

Geargrinders News

December 2022



2022 Cascade Geargrinders Rally Season

Participation is key to the success of everything Cascade Sports Car Club does. The Geargrinders Road Rally Program depends on volunteers and rally teams.

Volunteers

Rallymasters are the volunteers who develop the route and construct the event the rally teams will run. Development starts weeks if not months before rally day. Hours and miles are spent scouting roads and linking together a route that meets expectations – fun to drive roads, scenery and interest along the route, a suitable mid-rally break, and an ending location.

Route instructions, measurements, calculations, GPS checkpoints, and rallymaster notes to contestants all must be completed for the checkout one week prior to the rally. Volunteer rally teams run the checkout in live rally time to make sure the route instructions are accurate, references are correct, speeds are appropriate, GPS checkpoints are working, and more.

The 2022 season started with the Rally School Rally on Feb. 19. Rallymasters were **Monte and Victoria Saager**. Two checkout teams pre-checked the rally – the team of **Cody and Sabrina Garvin** and the team of **Edmund Frank and Jo Su**. The Rally School Rally ended in Forest Grove.

The first two events in the six-event Saturday Road Rally Series were also



JoAnn and David Gattman, Rallymasters

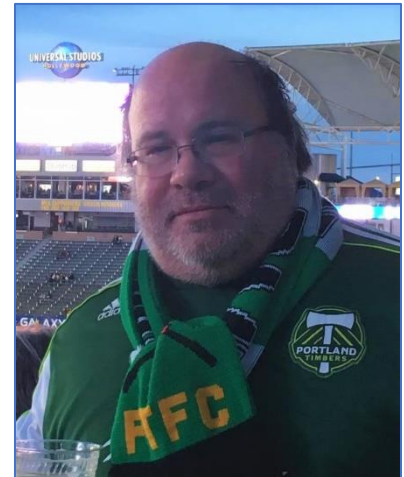
rallymastered by Monte and Victoria. The March 19 Saturday Rally ended in Woodburn. The April 16 rally ended in Scappoose.

May 14 was the 57th anniversary of the Mountains to the Sea Rally, ending in Seaside. Rallymasters were Monte and Victoria.

Beavercreek, was rallymastered by **Ben Bradley**. Ben noted that while he had written many rallies for Cascade over his long rally career, this was his first in many years. He expressed appreciation for the club's revitalized road rally program.

David and JoAnn Gattman were rallymasters for the July 23 Saturday Rally. David and JoAnn are also long-time Cascade rally participants and have written many rallies. In their event write-up, they encourage ralliers to step up and be a rallymaster because writing a road rally is a great way to learn the sport.

The August 20 Saturday Rally was rallymastered by **Marcus and Kerrie Gattman**. Their event ended in Woodland. They thanked the Cascade Board for continued support of the rally program, and they offer to help any new rallymaster next season. **Bill and Kelly Ferber** ran the August checkout.



Ben Bradley, Rallymaster



Kerrie and Marcus Gattman, Rallymasters



*Kasey Klaus and Torm Kelsey Green,
Rallymasters*

Kasey Klaus and Torm Kelsey Green were the rallymasters for the Saturday Rally on Sept. 17, ending in Estacada. This event concluded the 2022 Saturday Rally Series. The top three teams in each class received Series awards at the Ghouls Gambol Rally.

Cascade's rally season wrapped up with the 56th anniversary Ghouls Gambol Rally on Oct. 29 rallymastered by Monte and Victoria. This rally was all treats and no tricks, ending at Spirit of Halloweentown in St. Helens.

Rally teams

A season average of about 20 cars per rally would support a sustainable road rally program. We came close to reaching that target in 2022. The 2022 Geargrinders Road Rally Program put on nine road rallies and averaged 18 cars per rally.

Fourteen (14) teams pre-purchased rally entries with a seven-event Series Pass (four teams) or a nine-event Season Ticket (ten teams). These pre-paid entries ensured a steady number of entries at each rally. What we saw in 2022 was a downturn in the number of new first-timer rally teams.



Have you seen the Oregon Trailblazer trophy? If you find it, please contact rally@cascaadesportscarclub.org

Looking forward

The 2023 rally schedule includes ten events, starting with Rally School in February. The very competitive Saturday Road Rally Series has six rallies, March through August. The 58th Mountains to the Sea (rumored to end in Newport) is in September. The traditional Halloween rally is at the end of October, of course. And new this year is the Oregon Trailblazer Rally in November, a tricky trappy rally challenge.

Help spread the word!



Attracting and retaining new rally teams is essential to the success of the rally program. We promote Cascade's road rally events through email, social media, Auspuff, and the Cascade Geargrinders website.

Please help by sharing our event announcements and promotions. Let us know if you identify audience opportunities.

You enjoy driving your car. That's why you belong to a car club. Road rally is a fun way to enjoy driving your car. Play the game that takes you places. Once a month from February through November. Affordable fun for a carful.

Enjoy a fun drive in the country. Come drive with us!



CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB GEARGRINDERS

2023 Road Rally Schedule

Register: MotorsportReg.com

as of 11/22/22

Saturday Road Rally Series

February 18 – 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 driving skills and navigational knowledge.

March 18

Saturday Series rallies are beginner friendly TSD 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 15

May 13

June 10

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

July 22

Save with a Series Pass. \$120. Includes entry in 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. CSCC membership is [available online](#).

August 19



Special Events

September 9 – Mountains to the Sea – 58th anniversary of Cascade's classic rally. Full-day tour-style time-speed-distance road rally, offering a scenic route that is fun to drive, starting in Portland and ending at the Pacific Ocean (perhaps Newport). Entry fee: \$50 per car for CSCC members, \$75 per car for non-members

October 28 – Ghouls Gambol – This daytime rally explores autumn colors around Portland's foothills and farmland. Optional decorated car show. Caution: May include tricks and treats. Ends at Spirit of Halloweentown in St. Helens. Entry fee: \$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](#).

November 18 – Oregon Trailblazer – This year we welcome the return of an occasional Cascade tradition – a tricky TSD rally that challenges your team's driving and navigational skills. Expect tricks and traps. (The last Oregon Trailblazer Rally was in 2006.) Entry fee: \$20 per car for CSCC members, \$30 per car for non-members

For all 2023 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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