

Geargrinders News

April 2026

Cascade Sports Car Club's Road Rally Program (aka Cascade Geargrinders) offers beginner-friendly time-speed-distance road rallies, lasting three to four hours, starting and ending in the Portland area.

These events are open to club members and non-members, and to all types of vehicles. Road rally is a game you play while going for a drive in the country.



April 18 Saturday Series Rally

The second of six events in the 2026 Cascade Geargrinders Saturday Road Rally Series is April 18. Teams who run three or more of the six Saturday Series rallies are eligible for Series Awards.

About the Rally

Rallymasters Russ and Katy Kraushaar's April Saturday Series Rally takes us north into Clark County's rally land, with fun-to-drive roads and breath-taking scenery.



The fun begins in northwest Portland and ends in Ridgefield, Washington.

A mid-rally break at the beautiful Cedar Creek Grist Mill with its covered bridge is planned.

The event is about 100 miles and takes about three and a half hours to complete.

Schedule

April 17, Friday
Rally Q&A Zoom meeting 7 pm

April 18, Saturday
First team starts 10:01 am
First team finishes approx. 1:30 pm
Prizes awarded soon after all teams finish

For updates: <https://www.cascadegeargrinders.org>

Registration

Entry team 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. The app is free.

Entry fee is \$25 per team for CSCC members
\$35 per team for non-members

Register by **midnight April 15:**
<https://msreg.com/CSCCAprilRally26>

See who is entered: [2026 April Rally Entry List](#)

March Saturday Rally Results

The weather forecast threatened snow a couple of days before the rally checkout, but it never arrived. By rally day, skies were blue and the sun was shining reflecting brightly off Mt. Hood. It was a beautiful day for rally.

Twenty-one teams entered the March 21 Saturday Series Rally, including some names familiar from the annals of rally, local and afar, folks who've been Cascade rallymasters in the past, even some who've been Geargrinders Chairs!

Rallymasters Dave and JoAnn Gattman's March rally titled *That's the Way* offered just the right balance of scenery, fun-to-drive roads, and rally challenge. But more about that later. (Every rallymaster says the same thing: "It's an easy rally.")



