

# Geargrinders News

March 2024



## March 23 Saturday Series Rally

The Cascade Geargrinders Saturday Rally Series offers beginner-friendly time-speed-distance road rallies, lasting three to four hours, starting and ending in the Portland area. The March 23 rally is the first of six in the Saturday Rally Series.

Rallymasters Cody and Sabrina Garvin will take us from Milwaukie Lowe's, north into southwestern Washington's great rally territory, through the Washougal, Yacolt, Amboy and Cougar areas, ending in Woodland.

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. The app is free.

Teams who run three or more of the six Saturday Series rallies are eligible for Series Awards.

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

### Schedule

March 22, Friday  
Zoom Rally Q&A meeting 7 pm

March 23, Saturday  
First team starts 10:01 am  
First team finishes approx. 1:30 pm  
Prizes awarded soon after last team finishes

### Registration

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

Register by **midnight March 20:**  
<http://msreg.com/CSCC24MarchRally>

Series Pass and Season Ticket holders register just once and run the same car number with the same start time at each rally. Cascade membership is required for a Series Pass and for a Season Ticket. Membership is [available online](#). Series Pass and Season Tickets are available **through March 20**.

**Series Pass** –\$150. Entry in Rally School and all six Saturday Series rallies.  
<http://msreg.com/CSCCSeriesPass24>

**Season Ticket** – \$210. Entry in all events in the Series Pass plus Mountains to the Sea and Ghouls Gambol. <http://msreg.com/SeasonTicket24>

## More Pacific Northwest Rally News

Want more TSD rally? The [Northwest Rally Council](#) (NWRC) has announced their 2024 rally schedule. They plan to offer six Friday Nighters: April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Sept. 13 and Oct. 11. The start location is Eastgate Park and Ride in Bellevue, WA. Registration opens at 6:45 pm with a drivers meeting at 7:15 pm. First car starts at 7:31 pm. NWRC's Friday Nighter Series will offer Novice and SOP championships.

Also on NWRC's 2024 schedule are Rainier's Raindrop and No Alibi touring rallies. Raindrop, on May 5, is always a nice Sunday drive. This year Raindrop runs northwest of Seattle, starting in Duvall and finishing in Stanwood. No Alibi, June 1-2, is a two-day romp using many fine paved and unpaved roads. This year, No Alibi will be headquartered in Pendleton, OR.

NWRC is a group of separate clubs in the Seattle area. Although they introduced Richta GPS Checkpoints last season, not all of their clubs adopted the new-fangled scoring system. This season, more (maybe most?) of the NWRC rallies will use Richta. They've updated their Rally Rules (aka Generals) to include Richta scoring.

A bit closer to home is the [Alfa Romeo Owners of Oregon](#) (AROO) Rally Cup Series. They offer a four-event series of Sunday morning TSD rallies, starting from the French Prairie Rest Area (on I-5 south of Tigard), on March 10, April 7, May 5 and June 9. The drivers meeting is at 9:45 am with first car out at 10:01 am. They offer a free rally school on March 9 from 9 am to noon at Langers Entertainment Center in Sherwood. [Preregistration](#) is required for all AROO events. AROO is also starting to use Richta. Their rules are currently being updated to support the Richta GPS timing system.

## Feb. 17 Rally School

Twenty-one teams entered Cascade Sports Car Club's Feb. 16-17 Rally School. The Friday-evening virtual rally school was followed on Saturday by a just-for-practice road rally.

