

Geargrinders News

October 2023



Oct. 28 Ghouls Gambol – *Return to Spirit of Halloweentown*

The Ghouls Gambol Rally is a fun drive on scenic country roads, through autumn-colored countryside. This easy TSD road rally takes about three hours to complete.



Expect treats and maybe a trick or two on this fun Halloween outing.

The best treat of all is at the finish, when rally cars line up along Main Street at Spirit of Halloweentown in St. Helens!

<https://spiritofhalloweentown.com>

Prizes for top rally finishers and best decorated cars.

Entry fee is \$20 per car for Cascade members, \$30 per car for nonmembers.

Register by midnight Oct. 25: <http://msreg.com/CSCCGG23>

See who is entered:

http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/files/2023GG_EntryList.pdf

Who says you don't have a ghost of a chance. You'll laugh. You'll cry. You'll howl at the moon.

Sept. 9 Mountains to the Sea Rally

Sixteen teams entered Cascade's 58th Mountains to the Sea Rally, Destination: Newport. The weather was perfect. More than 30 scored controls kept teams busy throughout the day, ending with a Monte Carlo leg. The frisky drive through Summit was a favorite as well as the trip over Eola Hills.

About the rally

This year's Mountains to the Sea Rally was a tour-style road rally, meaning there were no uninstructed turns and no navigational or time-keeping traps. The rally route was easy to follow. Mileage was given for each route instruction.

The rally was a bit over 180 miles and took about six and a half hours to complete. There were nearly 40 GPS controls, most of which were timed checkpoints.

There were a handful of time-of-day restarts – at the end of the odo check, at the end of each break, at the end of the lunch transit, and in a couple other places. Getting started at the correct time at a restart was the biggest challenge most teams faced.

The last leg of the rally ended at South Beach Park at a sign entering the Day Use Area. This 20-mile Monte Carlo leg was the longest leg of the event and was scored differently from the others. No average speeds were prescribed and no pauses were included. Safe legal speeds were expected, which included getting through Toledo, around Yaquina Bay, and through downtown Newport, including a few traffic signals.

All that was required to get a zero on the Monte Carlo leg was to arrive at that sign, whose exact location was known, on your expected minute. So if your expected time of arrival at that sign was 4:43 p.m., then you got a zero for arriving anytime from 4:43:00 to 4:43:59. If you arrived before 4:43:00 or after 4:43:59, even by one second, then you maxed that leg and got a score of 30. Easy peasy.



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What the rallymasters said

In looking back through our notes, we can see we started course development in late May. Three months should be long enough to write a day rally.

And it was pretty much done by late July when, during a drive through the course, we found that our afternoon break location was under construction and would not reopen until October.

After some exploration, we decided our best solution was to reroute the course through a different lunch location to get to a different afternoon break location. The end result was a route we liked better (except for losing a ferry crossing).

But it meant writing new route instructions, measuring the whole rally again including the new parts (general rule is to measure all in one day, beginning to end), setting all the Richta GPS control locations (again), and recalculating the leg scores. We got all that done, and one more test drive with the app to verify everything worked, just about four days before the scheduled checkout a week before the rally. Whew!

Thank you to Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolyansky for pre-checking the rally.



Yulia Smolyansky and Paul Eklund

Congratulate the top finishers!

First overall and first in the SOP class is the team of **Cody and Sabrina Garvin**.



Sabrina and Cody Garvin

Second overall and second in the SOP class is the team of **David and JoAnn Gattman**.

Third overall and first in the Equipped category is the team of **Rebecca Ruston and Ryan Haines**. This was their third time using the Rally Rabbitt app. They're hoping to get it figured out enough to use it on the AICan Rally next year.



JoAnn and David Gattman

Third SOP is the team of **Marcus and Kerrie Gattman**.

First place in the Novice class is the team of **Aspen Padilla and Anthony Lim**.

Finishing second place Novice is the team of **Joel and Susan Bristol**.

The team of **Mike and Cheryl Knight** finished third Novice.

The top three teams in each class received an award plaque. But It's really all about the fame and glory of getting your names engraved on the perpetual trophy. The names of the overall winners, **Cody Garvin and Sabrina Garvin**, will be added to the rich history this trophy represents. Congratulations to all!



Ryan Haines and Rebecca Ruston

Cascade Sports Car Club's 58th
Mountains to the Sea Rally
Destination: Newport

Sept. 9, 2023

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager



Car #	Team	Class	Vehicle	Score
Equipped: (GPS and Unlimited)				
5	Rebecca Ruston / Ryan Haines	UNL	2004 BMW wagon ()	140
10	Robert Paxman / Chris Lane	GPS	2004 Nissan SpecV (Silver)	226
30	Robert Morseburg / Cheri Eddy	UNL	2007 Honda Civic (Bronze)	DNS
SOP: (stock)				
6	Cody Garvin / Sabrina Garvin	SOP	2017 Volkswagen Golf R (Black)	125
1	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	2021 Subaru Crosstrek (White)	129
2	Marcus Gattman / Kerrie Gattman	SOP	2018 Subaru WRX (Blue)	161
7	Lee Nielsen / Chuck Winkler	SOP	2000 Audi TT (Silver)	173
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	2007 Dodge Caliber (Red)	173
3	Angelique Ortega / Kevin Ortega	SOP	2013 Hyundai Sonata (Grey)	DNS
4	Bill Ferber / Kelly Ferber	SOP	2013 Fiat 500 Pop (Mental Green)	DNS
9	Brian Anderson / Jamie Anderson	SOP	2020 Mazda CX5 (Red)	DNS
20	John Johnson / Maria Menor	SOP	1985 Porsche 911Targa (Meteor Metallic)	DNS
Novice: (stock)				
12	Aspen Padilla / Anthony Lim	NOV	2017 Subaru WRX (White)	266
11	Joel Bristol / Susan Bristol	NOV	2017 Mazda Miata (Black)	273
8	Mike Knight / Cheryl Knight	NOV	2021 Volkswagen Atlas (Racing Green)	298
14	Joseph Hunt / Adrian Schermer	NOV	2001 BMW M3 (Blue)	353

DNS = Did not start

[M2C results with leg scores](#)

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

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Cascade Sports Car Club's
57th anniversary of a
Halloween tradition

GHOULS GAMBOL RALLY

Oct. 28, 2023

***Cascade Geargrinders Haunt
Spirit of Halloweentown***

The Ghouls Gambol Rally is a fun drive on scenic country roads, through autumn-colored countryside. This easy time-speed-distance road rally takes about three hours to complete, including a mid-rally break. Expect treats and maybe a trick or two, for it is a fun Halloween outing after all. Prizes for top rally finishers and best decorated cars.

Online registration required:

<http://msreg.com/CSCCGG23>

Entry fee:

\$20 per car for CSCC members

\$30 per car for non-members

Entry requires a street-legal vehicle, a licensed and insured driver, a navigator, and a smart device (e.g., cell phone or tablet) running the Competitor Richta GPS Checkpoints app (app is free).

Start location: Dealers Supply,
2345 NW Nicolai St, Portland

Schedule: October 28

Decorated rally car judging at Dealers Supply: 9:30 am to 10 am

First car starts rally: 10:01 am

First car arrives at Spirit of Halloweentown: ~1:30 pm

Decorated rally car show: ~2 pm

Results announced: after all cars finish

Awards presented: Ghouls Gambol prizes and Saturday Rally Series awards at Spirit of Halloweentown, St. Helens



More info: rally@cascadecarsclub.org
www.cascadegeargrinders.org

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End location: Spirit of Halloweentown,
St. Helens, Oregon

