



Cascade Sports Car Club

Cordially Invites You to Our

2019 Annual Awards Banquet & General Business Meeting ... and Slot Car Competition!

Saturday, December 7st, 2019
Sheraton Portland Airport
8235 NE Airport Way
Portland, Oregon 97220

5:30 p.m. No host bar

6:00 p.m. Dinner \$40.00 per person

7:00 p.m. Awards & door prizes

RSVP online through cascade.motorsportreg.com
by November 25th

or to Kim Kuzma McFarland at
activities@cascadesportscarclub.org

If you have worked four or more CSCC events your dinner is free.

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President's Corner

Happy Holidays!!!

Greetings all. We made it through another year. Some of us fared a bit better than others, but we all made it out the other side. I hope that you all can attend our end of year banquet on the 7th as it looks to be a lot of fun around the slot car track.

I would like to take this moment to thank many of you that worked your tails off to make each event a success. The silent warriors that show up and do a job that everyone relies upon. Everyone from the tower to the turns, I thank you for being there race after race to put in the time to make it work. I know that it is easy to think that the races just happen on their own sometimes, but we all know that's not how it works. It is the staff of volunteers that rise up to take on the tasks so that others may play. Again I thank you all.

So we have a new BoD this year. Spoiler alert. You have to show up to the banquet to find out who's doing what. But I will say this, I think we have a great group of people trying to manage this club for a future that will keep us all on track for years to come.

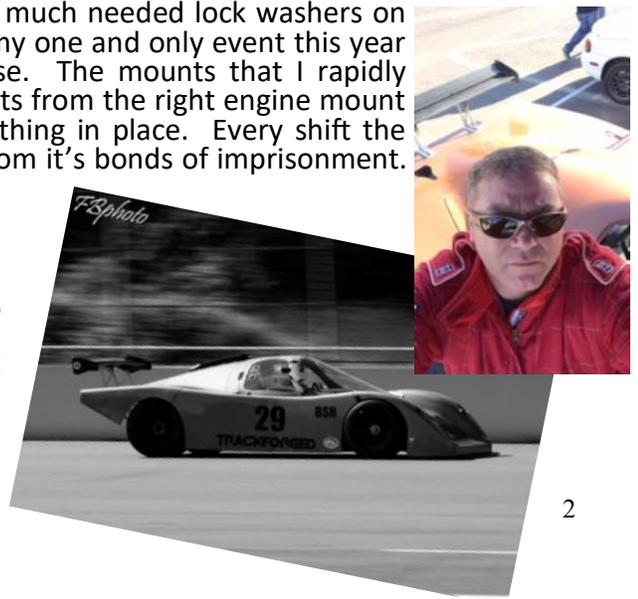
So from the home garage: Many of you know I missed most of this season of racing, and the one race I got to come out to I DNS. Very disappointing to me for sure, but major changes were made this last spring and they took a lot of time to be completed. So what were all the changes you ask? Well, the older Porsche gearboxes were not working well at all. So I procured a used Hewland JFR-200 sequential 5spd from a racer up north. Now this is a former Barber Dodge 2.0 transaxle. So not knowing what to expect with the gearing or condition I took a gamble. But other than a bad diff the transaxle was in great shape. But now I had to mate it to my Honda V6. This is where most of my troubles came to light. NOBODY makes a bell-housing for this application. So I had to make something work. Easy right? You got to love VW. I was able to take the bell housing from a buss transmission and make it work. Cake! Oh did I mention I also completely redesigned the back half of the car? Push rod suspension with ratio rockers and all. Yeah this was fun.

So the one and only event I got to come out to this year was Dash for kids. I don't know about you but this is the one event I look forward to all year long. During Fridays school/test day, I found a flaw in my design. Something I had not thought about were the forces during shifting and how that effected the rear mounts. But don't worry; it presented itself very quickly into the session. So now with 2 bent or completely broken rear mounts I had to do some quick repairs back home and get everything back together before the racing started. Everything was fixed and working ... I thought.

Did you know, when fabricating it is easy to get lost in the fitment with all of the put it together and take it apart, that you can easily forget to put the much needed lock washers on certain key motor mount bolts? Not like I was rushing to make my one and only event this year or anything. So yeah, I was the root cause to my own demise. The mounts that I rapidly repaired and replaced the night before failed again when the bolts from the right engine mount all fell out and the motor dropped on that side, twisting everything in place. Every shift the motor was leaping and gyrating like it was trying to break free from it's bonds of imprisonment. I got it all on video. Wild to watch. But the good news is that I got to spend some great time with friends like Rick Bostrom discussing some great engineering things.