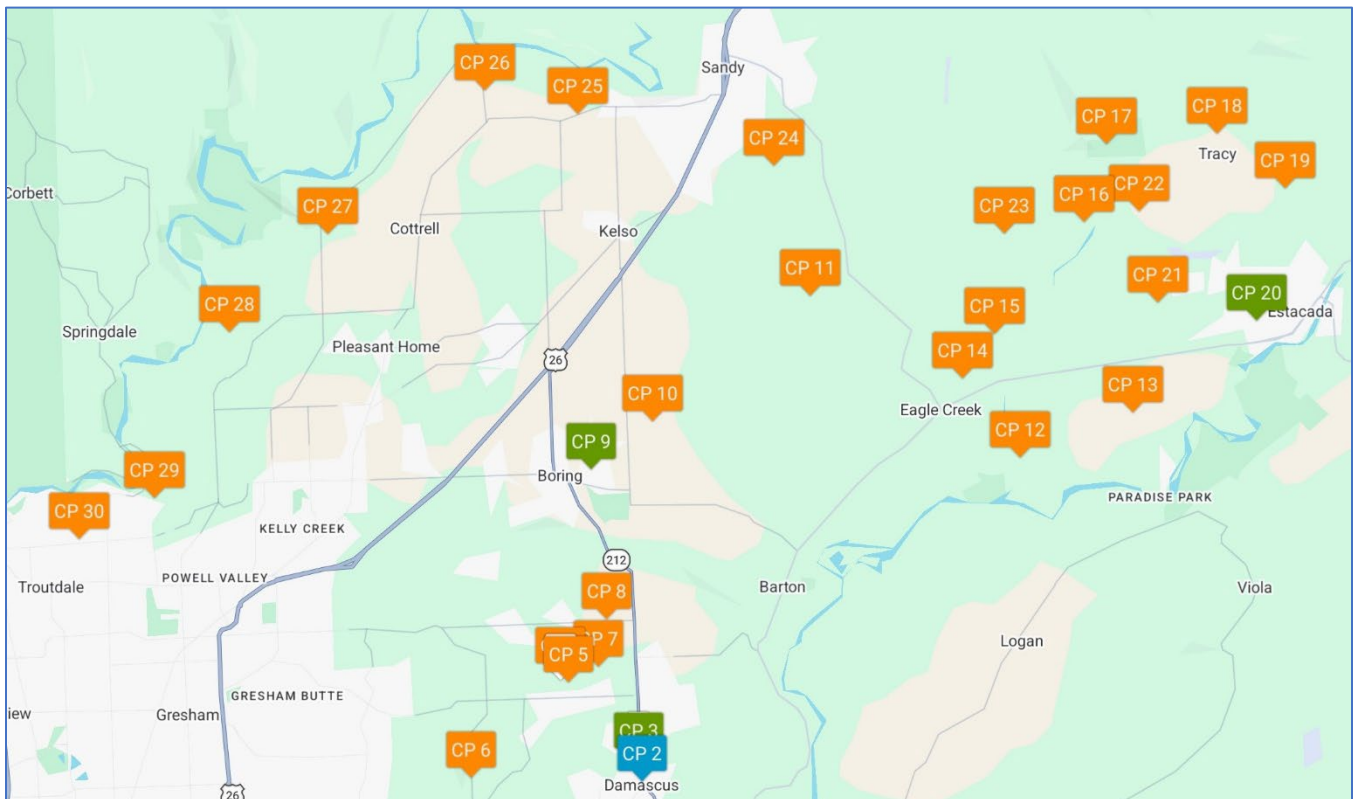
That's the Way
March 2026 rally

About the rally

The rally was just under 100 miles from the start at Milwaukie Lowe's to the ending location at Stark Street Pizza in Portland. It took about three and a half hours to complete the event. The route ended in Damascus, followed by some tricky pieces that may have involved a trip through a virtual off course route control, culminating at a quick break in Boring. Slam bang, and they're off!

Next the route meandered through the Eagle Creek area, criss-crossing and rerunning roads in reverse, where rally teams more than once had the opportunity to see other rally teams (and wonder who was off course – the team going in the opposite direction or themselves). Eventually the route led to the next break in Estacada.

It was all downhill from there, another ten legs to the final transit to pizza. Whew!



Challenges

Note Speed was active throughout the scored portion of the event. Each time you encountered a speed limit sign, you were to change your average speed to 2 mph less than the posted speed limit. Note Speed was used 13 times, not counting the signs you went by already at the required speed. (Made you look though.) Missing one of these speed changes made you early or late on one or more legs.

Note Zoso said TURN CAST 23, R CAST 38. It was introduced at a sign reading Hacienda. What you were supposed to do is turn at the next intersection after you see the Hacienda sign and change your speed to 23 at that intersection. Then go right at the next intersection after that, changing your speed to 38. Easy peasy, right? A glance at the Leg 5 and Leg 6 scores shows that confusion seemed to reign for some.

Also on Leg 5 was an OR instruction: R AFTER "25 MPH" CAST 40 OR R on BOHNA PARK. The rules say to execute half of the instruction on one side of the OR depending on the reference that is observed first. Everybody goes right on Bohna Park, but those who noticed the 25 mph sign prior to the intersection correctly used the first half

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of the OR, including the speed change. If you executed the second half, you were late on Leg 5.

There was a similar OR instruction on Leg 24: R AFTER "DAWN MARIE" CAST 40 OR R at JUDD. Again, everyone goes right on Judd, but those who noticed the Dawn Marie sign prior to the right correctly used the first half of the OR instruction, including the speed change.

