

Geargrinders News

February 2022

Feb. 19 Rally School

Get ready for Cascade Geargrinders 2022 Saturday Road Rally Series with a practice rally on Feb. 19. A virtual rally school will be held Friday evening prior to the road rally on Saturday.

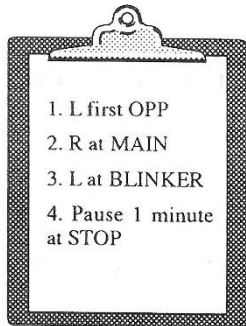
Saturday Series rallies are beginner-friendly time-speed-distance road rallies, lasting from three to four hours, starting and ending in the Portland area.

Entry requires a street-legal vehicle, licensed and insured driver, navigator, and a smart device (cell phone or tablet) running the Competitor Richta GPS Checkpoints app. The Richta app will be used to time and score the rally. The app is free.

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

Registration is open through midnight Feb. 16:

<http://msreg.com/CSCCRallySchool22>



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Members can save with a

Series Pass which includes entry in seven rallies for the price of six. A Series Pass includes entry in Rally School as well as all six Saturday Series rallies for just \$120.

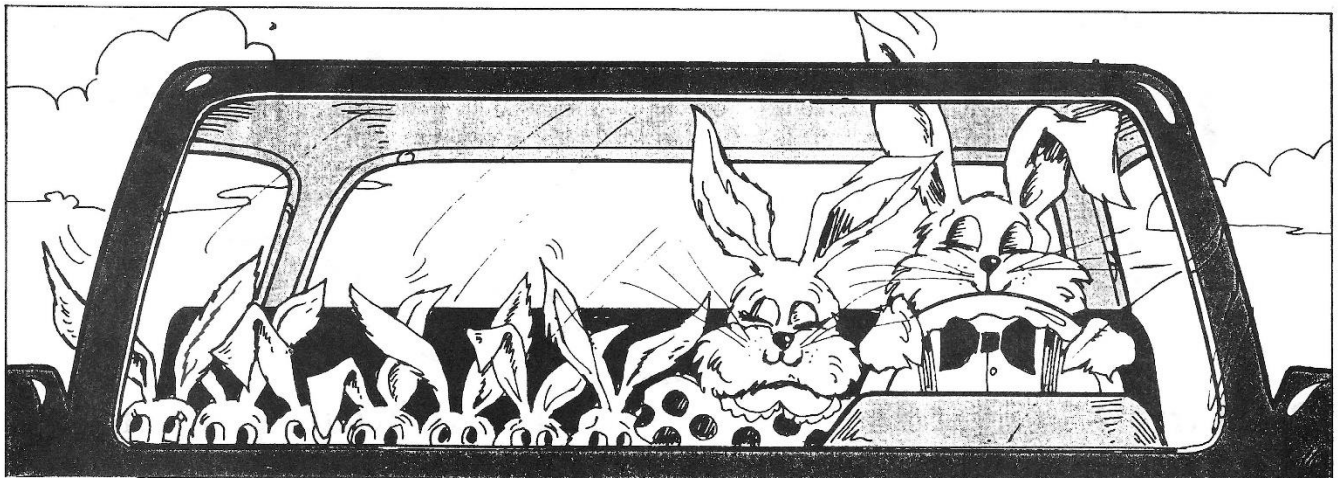
<http://msreg.com/SeriesPass22>

Members save even more with a Season Ticket which includes all events in the Series Pass plus Mountains to the Sea and Ghouls Gambol for just \$180.

<http://msreg.com/SeasonTicket22>

Series Pass and Season Ticket holders register just once and run the same car number with the same start time at each rally.

Learn to road rally -- a fun family activity. Attend virtual rally school (Zoom) Friday evening, then run a just-for-fun road rally on Saturday, Feb. 19, to test your new-found knowledge. You'll learn how to follow route instructions, how to stay on time, and how to survive tricks and traps. Play the game that takes you places!



