

Geargrinders News

March 2023



March 18 Saturday Series Rally

The Cascade Geargrinders Saturday Road Rally Series kicks into gear on March 18. The March rally is the first of six in the Series. Teams who run three or more of the six rallies are eligible for Series Awards, which are presented at the season finale Ghouls Gambol Rally on Oct. 28.



The Saturday Series offers beginner-friendly time-speed-distance road rallies, starting and ending in the Portland area, starting at 10 a.m. on a Saturday morning, lasting from three to four hours.

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 (app is free).

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

Registration is open through midnight **March 15**: <http://msreg.com/CSCCMarch23>

Reserve Your Car Number

Members can still get a Series Pass – entry in all six Saturday Series rallies. <http://msreg.com/SeriesPass23>

Members can also still get a Season Ticket – entry in all events in the Series Pass plus Mountains to the Sea and Ghouls Gambol. <http://msreg.com/SeasonTicket23>

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

Become a member to save on rally entry fees and much more. <https://cascadesportscarclub.org/membership/>

Feb. 18 Rally School

The morning of the Rally School Rally was overcast. The skies were grey, but the pavement was dry. Great road rally weather. Cascade's first rally of the 2023 season attracted 28 entries, including 11 first-timer teams.

After reviewing their assigned homework, teams gathered at a Friday evening Zoom meeting for a rally school review of rally rules, procedures and protocols. Questions were answered to prepare for the practice rally on Saturday morning.

About the rally

The rally course was about 85 miles from the start in northwest Portland to the ending location in Forest Grove, and it took about three and a half hours to complete. The route traveled through Washington Park, along Skyline and into Washington County, on roads used for Cascade road rally for decades – West Union, Helvetia,



At the start, Andy and Mercedes Lillienthal and Rhys and Karisa Haydon

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Jackson Quarry. The route then made its way down Mason Hill and into North Plains for a mid-rally break, ending at the Jessie Mays Community Park.

After the break the course headed out Pumpkin Ridge, through Roy, up Clapshaw Hill and down Hillside, through Verboort, and on to the ending location at the Prime Time in Forest Grove. Several teams met up at the restaurant and shared stories, some true we suppose. Some teams went from the end of the rally to Mike Nagle's Celebration of Life.

What ralliers said

From the rally winners, David and JoAnn Gattman: This was a fairly easy straightforward rally, but did give exposure to ITIS, Notes, and generally reset the mind to get rally season officially started.

From second SOP, Russ and Kate Sherrell: Great roads, as usual. Good challenges without being so "trappy" that we felt like we couldn't do it. It was a great start to the year. We're really looking forward to learning to rally together more consistently. Rally school was a good reminder of the basic rally rules, and the differences between CSCC rules and other rallies we participated in when first learning to rally.

From the first place Novice team, father and son duo Jeff and Nicholas Crews: Thanks for the fun event. I was going to wait a bit to see if my son wanted to do another one, but he suggested we do it again as we were driving home, so we will hopefully attend more!

From third Novice, father and daughter Isaac and Scout Miller: We were on the way home when the email came in with the results. We rolled the windows down while stuck on Hwy26 and started whooping and hollering. It was pretty exciting and unexpected.

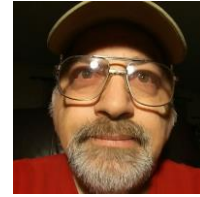


Car 19 Driver Isaac and Navigator Scout Miller

expectations! We really appreciate all the hard work that must go into creating a rally course and putting together the notes and instructions. The rally course had a perfect balance of straightforward and challenging -- it kept us engaged but never so frustrated that we wanted to throw in the towel.

We like solving puzzles, learning new skills, driving, and exploring new areas -- the rally offered all these and much more! We enjoyed talking with the other teams at the start location -- everyone was so friendly!

In Memory: Mike Nagle



Mike Nagle ran -- and wrote -- many Cascade Sports Car Club TSD road rallies over the years. Most recently he and son Colin ran Cascade's [2020 Mountains to the Sea Rally](#).

