

Geargrinders News

March 2026

Cascade Sports Car Club's Road Rally Program (aka Cascade Geargrinders) offers beginner-friendly time-speed-distance road rallies, lasting three to four hours, starting and ending in the Portland area. Teams who run three or more of the six Saturday Series rallies are eligible for Series Awards.



These events are open to club members and non-members, and to all types of vehicles. Road rally is a game you play while going for a drive in the country.

March 21 Saturday Series Rally

The 2026 Cascade Geargrinders Saturday Road Rally Series kicks into gear on March 21 with the first of six events. Teams who run three or more of the six Saturday Series rallies are eligible for Series Awards.

About the Rally

Rallymasters David and JoAnn Gattman promise a fun rally for March with just the right balance of scenery, fun-to-drive roads, and rally challenge.

The fun begins at Milwakiie Lowes and ends at Stark Street Pizza, our club's monthly meeting location.

In between the route travels through Damascas, Estacada, Sandy, Troutdale, and points in between.

Two short breaks are planned, first at a park in Boring and later at a park in Estacada.



*That's the Way,
March Rally*

Schedule

March 20, Friday
Rally Q&A Zoom meeting 7 pm

March 21, Saturday
First team starts 10:01 am
First team finishes approx. 1:15 pm
Prizes awarded soon after all teams finish

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

Registration

Entry team 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 team for CSCC members
\$35 per team for non-members

Register by **midnight March 18:**
<https://msreg.com/CSCCMarchRally26>

Members get more with a **Season Ticket** – Register just once to be entered in all the rallies this season. Run the same car number with the same start time at each rally. Sign the waiver just once with the new annual waiver. Just \$210. Available **through March 18.** <https://msreg.com/SeasonTicket26>

Cascade membership is [available online](#). Questions? Contact rally@cascaadesportscarclub.org

Save the Date – May 9 –Mountains to the Sea Rally

Cascade's classic rally, Mountains to the Sea, returns on May 9. Rallymasters Monte and Victoria Saager developed a scenic route that showcases some of the best rally roads in the region. Beautiful scenery, fun-to-drive rally roads. Expect to finish in Seaside or Astoria.

Mountains to the Sea is an all-day time-speed-distance road rally that explores less traveled roads.

Registration opens soon. Make plans today for May 9 – Mountains to the Sea Rally.

More Pacific Northwest Rally News

Want more TSD rally? The [Northwest Rally Council](#) (NWRC) has announced their 2026 rally schedule. They plan to offer seven rallies in their Weekend Series: Friday April 10, Sunday May 3 (Raindrop), Friday May 10, Friday June 12, Saturday July 11, Saturday Sept. 12 and Saturday Oct. 10. NWRC's Weekend Series will offer season championships for all "paper classes" (Novice, SOP and Masters).

Also on NWRC's 2025 schedule is Rainier's No Alibi touring rally. No Alibi, June 13-14, is a two-day rally using many fine paved and unpaved roads. It is sanctioned by NWRC but is not part of the 2026 Weekend Series.



NWRC is a group of separate clubs in the Seattle area. Although there was some resistance initially, it seems all have now transitioned to using the Richta GPS Checkpoints app. Their rules (aka Generals) have been updated to include Richta scoring, and it is expected all their events will use Richta this season.

FYI – Although it is not currently a member, Cascade Sports Car Club was a charter member of NWRC when it formed in 1960.

Rally School Revue

The weather forecast threatened snow and ice all week. But by rally day temperatures were rising, and it was raining. Ideal rally weather.

Twenty-one teams entered the Feb. 20-21 Rally School. For eight of those teams, this was their first Cascade road rally. They picked a great place to start.

At Friday night's virtual Rally School meeting, attendees learned about road rally rules and how to interpret route instructions. Then on Saturday, these teams put their newfound rally knowledge into use by running a practice road rally.



Dick Road Trestle, photo courtesy JoAnn Gattman

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.

The route included some of Cascade Geargrinders' favorite rally roads. The odometer calibration transit at the start of rally went through northwest Portland, out West Burnside, and followed Skyline Boulevard to Cornelius Pass. Even in cloudy weather, the views from Skyline Blvd are beautiful.

