting 32 entries shepherded through virtual check-in was a bit like herding cats, but eventually everyone was checked in and route instructions were distributed. A Q&A Zoom meeting the night before the rally gave folks a chance to ask questions about the route and rallying in general.

On the rally:

On the morning of the rally, even before the first car got to the end of the odo check, we were busy. One car swapped out a team member. A couple of teams couldn't get back into their app; their app password had to be reset. (Important note: Set your password to something you'll remember.) Luckily this is easy enough for us to fix.

Then when cars got out on the course, we watched (on our Richta Rallymaster Map) a car leave the start in the wrong direction - headed toward Scappoose instead of Vancouver. We

called them and they were certain they were on course. A short conversation determined they had printed and were following February's Rally School Rally route instructions. Since they hadn't printed the March instructions, didn't have quick access to a printer, and hadn't run the Rally School Rally, we advised they carry on and enjoy the drive.



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Another car fell off the course just short of the end of the odo check. We called them and talked them back to the rally route. They entered the biggest time allowance the Richta app allows - 19 and a half minutes - only to hear from them a few minutes later. They were off course again. After another short conversation, we determined they were trying to run the rally using only the Rallymaster Notes.

Explanation: Prepandemic, a face-to-face participants meeting was held just before rally start time, where the rallymaster would give last minute pointers and explanations about the rally. Nowadays we issue this information in writing in a document that mentions only those route instructions the rallymaster feels need further explanation. These notes are an incomplete representation of the rally route at best. So, once they located the actual route instructions, they were back on course.



Pause at Cedar Creek Grist Mill

One car did not show up on our Rallymaster Map at all. We contacted them, determined their app wasn't running for a reason we could not resolve, so we put them in touch with the app developer. But that wasn't their only problem. They were befuddled and confused, unable to proceed beyond the end of the odo check. Having heard a similar description of their confusion just moments earlier, we quickly determined that they, too, were trying to run the rally using the Rallymaster Notes alone. Huge laughs from their end of the call when they found the real route instructions.

"Oh, this looks a lot easier!"



Car #12, Driver Dustin and Navigator Kimberly Morehouse

Things were much quieter for the rallymasters after that. Folks seemed to stay on course, proceeding to the mid-rally break at Lucia Falls Park, a brief stop at the Grist Mill, and then onto the ending location in Battle Ground, Washington.

What ralliers said:

Just want to say that was so much fun. You guys did an amazing job!!!

Really liked this road rally route (and not just saying that because we came in second overall but that helped).

A thought for upcoming rallies: drop the leg score that has the highest points. That way when we have that one big blunder we're not like, "Oh man!" [What do other ralliers think of this suggestion?]

Had a great time!

Thanks for writing such a good rally!

It was fun!

You need to teach a class on how to do time decs. [Good suggestion. Like solving story problems.]

What a great time and great roads to experience!

Thanks so much for doing all this work!!!

Thanks for putting on a great drive today. I really like the idea of having the drive for a good experience, as opposed to a style that would add aggravation to the novices and perhaps others. Keep up the good work.

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Today's rally was great! Thank you so much for a great time!

I really appreciate the work that Victoria and Monte put in to give us a good day.

Thank you very much! We had fun! First time ever event like this for us, we will be back. We surprised ourselves with a decent score :-)

Your info has been very helpful.

That was quite fun!!! Thanks for a super day!!!

Questions:

Most questions were related to use of the Richta Competitor app and use of time allowances. Here are a couple.

Q: Do I unregister the app to turn it off?

A: No, you do not. Just close the app without unregistering. When you reopen the app, you may have to reenter your password (the one you created when you registered your car number). Use a password you can remember.



Car 22, Driver Cyle Coats and Navigator Trevor Mohror

Here's a resource that may be useful: <http://drscca.org/rally/using-the-richta-competitor-app/>

Now that you have your device set up to use the Richta app for the rally, close the app on your device and don't relaunch it until the start of the rally! This will prevent unintended triggering of control



Bubbling Brook (Photo: Skylor Skipworth)

passages before the rally if you happen to pass by a control location. Once a control location has triggered in the app it will not trigger on subsequent passages.

Q: If I arrive at a CZT and I'm 4 minutes late, how do I use a time allowance to get back on time? Does that time allowance adjust your subsequent CZT times? What if I lose time and use a time allowance on a leg before the next CZT, do I enter two time allowances?

A: To answer the first part of the question, if you arrive 4 minutes late at the CZT, take a time allowance of 4:30 (4 minutes 30 seconds). Then wait until you are 4 minutes 30 seconds late, and go.

Addressing the second question, the time allowance does not carry over to the next CZT. You need to ask at each CZT, what time is it now, what time is our restart at this CZT, are we late, do we need a time allowance, and if so how much.

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And say you entered a time allowance at a CZT and prior to the next PC you encounter traffic or for any other reason you lose time and get behind. Do you enter another time allowance? If this is the first PC following the CZT where you entered a time allowance, that time allowance is still displaying on the app. But now you've lost even more time. So you need to add to the time allowance the additional time you've lost. Example: You entered a time allowance of 1:30 at the CZT. Then you missed a turn, u-turned and made the on-course turn. How much time did you lose performing that maneuver? 30 seconds? Okay, add to your time allowance. However, you can only add full minutes to your time allowance once it's at or over 1:30, so you press the +TA button once and add a minute, making your time allowance 2:30. But you only needed 30 seconds, so you pull over and pause the extra 30 seconds, and now you are on time.