### About the rally school

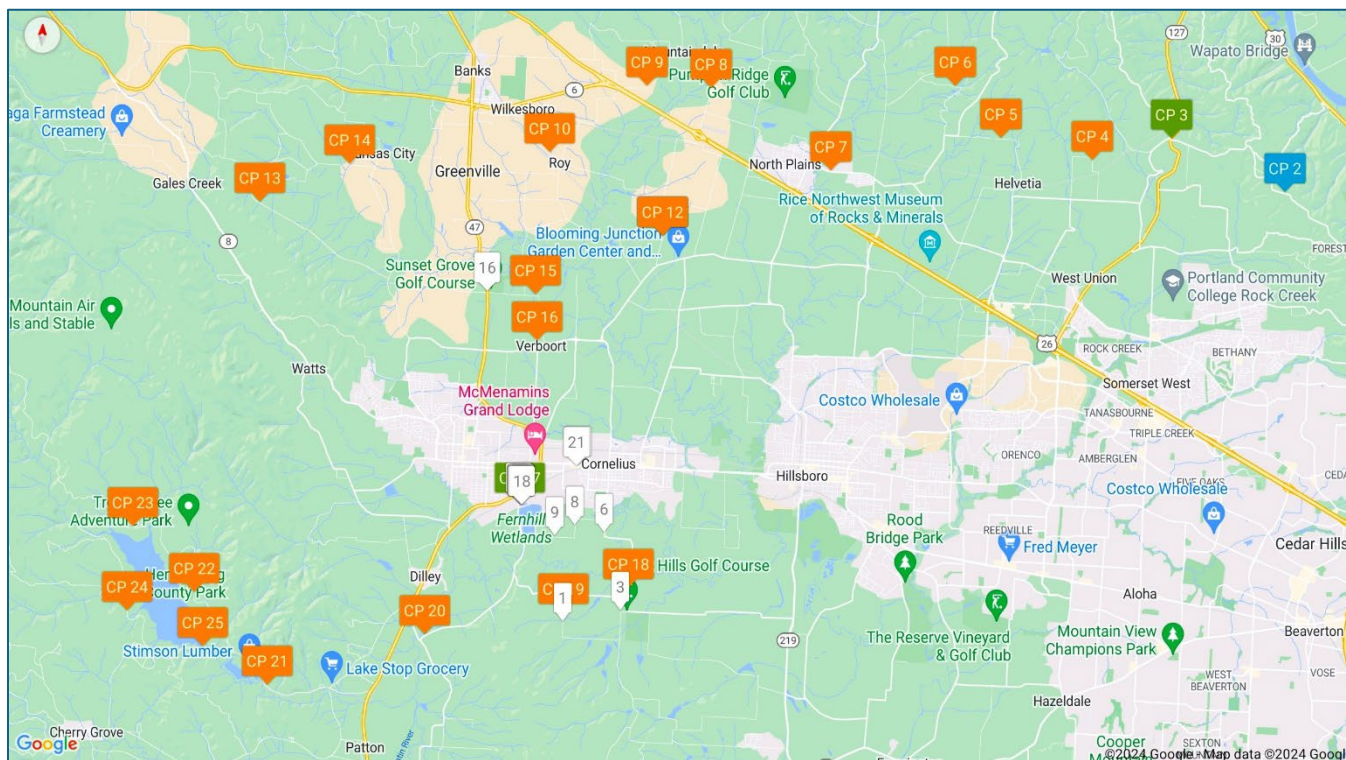
Friday evening's virtual rally school meeting covered a lot of information, starting with a tour of the [Cascade Geargrinders](#) website. What is a road rally, how do you begin a rally, what is the odometer calibration section, how do you use the Richta app, and what do you do at a checkpoint? And we hadn't even gotten to how to interpret route instructions yet. Best to learn how to stay on course before worrying about staying on time. It does not help to be on time if you are in the wrong place.

Understanding the syntax of rally route instructions, familiarity with rally terms such as intersection and deviation, and discerning between reference to a sign, a landmark or a defined term were all covered. Rally roads are always paved – no gravel roads. Rally roads are always through roads – no dead-ends, no u-turns.

Tips for staying on time were provided, and how to recognize and avoid tricks and traps was also covered. A bit of time was hurriedly spent on Main Road concepts, and examples of how to use Time Allowances to advantage were provided. It was a lot to cover in two hours.

### About the rally

The Rally School rally was about 100 miles from the start in northwest Portland to the ending location in Forest Grove. It took a bit over three hours to complete the event. There was a mid-rally break at the Fernhill Wetlands. The route included a drive around Hagg Lake.



Orange=Checkpoint Green=Restart White=Car #

The event was not without unplanned challenges. Development was delayed by snow. The "final" checkout was interrupted by flooded roads. When we finally were able to complete the checkout a few days before the rally, we discovered a temporary traffic signal had appeared, controlling one-way traffic across the dam at Hagg Lake, just a short distance before the final checkpoint. That leg had to be discarded. And it wasn't the last.

