

Geargrinders News

December 2023



Ghouls Gambol Rally Results

Twenty-six teams entered Cascade Sports Car Club's 57th Ghouls Gambol Rally on Oct. 28. It was a beautiful sunny day. Many rally teams arrived at the start in decorated



Rally cars lining up on Spirit of Halloweentown's Main Street in St. Helens

cars with coordinating costumes.

By the time rally cars arrived at the end of the rally in downtown St. Helens, Spirit of Halloweentown was already crowded.

Decorated rally cars lining

up along Halloweentown's Main Street added to the festivities. It was a great day.

About the rally

The Ghouls Gambol Rally was about 90 miles long from the start in northwest Portland to the ending location in St. Helens. It took about three hours to complete the event.

The odo check traveled through Washington Park, past the Rose Garden, by the Oregon Zoo, then west on Hwy 26 to end at Rock Creek Park. From there the rally route continued west through Helvetia, out Skyline, and down Rocky Point Road to Hwy 30. Then the course headed out onto the Scappoose Dike, to a break at the Scappoose Airport county park.

After the break the rally route headed up into them thar hills overlooking the Columbia River, eventually traveling through Yankton and Warren, before arriving at the finish in St. Helens.



Orange=Checkpoint Green=Restart

Challenges

This year's Ghouls Gambol Rally promised some tricks as well as treats, and it delivered. A rally trick (aka trap) is a planned opportunity to earn penalty points.

The first rally trick planned for this event was a number switch – presenting route instructions out of numerical order – which would have resulted in rally cars traveling through a loop, some in one direction and some in the other. Only one direction was on course. But the rally gods removed a road identification sign essential to the trap. The missing sign was noticed prior to the event, and emergency route instructions were issued to remove the peril. Oh, well. So it goes. One down, plenty more to come.

The second challenge, a main road trap, lured teams to use a route instruction that followed the main road. The instruction was to go right at a sign. At the first intersection encountered with that sign present, the main road goes right by protection (back-facing stop signs). You cannot use the instruction there; so you proceed to the next intersection, where the sign is also present and where you can go right because the main road goes straight. Easy peasy.

The third challenge was set up in an OR instruction where the first half of the OR offered a pause at a STOP and the second half of the OR offered a pause of a different duration at a particular sign. You do come to a stop sign, but it is at a railroad crossing with no road intersection, so it does not meet the definition of a STOP. The correct action is to pass that up and pause at the sign in the second half of the OR instruction.

Next is another main road challenge, presented a bit differently than the previous one. An ITIS instruction with a pause is offered at an intersection where the instruction would take you in the same direction as the main road by protection. The correct action here is to skip the ITIS and its penalty pause.



Not a STOP



Not a "XING"

And just in case you were not paying attention, the next challenge is another main road protection challenge set up by an ITIS instruction with a pause. This time, however, the ITIS instruction can be used because it does NOT follow the main road, so the correct action is to use the ITIS and its pause. See – you can't always just skip the ITIS and its pause.

But wait! There's more! A note is introduced which directs a speed reduction of 5 mph at each sign reading "XING". You do see a sign that's similar, but not quite right. "When quoted, a sign will be exact with respect to spelling, punctuation..." An opportunity to correctly use the note is never encountered.

For the final trick before the treats, a route instruction directed you to CAST 35 for one minute and then CAST 25. The next instruction directed a left on a specific road name. If you were accurate, you traveled 0.583 miles in one minute at CAST 35. If you got impatient and took the first left on the named road, then you arrived at the checkpoint too early and saw the on course cars waving at you as they traveled this loop in the opposite direction.

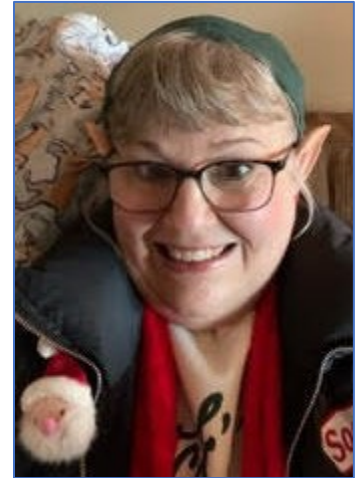
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Congratulate the top finishers!

First overall and first in the Equipped category was the team of **Bob Morseburg and Cheri Eddy**. Second overall and first in the SOP class was the team of **David and JoAnn Gattman**. Third overall and second in the SOP class was the team of **Torm Kelsey-Green and Kasey Klaus**.

Third in the SOP class was the team of **Bill and Kelly Ferber**. Second in the Equipped category was the team of **Andy and Mercedes Lilienthal**. Third in the Equipped category was the team of **Ryan Haines and Rebecca Ruston**.

First in the Novice class was the team of **Joel and Emma Bristol**. Second Novice was **Anthony Tran and Abigail Partlow**. Third Novice was **Susan and Aksel Bristol**.



Elf JoAnn Gattman, Car #1



Father Christmas and Elf JoAnn in Car #1

Miller and Brandon Odle. Car #12 also won the People's Choice Award.

The top three teams in each class and Decorated Car winners received a commemorative refrigerator magnet and some candy. The taste of victory is always sweet. But it's also about the fame and glory of winning or even just finishing.

Congratulations to all!