There were eight route instructions containing the term ITIS, if there is such. An ITIS instruction is the only kind of instruction you can skip, but only if it cannot be executed prior to the next route instruction.

In this rally, we informed contestants that all of the ITIS instructions followed the intended rally route, but some were not executable, so you had to decide whether to use them or not. Each ITIS also included a 15 second pause. If you executed all eight ITIS instructions correctly, you saved yourself 120 penalty points!



*March Rally Winners: Cheri Eddy and Bob Morseburg,
First Overall and First Place Equipped*

Four of the ITIS instructions included official mileage. The rules say that instructions accompanied by official mileage must be executed at that mileage, and the rules also say that deviations contained in ITIS instructions may be executed to follow the main road if official mileage accompanies the instruction. So these four ITIS instructions were correctly executed, including their 15 second pauses.

Three ITIS instructions were deviations that followed the main road, and official mileage did not accompany the instructions. These three ITIS instructions could not be executed and were correctly skipped.



*Marcus Gattman and Brandon Harer,
First Place SOP*

There was one ITIS instruction that was not accompanied by mileage, yet it was executed including the 15 second pause. That instruction directed a pause and a speed change, with no deviation. No reason not to do it.

An ONTO proved to be challenging for some. Shortly after executing the instruction L ONTO DOWTY, the named road goes right as a sideroad. Folks who continued past the sideroad signed Dowty, staying on the straight not-named Dowty, found themselves back at the highway, confused about why the route instructions weren't working. Because you missed the ONTO! Stay focused! (Leg 12 scores reveal who you are.)

Then, under the heading of "we thought we made the rally easier by removing a trap," we have the 257th triangle. The rallymaster originally included a trap involving travel around a small triangle. To protect the trap, GPS route controls were placed just beyond the two intersections where you could drive past an intended turn.

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However, when the Geargrinders Chair drove the course, the off course route control posted on their Richta app even though they did not drive either of the two off course routes. After some research, it



*Alexis and Jason Carlough,
First Place Novice*

was determined that the official route parallels the earlier off course route and is just close enough to be within the Richta app's range.

The instruction replacing the trap, although clear as crystal (IMHO), apparently was open to interpretation. We had no idea there were so many ways for rally teams to execute this instruction.

Thank the workers

Although some rally teams found this event to be challenging, there were no complaints or protests, just thank you's for all the work and time put in by those who make these events possible.

Thank you to our March rallymasters, David and JoAnn Gattman. It takes a lot of time and effort to put together an event like this. Also thank you to Don and Vicki Atwood who ran the rally checkout a week before the rally. Please join us in thanking them for their contribution to Cascade's rally program.

Congratulate the winners

First Equipped – **Bob Morseburg and Cheri Eddy**

Second Equipped – **Marinus and Renee Damm**

Third Equipped – **Robert Paxman and Kathy Sacry**



*Cascade Pres Rob Paxman and Kathy Sacry,
Fourth Overall and Third Place Equipped*

First SOP – **Marcus Gattman and Brandon Harer**

Second SOP – **Russ and Kate Sherrel**

Third SOP – **Brian Gottlieb and Ben Bradley**

First Novice – **Jason Carlough and Alexis Carlough**

Second Novice – **Patrick Prothe and Darci Walker**

Third Novice – **Ernie and Ericka Staley** (first Cascade rally)