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Then on rally day, with no snow and no flooding, the rally route was impacted by a road closure due to a fallen tree. Thank you to Dave and JoAnn Gattman for adventuring past the road closure sign to find out why the road was closed and a gold star to Russ and Kate Sherrell for staying at the road closure to hold up rally cars until we could get an emergency broadcast out in the Richta app to all the teams, providing emergency route instructions to avoid the road closure. We lost three scored legs to that tree. Then checkpoint 12 disappeared. It was there on our final checkout. But on rally day, it just wasn't. That caused another three legs to be thrown out. Whew! Murphy played havoc. But the rallyists persevered and the event concluded with fourteen scored legs.

### Challenges

There were a few planned challenges. The first offered an optional pause at a STOP at a railroad crossing. Since STOP is a defined term meaning "an intersection at which the contestant is legally obligated to stop" and since there is no intersection (meeting of rally roads at which the contestant could proceed in more than one direction) at a railroad crossing, the correct action was to refuse the optional pause.

The second challenge directed that you change your average speed for one mile. But then what? The rules say you revert to the previously directed average speed.

The third and fourth challenges were Main Road traps, offering an optional deviation (with a pause of course) that you should refuse because they went the same direction as the Main Road.

The final challenge was a note directing you to pause at the second TRICERATOPS, a term we defined with a supplemental rule including a photo. Thing is there is only one (and even that's surprising). But the route looped around and went by the Jurassic statue twice, so that's when you were supposed to execute the note and pause.

### What ralliers said

We enjoyed our 1st rally. We learned a lot but have a long way to go.

Thanks for another nice rally day. Sorry about the storm messing up your rally plans. Darn fallen trees.

Thank you so much, it was a lot of fun.

Thank you for your hard work on today's rally. We are sorry we couldn't finish it. Next time we will use my car. [Car #18 had car trouble but were able to limp home to Albany.]

We also heard many kudos at the restaurant at the end.



*Photo by JoAnn Gattman on North Road heading west in Forest Grove*

### Congratulate the winners

First overall and first in the SOP class was the team of **Torm Kelsey-Green and Kasey Klaus** in Car #13. Second overall and second SOP was the team of **David and JoAnn Gattman** in Car #1. Third overall and third SOP was the team of **Russ and Kate Sherrell** in Car #2.

First in the Novice class was the team of **Cassie and Jacob Lloyd** in Car #3. Second Novice was **Barbara Jacobs and Jamie Anderson** in Car #9. Third Novice was **Bill Kayser and Bjorn Freeman-Benson** in Car #11.

First in the Equipped category was the team of **Robert Paxman and Chris Lane** in Car #8. Second in Equipped was **Antonio and Cherish Hurtado** in Car #6.

Congratulations to all!

Cascade Sports Car Club's

# 2024 Rally School Rally

## JURASSIC JOURNEY

Feb. 17, 2024

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager



Car #	Team	Class	Vehicle	Score
<b>Equipped: (GPS and Unlimited)</b>				
8	Robert Paxman / Chris Lane	GPS	2004 Nissan SpecV (Silver and black)	191
6	Antonio Hurtado / Cherish Hurtado	GPS	1985 Porsche 944 (Beige)	281
<b>SOP: (stock)</b>				
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	2007 Dodge Caliber (Red)	71
1	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	2021 Subaru Crosstrek (White)	75
2	Russ Sherrell / Kate Sherrell	SOP	2016 Land Rover LR4 Lux (Red)	101
4	Alex Castaneda / Eric Hanson	SOP	2022 Chevrolet Bolt EUV (dark grey)	DNS
5	Dave Sacry / Kathleen Sacry	SOP	2023 Mazda CX-5 (White)	DNS
10	Andrew Brewer / Kat Iverson	SOP	2023 Porsche Macan GTS (Papaya Metallic)	DNS
21	Lee Nielsen / Chuck Winkler	SOP	2000 Audi TT (Silver)	DNS
<b>Novice: (stock)</b>				
3	Cassie Lloyd / Jacob Lloyd	NOV	2017 Toyota Yaris iA (Dark Blue)	141
9	Barbara Jacobs / Jamie Anderson	NOV	2020 Ford Fusion (Red)	149
11	Bill Kayser / Bjorn Freeman-Benson	NOV	2022 Audi RS5 (Silver)	153
17	Norman Carlson / Lisa Carlson	NOV	2003 BMW E46 M3 (Titanium silver)	170
19	Stephen Hubert / Anna Bales	NOV	2022 Hyundai Veloster N (Light Blue)	181
15	Cameron Richardson / Gordon Zhang	NOV	2014 BMW 335i (White)	240
14	Dan Kuenzi / Cindy Kuenzi	NOV	2022 Hyundai Kona N (White)	329
16	Grant Heizenrader / Sean Pitman	NOV	1991 Mazda Miata (Silver)	420
7	Dave Schlaufman / Andy Schlaufman	NOV	2023 Chrysler 300 (Grey)	493
18	Sheldon Flom / Holly Flom	NOV	2006 Mini Cooper S Convertible (Blue)	DNF
12	Gary Davis / Gabe Stephens	NOV	1955 Austin Healey 100 (Ice Blue OEW)	DNS
20	Mike Dranginis /	NOV	2021 Subaru Ascent (Brown)	DNS