First place in the Decorated Rally Car contest went to Car #1 and the team of **David and JoAnn Gattman**, for their over-the-top Christmas theme. Second place was Car #4, the Fiat pirate ship captained by pirates **Bill and Kelly Ferber**. Third place was Car #12, the postal Subaru, with the team of **Jared**



Pirates Kelly and Bill Ferber in Car #4



Cascade Sports Car Club's 57th

Ghouls Gambol Rally

Cascade Geargrinders Haunt Spirit of Halloweentown

October 28, 2023

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager



| Equipped: (GPS and Unlimited) | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|---|-----|
| 30 | Robert Morseburg / Cheri Eddy | UNL | 2007 Honda Civic (Bronze) | 53 |
| 5 | Andy / Mercedes Lilienthal | GPS | 2022 Subaru Crosstrek (White) | 177 |
| 24 | Ryan Haines / Rebecca Ruston | UNL | 2002 BMW 325ix (silver) | 237 |
| 11 | Cory Grunwald / EJ Fillman-Sullivan | GPS | 2003 BMW X5 (Silver) | 295 |
| 18 | Mark Hanks / Jaden Hanks | GPS | 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle (White) | 615 |
| 15 | Jess Howard / Jeff Howard | UNL | 2020 Volvo XC90 (White) | DNS |
| SOP: (stock) | | | | |
| 1 | David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman | SOP | 2021 Subaru Crosstrek (White) | 144 |
| 13 | Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus | SOP | 2007 Dodge Caliber (Red) | 162 |
| 4 | Bill Ferber / Kelly Ferber | SOP | 2013 Fiat 500 Pop (Mental Green) | 175 |
| 17 | Alex Castaneda / Eric Hanson | SOP | 2022 Chevrolet Bolt EUV (dark grey) | 178 |
| 19 | Marcus Gattman / Kerrie Gattman | SOP | 2018 Subaru Wrx (blue) | 194 |
| 8 | Dave Sacry / Kathy Sacry | SOP | 2021 Toyota Corolla (White) | 233 |
| 7 | Lee Nielsen / Marc Nielsen | SOP | 2000 Audi TT (Silver) | 247 |
| 14 | Kevin Marino / Aspen Padilla | SOP | 2017 Subaru WRX (White) | 285 |
| 25 | Jeff / Kate Zurschmeide | SOP | 2012 Volvo C30 (Orange) | 290 |
| 2 | Andrew Brewer / Kat Iverson | SOP | 2018 Cadillac ATS 3.6 AWD (satin steel) | 338 |
| 16 | Madelaine Olbricht / Eric Olbricht | SOP | 2010 Subaru Forester (Silver) | 371 |
| 21 | Doug / Grant Heizenrader | SOP | 2006 Porsche Cayman S (Grey) | 479 |
| 3 | Angelique Ortega / Kevin Ortega | SOP | 2013 Hyundai Sonata (Grey) | DNS |
| 6 | Cody Garvin / Sabrina Garvin | SOP | 2019 Porsche Cayman GTS (Black) | 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) | | | | |
| 23 | Joel Bristol / Emma Bristol | NOV | 2017 Mazda Miata (Black) | 231 |
| 10 | Anthony Tran / Abigail Partlow | NOV | 2021 Subaru WRX (Grey) | 380 |
| 22 | Susan Bristol / Aksel Bristol | NOV | 2021 Subaru Outback (Grey) | 403 |
| 12 | Jared Miller / Brandon Odle | NOV | 1995 Subaru Impreza WRX STI (White) | 526 |

DNS = Did not start

[Ghouls Gambol results with leg scores](#)

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

November 18 – Oregon Trailblazer Rally

By the time this newsletter is published, the Nov. 18 Oregon Trailblazer Rally – aka The Beaver Cleaver – will be in the books.

This tricky TSD rally was designed to challenge driving and navigational skills. The 100-mile rally route was mostly paved, with less than five miles of fine Oregon gravel.

A small but dedicated field of teams dodged off course route controls in pursuit of the on course route. It was the most challenging event in the Cascade Geargrinders 2023 schedule.

The first Oregon Trailblazer Rally was May 13-14, 1961. The last known prior offering was May 13, 2006. It was offered annually and then sporadically over the intervening years. Hopefully this year's revival will encourage future Geargrinders organizers to offer this trick-and-trap style event on a regular basis.



*2023 Oregon Trailblazer Rally
aka The Beaver Cleaver*

2023 Geargrinders Rally Season

They say it takes a village. In 2023, the Cascade Geargrinders program put on ten road rallies. It takes a rallymaster to make a road rally happen. **Thank you** to the following rallymasters for writing this season's road rallies.

David and JoAnn Gattman – April's Saturday Series Rally

Cody and Sabrina Garvin – June's Saturday Series Rally

Marcus and Kerrie Gattman – July's Saturday Series Rally

Torm Kelsey-Green and Kasey Klaus – August's Saturday Series Rally

February's Rally School, March and May Saturday Series rallies, Mountains to the Sea Rally, Ghouls

Gambol Rally and the Oregon Trailblazer Rally – Monte and Victoria Saager

2024 Geargrinders Rally Program

Although dates have not yet been finalized and approved by the Board, here is the proposed schedule for next year's road rally season. Watch for updates in January.

February 17 - Rally School

March 23 - Saturday Rally

April 20 - Saturday Rally

May 25 - Saturday Rally

June 22 - Saturday Rally

July 20 - Saturday Rally

August 17 - Saturday Rally

Sept. 21 - Mts to the Sea

October 26 - Ghouls Gambol

Nine rallies are planned in 2024. Rallymasters are needed to put on these events. And, since your Geargrinders Chairs are getting a bit long in the tooth, more help is needed to keep the program going.

What kind of help, you ask? Event promotion – emails and social media postings. Registration and check-in – managing registrations in MotorsportReg and monitoring virtual check-in. Event prizes, season awards, trophies.

How can you help? Contact us at rally@cascadesportscarclub.org

