

Geargrinders News

May 2022



May 14 - Mountains to the Sea Rally

Cascade Sports Car Club's 57th Mountains to the Sea Rally offers an easy-to-follow scenic drive on less traveled paved roads starting in northwest Portland and ending in Seaside.

This all-day tour-style TSD rally includes GPS checkpoints, time of day restarts, and a Monte Carlo section. No prior experience is needed to run this easy rally.

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.

Weather and COVID permitting, we hope to gather around a fire on the beach after the rally.

Contact the [Ebb-Tide Oceanfront Inn](#) by April 30 to get group rate on lodging. Group rate is also extended for Sunday night stay.

The rally entry fee is \$50 per car for CSCC members and \$75 per car for non-members.

Registration closes May 11: <http://msreg.com/CSCCM2C22>

April 16 - Saturday Series Rally

Eighteen teams ran the second rally in the 2022 Saturday Rally Series on April 16. All 18 were Cascade member entries. Go team!



About the rally

The April Saturday rally course was 96 miles long and took just under three and a half hours to drive.

Starting in northwest Portland, the rally crossed the Willamette River twice, first on the top deck of the Marquam Bridge and then back over the river on the Fremont Bridge, continuing north to end the odometer check on Sauvie Island.

After a trip around the island, the course climbed up McNamee Road and continued north on Skyline to Rocky Point Road.

Following the scenic descent down Rocky Point Road

and a short transit up the highway, rally teams followed Dutch Canyon west of Scappoose into the hills, eventually reaching the Yankton area.

Ralliers were treated to a break at the Yankton Store and Restaurant. The Yankton School and the historic Yankton Grange were nearby locations. After a tour of the Yankton's rolling hills and farmland, the route wound along backroads leading back to Scappoose where the rally ended at Fultano's Pizza.

Challenges

This rally included six challenges. The first was a spelling trap. A route instruction directed you to pause at a sign reading Eliot ITIS (if there is such). We have fun referencing this sideroad off of Skyline because at one end of the road, the name is signed as Elliot and the other end is signed as Elliott. Either way, the road is not signed Eliot, so the correct action was to skip this ITIS instruction and its penalty pause.

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The second challenge was a number switch. The rules say you must execute numbered route instructions in numerical order. In this case, two route instructions were switched in order. If you correctly executed them in numerical order you avoided the speed reduction which caused you to be late at the next checkpoint.

The third challenge was a note to reduce your speed at a sign reading hidden driveway. (BTW this sign is the source of the title of this event, quoting a line from the song My Private Idaho.) The note is introduced a few instructions before the break but isn't used until after the break. The challenge was to just remember you had a note in effect. But read on.

A note is an unnumbered instruction that is active from its introduction until it is canceled. Think of it as a "floating" instruction that you execute every time the opportunity presents itself, while you're still following the numbered route instructions. This rally had two notes. The first, Note A, gets introduced and you use it once after the break as mentioned above.



The second note, Note B, gets introduced just after the break:

Introduce Note B: PAUSE 15 seconds at second "DART". Cancel Note B. Cancel Note A.

The intent is that you cancel Note B as soon as you execute it. You see the second sign reading Dart and you cancel Note B. So if the note is no longer in effect after it has been canceled, then you can't continue executing it, thus blocking the canceling of the first note. Of course the reference for the first note rolls around again soon after and you have the opportunity to execute the first note a second time - which you correctly do. Teams that believed the first note was canceled along with the second note did not execute the speed change associated with the second occurrence of the first note, thus earning them a penalty.



Then there was an OR instruction:

PAUSE 15 seconds at SASQUATCH OR "PERRY CR"

Do the half of the instruction before the OR or do the half after the OR, whichever comes first. The trick is to make you think you're supposed to pause for either half, whichever is first. And even though there is a full-size cutout figure of a sasquatch along the route, it didn't have an identifying sign, so it didn't count anyway. Long and short of this one is that you correctly saw the Perry Cr sign and did not pause for the penalty.

The last opportunity to earn penalty points on challenges was an ITIS instruction offering a pause to go left on a named road. At the apparent location, the named road appears as a sideroad on the left. However, the road straight ahead is marked no outlet. Since you can only proceed in one direction (left) without u-turning, there is no intersection here. Since the instruction is to go L (left) and L is a deviation and a deviation can only occur at an intersection, the correct action is the skip the ITIS instruction and its penalty pause.

None of these challenges had much penalty associated with them, 15 points or less for incorrectly executing the challenge. With 24 scored legs, staying on time and being on time at checkpoints determined the winners.

