

# Geargrinders News

January 2023



## Ready, set, go!

Cascade Sports Car Club's Road Rally program (aka Cascade Geargrinders) organizes TSD (time-speed-distance) road rallies in and around Portland, Oregon.

### What is a TSD road rally?

A game that takes you places.

A scenic drive on country roads.

A fun autosport competition for teams of all levels.

Cascade Geargrinders road rallies are beginner friendly events, starting and ending in the Portland area. Rallies are about 100 miles long and take three to four hours to complete. First car starts at 10:01 a.m.

### Is special equipment needed?

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).

Online registration is required: [MotorsportReg.com](https://MotorsportReg.com).

### What events does Cascade Geargrinders offer?

**Rally School** – Start the season with a virtual review of TSD 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.

**Saturday Rally Series** – Compete for Series awards. Best five of six finishes count toward Series points. Must run at least three to win an award.

**Mountains to the Sea** – Enjoy a full-day tour-style road rally, following a fun to drive scenic route, starting in Portland and ending at the Pacific Ocean (perhaps Newport).

**Ghouls Gambol** – Caution: May include tricks and treats. Optional decorated car show. This daytime rally explores autumn colors around Portland's foothills and farmland. Ends at Spirit of Halloweentown in St. Helens.

**Oregon Trailblazer** – In 2023 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.) (Not included in Series Pass or Season Ticket.)

### What does it cost?

#### All rallies except Mountains to the Sea:

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

#### Mountains to the Sea:

Entry fee: \$50 per car for CSCC members  
\$75 per car for non-members

**Save with a [Series Pass](#).** \$120. Includes entry in Rally School and all six Saturday Series rallies. Register just once to enter all seven events. Run the same car number with the same start time each rally. Available to CSCC members only. CSCC membership is [available online](#).

**Save more with a [Season Ticket](#).** \$180 for nine-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](#).

*"Affordable fun for a careful."*



## Oregon Trailblazer Rally

New for the 2023 season is the return of the Oregon Trailblazer rally. The first running of this event was in 1961 as Cascade's entry into the inaugural Northwest Rally Council championship. Northwest Rally Council had just been formed by the Conference clubs with rally programs at that time.

After being held each year for several years, the Oregon Trailblazer rally became a less frequent event, offered only when there was a rallymaster willing to write this all-day rally. In most recent memory, it was always the trickiest and most technical rally of the season.

The 2023 Oregon Trailblazer rally will follow in the steps of its most recent predecessors. It will be a trick and trap rally – a true Saagerpalooza. But fear not. Even if you get the traps wrong, you will survive to complete the rally. The rally will be designed to ensure that everyone finishes.

You've got plenty of time to decide if this is the event for you. Come to Rally School, run the Saturday Series rallies, join us for Mountains to the Sea and Ghouls Gambol, and then decide if you've got what it takes to run the 62nd Anniversary Oregon Trailblazer Rally.



*Have you seen the Oregon Trailblazer trophy? If you find it, please contact [rally@cascadesportscarclub.org](mailto:rally@cascadesportscarclub.org)*



### Be a Rallymaster

Do you have an idea for a rally route? You could be a Rallymaster. We will help you turn your route idea into a real road rally.

Contact us about your rally route idea.

### 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. Let us know if you identify audience opportunities.

Road rally is a fun way to enjoy driving your car. Play the game that takes you places. Once a month, February through November. Affordable fun for a carful.



## Congratulations!

At the annual Awards Event Dec. 17, Cascade recognized several Geargrinders members. Congratulations to 2023 Board President Brian Anderson for Driver of the Year, to Torm Kelsey-Green for Worker of the Year, and to Jamie Anderson for Outstanding Member. Club rally trophies were awarded to Equipped Driver and Navigator Bob Morseburg and Cheri Eddy and to Unequipped Driver and Navigator David and JoAnn Gattman at the Ghouls Gambol Rally. Congratulations, Rally Champions!

*Enjoy a fun drive in the country. Play the game that takes you places. Come drive with us!*



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## 2023 Road Rally Schedule

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

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### 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](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](#).



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