

# Geargrinders News

January 2025



## Feb. 8 Rally School

Jump start the 2025 rally season with Rally School. Go for a scenic country drive and learn to play the game that takes you places. Rally school is for all levels of rally skill – from beginners to season winners.

Rally School is two-part. The first part is virtual rally school on Friday evening, Feb. 7. The second part is the road rally. The rally starts Saturday morning, Feb. 8, with first car out at 10:01 a.m. The virtual rally school and the practice rally are designed to help you learn how to play the game that takes you places.

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.



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

Registration is open through midnight **Feb. 5:**

<http://msreg.com/CSCCRallySchool25>

Members save with a **Series Pass** – entry in seven events for the price of six. A Series Pass includes entry in Rally School and all six Saturday Series rallies for just \$150.

<http://msreg.com/CSCCSeriesPass25>

Members save even more with a **Season Ticket** – entry in all nine events for just \$210. <http://msreg.com/SeasonTicket25>

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 [available online](#).

New! The perfect gift for that special someone – a [Rally Gift Certificate](#). Just in time for the gift-giving season.

## CSCC Rally Champions for 2024

The winners of the 2024 Cascade Geargrinders Rally Championship were honored at the club's annual awards ceremony on Dec. 21. Please [congratulate the winners](#):

Equipped Driver – **Bob Morseburg**

Equipped Navigator – **Cheri Eddy**

Unequipped Driver – tie: **Alex Castaneda** and **David Gattman**

Unequipped Navigator – **Jo Ann Gattman**



## 2024 Geargrinders Rallymasters

A lot of help is needed to put on a road rally season. In 2024, the Cascade Geargrinders program put on nine road rallies. It takes a rallymaster to make a road rally happen. Thank you to the following rallymasters for writing road rallies in 2024.

Cody and Sabrina Garvin – March Saturday Rally

David and JoAnn Gattman – June Saturday Rally

Bill and Kelly Ferber – August Saturday Rally

Marcus and Kerrie Gattman – Ghouls Gambol Rally

Torm Kelsey-Green and Kasey Klaus – Mountains to the Sea Rally

Monte and Victoria Saager – Rally School, April, May and July rallies

## Geargrinders Report to the Board – 2024 Yearend and 2025 Budget Approval

### Look back at 2024

Overall, the 2024 rally season was successful. Attendance averaged 18.3 entries per event, a slight decline from an average of 19.2 entries in 2023. The event with the most entries was the Rally School in February with 24 entries. The April Saturday Series Rally and the Ghouls Gambol Rally were next highest with 20 entries each. The six events in the Saturday Rally Series averaged 17.5 entries per rally.

Prepaid entry packages continued to be popular in 2024. Nine Season Tickets and three Series Passes provided a guaranteed number of entries at each rally, and they promoted club membership since membership is required to purchase a prepaid entry package.

Entry fees were increased in 2024 for the first time in many years, which may have contributed to slightly lower attendance, resulting in less than projected revenue. The Geargrinders 2024 budget projected that we would end the season with a \$108 profit. However, reduced revenue combined with slightly higher expenses resulted in a net loss of \$191 for the 2024 season.

Although Insurance cost was budgeted to remain unchanged in 2024, rumors from other road rally organizations suggested that event insurance might increase. In September we were notified that indeed the cost of rally event insurance had gone up by about 3 percent. The 2025 Geargrinders budget request assumes insurance cost will remain stable, which we hope is true.

### Look ahead at 2025

Making sure Cascade rallies are affordable, easy to enter, and fun to run continue to be goals for the 2025 season.

Attendance is projected to increase slightly from an average of 18.3 cars per rally in 2024 to 19.8 cars per rally in 2025. We believe this attendance increase is achievable, but much will depend on outreach, as well as fuel costs and competition with other activities. Both retention of current and recent rallyists as well as outreach to new participants will be critical to increasing attendance.



For more information, see the [Geargrinders Report to the Board](#).

## 2025 Geargrinders Rally Program

Nine rallies are planned in 2025. Once a month, from February through October, the 2025 Cascade Geargrinders road rally program will offer a Saturday drive in the country while playing the game that takes you places.

Although event dates have not yet been approved by the Board, the tentative schedule was carefully selected to avoid conflicts with Cascade races and other club-supported events, as well as local and regional road rallies. Watch for updates after the Board meets in January.

Rally School, six Saturday Series rallies, and Ghouls Gambol all last three to four hours. These rallies start and end in the Portland area. The entry fee is \$25 per car for Cascade members, \$35 per car for nonmembers.

The Mountains to the Sea Rally is an all-day road rally, starting in the Portland area and ending at the beach (Newport area this year). Mountains to the Sea is moving to May in 2025, so watch for information and sign up early. The entry fee is \$60 per car for Cascade members, \$85 per car for nonmembers.

Play the game that takes you places. For more information: <https://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/>

**TENTATIVE until Board approval**



CASCADE GEARGRINDERS

# 2025 Road Rally Schedule

as of 11/19/24

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

## Saturday Road Rally Series

- Feb. 8** **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 1** **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 19**
- June 7**
- July 19** Entry fee: \$25 per car for CSCC members, \$35 per car for non-members
- August 2** **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](#).
- Sept. 27**



*Play the game that takes you places*

## Special Events

- May 10** **Mountains to the Sea** – 60th 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 (this year, Newport area).  
Entry fee: \$60 per car for CSCC members, \$85 per car for non-members
- Oct. 25** **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 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 2025 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.*

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