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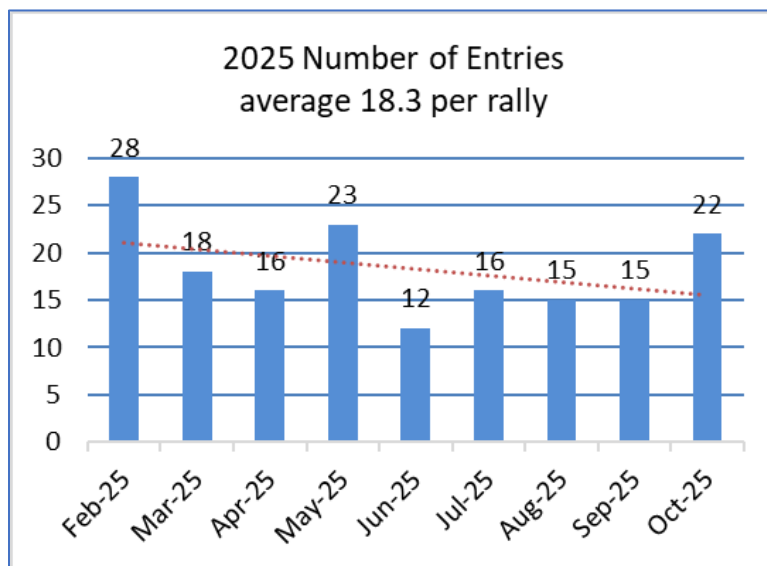
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Cascade Geargrinders Road Rally Program

Subject: Geargrinders 2025 Report to the Board and 2026 Budget Approval Request



2025 Report

In 2025, the Geargrinders Road Rally Program put on nine road rallies and averaged **18.3 entries per rally**, slightly fewer than the goal of 19.8. Just one or two more entries per event would have achieved our projection.



The attached Geargrinders 2025 year-end report shows that the season ended with a **loss of about \$400**. We anticipated a small loss; but we were not expecting an 18% increase in insurance cost. More about that below.

Looking back

Not much changed on the admin side of things in 2025. Rally entry fees remained stable.

MotorsportsReg provided online registration. Check-in was virtual,

using SpeedWaiver to sign required waivers, and email to distribute rally information. The Richta GPS Checkpoints app provided reliable timing and efficient event scoring.

Twelve teams purchased Season Tickets in 2025. A Season Ticket included entry in all nine rallies. The savings and other incentives (same car number and start time at each event) continued to make the Season Ticket very popular. These prepaid entries provided a guaranteed number of entries, and they promoted club membership since club membership is required to purchase one.

The three events with the most entries were the first, fourth, and last of the season. The Rally School in February had 28 entries. Mountains to the Sea in May had 23 entries. And the Ghouls Gambol Rally had 22 entries. The six events in the Saturday Rally Series averaged 15.3 entries per rally.

Overall, 2025 was a successful season for the Geargrinders Road Rally Program. Attendance and revenue remained about the same as the previous season.

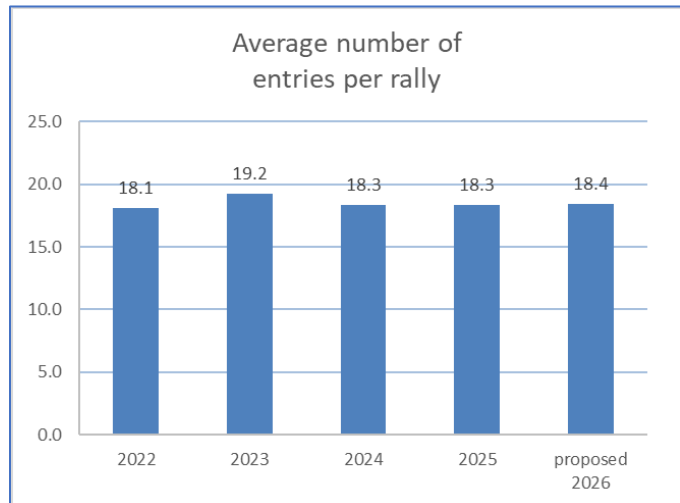
One perk we had been hoping to provide actually came to be in 2025 – event dash plaques. Jamie Anderson designed and produced dash plaques for all six Saturday Series rallies and for Ghouls Gambol. Geargrinders paid for materials only; Jamie's time was volunteered to benefit rally. Thank you, Jamie!