That brings me to this, GoPro cameras are a great thing to have. They can be a very useful tool in telling you exactly what's going on under all that body work. Being able to actually see what is moving and in what direction is so valuable. Things that you think are solid sometimes are not. Seeing is believing.

Come Drive with us, Vince Vavrosky





CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB CALENDAR

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<https://www.facebook.com/CascadeSportsCarClub/>

www.cascadegeargrinders.org

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GENERAL MEETING: Cascade will hold all general membership club meetings on the **FIRST SATURDAY** of the month. The place is **STARK STREET PIZZA** beginning at **7:30 P.M.** If the date falls on a Portland race weekend, the meeting will be at the track and the time may change from 7:30 P.M. So **PLEASE** check the website and FaceBook for confirmation of the time. Everyone is welcome! Remember our Banquet and last meeting of 2019 is **December 7** at the Sheraton at the airport. Also the deadline for the Auspuff is the 21st of the month. Please get your articles into editor.

BOARD MEETINGS: Cascade Board will hold the Board meeting at **STARK STREET PIZZA** at **5:30 P.M.** There is always the chance this meeting may change. **PLEASE** check the website and Facebook for any changes in the time or location. Anyone is welcome to come. If you have something you want on the agenda please contact the President before the meeting day.

2020 CASCADE RACE SCHEDULE

To Be Announced...

Drivers, Get your cars ready!

COME DRIVE WITH US!

Drive you own car on the track

HPDE / Track Days with classroom

Schedule to be confirmed...

GEARGRINDERS RALLY SCHEDULE

GEARGRINDERS ROAD RALLY SCHOOL AND RALLY

February 15, 2020 - Class starts at 10 a.m.

North Plains Senior Center,
31450 NW Commercial St.,
North Plains, OR 97133

Rally starts at noon and ends about 2 p.m.
at Helvetia Tavern

CASCADE EVENTS COMING UP!!

December 7, 2019

**Annual Banquet
Awards and General
Business Meeting**

Sheraton Portland Airport

8235 NE Airpoet Way

Portland, OR 97220

5:30 p.m. no host bar

And SLOT CAR TOURNAMENT

6pm Dinner

7pm Awards and Door Prizes





ATTENTION CASCADE MEMBERS

In an effort to get more of our roughly 200 members involved, we are looking for ways to minimize the amount each person needs to give in order to be an important part of the making of the 2020 year for Cascade. One method is to have a committee head that would report to the Board with what is happening on that committee. Under this person there would be "sub" personnel.

As an example: I, Linda, am willing to head the marketing committee and we will divide this down to a multi-level of headings for people to handle a portion of the job they are comfortable with and have a knowledge of. In marketing it feels overwhelming to me. I am not a social media person. We need someone to handle FaceBook, Twitter, web site (which Charles Freeborn is volunteering for), printed materials (which I am volunteering to handle) and then we have shows that we would like to participate in. If we can spread this job around we can accomplish lots.

The object for me in marketing is to get the Cascade Sports Car Club name out there. There are people that do not understand, or have no clue, what Cascade does. We need to work on getting our members more active: more Rally participation, more Race Workers and Drivers, and other activities Cascade does. We have members within the club that have talents we do not even know about. Where they work might be an asset, what they have as other hobbies, even talents that are hidden under the radar.

So my plea to you is to let me know if you can help in a small way in any capacity. If you let me know what your talent or skill is, I can find a place where you will be able to help the club build on its reputation. We can do this if we all pull together. We need to think outside the box and that is what new people bring to the table. We never know what might work until we give the idea birth and try it out in the real world.

So, if anyone wants to participate, please email me at dragondreams21@gmail.com. Call me, text is better, at 360.513.9769. I would love to have that small amount of participation from you all. That is what makes this club work and is in the family style. We need to support each other and find the answers. Thank You!!

Linda Blackburn

Editor's note: Please take a look at the following page for a taste of the volunteer opportunities available now, and those you can imagine!

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CSCC BoD Meeting Minutes—November 2, 2019

MEETING/Start 5:43 P.M.

BoD present: Vince Vavrosky, Steven Powell, Linda Blackburn, Signa Vernholm, Brett McKown, Charles Freeborn, Mark Ling. Bob Peters and Charles Matschek absent.

Guest: Gail Fetterman, Victoria and Monte Saager, Emily Pixley, Brian and Jamie Anderson, and Dave Dunning.

Approve minutes October Board meeting minutes approved.