Say you've gone by a PC and the next control is going to be a CZT. But before you get there you lose time. Do you enter a time allowance before arriving at the CZT? Answer: No. The time allowance will evaporate at the CZT, having had no effect on a leg score. Just get to the CZT and ask: am I late, etc.

Congratulate the winners:

Finishing first overall and first in SOP class was Car #18, the team of Marcus Gattman and Kerrie Steffenson. They zeroed one leg and had single-digit scores on twelve legs. Marcus and Kerrie are rallymasters for the August Saturday Series Rally. You are sure to enjoy their event.



The view from here, top of Grantham Road

Second overall and second SOP were Dave and Kathleen Sacry in Car #21. They also zeroed one leg and had eleven single-digit leg scores.

John and Robby Elkin in Car #25 came in third overall and placed third in SOP. John and Robby zeroed three legs and had an additional nine single-digit leg scores. Welcome back to Cascade rally, John and Robby. We're impressed.

SOP honorable mention goes to fourth place overall and fourth place SOP finishers Car #28, David and JoAnn Gattman. They zeroed two legs and had ten additional single-digit leg scores. Gattmans are rallymasters for the May Saturday Series Rally. Don't miss it.

In the Novice class, John and Susan Lucas in Car #14 finished in first place (one zero). Second Novice was Car #8, Jason Krieg and Justin Wiezorek (four zero leg scores). And third Novice was Car #31, Jan Bliss and Dave Stauff (one zero).

In the Equipped category, first Unlimited was Car #20, Larry Lefebvre and Simon Levear (four zero leg scores). Michelle and Jon Rand in Car #17 finished second Unlimited. And third Unlimited was Car #19, Chris and Kristy McCarty.

Congratulations to Andrew and Coralee Brewer for finishing first in the GPS class which allows GPS-sourced odometers.

The top three winners in each class will be rewarded with car wash coupons. Clean rally cars!

CSCC Saturday Rally Series Results

The View From Here

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager



Car #	Team	Class	Vehicle	Score
Equipped: (GPS and Unlimited)				
20	Larry Lefebvre / Simon Levear	UNL	2014 Ford Escape	192
17	Michelle H Rand / Jon Rand	UNL	2016 Jeep	308
19	Chris McCarty / Kristy McCarty	UNL	2019 Mazda RF	461
2	Andrew Brewer / Coralee Brewer	GPS	2018 Cadillac ATS 3.6 AWD	508
SOP: (stock)				
18	Marcus Gattman / Kerrie Steffenson	SOP	2018 Subaru Wrx	106
21	Dave Sacry / Kathleen Sacry	SOP	2010 Ford Mustang	124
25	John Elkin / Robby Elkin	SOP	2003 Mitsubishi Lancer	129
28	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	1965 Ford Mustang	136
9	Brian Anderson / Jamie Anderson	SOP	2020 Mazda CX5	155
7	Bill Ferber / Kelly Ferber	SOP	2013 Fiat 500 Pop	170
5	Madelyn Tabor / Mark Tabor	SOP	2014 Subaru Crosstrek	195
27	Brian Gottlieb / Ben Bradley	SOP	2016 Tesla S	203
6	Cody Garvin / Sabrina Garvin	SOP	2017 Volkswagen Golf R	228
32	Edmund Frank / Eustacia Su	SOP	2019 Porsche Macan	243
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	2007 Dodge Caliber	292
Novice: (beginners)				
14	John Lucas / Susan Lucas	NOV	2014 BMW 335xi	144
8	Jason Krieg / Justin Wiezorek	NOV	2017 Chevrolet SS	148
31	Jan Bliss / Dave Stauff	NOV	2005 Ford Escape	200
30	Ken Bollman / Jimi Couture	NOV	2008 Infiniti G37	211
10	Gena Connelly / John Connelly	NOV	2014 Subaru WRX	240
16	Robin McDermott / Jon McDermott	NOV	2015 Mazda Mazda3	251
3	Angelique Ortega / Kevin Ortega	NOV	2013 Hyundai Sonata	259
23	Chase Spross / Ashley Sanders	NOV	2016 Mazda MX-5 Miata	282
15	Skylor Skipworth / Devan Rumler	NOV	2013 Volkswagen Beetle TDI	294
29	Scott Minder / Mike Glass	NOV	2004 Mazda RX-8	301
24	Rene Lamothe / Cathe Lamothe	NOV	2007 Honda Accord	334
4	Betsy Blackie / Laura Maclean	NOV	2020 Subaru Legacy XT	437
11	Madena Parsley / Stacy Rutledge	NOV	2012 Acura RDX	448
12	Dustin / Kimberly Morehouse	NOV	2018 Nissan Maxima	480
1	Hal Ballard / Kat Iverson	NOV	2009 Kia Rondo	DNS
22	Cyle Coats / Trevor Mohror	NOV	1967 Volkswagen Bug	DNS
26	Steve Zoeller / Jacob Zoeller	NOV	2017 Porsche 911 Targa	DNS



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2021 Road Rally Schedule*
as of 3/21/21

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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