2026 Request

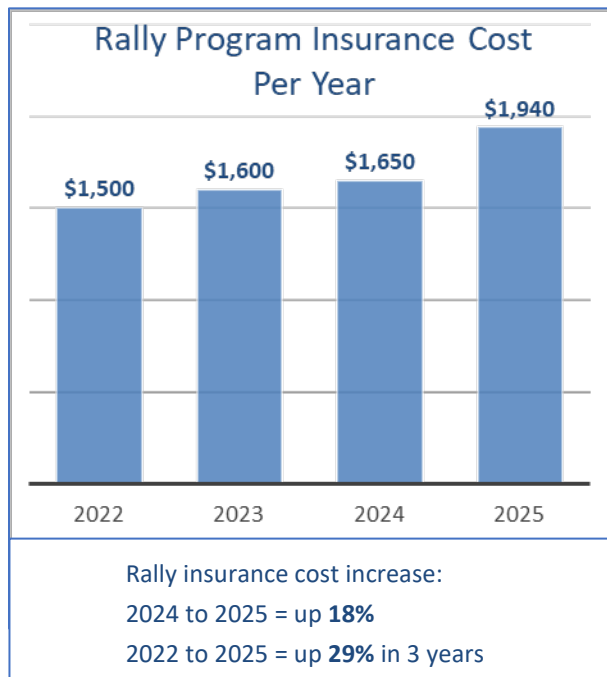
Attached is the proposed 2026 Geargrinders budget and tentative event rally schedule. This budget projects the season will end with a small profit. However, much depends on attendance and, maybe even more, on the arbitrary distribution of the club's insurance cost across its activities and functions. More on that below.

Event dates are selected to avoid conflicts with Cascade races and other club supported events, local TSD rallies, and regional stage rallies.

Nine road rallies are planned for the 2026 season, starting with Rally School in February. The Saturday Road Rally Series includes six events, March and April and then June through September. The Mountains to the Sea Rally is in May, and Ghouls Gambol is on the last Saturday in October – on Halloween!



The goal for 2026 continues to be to make sure Cascade rallies are affordable, easy to enter, and fun to run. Events will be well constructed, consistent in style, free from errors and ambiguities, and designed to provide a positive experience.



The 2026 budget assumes a season average of 18.4 entries per rally. For 2025 we projected an average of 19.8 and ended the season with an average of 18.3 teams per rally. We expect 2026 rally attendance will be like 2025. But much will depend on outreach, as well as fuel costs, and competition from other activities.

The 2026 budget also assumes that costs to support the rally program will remain predictable and reasonable. One area of concern is the cost of insurance allocated to rally.

Cascade procures insurance through Conference. However, the allocation method is not shared and does not appear to be based on experience, or exposure, or even on number of events or number of participants. It varies from year to year and is

not known until after annual budgets have been developed and approved. Insurance for rally is 45% of total expenses. So changes in the amount allocated to rally, especially unexpected and unexplained increases, are challenging to manage.

Keeping rally entry fees affordable is essential to promoting attendance. After many years of no change, rally entry fees increased in 2024 by \$5 per entry. Member entry is \$25 per entry and \$35 per entry for non-members. Mountains to the Sea member entry is \$60 and non-member entry is \$85. Although attendance did decrease slightly in 2024, we believe Cascade's road rallies remain accessible and affordable, so entry fees will remain unchanged in 2026.

For Cascade members, there are two other ways to make rally more affordable. The \$150 Series Pass includes entry in the Rally School and all six of the Saturday Series rallies – seven rallies for the price of six. The \$210 Season Ticket includes entry in all rallies in the Series Pass plus entry in the Mountains to the Sea Rally and Ghouls Gambol.

The Series Pass and Season Ticket packages not only make rally more affordable; they also offer benefits attractive to contestants. Register just once to be automatically entered in the rallies. Receive event notices and rally materials before other contestants. Run the same car number with the same start time at each rally. These prepaid rally packages also benefit the club, since club membership is required to purchase one.

When asked about Saturday Series rally prizes, our rally teams have told us in the past that candy, specifically chocolate, is an appropriate rally prize. Gift cards for coffee shops were also suggested.

In 2024 and in 2025 we awarded Saturday Series Rally winners a car wash coupon and a Dutch Bros coffee card, plus candy bars. In 2025 we also started providing commemorative dash plaques to all participants.

In 2026 Saturday Series winning team members will receive award plaques for finishing first, second or third in class. They'll also receive candy bars. The taste of victory is always sweet! And all participants will receive dash plaques.

We've mentioned in past years that an average of 25 cars per rally might fund some upscaling, such as real rally awards for competition class winners and maybe dash plaques for all participants. With the superb work of Jamie Anderson, we have reached that goal well ahead of schedule. We assumed we'd be paying awards shop prices, but Jamie has the equipment and is willing to volunteer her time to design and produce these items. The cost to the rally program is for materials only – making this goal affordable. Thank you, Jamie!