Committee Reports to Board for November 2, 2019:

Charity: Dash For Kids: Signa Vernholm: The Board voted and approved Signa's suggestion of \$16,500 going to Take Action and \$1500 to Doernbecher Child Life. That leaves us with some money in the charity account to start the new year. We also will extend an invitation to Janet and Mike Huber to attend the banquet to receive the check. Steve Powell will obtain the gigantic check we give out (not the money one!!)

E-Board Rep: Bob Hillison, Chris Heinrich alt.: Chris gave a short outline of what he plans to present to the E Board on behalf of Cascade's Enduro racing. He also will bring up the idea of the races being double weekends or more for those clubs that handle only one physical weekend a year. There is also going to be talk of getting rid of the individual novice closed wheel group and infiltrate them into the senior groups.

Contest Board: Chris Heinrich. The rules were voted on at the drivers meeting before the Board meeting. There was some discussion. Not many drivers, which is a shame.

Race Chairman: Gary Bockman: Gary was approved to spend up to \$50 per trophy or gift card on his gifts for the Race Committee. M.J. is the 2020 race chair with Mike Smith as Assistant.

Enduro, Chris Heinrich: There was a great deal of discussion over the Enduro. We will ask for a date of October 17, 2020.

Drivers Training: Brett McKown: Brett recommended we not do a driver's training with the Enduro weekend. It was not profitable to stage the event. Brett is looking into more comprehensive schooling.

Membership: Steve and Julie Powell: Steve will have some new members to present at the general meeting. We also have a ByLaw to vote on as well as the ballots for BoD and Outstanding membership to deal with.

Marketing: Linda Blackburn: No report.

ROD: Kim McFarland: Gail Fetterman has offered to replace Kim for the 2020 ROD year. The Board has accepted her in this position.

Website: Charles Freeborn: Web site is up to date and if you have anything please submit through proper channels.

Gear Grinders: Monte and Victoria Saager: This year the Gear Grinders made a PROFIT!! Yea and thanks to the Saagers, Rally Masters, and all workers at the events who supported the Cascade events They presented a budget for the next year and all of the ideas they have. They also presented a tentative schedule trying to miss all our race dates.

Banquet: Kim: Everything is in place and the parking will be handled on the general billing for the club at \$3 per car.

Points Keeper: Grace Skinner: Budget for the year end gift cards was approved at \$2400.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 P.M.

Submitted by Linda Blackburn, Cascade Sports Car Club Secretary



CSCC General Meeting Minutes—November 2, 2019

MEETING Start 7:38 P.M.

BoD present: Vince VAVROSKY, Steven Powell, Linda Blackburn, Signa Vernholm, Brett McKown, Charles Freeborn, Mark Ling. Bob Peters and Charles Matschek. Absent.

Approval of minutes: Minutes approved from the October general meeting

Committee reports:

Treasurer Report: We have money.

Activities and Calendar: Fall meeting for ICSCC on November 16 and then our banquet December 7.

Charity: Signa Vernholm: We will present a check to Take Action at the Banquet for \$16,500. We will also give \$1500 to the Child Life program for Doernbecher.

Drivers Training: Brett McKown: We didn't do great on the October DT so recommend that we drop that date for next year.

Race Chairman: Gary Bockman: No report.

Enduro Chris Heinrich: We lost some money again. There is lots of discussion around this race. We will ask for a date next year and consider the format and maybe a change.

E Board: Bob Hillison/Chris Heinrich: Fall meeting. Some suggestions going to the E-board. Read the Board minutes.

Contest Board: Chris Heinrich: Voted on rules to take to the Contest board at the drivers meeting before the Board meeting tonight.

MEMBERSHIP: Steve and Julie Powell: The following members were announced at the meeting: Greg Brink, Al Nodarse, Mark Jaremko and David Roland. The vote was taken on the ByLaw change. It passed. Name tags allowed!

Marketing: Linda Blackburn: No report.

Points Keeper: Grace Skinner: Gift card for the points system will be handled at the banquet by Jamie Anderson. Jamie will be the 2020 points keeper also.

Gear Grinders: Monte and Victoria Saager: Rallying made money this year. We congratulate the Saager's for their work. It has been some time since they made a profit for the club. Lots of good people dedicated their time and money to make this happen. They have a tentative calendar for 2020 and you can find this in the Auspuff.

Historian: OPEN: We now have another digital camera that Vince will try to find a charger for it so we can use it. It was found by Victoria in some work boxes of Cascade's.

ROD: Kim McFarland: Gail Fetterman will be the 2020 representative.

Website: Charles Freeborn: Up to Date.

Auspuff: Cathy Peters: Great job.