DNS = Did not start    DNF = Did not finish

as of 2/18/2024 10:16 AM

## 2024 CSCC Road Rally School - Leg Scores

Car #	Team	Class	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Total	
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	0	5	0	0	0	13	7	0	0	0	9	15	3	5	0	8	1	0	5	0	0	71	
1	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	1	4	0	0	0	1	31	0	0	0	6	11	2	6	6	4	3	0	0	0	0	75	
2	Russ Sherrell / Kate Sherrell	SOP	1	0	0	0	0	1	18	0	0	0	1	1	0	60	12	1	5	0	1	0	0	101	
3	Cassie Lloyd / Jacob Lloyd	NOV	3	19	0	0	0	6	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	7	27	4	13	5	0	141	
9	Barbara Jacobs / Jamie Anderson	NOV	18	4	0	0	0	5	29	0	0	0	0	20	25	15	7	5	15	1	2	3	0	149	
11	Bill Kayser / Bjorn Freeman-Benson	NOV	32	24	0	0	0	11	39	0	0	0	7	13	4	6	3	1	5	5	1	2	0	153	
17	Norman Carlson / Lisa Carlson	NOV	28	1	0	0	0	10	5	0	0	0	22	9	23	6	8	9	18	12	18	1	0	170	
19	Stephen Hubert / Anna Bales	NOV	60	2	0	0	0	4	14	0	0	0	14	18	6	19	22	2	8	7	4	1	0	181	
8	Robert Paxman / Chris Lane	GPS	15	6	0	0	0	8	39	0	0	0	6	22	60	1	2	4	16	6	6	0	0	191	
15	Cameron Richardson / Gordon Zhang	NOV	60	60	0	0	0	22	50	0	0	0	8	4	6	3	1	0	7	0	13	6	0	240	
6	Antonio Hurtado / Cherish Hurtado	GPS	60	60	0	0	0	15	60	0	0	0	2	7	27	19	13	10	3	4	0	1	0	281	
14	Dan Kuenzi / Cindy Kuenzi	NOV	26	60	0	0	0	18	7	0	0	0	10	60	4	60	9	14	13	11	19	18	0	329	
16	Grant Heizenrader / Sean Pitman	NOV	47	60	0	0	0	4	46	0	0	0	42	43	29	60	47	10	25	4	2	1	0	420	
7	Dave Schlaufman / Andy Schlaufman	NOV	60	60	0	0	0	37	37	0	0	0	6	26	10	60	36	27	56	25	22	31	0	493	
18	Sheldon Flom / Holly Flom	NOV	56	24	0	0	0	14	14	0	0													DNF	
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# CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB GEARGRINDERS

## 2024 Road Rally Schedule

as of 12/14/23

Register: [MotorsportReg.com](https://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 a TSD road rally?** A game that takes you places. A scenic drive on country roads. A fun autosport competition for teams of all levels.

### Saturday Road Rally Series

**February 17 – 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 23**

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 20**

**May 25**

**June 22**

**July 20**

**August 17**

Entry fee: \$25 per car for CSCC members, \$35 per car 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](#).



### Special Events

**September 21 – Mountains to the Sea** – 59th 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 Gearhart). Entry fee: \$60 per car for CSCC members, \$85 per car for non-members

**October 26 – 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: \$25 per car for CSCC members, \$35 per car 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](#).

#### For all 2024 Cascade Geargrinders road rallies:

- Online registration is required: [MotorsportReg.com](https://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](#).



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