Rallymasters are essential to the rally program. We continue to recruit rallymasters. Of the nine rallies in 2025, we (Monte and Victoria) wrote only two of them – four fewer than the six we wrote in 2023. We invite any rallier who is interested in learning to write a rally to contact us.

Outreach is essential to attracting new and prior participants. Promotion of Cascade's road rally events through email, social media, Auspuff, and the Cascade Geargrinders website will continue. We hope to identify new opportunities to improve rally event promotion. You can help by sharing road rally event announcements. And let us know if you identify new audience opportunities.



You can help even more by personally participating. Find a partner you like to spend time with who would enjoy a drive in the country, decide who drives and who navigates, and start the season with the Rally School Rally in February. Then make a date for one Saturday a month to play the game that takes you places.

Cascade board members, directors, conference reps, race officials, and committee chairs are offered half off the entry fee for the Rally School Rally. Contact rally@cascadesportscarclub.org to get your discount.



To reiterate, the sustainability of the Cascade Geargrinders Road Rally Program depends on attendance.

Also essential to sustain the program is consistent leadership and administration. We became Geargrinders Chair early in 2018, at a time when it seemed the program might vanish from lack of volunteers and participants. This coming season will be our ninth year as chair. We must start training those who will carry on after us.

Any help at all in 2026 would be most appreciated. How can you help?

- Event promotion: Promote rally events with email and social media.
- Registration: Manage event registration and virtual check-in using MotorsportReg, Excel and email.
- Prizes: Acquire event prizes and season awards, arrange perpetual trophy engraving.
- Rally financials: Report entry fee revenue and submit expense reports to the club treasurer.

We would love to focus more on rally routes and route instructions and less on administrative tasks such as above. Can you help? Apply within. rally@cascadesportscarclub.org

And we would love to see even more Cascade members come out and rally. That's why you belong to a car club, right? You enjoy driving your car. Road rally is a fun way to enjoy driving your car in the country. Affordable fun for a carful. Play the game that takes you places.

Please let us know what questions you have about the Geargrinders Road Rally Program.

We request the Board's approval of the proposed 2026 Geargrinders Budget and schedule.

Thank you for your support!

Monte and Victoria Saager, Chair
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Geargrinders 2025 Yearend Report	updated 2/5/25*			updated 11/3/25		updated 11/15/25		
	Adjusted*	2025	Per event	2025	Per event	Proposed	2026	Per event
	Approved	Budget		Actual			Budget	
Summary:			Avg cars/event 19.8		Avg cars/event 18.3			Avg cars/event 18.4
Net revenue from entry fees (less MSR)		\$4,637		\$4,355			\$4,482	
Expenses								
Insurance		\$1,940 *		\$1,940			\$1,940	
Printing, supplies, misc.		\$225		\$0			\$100	
Tropies, engraving, prizes		\$2,175		\$2,166			\$1,560	
Rallymaster fuel stipend		\$525		\$525			\$525	
Richta app fee		\$183		\$129			\$156	
Total Expenses		\$5,048		\$4,760			\$4,281	
Net Profit/Loss		(\$411)		(\$405)			\$201	
*Notified of insurance increase from \$1650 to \$1940 on 2/5/25								

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				Adjusted* Approved	2025 Budget	Per event	2025 Actual	Per event	Proposed	2026 Budget	Per event
Detail:				9 events	Avg cars/event	19.8	Avg cars/event	18.3	9 events	Avg cars/event	18.4
Season Revenue (prepaid entry fees)				Number	Each	Total			Number	Each	Total
Series Pass (full rate)	4	\$150	\$600				\$0		0	\$150	\$0
Series Pass (rallymaster rate)	1	\$125	\$125				\$0		0	\$125	\$0
Less MSR fees			(\$25)				\$0				\$0
Season Ticket (full rate)	4	\$210	\$840				\$1,260		6	\$210	\$1,260
Season Ticket (rallymaster rate)	5	\$185	\$925				\$1,110		6	\$185	\$1,110
Less MSR fees			(\$56)				(\$122)				(\$122)
Entry Discount	10	(\$10)	(\$100)				(\$10)		0	\$0	\$0
Total Season Revenue (prepaid entry fees):						\$2,310	\$257	\$2,238		\$2,248	\$250
Season Expenses (overhead)											
ICSCC Insurance			\$1,940			\$216	\$1,940	\$216		\$1,940	\$216
Rally Season Overhead											
Publicity and printing (print flyers, cards)			\$50				\$0			\$50	
Championship Trophies			\$375				\$362			\$100	
CSCC Perpetual Trophy engraving			\$50				\$32			\$50	
Miscellaneous supplies			\$175				\$0			\$50	
Rally Season Overhead Expenses (w/out insurance):						\$72	\$394	\$44		\$250	\$28
Total Season Expenses (with insurance):						\$288	\$2,334	\$259		\$2,190	\$243