NEW BUSINESS:

The new Board members were announced. They are the three "B's" Bob Peters, Brett McKown and Brian Anderson with Skip Yocum joining them and Signa Vernholm as our alternate. The new Board will meet before the banquet to decide officers for the year 2020.

Meeting adjourned 8:44 P.M.

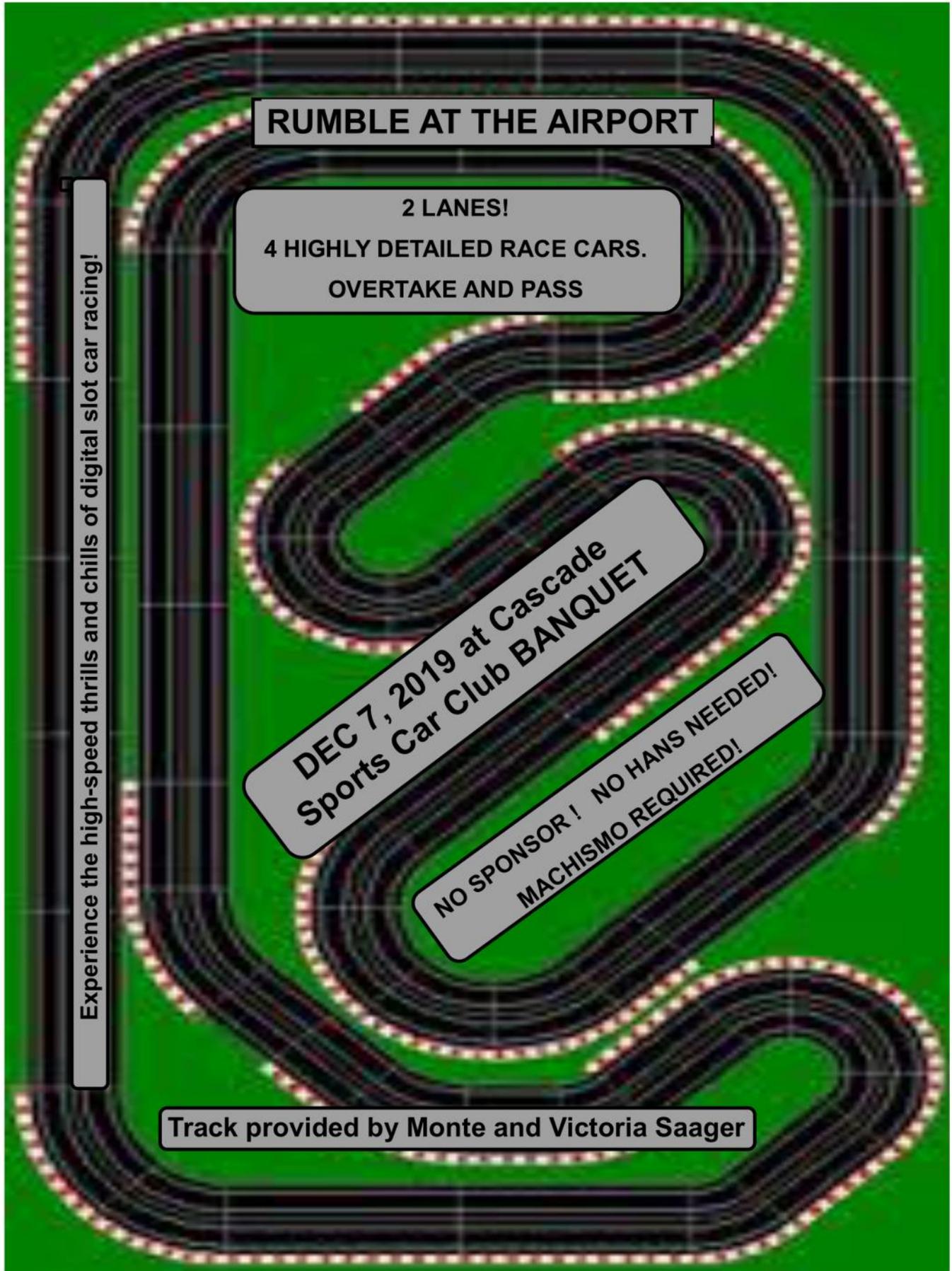
Submitted by Linda Blackburn, Secretary for Cascade Sports Car Club.

EMAIL VOTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, November 6, 2019

The following members were approved unanimously: Greg Brink, Al Nodarse, Mark Jaremko and David Roland.

Submitted by Linda Blackburn, Secretary for Cascade Sports Car Club.

*CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET
DECEMBER 7, 2019 PORTLAND AIRPORT SHERATON
5:30 No Host Bar and Racing, Dinner 6, Awards and Meeting 7pm*



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**DEC 7, 2019 at Cascade
Sports Car Club BANQUET**

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Track provided by Monte and Victoria Saager



ODE TO THE SWAMP MEET VOLUNTEERS who Support Community Transitional School (CTS)

During a wet and wild and wacky week
Way back in the month numbered four,
An intrepid band of volunteers
Took deep breaths and walked out their door.

They pulled on their wellies, tied on their hats,
Pasted a smile on each frozen face;
They measured, numbered, and glopped on glue
So each seller could have his own space.

Next day they got up, woke up the geese,
They guided big rigs and some small;
Vendors with treasure, vendors with junk--
They all claimed a section or stall.

Some parked in puddles, some parked high and dry,
They shook fists at the weather all day;
But those in the grass and those in the MUD
Lost profits by shaking out hay!

Before day's end the packrats ran free,
Swapping and trading their loot;
Three days remained for this sale of sales
And the rain clouds just would not scoot!

Our volunteers? They stuck it out!
They shuttled, delivered, and led.
They hoarded their tips, smiled at the crowd,
And could not wait to go pee and be fed!

Each day they turned out their pockets,
Tips in ones, five, twenties, and tens;
Some squeezed out of misers and tightwads,
Some generously given by friends.

Tips counted, dried out, shuffled and saved,
Stuffed and taped in a shoebox for Bob;
Off to the bank, recounted again,
Our volunteers did a wonderful job!

For CTS, out east of downtown
Where kids have a rock solid place,
The money earned by these great volunteers
Helps fund a unique "Family" space.

We're proud of those men and women who go
Out into the wet chilly wild,
Giving their hours, giving their days
All to benefit an unknown child.



2019 HPDE Year in Review

I'd like to thank everyone for helping us to put together another outstanding year with the CSCC HPDE & Driver's Training program! I am extremely grateful for all the hard work and time everyone puts into making each track day a success. It literally takes the dedication from everyone to make this program work and it shows in the positive responses we get from our participants.

The feedback has been positive and frequently highlights how nearly everyone appreciates how well our program is run. I've even heard from other conference club's that they're amazed at the consistently high entry count for our HPDE track days. I wish I knew what has changed in recent years to make this happen, but I can't point to any one thing that would explain this kind of success.

There have been quite a few people that have approached me over the year saying that I've been doing a fantastic job putting these events on and getting the high car counts. However, I know that it's not just me. It's the entire team of volunteers: from race control to safety to corner workers to pre-grid to hot pits to instructors to tech and so on (I'm certain I'm forgetting at least one specialty and a small group of wonderful people and I'm sorry for that). All of us have come together to make these events happen. And that really showed itself at our last event in October where we were shorthanded and almost couldn't run the event.

So, once again and not for the last time, thank you everyone who has stepped up in their own way to help make this year's HPDE program the success that it was! No matter how large or small your role, no matter how easy or difficult it may seem at the time, it does not go unnoticed. All of you are professionals at what you do at the track and it shows. I look forward to working with all of you again next year and making it just as successful.

Yes, for better or worse, I'm once again stepping up to run the CSCC HPDE program in 2020. At least until y'all realize I have no idea what I'm doing, and you find someone competent to do a proper job of running this show! See you at the track next year!

- Brett McKown
CSCC HPDE Chief Driving Instructor
trackdayhpde@cascadesportscarclub.org

CONGRATULATIONS 2019 ICSCC WORKERS & DRIVERS!

The following Cascade drivers took the glory at the Conference banquet this last weekend: Matt Lowell was 5th in PRO3; In SM Mike Trip 4th place, Dave Dunning 3rd and Brian Anderson won the championship; Daniel Shrader won top in CR; Steven Powell took the top in ITE; In EIP Adam Achepohl was 5th and our Zack Watson was 2nd place (But how many cars did you drive for this Zack???); Gary Rigdon was 1st place in ITS; Colin Kochler took 3rd in CT4.

WOMAN POWER!!!!

Now I want to do a little bragging. These people are not members of Cascade, however they strongly support us in all aspect of racing. Valarie Dare was given the **ICSCC Worker of the Year** award for her great work in the pre-grid area. She is a wonder woman. She also hiked from the Oregon border to the California border on the Coast Highway trail in June. Val, you are something else!

