

Geargrinders News

March 2022

Feb. 19 - Rally School Rally

Cascade's road rally season began optimistically with registrations for ten Season Tickets and four Series Passes. An additional 17 teams registered for this event, making a total of 31 entries for the Rally School Rally. A few ticket teams skipped school. So 22 brave teams ventured forth on the 2022 rally season inaugural.

For at least half of the 22 teams, this was their first Cascade road rally. And half of the entries included a Cascade club member. Go team!

About the rally:

The Rally School Rally was about 100 miles long and took about three hours to drive. It started in northwest Portland, followed Burnside out to Skyline, and continued on Skyline to end the odo check at Cornelius Pass. Then through the rolling hills of Helvetia, to Mountindale, Roy, Hillside, and Verboort, before cruising into the mid-rally break at the Fernhill Wetlands. This fairly new visitor center attracts many birds and provided a chance to stretch legs. And then it was back in the car again for the rally's scenic finale, a drive around Henry Hagg Lake, and the transit to the ending location at the Prime Time Restaurant in Forest Grove.

This was a lightly trapped rally, meaning it included some simple rally challenges. The first of which was recognizing that the word STOP in a route instruction means there has to be an intersection of roads, and a stop sign at a railroad crossing is not a STOP. One instruction told you to change your speed to 35 mph for one mile, but didn't say what to do after one mile; the rules say you revert to your previous speed. There were two main road traps, one a left at T and the other an ONTO. A note asked you to pause at the second triceratops (there's only one, but you drive by it twice). None of the challenges caused off course excursions, just timing penalties.

Virtual Rally School

Friday evening prior to the rally, contestants gathered around their Zoom screens for virtual Rally School conducted by Victoria Saager, Cascade Geargrinders co-chair and co-rallymaster of the Rally School Rally. Teams



received their homework assignments on Thursday: study the Novice Guide, read the Road Rally Rules, and review the Rallymaster Notes and Route Instructions attached to their assignment email. Whew!

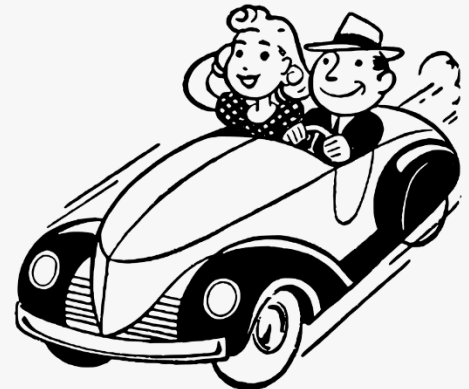
Right up front it becomes obvious that TSD road rally is not just about driving around in the country. It's procedures and rules and following instructions. Of course, it is! Road rally is all about following instructions.

Victoria hit the high notes from the Novice Guide, emphasized that safety is the highest priority, and then opened the floor to questions.

Rally School Questions

Contestants asked about rule clarifications, making sure they understood what a rule means. For example, the rule that signs quoted in the route instructions must be exact without skipping any words in the middle. Questions were asked about defined terms, words that are in the glossary of the rules and have specific meaning, like STOP which is an intersection with a stop sign at which the contestant is legally required to stop, which is not to be confused with "STOP" which is any sign on which the word stop is shown.

Cruising along in our automobile...



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There were several questions about time allowances -- when to use them and how to calculate them. The following has appeared in a prior Geargrinders News issue, but bears repeating.

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.

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

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.

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 (CP).

This time allowance is applied to the leg that starts at the CZT and ends at the next CP. As soon as you arrive at that CP, 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 CP, you are on time and you don't need to re-enter the time allowance for subsequent CPs. 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?

But what if you go off course? At the point at which you decide you are off course (route instructions no longer work), stop, write down current time and current tripmeter reading, u-turn and backtrack, continuing to maintain CAST (this won't work if you speed). When you regain the course, write down your time and tripmeter reading. Double the time it took you to return to the course, round up 30 seconds, enter a time allowance for that amount, and go. You can also calculate and double the miles you drove back to the course and add that number to upcoming OM references.

What ralliers said:

We had a blast! Here's a pic from today - we forgot to print our car numbers! 😂

That was a very fun ride! Thank you so much for organizing, teaching us everything, and calling to get us back on track!

Enjoyed the rally. Liked having to think, how to look for an ITIS and what to do. Good mix of speeds and roads. Good start to the year.

It was fun! We missed Heesaker and it threw us off course. Nerve wracking. Thanks for doing a great job. 😊

Thank you for all your effort putting this together.

If we had grading scores, we would be a solid C instead of the F's in the past. This was my 5th rally and things were finally coming together.

Great Rally, thank you!!!



Car #29 Driver Dave Jeske and Navigator Jim Meiners



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What the rallymasters said:

We enjoyed writing this rally. We used many of our favorite rally roads, roads we like to drive even when we're not on a rally. Our goal was to present a typical Cascade Geargrinders Saturday Series rally, including most things you'd expect to encounter. It was a teaching rally. And it seems it was successful.



Triceratops on Kansas City Road

We did decide to discard two legs from the final scoring. We discarded Leg 15 which included the following note: Introduce Note Dyno: PAUSE 15 seconds at second triceratops. If you've run our rallies before you know we don't get out into the Roy-Wilkesboro area without making some reference to the roadside statue of a triceratops.