*JoAnn and David Gattman,
March Rallymasters*

Cascade Sports Car Club's
2026 Saturday Rally Series

That's the Way →



March 21, 2026

Rallymasters: David and JoAnn Gattman

Car #	Team	Class	Vehicle	Score
Equipped: (GPS and Unlimited)				
20	Bob Morseburg / Cheri Eddy	GPS	2007 Honda Civic (Bronze)	96
2	Marinus Damm / Renee Damm	UNL	2025 Toyota Corolla GR (White)	104
14	Robert Paxman / Kathy Sacry	GPS	2006 Nissan SpecV (Yellow n black)	199
17	Sheldon Coles / Paul Eklund	UNL	2006 Subaru impreza sti (White)	202
16	Dima Oliynykov / Yulia Smolyansky	GPS	2017 Subaru Outback (Gray)	218
19	Andy Lilienthal / Mercedes Lilienthal	GPS	1998 Suzuki Jimny Wide ()	355
3	Don Atwood / Vicki Atwood	GPS	2007 Chevrolet Corvette (Black)	DNS
SOP: (stock)				
18	Marcus Gattman / Brandon Harer	SOP	2018 Subaru WRX (WR Blue)	176
9	Russ Sherrell / Kate Sherrell	SOP	2003 Porsche 911 (Black)	225
12	Brian Gottlieb / Ben Bradley	SOP	2016 Tesla S (White)	288
8	John Sattenspiel / Bryn Griffiths-Sattenspiel	SOP	2023 Mazda MX-5 (Zircon Sand)	297
11	Bill Kayser / Bjorn Freeman-Benson	SOP	2024 Audi RS5 (Black)	330
7	Lee Nielsen / Marc Nielsen	SOP	2000 Audi TT (Silver)	344
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	2006 Dodge Magnum (Slate Green)	440
10	Andrew Brewer / Kathryn Iverson	SOP	2018 Cadillac ATS 3.6 AWD (satin steel)	585
4	Bill Ferber / Des Wellsmore	SOP	2025 Subaru Outback XT (Blue Sparkle)	685
1	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	2021 Subaru Crosstrek (White)	DNS
Novice: (stock)				
5	Jason Carlough / Alexis Carlough	NOV	2025 Mazda MX-5 (Grey)	312
6	Patrick Prothe / Darci Walker	NOV	2019 Audi Etron (Black)	517
15	Ernie Staley / Ericka Staley	NOV	2025 Subaru Crosstrek (Blue)	889
21	Court Winia / Jordyn Winia	NOV	2005 Ford Excursion (Silver)	DNS

DNS = Did not start



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

2026 CSCC March Saturday Rally - Leg Scores

Car #	Team	Class	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Total
20	Bob Morseburg / Cheri Eddy	GPS	0	3	0	0	7	0	0	60	2	0	5	1	3	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	4	3	2	1	96
2	Marinus Damm / Renee Damm	UNL	0	19	0	14	6	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	4	15	10	0	1	2	2	5	0	1	6	10	0	104
18	Marcus Gattman / Brandon Harer	SOP	0	60	2	2	7	5	4	10	3	15	0	2	3	5	0	2	0	4	4	13	15	2	3	1	14	176
14	Robert Paxman / Kathy Sacry	GPS	0	22	6	4	7	19	4	22	1	6	9	14	7	5	6	7	0	4	6	15	1	6	2	5	21	199
17	Sheldon Coles / Paul Eklund	UNL	0	26	11	22	7	11	11	0	3	2	23	1	1	3	5	0	0	3	60	2	1	1	6	2	1	202
16	Dima Oliynykov / Yulia Smolyansky	GPS	15	60	60	1	4	2	2	6	1	0	7	0	3	8	1	1	12	4	9	15	2	2	0	2	1	218
9	Russ Sherrell / Kate Sherrell	SOP	0	27	10	9	11	0	1	10	7	60	4	8	4	11	1	4	1	10	11	0	1	4	11	2	18	225
12	Brian Gottlieb / Ben Bradley	SOP	0	27	22	0	6	1	2	60	4	9	15	2	4	10	3	4	1	2	38	24	9	10	9	16	10	288
8	John Sattenspiel / Bryn Griffiths-Sa	SOP	0	34	1	19	39	0	5	9	10	7	3	6	9	22	1	0	10	1	30	3	13	5	17	22	31	297
5	Jason Carlough / Alexis Carlough	NOV	0	1	1	2	16	60	6	60	17	6	8	7	3	14	1	50	1	4	6	26	1	0	6	10	6	312
11	Bill Kayser / Bjorn Freeman-Bensor	SOP	0	60	60	60	14	5	3	21	2	3	9	5	4	4	8	1	2	1	6	2	1	5	13	40	1	330
7	Lee Nielsen / Marc Nielsen	SOP	15	33	26	0	3	60	7	10	6	8	8	3	3	22	3	58	6	3	2	26	5	4	5	17	11	344
19	Andy Lilienthal / Mercedes Lilienthal	GPS	0	11	8	3	4	7	0	18	60	60	4	5	3	20	3	12	20	22	3	42	9	1	9	13	18	355
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	0	22	16	20	15	8	3	26	5	60	9	11	9	17	11	0	7	5	6	29	60	60	6	12	23	440
6	Patrick Prothe / Darci Walker	NOV	0	60	60	0	28	5	19	59	3	0	6	25	9	43	7	5	16	1	25	5	33	15	16	53	24	517
10	Andrew Brewer / Kathryn Iverson	SOP	0	60	60	20	60	11	21	60	58	4	8	26	4	38	6	42	0	8	15	30	15	6	8	24	1	585
4	Bill Ferber / Des Wellmore	SOP	0	60	5	15	4	60	8	37	29	51	60	6	7	44	13	60	53	39	9	39	10	7	34	9	26	685
15	Ernie Staley / Ericka Staley	NOV	15	60	6	10	60	60	39	60	5	25	42	26	9	60	20	60	30	26	18	60	18	9	60	60	51	889
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Mountains to the Sea Rally