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What the rallymasters said

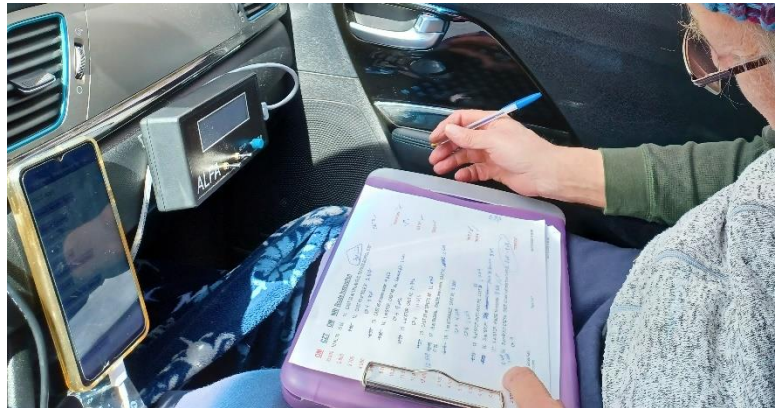
This rally traveled on roads very familiar to the rallymasters. The route through Yankton passed Victoria's grandfather's ranch where her father and two uncles grew up. Both Monte and Victoria learned to drive on these roads. These roads have been on rally routes many times before. We enjoyed working on this rally and we enjoyed driving this rally route.

We did have a couple of interesting experiences while writing this rally.

When we were measuring and setting GPS checkpoints, Monte told me that the next checkpoint we were looking for was a sign reading consign. I'm driving along thinking, I don't remember a sign like that out here on this remote road. Just about then, we passed a sign displaying a graphic of a cow. I have a particular fondness for pictorial signs, especially animals, so I say, "Hey, there's a cow sign." Hmm...

So then I asked him to look back at the last draft copy of the route instructions from our prior drive through. He opens the clipboard and sees in his own handwriting the word "cowsign". Yeah, I think that was the sign we were looking for. As it turned out, that section of the rally route got deleted from the final event.

During the rally checkout on the Saturday prior to the event, our progress was halted by a herd of cows in the road. We've encountered sheep, chickens, even peacocks in the road before, but this was our first cow herd encounter. We were trying to drive on rally time, using the app to make sure the checkpoints worked, so a time allowance was definitely required. When the road cleared, Monte "Mr. Rally" told me how much TA to enter, which earned us a single-digit score. How does he do that?!



Rallymaster Monte Saager measuring the April Saturday Rally

What ralliers said



Car # 15 Driver Steve Deardorff and Navigator Diane Deardorff

Thank you. It was fun. My mom and I did pretty well for my second time and her first since 50 years ago 🤪. Here is a pic from the drive home going back on Rocky Point.

Good event. Loved the views. Wish we had less traffic at Yankton. When we hit the break there was chaos and we didn't note our arrival time, so we were guessing on our out time.

Thank you very much for the emails. We got discouraged when we couldn't find the "T" and thought we went the wrong way. Thank you for watching over us. This was a great first event for us. We have many questions and an idea for how to prepare for the Mountains to the Sea Rally :)

Fun run! Thanks for all your work. See ya next time.

Thank you, another great rally!!!!

Congratulations to the top finishers

First overall and first in the Equipped category was the team of Bob Morseburg and Cheri Eddy with a total score of 90 over 23 scored legs.

Second overall and first in the SOP class was the team of Cody and Sabrina Garvin with a score of 116.

Third overall and second SOP was the team of Brian and Jamie Anderson with a score of 121.

Fourth overall and first in the Novice class was the team of Lee Nielsen and Chuck Winkler with a score of 138.

Congratulations to all!

CSCC April Saturday Rally Results

MY OWN PRIVATE OREGON

Saturday, April 16, 2022

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager



Car #	Team	Class	Vehicle	Score
Equipped: (GPS and Unlimited)				
30	Bob Morseburg / Cheri Eddy	UNL	2007 Honda Civic (Bronze)	90
8	Robert Paxman / William Pollard	GPS	2004 Nissan SpecV (Silver)	168
17	Aleks Yablokov / Riza Yablokova	GPS	2005 Acura TL (Silver)	817
18	Majid 'MJ' Hajari / Lori Hajari	UNL	2021 Chevrolet Corvette (White)	DNF
SOP: (stock)				
6	Cody Garvin / Sabrina Garvin	SOP	2017 Volkswagen Golf R (Black)	116
9	Brian Anderson / Jamie Anderson	SOP	2020 Mazda CX5 (Red)	121
3	Angelique Ortega / Kevin Ortega	SOP	2013 Hyundai Sonata (Grey)	142
1	Marcus Gattman / Steven Smith	SOP	2018 Subaru WRX (Blue)	151
10	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	2021 Subaru Crosstrek (White)	175
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	2007 Dodge Caliber (Red)	180
16	Larry Lefebvre / Simon Levear	SOP	2004 Mini S (Blue and White)	222
14	John Lucas / Susan Lucas	SOP	0 BMW Z3 Coupe (Silver)	228
20	John Johnson / Maria Menor	SOP	1985 Porsche 911Targa (Meteor Metallic)	250
5	Madelyn Tabor / Mark Tabor	SOP	2014 Subaru Crosstrek (Dark gray)	267
4	Bill Ferber / Kelly Ferber	SOP	2013 Fiat 500 Pop (Mental Green)	282
12	Michelle Rand / Reid Trummel	SOP	1989 Merc 560SL ()	958
Novice: (stock)				
7	Lee Nielsen / Chuck Winkler	NOV	2000 Audi TT (Silver)	138
15	Steve Deardorff / Diane Deardorff	NOV	2022 Toyota GR86 (Red)	249

DNF = Did not finish

[April Saturday Rally results with leg scores](#)

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