The route also included the Valley Vista—Dick Road loop which travels under a wooden train trestle. Then another rally favorite—Helvetia Road, past the famous Helvetia Tavern and the equally famous Rolloff Farm (of "Little People, Big World" fame—it's for sale if you're interested). Then quirky, twisty one-lane Jackson Quarry Road, leading to a fabulous view from the top of Mason Hill. And that was just the first 10 miles!

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The course continued west through North Plains, Roy, Kansas City, and Verboort, before transiting through Forest Grove to a mid-rally break.



Rallymaster Kathryn Iverson taking a break at Fernhill Wetlands

At the Fernhill Wetlands Visitor Center, rally teams had about 25 minutes to rest and get out of the car for a stretch break.

After the break, the course continued on to Scoggins Valley Park to circumnavigate Hagg Lake.

From the lake, it was an easy 10-mile drive with just three more checkpoints to the ending location at the Prime Time Restaurant in Forest Grove.

Challenges

The Rally School virtual meeting Friday night and the practice rally on Saturday were designed to teach how to play the game of road rally. Any game is more fun if you understand the rules. For rally veterans, it was a great way to tune up rusty rally skills.

Some simple rally challenges were included in the rally, but rally contestants may have experienced their own additional challenges. Those described here are just the ones planned by the rallymasters.

The first 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 second challenge is a Main Road trap, offering an optional deviation (with a pause of course) that you should refuse because it goes the same direction as the Main Road:

L at T on JACKSON SCHOOL. PAUSE 15 seconds. ITIS

(When you have learned to handle this type of challenge correctly, you will have reached rally enlightenment.)

The third challenge is 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 final challenge was a note directing you to pause at the TRICERATOPS, a term we defined with a supplemental rule including a photo. Did you really expect to see a triceratops on a road rally? If you’ve run one of our rallies before, you know it’s a favorite rally reference. If you stopped looking once you found it, then you missed the second triceratops. The route looped around and went by the Cretaceous statue twice, so you were supposed to execute the note and pause two times—each time you went by the statue. And each of those sightings were on two different legs. Tricky.



Supplemental Road Rally Rule – RRR 6.34 TRICERATOPS: A roadside landscape statue that looks like a triceratops such as pictured here. A sign identifying it as such is not required.

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Congratulate the winners

The Rally School rally is a practice rally and is not included in the season championship competition. But winning is always sweet, so the top three finishing teams in each competition category received candy bars.

First overall and first in the Equipped category was **Marinus and Renee Damm**. Second overall and second Equipped was **Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolyansky**. Third Equipped was **Robert Paxman and Kathy Sacry**.

Third overall and first in the SOP class was David and JoAnn Gattman. Second SOP was **Torm Kelsey-Green and Kasey Klaus**. Third SOP was **John Sattenspiel and Bryn Griffiths-Sattenspiel**.

Fifth overall and first in the Novice class was Jason Carlough and Alexis Carlough. Second Novice was **Neil d'Autremont and Greg DiLoreto**. Third Novice was **Bill Ferber and Des Wellmore**.