Now on to the **DRIVER** of the year. Our own Linda Heinrich was the winner last year and she passed this honor along to Danielle Hovington, a PRO3 driver, as the 2019 Driver of the Year. Congratulations Danielle. Then we were given the information that Danielle also won the **ICSCC Worker's Choice** award from the workers for 2019. Wow, she needed a pickup to take all her awards home!

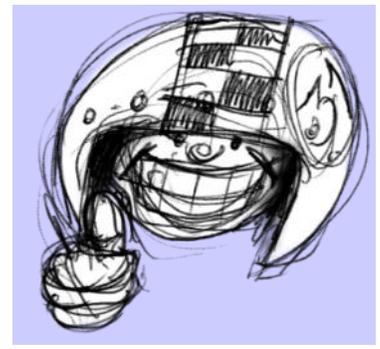
The last is special for me and should give us all hope the future of racing will continue. Sofia Beachman was graduating from high school this last June and chose to do a paper on, what else, but Racing! Her dad, Bruce Beachman, has been in Conference and SCCA racing for some time. So, Dad thinks she is just going to do this for a short time to get her passing grade, right? Well Sofia ends up going all year racing all our tracks and is so excited she is coming back next year. Also, she is telling all her young friends. Sofia told her dad he couldn't sell the car, a Caterham! She is in college in Boston currently. But the most exciting part is she was named **NOVICE of the Year**. We need these young people to keep driver, worker and spectator interest alive and well.



It is exciting to see the women in our clubs do so well and get the recognition they so deserve.

~~ Linda Blackburn

Dash for Kids



BIG THANK YOU to all the workers, volunteers, drivers, donors, sponsors and attendees. It takes all of us to put this event on whether you are out in front or behind the scenes you are appreciated. It is my pleasure to work with all of you.

A BIG THANK YOU also to ***Blairco Heating and Air Conditioning, The Smythe Co., Ooma, Inc, Patriot Fire Protection, Kings Cross Automotive, Trackside Motorsports, Lucky Dog Racing League, Pacific Synthetic Oil & Lube, Scott & Carol Faris, Marque Motors, Casa bella Granite & Marble, Norsk Racing, A Framers Touch, Mt. Hood Miata Club, Gary Bockman, Mary's Harvest, Millennium Graphics and Forms, Interstate Special Events and our anonymous donor*** as sponsors. Please support and thank these generous businesses and individuals.

Take Action INC always lends a helping hand at our event both with volunteers and gift baskets donated by individuals. Their work to help children with food insecurities in the Portland Metropolitan area is so valuable.

Doesn't it feel good to make a positive impact on local children?

Come to Cascade's Annual Banquet on December 7th and see what Cascade will donating to our charity beneficiaries.

Thank you for your help and support and see you at the track.



Have a happy holiday.

Signa Vernholm

dashforkids@gmail.com

503-720-7971

Lifetime Membership Honors

As per our Cascade Sports Car Club by laws, section 3.C, at the January meeting there will be a vote to grant a life time membership to Bob Hillison. Please attend to voice your vote. A two thirds vote of the membership present will be required. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Please remember to use your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to benefit **CSCC Charity Fund**.
It's EASY!! You still get all the rewards and fuel points and coupons in the mail and
CSCC Charity will ALSO benefit.

Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to:

CSCC Charity Fund at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards .
You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number **SD228**

Currently, CSCC Charity Fund receives about \$100 per year from Cascade members who have linked their Cards. Fred Meyer is very generous in giving.

Thank You, Fred Meyer and Thank You, CSCC Members!

WANTED:

**MEMBERS WHO WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN OUR CLUB.
POSITIONS ARE OPEN IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

****MARKETING**

****HISTORIAN, **ANNOUNCER**

****PADDOCK MARSHAL**

****COURSE MARSHAL**



*Current Cascade Sports Car Club By-laws are
available online at:*

<https://cascadesportscarclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Bylaws-revised-as-of-November-2019.pdf>

Geargrinders News

Cascade's Rally History - Early Years

by Victoria Saager, Geargrinders Co-Chair

I recently had an opportunity to read through club meeting minutes from 1955 through 1961, looking for some history of Cascade road rally.

In the beginning (October 1955 actually) the Four Cylinder Sport Car Club Executive Board created the Activities Committee to oversee all club activities (which then consisted primarily of road rallies) with the exception of activities under the Race Committee. So the club had two umbrella committees - Race and Rally - governed by a Board.



Bud Kinder was Cascade Sports Car Club's Activity Chairman in February 1958 when three rally squads were set up within the Activity Committee to put on rallies, buy trophies and dash plaques, and purchase Kodak timers. The Board voted to reimburse rallymasters five cents a mile for each rally. Conference rallies were run according to conference rules, and a points system tallied driver and navigator points toward yearend trophies. Cascade formed a three-car team for conference rallies.