The [Mike Nagle Regional Rally](#) made its debut in 2021. Named for one of the original founders of the Oregon Trail Rally, Mike Nagle held many positions over the years from rallymaster to stage captain and everything in between.

When not helping with the OTR event, he also helped others including Olympus, Tour de Forest, and many other rallies in the region.

You are missed, Mike.

From other ralliers:

Thank you for all of the work put into keeping this sport alive and encouraging new participants. It was really great to see so many new (to us at least) faces. Looking forward to the next one!

Thanks for offering the rally school -- it's obvious how much work goes into it, and we appreciated the opportunity to participate!

Thank you for hosting another great rally event!!

The rally was awesome and exceeded our expectations! We really appreciate all the hard work that must go into creating a rally course and putting together the notes and instructions. The rally course had a perfect balance of straightforward and challenging -- it kept us engaged but never so frustrated that we wanted to throw in the towel.

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Thanks for helping us out today.

We had a lot of fun on the rally. It was through areas I hadn't been in for years, and many roads I had never seen. It was great to explore, which is something the two of us do regularly during the summer months. Much of it was what I was expecting, though many of the traps sure got me... this time!

The school taught us everything we needed to know to run our first rally together. The most helpful aspect was probably learning how to understand and work with the route instructions and rallymaster notes (via all the handouts and the Zoom meeting) -- it's a whole new language that would have been a real struggle to learn any other way.

We're already making plans to run the March rally. We had a lot of fun running the rally school route, and we can't wait to test ourselves with another Cascade road rally!

What the rallymasters said

Some of this event may have seemed familiar. We reused parts of an event we put on a couple of years ago. Since rally school is a teaching opportunity, we retained some "tried and true" rally challenges.

A number switch (numbered route instructions printed out of numerical order) had some cars traveling through a rural neighborhood in one direction, while other cars went the opposite way, providing opportunity for rally cars to wave and wonder...are we off course or are they?

A spelling trap offered another opportunity for some teams to go one way while the others took a different route. Everyone rejoined a common route, with those who didn't notice the spelling error getting a few extra penalty points.

Two instructions offered a lesson in defined terms vs signs. Both opportunities occurred at railroad crossings:

PAUSE 15 seconds at STOP ITIS
PAUSE 15 seconds at "STOP" ITIS

In the first case, STOP is a defined term, so you're looking to pause at an intersection with a legal highway stop sign at which the contestant must stop. Since an intersection is defined as a crossing of rally roads at which the contestant could proceed in more than one direction, and since no such intersection exists at the railroad crossing, the correct action is to skip this ITIS instruction and its pause.

In the second case, you're looking to pause at a sign that reads stop. There is clearly a stop sign at the railroad crossing, so the correct action is to do the pause there and not skip the ITIS instruction.

Two notes were included. One was used only by cars who fell for the number switch. The other note was a sign hunt to pause every time you saw a particular sign. The note was introduced near the end of the rally and was correctly used three times.

Congratulate the winners

There are no prizes for this practice rally, but we do recognize winners. Fame and glory!

First overall and first in the SOP class was the team of David and JoAnn Gattman with a score of 118. With just 3 more points, second overall and second SOP was Russ and Kate Sherrell with 121 points. Lee and Patricia Nielsen finished third overall and third SOP with 178 points.

All three of the top finishing Novice teams were first-time Cascade ralliers. First Novice with a score of 233 was the father/son team of Jeff and Nicholas Crews. Second Novice was the team of Gene and Sandy Buzzelli with a score of 244. Finishing third Novice was the father/daughter team of Isaac and Scout Miller with 321.

Congratulations to all the rally school rally teams! You are all winners!