*RallySchool Winners: Marinus and Renee Damm,
First Place Equipped*



Jason Carlough and Alexis Carlough, First Place Novice



David and JoAnn Gattman, First Place SOP

Cascade Sports Car Club's
2026 Rally School

CRETACEOUS CAMPAIGN

February 21, 2026

Rallymasters: Victoria Saager and Kathryn Iverson



Car #	Team	Class	Vehicle	Score
Equipped: (GPS and Unlimited)				
17	Marinus Damm / Renee Damm	UNL	2025 Toyota Corolla GR (White)	33
9	Paul Eklund / Yulia Smolyansky	GPS	2017 Subaru Outback (Gray)	42
14	Robert Paxman / Kathy Sacry	GPS	2006 Nissan SpecV (Yellow n black)	215
18	Jason Love / Alenna Merrihew	GPS	1974 MG MGB (Red)	317
20	Bob Morseburg / Cheri Eddy	GPS	2007 Honda Civic (Bronze)	DNS
SOP: (stock)				
1	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	2021 Subaru Crosstrek (White)	120
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	2006 Dodge Magnum (Slate Green)	183
8	John Sattenspiel / Bryn Griffiths-Sattenspiel	SOP	1980 Triumph TR8 (Midas Gold)	339
3	Sean Funk / Andie Fultz	SOP	2022 BMW X3 (Black)	634
7	Lee Nielsen / Marc Nielsen	SOP	2000 Audi TT (Silver)	DNS
10	Andrew Brewer / Kathryn Iverson	SOP	2018 Cadillac ATS 3.6 AWD (satin steel)	DNS
11	Bill Kayser / Bjorn Freeman-Benson	SOP	2024 Audi RS5 (Black)	DNS
Novice: (stock)				
12	Jason Carlough / Alexis Carlough	NOV	2025 Mazda MX-5 (Grey)	197
15	Neil d'Autremont / Greg DiLoreto	NOV	2008 Volvo C30 (Black)	209
4	Bill Ferber / Des Wellsmore	NOV	2013 Fiat 500 Pop (Mental Green)	314
21	Court Wynia / Jordyn Wynia	NOV	2005 Ford Excursion (Silver)	386
5	Brien Bluhm / Rosemary Bluhm	NOV	2020 Ford Escape (White)	406
6	Lutz Kretschmar / Max Kretschmar	NOV	2004 Porsche Carrera 4S (Silver)	437
16	Patrick Prothe / David Lewin	NOV	2019 Audi Etron (Black)	505
2	Maury Crites / Tiffany Crites	NOV	2012 Porsche Cayenne S (Black)	845
19	Hitomi Beres / Benjacob Beres	NOV	2022 Ford Mustang (Red)	DNS

DNS = Did not start



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

2026 CSCC Rally School - Leg Scores

Car #	Team	Class	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Total
17	Marinus Damm / Renee Damm	UNL	1	0	0	0	8	8	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	33
9	Paul Eklund / Yulia Smolyansky	GPS	1	2	2	0	16	0	1	1	10	0	1	1	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	42
1	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	6	7	2	8	14	13	13	8	10	7	2	9	0	6	9	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	120
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	0	0	3	21	15	7	33	17	6	9	7	2	1	11	19	3	11	0	0	3	13	2	183
12	Jason Carlough / Alexis Carlough	NOV	0	5	7	24	8	40	8	3	18	9	12	3	7	1	30	2	0	2	0	3	15	0	197
15	Neil d'Autremont / Greg DiLoreto	NOV	14	3	9	14	6	13	0	1	35	39	15	8	7	17	0	12	9	1	0	1	2	3	209
14	Robert Paxman / Kathy Sacry	GPS	60	13	8	6	9	30	21	8	7	10	2	14	0	9	8	0	0	4	0	3	3	0	215
4	Bill Ferber / Des Wellsmore	NOV	14	6	3	20	14	60	21	21	11	36	20	6	6	16	23	10	1	6	0	6	8	6	314
18	Jason Love / Alenna Merrihew	GPS	12	30	6	60	24	40	18	16	1	0	4	29	4	18	27	4	1	4	2	1	15	1	317
8	John Sattenspiel / Bryn Griffiths-Sa	SOP	16	16	3	20	30	12	59	30	10	19	3	2	7	13	28	5	8	6	4	15	29	4	339
21	Court Wynia / Jordyn Wynia	NOV	60	10	12	3	5	60	29	3	4	11	33	60	1	7	2	5	1	2	1	14	60	3	386
5	Brien Bluhm / Rosemary Bluhm	NOV	19	12	7	36	60	26	16	16	52	23	9	30	17	8	33	14	5	3	0	1	14	5	406
6	Lutz Kretschmar / Max Kretschmar	NOV	24	17	13	42	60	30	28	16	53	22	4	15	16	14	43	5	0	3	1	3	26	2	437
16	Patrick Prothe / David Lewin	NOV	41	9	2	17	14	10	27	26	56	60	60	43	6	12	12	12	7	5	0	29	30	27	505
3	Sean Funk / Andie Fultz	SOP	60	17	13	60	56	44	5	60	3	47	15	30	60	31	60	7	2	0	0	13	45	6	634
2	Maury Crites / Tiffany Crites	NOV	50	42	26	60	60	51	45	37	15	59	34	15	40	60	60	8	7	16	4	36	60	60	845
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CASCADE GEARGRINDERS

2026 Road Rally Schedule

as of 1/13/26

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

August 15

Sept. 26

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



Play the game that takes you places

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](#).



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