By August 1959, Henry Pittock was in the Activities Director seat. He announced upcoming rallies and presented trophies for recent rallies. After-meeting rallies were common (when there wasn't a film being shown).

The last few months of 1959 were rally-tastic! Cascade's Annual Two-Day Event on Sept. 26-27 ended at Timberline Lodge. (This two-day event was identified in the club's bylaws as a standing event at that time and it had its own perpetual trophy. In 1960, Seaside was mentioned in reference to the two-day event. I wonder if it was the precursor to our Mountains to the Sea Rally.)



The Halloween Rally was Oct. 30 (best pumpkin prize was a subscription to Road and Track) followed by the Timberline Torture Trek Gymkhana on Nov. 1. The annual Thanksgiving rally, the Turkey Trot, was on Nov. 22. And a Frick and Frack Rally was on Dec. 27. Plus a Conference rally in Seattle on Nov. 14-15 and Touring Club of Oregon's Hare and Hound Rally on Dec. 13.

Of historic note, Hank Pittock announced at the November 1960 meeting that Cascade was "separating the Rally Committee from Conference." A resolution approving the formation of the Northwest Rally Council passed and in March 1961 Cascade endorsed the Northwest Rally Council Rules. The first NWRC event, the Ponderosa Sweepstakes Rally was held March 25-26 in Spokane. The second NWRC rally was Cascade's Oregon Trailblazer held May 13-14, 1961. The Wapiti Rally put on by the Evergreen Sports Car Club of Seattle on June 17-18 was the third NWRC event.

Meanwhile, clubs throughout the Northwest continued to put on rallies, including Cascade's Fowl Play, Campus Capers, Fools Frolic, the Flaming Fourth, Frick and Frack, and many more. Although there were a lot of rallies, they were popular and attendance was high. A Reliability Run sponsored by the Kings of Portland on May 20, 1961, drew 183 cars. In November 1961, it was reported that the annual Halloween Rally had the largest turnout to date. The Cold Turkey Rally was just around the corner on Dec. 3.

And there the story ends, until I get more source material. I'm hoping more meeting minutes and perhaps a trove of old Auspuff copies will find me so I can continue this history of Cascade Sports Car Club's road rally program.

Geargrinders News



Rally Program Future

Cascade Sports Car Club began life in 1953 as the 4 Cylinder Sports Car Club. The club name was changed to Cascade in May of 1956. From the beginning, the club's two main activities were racing and rallying.

Last month's *Auspuff* asked, "Is automobile racing a dying sport?" You could ask the same question of road rally. The years of 40, 60, even 80 cars running a Cascade road rally are long in the past. In 2019, we averaged 14 cars per rally - better than 2018's average of 11 cars per rally. But even that improvement is a stretch from the 20 to 25 cars needed to sustain a healthy road rally program.

The low number of contestants is not the only challenge. When we were asked to chair Geargrinders two years ago, volunteers were burned out and few. While we've seen some improvement in entries, more changes are needed to carry Cascade's road rally program into the future.

Based on our experience over the last two years, we propose these changes for the 2020 road rally season: offer rallies that are simpler and more fun, replace manned checkpoints with automated GPS app timing, and offer optional online registration and entry fee payment. The proposed program adds two events to the season: a rally school practice rally, and a "game" or gimmick rally. Mountains to the Sea would move from August to May.

Simpler, More Fun

We've noticed that many of the newer contestants are not well skilled in the style of trick-and-trap time-speed-distance road rally traditionally offered in Cascade's rally series.

To attract and retain more contestants, the rallies should be simpler and more fun to run. Contestants who have fun are more likely to come to the next rally. Ways to make rallies less difficult and more enjoyable are described in the proposed Rallymaster Guide.



The Stevens rally wheel is a circular slide rule that was commonly used in rallies in the 1960s and 70s.

<https://stevemckelvie.wordpress.com/2018/03/20/stevens-rally-indicator-a-useful-circular-slide-rule-for-rallying/>

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GPS Timing and Scoring

We propose using the Richta Rallymaster GPS Checkpoints app for event timing and scoring. We successfully used this app for the 2019 Mountains to the Sea Rally. Contestants will use the Richta Competitor app to get timed and scored, so the app is required to run the rally. The Competitor app is free.

With the GPS timing and scoring app, manned checkpoints will be replaced with unmanned passage controls. That means no checkpoint signs, timing lines, clocks, workers, logs, and scorecards. Event scoring will be automated and accurate, with results ready to announce as soon as the last car finishes.