Cascade Sports Car Club's

Rally School Rally

This way, that way

February 18, 2023

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager



Car #	Team	Class	Vehicle	Score
Equipped: (GPS and Unlimited)				
8	Robert Paxman / Chris Lane	GPS	2004 Nissan SpecV (Silver)	367
30	Robert Morseburg / Cheri Eddy	UNL	2007 Honda Civic (Bronze)	DNS
SOP: (stock)				
1	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	2021 Subaru Crosstrek (White)	118
22	Russ Sherrell / Kate Sherrell	SOP	2003 Porsche 911 (Black)	121
7	Lee Nielsen / Patricia Nielsen	SOP	2000 Audi TT (Silver)	178
9	Brian Anderson / Jamie Anderson	SOP	2020 Mazda CX5 (Red)	200
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	2007 Dodge Caliber (Red)	205
27	Karisa Haydon / Rhys Haydon	SOP	2021 Ford Bronco Sport First Edit. (Grey)	237
2	Andy / Mercedes Lilienthal	SOP	2022 Subaru Crosstrek (White)	248
23	Gail Engblom / Cheryl Babbe	SOP	2013 Honda CR-V (Gunmetal Grey)	346
3	Angelique Ortega / Kevin Ortega	SOP	2013 Hyundai Sonata (Grey)	DNS
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
10	Andrew Brewer / Linda Blackburn	SOP	2018 Cadillac ATS 3.6 AWD (satin steel)	DNS
20	John Johnson / Maria Menor	SOP	1985 Porsche 911Targa (Meteor Metallic)	DNS
Novice: (stock)				
24	Jeff Crews / Nicholas Crews	NOV	2013 Audi RS5 (Red)	233
16	Gene Buzzelli / Sandy Buzzelli	NOV	2018 Toyota Sienna (white)	244
19	Isaac Miller / Scout Miller	NOV	2005 Toyota 4Runner (Gold)	321
21	Chris Williams / Karyn Williams	NOV	2008 Nissan 350z (silver)	401
15	Stuart Welker / Heather Welker	NOV	2018 Subaru Wrx sti (Black)	418
11	Hallie Edge / Joseph Edge	NOV	2002 Subaru Impreza WRX (Silver)	428
18	Collin Buzzelli / Jordyn Hamman	NOV	2022 Subaru WRX (World RallyBlue)	437
25	Kathryn Brock / Craig Stommel	NOV	1994 Subaru SVX LSi (Pearl White/Blk)	442
26	Jake Castedo / Ricardo Castedo	NOV	2016 Ford F150 (BLUE)	445
14	Steve Gieske / David Finch	NOV	2021 Kia K5 (Gold)	510
17	James Pott / Andrea Heywood	NOV	0 Nissan 350Z (LeMans Sunset)	678

DNS=Did not start

[Rally School Rally results with leg scores](#)

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



Be a Rallymaster

Do you have an idea for a rally route, some favorite roads you love to drive? 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. rally@cascaadesportscarclub.org

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 new outreach 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 careful.



Northwest Rally Council update

History tidbit: Way back in 1960, the Cascade Sports Car Club Board of Directors passed a resolution approving formation of the Northwest Rally Council (NWRC). Several conference clubs that had rally programs joined to form this new organization. As a charter member, Cascade's annual NWRC rally was the Oregon Trail Blazer (a rally title being revived this coming November).



NWRC member clubs have continued to put on TSD road rallies under the NWRC umbrella for decades. Somewhere along the way, Cascade dropped its membership in NWRC. Cascade was no longer a

member and memory of its involvement in the NWRC's formation was lost by the time we (Saagers) joined the club in 1985. Cascade's role as a charter member was rediscovered recently when notebooks of club board minutes from the 50s and 60s were reviewed.

The pandemic years were hard on many rally clubs. Events were canceled; some have not come back. Cascade's rally program was sustained by adapting and changing, by offering contact-free road rally. Other clubs were slower to adapt and change.

NWRC's member clubs are centered around the Seattle area. Their Friday Nighters have started from the park and ride in Bellevue on the second Friday night for many years. The style and format of their rallies remained unchanged for decades. When the pandemic came, attendance in their rallies fell. Some events were canceled. This season, they were in danger of canceling their long-standing Friday Nighter series.

The big news is NWRC has just announced that the Richta GPS checkpoints app will be used for some of NWRC's 2023 Friday Nighters. Hopefully modernization of NWRC's rally program will help improve attendance and sustain their program.

The 2023 NWRC Friday Nighter schedule is now published, listing six Friday Nighters, April through November. <https://nwrally.org/2023-nwrc-rally-schedule/>



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

July 22

August 19

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

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](#).



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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