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CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB GEARGRINDERS

2022 Road Rally Schedule

Register: [MotorsportReg.com](https://motorsportreg.com)

as of 12/9/21

Saturday Road Rally Series

February 19 — Rally School — Start the season with a virtual review of time-speed-distance road rally rules and procedures on Friday evening. Then run a practice road rally on Saturday morning to test your navigational knowledge and driving skills.

March 19 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. First car starts at 10:01 a.m.

April 16

Entry fee:

June 25 \$20 per car for CSCC members
\$30 per car for non-members

July 23

Save with a **Series Pass**. \$120. Includes entry in

August 20 Rally School and all 6 Saturday Series rallies. Register just once to enter all 7 events. Run the same car number with the same start time each rally. Available to CSCC members only.

Sept. 17 CSCC membership is [available online](#).



Special Events

May 14 — Mountains to the Sea — 57th anniversary of Cascade's classic rally. Full-day 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. \$50 per car for CSCC members, \$75 per car for non-members

October 29 — Ghouls Gambol — This daytime rally explores autumn colors around Portland's foothills and farmland. Optional decorated car show. Caution: May include tricks and treats. \$20 per car for CSCC members, \$30 per car for non-members

Save more with a **Season Ticket**. \$180 for 9-event Season Ticket. Includes all benefits and events in the Series Pass, plus entry in Mountains to the Sea and Ghouls Gambol. Available to members only. CSCC membership is [available online](#).

For 2022 Cascade Geargrinders road rallies:

- Online registration is required: [MotorsportReg.com](https://motorsportreg.com).
- Entry requires a street-legal vehicle, a licensed insured driver, a navigator, and a smart device (e.g., cell phone or tablet) running the [Competitor Richta GPS Checkpoints app](#) (app is free).
- Rallies are conducted in accordance with the current [Road Rally Rules](#).
- Events will comply with the [Cascade Geargrinders Coronavirus Message](#).



Enjoy a fun drive in the country. Come play the game that takes you places.

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In Search of the Rally Trail

By Monte "Mr. Rally" Saager

The dawn of another rally season fast approaches and with it comes all the mystery, suspense, entertainment and excitement that this sport has to offer.

This year's calendar seems somewhat full with Cascade showing their normal eight Friday Nighters, three special events and, of course, the Rally School to open the season coming up on the twenty-second of February at Portland Community College. It should be a full year of TSD.

On the lighter side, the Geargrinders have come up with a new tour-style series called the Sunday Driver series. This should give all you Sunday driver types a chance to experience the great outdoors while still retaining some "simulated" rally-type excitement. These events will not be of a TSD nature but rather scenic tours with a little game playing thrown in.

Sounds like going for a Sunday drive when I was a kid. The absolute excitement of finding out what lay around the next corner is one of the few mysteries from my youth that still offers fascination to this day. Somehow there was always a sense of adventure when one of the parents announced that we were hopelessly lost. Still, no matter how lost we got, we always seemed to make it home for Ed Sullivan. Ah, the good ol' days.

One evening when I was about eighteen, a friend of mine told me about the previous evening's experience of entering a road rally. The description, including country roads, sports cars, and

mysterious instructions sounded as much like true adventure as could be imagined. I vowed that one day I would rally. Whatever that was...

Some years later, I saw a flyer for a rally in the local Porsche shop. At last my chance had arrived. Fame, glory, and adventure were about to be mine...

The evening prior to the event, we all gathered for a tech inspection and draw party. Lucky us, we drew car number three. I guess it could have been worse.

The next morning, we arrived at the start ready. We had pens and paper and watches, and snackies. Why, we had everything we needed. Well everything that is except for a speedometer cable which had broken the day before. And rules, well, we read them but understand them, not a chance!

So, there in the pale October light stood brave car number three. Like lambs charging the butcher's block we ventured forth. Following the route instructions and any other rally car that happened by, we eventually found our way through the rally. We found most of the checkpoints and missed a few but our car number still shows five green dots and but two orange dots. Must have been a severe case of beginners luck. Our finish position was not so good as we were thirty third out of thirty five, but we were hooked!

Fifteen years later the thrill still remains. I can't wait to get started. After all, there's no telling what's up around the next corner...