After the note was introduced, you saw the triceratops, then the route looped around so you drove by it a second time. So, yes, you did see the triceratops a second time.

But after the event, it was questioned whether triceratops was a valid landmark per the rules. No, triceratops was not a landmark (RRR 4.4). It was all lower case, so common dictionary meaning (RRR 6). We believe triceratops was a valid action point for the note.

However, our purpose had been served, to bring attention to note instructions and how to use them. So we didn't argue the point. We threw the leg.

Leg 25, the last leg of the rally, was also discarded. The checkpoint was located on the Hagg Lake dam. Unfortunately, one lane of the two-lane road over the dam was closed and traffic was being flagged across the dam. Although most teams got through the lane closure with okay scores, some did not. So we threw that leg. These things happen on a road rally.

Congratulations to the top finishers:

Finishing first overall and first in the SOP class was the team of Marcus and Kerrie Gattman with a score of 87, all single-digit leg scores except one leg which was a 10. Outstanding!

Second overall and first in the Novice class was the team of Lee Nielsen and Chuck Winkler with a score of 103. They got a zero on five legs and single-digit scores on all but two of the remaining legs. Great performance from this Novice team!

Third overall and first in the Equipped category was the team of Russ and Katy Kraushaar with a score of 123. They zeroed six legs. Impressive.

Thank you, rally volunteers:

Two checkout teams pre-checked the Rally School Rally one week before the event, making sure the route instructions worked, references were correct, speeds were appropriate, and more. Thank you to the team of Cody and Sabrina Garvin and the team of Edmund Frank and Jo Su.



Car #22 Driver Russ and Navigator Katy Kraushaar (pic not recent)

March 19 - Saturday Series Rally

Registration is open for the March 19 Saturday Series rally: <http://msreg.com/CSCCMarchRally22>

CSCC Rally School Rally Results

Cruising along in our automobile...

Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager



Car #	Team	Class	Vehicle	Score
Equipped: (GPS and Unlimited)				
22	Katy Kraushaar / Russ Kraushaar	UNL	1988 BMW 325iX (white)	123
21	Rebecca Ruston / Seth Whiteley	UNL	2004 BMW wagon	145
8	Robert Paxman / William Pollard	GPS	2004 Nissan SpecV (Silver)	146
17	Andrea Davis / Ted Davis	GPS	2020 Porsche 992 C4S (Green)	353
18	Jose Mercado / Majid 'MJ' Hajari	UNL	2021 Chevrolet Corvette (White)	767
30	Bob Morseburg / Cheri Eddy	UNL	2007 Honda Civic (Bronze)	DNS
SOP: (stock)				
1	Marcus / Kerrie Gattman	SOP	2018 Subaru WRX (blue)	87
15	Brian Duddy / Izzy Lancaster	SOP	2014 Mazda 3 (Red)	164
10	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	2021 Subaru Crosstrek (White)	165
3	Angelique Ortega / Kevin Ortega	SOP	2013 Hyundai Sonata (Grey)	172
9	Brian Anderson / Jamie Anderson	SOP	2020 Mazda CX5 (Red)	183
16	John Johnson / Maria Menor	SOP	1985 Porsche 911Targa (Metallic)	261
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	2007 Dodge Caliber (Red)	331
4	Bill Ferber / Kelly Ferber	SOP	2013 Fiat 500 Pop (Mental Green)	DNS
5	Madelyn Tabor / Mark Tabor	SOP	2014 Subaru Crosstrek (Dark gray)	DNS
6	Cody Garvin / Sabrina Garvin	SOP	2017 Volkswagen Golf R (Black)	DNS
12	Michelle Rand / Jon Rand	SOP	2016 Jeep	DNS
Novice: (stock)				
7	Lee Nielsen / Chuck Winkler	NOV	2000 Audi TT (Silver)	103
11	Darlene Emerson / Aleta Plumer	NOV	2020 Mazda MX-5 (Soul Red)	238
20	Karisa Haydon / Rhys Haydon	NOV	2021 Ford Bronco Sport First Edit. (Grey)	287
27	Kevin Marino / Aspen Padilla	NOV	2017 Subaru WRX (White)	306
25	Chris Newby / Twyla Newby	NOV	BMW Z3 (Red)	373
24	Bryce / Christina Bederka	NOV	2015 Porsche Cayenne S E-Hybrid (Silver)	389
29	Dave Jeske / jim meiners	NOV	1998 Jeep cherokee (red)	439
23	Rob Chittenden / John Hoffmann	NOV	2017 BMW M4	472
28	Halleh Balch / Andreas Bastian	NOV	2006 Mazda Miata (Gray)	472
14	Arash Baratloo / Karen Cullen	NOV	2002 Miata (Silver)	DNF
2	Andrew Brewer / Coralee Brewer	NOV	Cadillac ATS 3.6 AWD (satin steel)	DNS
19	Susan Conrad / Frank Grady	NOV	2014 Porsche Boxter (Red)	Canceled
26	Sheldon Flom / Holly Flom	NOV	2017 Mini Clubman (Maroon)	Canceled
31	Lawrence / Isabel McCartin	NOV	2012 BMW 328i (Black)	Canceled

DNF = Started did not finish DNS = Entered, did not start

[Full RallySchool Rally results with leg scores](#)*Enjoy a fun drive in the country. Come play the game that takes you places.*



CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB GEARGRINDERS

2022 Road Rally Schedule

Register: 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.
- 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](#).



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