

Geargrinders News

June 2022



June 25 - Saturday Series Rally

Join us for the June 25 rally, third in the six-event Saturday Rally Series, road rallies that are beginner-friendly, starting and ending in the Portland area, from 10 a.m. on a Saturday morning, lasting from three to four hours.

'Rally Ben' Bradley is the rallymaster for the June rally. He is planning a route southeast of the Portland metro area, with a mid-rally break in Mollala, ending in Oregon City. Sounds like there may be some simple rally challenges. Put on your rally cap!

Entry requires a street-legal vehicle, a licensed and insured driver, a navigator, and a smart device running the Competitor Richta GPS Checkpoints app.

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

Registration closes midnight June 22: <http://msreg.com/CSCCJuneRally22>



May 14 - Cascade's 57th Mountains to the Sea Rally "Seashells by the Seashore"

An enthusiastic group of ralliers ran the 57th anniversary Mountains to the Sea Rally on May 14. Three of the teams were first-time ralliers. All the finishers had a great time and went home happy, with dash plaques and painted sand dollars, and many with award plaques. The first overall winning team took home the perpetual trophy, again.

About the rally

Rallymasters Monte and Victoria Saager laid out a scenic fun-to-drive route that crossed the Columbia River -- twice.

The rally started in northwest Portland and ended in Seaside, a drive of almost 200 miles taking about six and half hours. The route traveled north into Washington, stopping briefly at the Fargher Lake Historic Store and the Cedar Creek Grist Mill and Covered Bridge.

After a lunch transit through Longview, ralliers crossed the Columbia River and headed through Clatskanie, on roads less traveled, to the Jewel Wildlife Viewing Area for afternoon break. Then it was on to the finish, crossing Youngs Bay and following the Lewis and Clark River to Seaside.

About the ralliers

The first place Novice team of Lee Nielsen and Chuck Winkler had an interesting experience. They maxed a leg and couldn't figure out why. Then they arrived at the Grist Mill restart point long before any other rally cars, and they shouldn't have been the first to get there. Turns out they misread a 20-minute pause at the Fargher Lake Store as a 20-second pause. Even so, first Novice.



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Graham and Wendy Lunny, a first-timer team from Alberta, Canada, shared they just retired, that running a road rally was on their bucket list, they found this event on Facebook, and drove here just to run the Mountains to the Sea Rally. They finished second place in the Novice class (photo: kneeling front right).

One rally team failed to finish the event due to a flat tire. With assistance from a local, they were able to get the flat off and the replacement on. But Bob Morseburg and Cheri Eddy opted for home on their space-saver tire rather than the twisty windy rally route.

What the rallymasters said

It's a lot of work putting together a 200-mile road rally course. It takes a lot of time, scouting out a route that uses less traveled roads, that are paved and that connect to one another, generally in the direction you are heading. Added bonus if the route is scenic and includes some fun to drive bits.



For this year's M2C, we started with a concept, the basic flow through the areas we wanted to use. We knew ways to connect the areas into a contiguous route. But that all takes time and miles. Time was in short supply because, in addition to being Geargrinders Chair, we were the rallymasters for the first three rallies of the season before M2C.

Miles could be a challenge because we have an electric car. So while we don't suffer from range anxiety, we are aware of and carefully plan around distance. So...25 miles to the start location, 200 miles to drive the route to Seaside (not counting exploratory journeys to check out route opportunities), then 70 miles home. That's almost 300 miles. Although our car may, when fully charged in warm weather, show close to 300 miles range, we would be more comfortable having at least a 20-mile buffer, especially when considering our route would cross the Coast Range twice.



We found we could work on the morning section and drive home from Longview with miles to spare. Or we could work on the afternoon section and get home again just in time to plug in. Driving the entire rally route in one day required a layover of about an hour at the Electrify America fast charger in Kelso. That boosted our miles enough to complete the rally route and get home with a few miles to spare.

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There are three times before rally day when the entire route must be driven, beginning to end, all in one day. The first time is when the course is measured and the GPS checkpoints are set. The second time is after the measurements have been entered into the calculations spreadsheet, and the leg times have been calculated and



entered into the Richta Rallymaster app. The rallymasters drive through the rally course, using the Richta Competitor app, making sure the GPS checkpoints are set and functioning properly, verifying that the speeds are not set too fast or too slow, and checking that the leg times seem to be calculated accurately (e.g., did Monte get good leg scores). We're also doing a last check to make sure signs and other references used in the route instructions are visible and spelled correctly. The third and final time is one week before the event, the checkout or sometimes referred to as the guineapig. This is the official last time through the entire route, running with the same route instructions and supporting information that the contestants will use

on rally day. Again the Richta Competitor app is used by the guineapig teams to verify calculations and ensure speeds and pauses are set appropriately.