Cascade Sports Car Club's classic rally, Mountains to the Sea, travels to Seaside on **May 9**. The route showcases Northwest Oregon's beautiful scenery and fun-to-drive roads.

Mountains to the Sea is an all-day time-speed-distance road rally. The rally route is easy to follow, with no uninstructed turns – a beautiful drive on less-traveled roads.

The rally ends at the Ebb-Tide Oceanfront Inn, Seaside (**503-738-8371**). Group rates from \$165 to \$198 per night are available **through April 9** – book by this date for these rates. Use the group code "**coast motor**" when calling to reserve.

Register by May 6: <https://msreg.com/CSCCM2C26>

Entry fee: \$60 per team for CSCC members
\$85 per team for non-members

Entry team 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).

More information:

<http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/Mountains-to-the-Sea.html>

Entry list:

www.cascadegeargrinders.org/files/2026M2C_EntryList.pdf



CASCADE GEARGRINDERS

2026 Road Rally Schedule

as of 1/13/26

Register: MotorsportReg.com

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

What is TSD road rally? A scenic drive on country roads. A game that takes you places. A fun and affordable autosport competition for beginners and experienced rally teams.

Saturday Road Rally Series

Feb. 21

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 21

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 18

June 20

July 18

August 15

Sept. 26

Entry fee: \$25 per team for CSCC members, \$35 per team for non-members

Save with a Series Pass. \$150. 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](#).



Play the game that takes you places

Special Events

May 9

Mountains to the Sea – 61st 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 (location to be announced).

Entry fee: \$60 per team for CSCC members, \$85 per team for non-members

Oct. 31

Ghouls Gambol – This daytime Halloween-themed rally explores autumn colors around Portland's foothills. Optional decorated car show. Caution: May include tricks and treats.

Entry fee: \$25 per team for CSCC members, \$35 per team for non-members

Save more with a Season Ticket. \$210 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](#).

- Register online: MotorsportReg.com.
- Entry team consists of a street-legal vehicle, a licensed insured driver, a navigator, and a smart device (e.g., cell phone or tablet) running [Competitor Richta GPS Checkpoints app](#) (app is free).
- Rallies are conducted in accordance with the current [Road Rally Rules](#).



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