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Rally School Rally				# of cars	25		# of cars	28		# of cars	28		
Revenue:				Number	Each	Total			Number	Each	Total		
Entry fee (non-members)				10	\$35	\$350	\$2.18	\$315		8	\$35	\$280	
Entry fee (members)				1	\$25	\$25	\$1.93	\$175		8	\$25	\$200	
Less MSR fees						(\$24)		(\$29)			(\$33)		
Series Pass				5	\$0	\$0		\$0		0	\$0	\$0	
Season Ticket				9	\$0	\$0		\$0		12	\$0	\$0	
Total Revenue:						\$351		\$461			\$447		
Expenses:													
Rallymaster fuel stipend						\$50		\$50			\$50		
Richta app fee (\$3/car for non-member entry)				10	\$3	\$30		\$27		8	\$3	\$24	
Total Expenses:						\$80		\$77			\$74		
Saturday Road Rally Series (6 events)				Avg cars/event	19		Avg cars/event	15.3		Avg cars/event	15		
Revenue:				Number	Each	Total	Per event	Total	Per event	Number	Each	Total	Per event
Entry fee (non-members)				4	\$35	\$840	\$2.18	\$560		2	\$35	\$420	
Entry fee (members)				1	\$25	\$150	\$1.93	\$100		1	\$25	\$150	
Less MSR fees						(\$64)		(\$39)				(\$32)	
Series Pass				5	\$0	\$0		\$0		0	\$0	\$0	
Season Ticket				9	\$0	\$0		\$0		12	\$0	\$0	
Free entry (discount)								\$0					
Total Revenue:						\$926		\$621	\$104			\$538	
Expenses:													
Rallymaster fuel stipend					\$50	\$300		\$300			\$50	\$300	
Event awards					\$150	\$900		\$1,002			\$161	\$966	
Richta app fee (\$3/car for non-member entry)					\$3	\$72		\$51		2	\$3	\$36	
Total Expenses:						\$1,272	\$212	\$1,353	\$226			\$1,302	\$217

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	Adjusted* Approved	2025 Budget	Per event	2025 Actual	Per event	Proposed	2026 Budget	Per event
Mountains to the Sea (1 day)								
		# of cars	18	# of cars	23		# of cars	25
Revenue:		Number	Each	Total		Number	Each	Total
Entry fee (non-members)		7	\$85	\$595	\$3.43	8	\$85	\$680
Entry fee (members)		2	\$60	\$120	\$2.80	5	\$60	\$300
Less MSR fees				(\$30)				(\$56)
Season Ticket		9	\$0	\$0		12	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:				\$685				\$924
Expenses:								
Rallymaster fuel stipend				\$125				\$125
Awards, perpetual trophy engraving				\$650				\$233
Richta app fee (\$3/car)		18	\$3	\$54		25	\$3	\$75
Total Expenses:				\$829				\$433
Ghouls Gambol (1 event)								
		# of cars	21	# of cars	22		# of cars	23
Revenue:		Number	Each	Total		Number	Each	Total
Entry fee (non-members)		9	\$35	\$315	\$2.18	7	\$35	\$245
Entry fee (members)		3	\$25	\$75	\$1.93	4	\$25	\$100
Less MSR fees				(\$25)				(\$20)
Season Ticket		9	\$0	\$0		12	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:				\$365				\$325
Expenses:								
Rallymaster fuel stipend				\$50				\$50
Event awards and treats				\$200				\$211
Richta app fee (\$3/car for non-member entry)		9	\$3	\$27		7	\$3	\$21
Total Expenses:				\$277				\$282



CASCADE GEARGRINDERS

(Tentative until Board approval)

2026 Road Rally Schedule

as of 11/17/25

Register: 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 and affordable autosport competition for beginners and experienced rally teams.

Saturday Road Rally Series

- Feb. 21** **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 21** **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 18**
- June 20**
- July 18** Entry fee: \$25 per team for CSCC members, \$35 per team for non-members
- August 15** **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. 26**



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Special Events

- May 9** **Mountains to the Sea** – 61st 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 (location to be announced).
Entry fee: \$60 per team for CSCC members, \$85 per team for non-members
- Oct. 31** **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 team for CSCC members, \$35 per team 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](#).

- Register online: MotorsportReg.com.
- Entry team consists of a street-legal vehicle, a licensed insured driver, a navigator, and a smart device (e.g., cell phone or tablet) running [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.