Just before our second drive through, our external odometer stopped registering distance. This is only a problem if you need to verify GPS checkpoint locations and official mileage references. So it was a problem. We needed a functioning thousandth reading odometer. Long and short, we completed the second drive through without the odometer. Then after more trouble shooting, an overnight part shipment, and an emergency repair, we were finally able to run the final course checkout with a functioning odometer -- on the Tuesday before the rally. Whew!

Added to the time pressure was Victoria's decision to distribute painted sand dollars to all the rally teams. They, too, were completed just in time.

Congratulations to the top finishers

Congratulations to the top finishers. First overall and first in SOP was the recently wed team of Marcus and Kerrie Gattman with a score of 155 - that's an average of just under 4 seconds error per leg over the 39 legs in the event. Second overall and second SOP was the parental unit David and JoAnn Gattman with a score of 182. (We heard there was some family competition between these two teams.) Third overall and first in the Equipped category was the team of Sue and Bill Colisch with a score of 237.

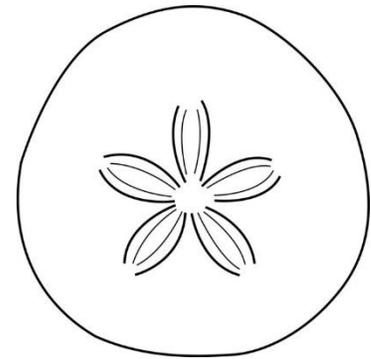


Honorable mention goes to the third place SOP team of Angelique and Kevin Ortega with a score of 251 and the first Novice team of Lee Nielsen and Chuck Winkler with a score of 253. Also notable is the tie for fourth SOP between the teams of Bill and Kelly Ferber and Dave and Kathy Sacry, both teams with a final score of 276.

The top three teams in each class won award plaques and the first place overall team took the perpetual trophy home (again). Congratulations to all!

Cascade Sports Car Club's 57th
Mountains to the Sea Rally

Seashells at the Seashore



May 14, 2022

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager

Car #	Team	Class	Vehicle	Score
Equipped: (GPS and Unlimited)				
12	Sue Colisch / Bill Colisch	GPS	1970 BMW 2800 CS (Polaris Silver)	237
30	Bob Morseburg / Cheri Eddy	UNL	2007 Honda Civic (Bronze)	DNF
SOP: (stock)				
1	Marcus Gattman / Kerrie Gattman	SOP	2018 Subaru WRX (Blue)	155
10	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	2021 Subaru Crosstrek (White)	182
3	Angelique Ortega / Kevin Ortega	SOP	2013 Hyundai Sonata (Grey)	251
4	Bill Ferber / Kelly Ferber	SOP	2013 Fiat 500 Pop (Mental Green)	276
11	Dave Sacry / Kathy Sacry	SOP	2010 Ford Mustang (White)	276
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	2007 Dodge Caliber (Red)	291
8	Andy / Mercedes Lilienthal	SOP	2007 Toyota Yaris (White)	394
17	Stefan Mullikin / Bill Mullikin	SOP	2016 Ford Focus RS (White)	720
5	Madelyn Tabor / Mark Tabor	SOP	2014 Subaru Crosstrek (Dark gray)	DNS
6	Cody Garvin / Sabrina Garvin	SOP	2019 Porsche Cayman GTS (Black)	DNS
9	Brian Anderson / Jamie Anderson	SOP	2020 Mazda CX5 (Red)	DNS
Novice: (stock)				
7	Lee Nielsen / Chuck Winkler	NOV	2000 Audi TT (Silver)	253
15	Graham Lunny / Wendy Lunny	NOV	2017 Mini JCW (White)	352
16	Tomas Morales / Diego Morales	NOV	1979 Mercedes-Benz 280e (White)	517
14	Abe Covello / Kevin Elder	NOV	2006 Lotus Exige (Black)	743

DNF = Did not finish DNS = Did not start

[Mountains to the Sea Rally results with leg scores](#)

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



CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB GEARGRINDERS

2022 Road Rally Schedule

Register: MotorsportReg.com

as of 12/9/21

Saturday Road Rally Series

February 19 – 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 navigational knowledge and driving skills.

March 19 Saturday Series rallies are beginner-friendly time-speed-distance 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 16

Entry fee:

June 25 \$20 per car for CSCC members
\$30 per car for non-members

July 23

Save with a Series Pass. \$120. Includes entry in

August 20 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.

Sept. 17

CSCC membership is [available online](#).



Special Events

May 14 – Mountains to the Sea – 57th anniversary of Cascade's classic rally. Full-day tour-style time-speed-distance road rally, offering an all-paved scenic route that is fun to drive, starting in Portland and ending at the Pacific Ocean. \$50 per car for CSCC members, \$75 per car for non-members

October 29 – Ghouls Gambol – This daytime rally explores autumn colors around Portland's foothills and farmland. Optional decorated car show. Caution: May include tricks and treats. \$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](#).

For 2022 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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