GPS timing and scoring reduces the administrative burden, and it's also a plus to contestants. A moment after the contestant passes a control, their app displays their arrival time, their leg score, and whether they were early or late. Near immediate feedback.

We hope use of this app will improve contestants' experience (accurate scoring feedback, less frustration with the complexities of scorecard entries and calculations, and less time waiting for rally results at the end). And folks who would otherwise be working a manned checkpoint can instead participate as contestants. Hoped for outcome: more cars at each rally.

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Geargrinders News continued...

Online Registration

We plan to offer optional online road rally registration (including online payment) using MotorsportReg.com (MSR). Online registration will allow us to assign a car number to the contestant and confirm that they have the Richta Competitor app set up for their car number.

Day-of-event check-in for contestants that registered online will be simple and much quicker. We'll still take walk-up registration (cash or check only) – if setup of the Richta Competitor app can be confirmed.

Rally Program

Nine road rallies are proposed for the 2020 season, two more than in 2019.

The Saturday Rally Series will include five events and will retain the basic format we've used for the last couple of seasons. We'll keep the 10am Saturday morning start time and three- to four-hour event length, including a scenic or interesting break location mid-event (with restrooms).

A short practice rally will be added to the Rally School, tentatively scheduled for Feb. 15. A new game/gimmick rally will be added to the season, tentatively on Sept. 19. (More on this fun, new event later.)

The 2020 Mountains to the Sea Rally will keep an easy tour format. It will be a one-day rally, starting in Portland and ending in Long Beach, Washington. The tentative date is May 16.

Since Halloween is on a Saturday, the date for the Ghouls Gambol Halloween rally is TBD. What do you think? Should it be on Halloween or the Saturday before? rally@cascadeportscarclub.org

Come drive with us!

Proposed Road Rally Rules have been drafted to reflect these proposed changes while remaining consistent with Cascade's trick-and-trap time-speed-distance road rally style. www.cascadegeargrinders.org/resources.cfm

We hope that the 2020 Geargrinders road rally season will attract and retain more contestants (and volunteers). Anyone can run a road rally. It's an inexpensive way to enjoy a drive in the country, with some driving skill and competition thrown in. All you need is a street-legal vehicle, a driver, a navigator, and a smart phone to run the GPS timing app.

Slot Car Racing Fun at the Banquet

This year's Cascade banquet includes slot car racing. Four drivers at a time will race on a two-lane digital track. Drivers will control not only the speed of their car, but also lane changes at track crossovers to pass slower drivers. Just like real racing, but with smaller cars.

After some practice time on the track, the driving competition will begin. Each driver will complete a two- or three-minute heat with each of four cars. After each heat, one driver rotates out, remaining drivers move to a new car, and a new driver comes in. When all drivers have raced all four cars, the race is over. The driver who completes the most laps is the winner.

May the best driver win!





CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB GEARGRINDERS 2020 TSD Road Rally Schedule*

Rally School

February 15 – Novice or Nervous – Classroom review of Cascade Geargrinders’ time-speed-distance road rally rules and procedures, followed by a practice road rally. Class starts at 10 a.m., rally starts at noon and ends about 2 p.m. at Helvetia Tavern. North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133. \$20 per car for CSCC members, \$30 per car for non-members.

Saturday Road Rally Series

March 21	Registration:	9 am
April 18	Drivers meeting:	9:45 am
June 13	First car out:	10 am
July 18	\$20 per car for CSCC members (\$30 for non-members)	
August 22		



Coming soon - Optional: Online registration at <https://www.motorsportreg.com/>

Save with a Series Pass

\$80 for 5-event Series Pass. Register once for the entire Saturday Rally Series. Keep the same car number all season. Available to members only. CSCC membership available at every rally.

Start location

Northeast corner of Lowe's parking lot, 13631 SE Johnson Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222

Special Events

May 16 – Mountains to the Sea – Full-day road rally from Portland to Long Beach on Washington’s scenic back roads. Includes famous beach party. Beginner level time-speed-distance road rally.

September 19 – Game / Gimmick Rally - Test your trick-and-trap road rally skills in this fun rally. Without average speeds and checkpoint timing, scoring is based on correctly answering questions about things you see along the rally route.

October TBD – Ghouls Gambol – A Cascade tradition, this Halloween road rally explores the autumn colors around Portland’s foothills and farmland. Caution: May include frights.



* For all 2020 Cascade road rallies, each car must have a cell phone (or other smart device) running the Richta Competitor app in order to participate.

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