

# Geargrinders News

## Mountains to the Sea

It all began in 1965 when Don and Ruth Murray won the inaugural [Mountains to the Sea rally](#) which ended on the turnaround in Seaside, Oregon with Miss Oregon flagging the teams in. Today the trophy holds the names of many of the top rally competitors from the northwest and beyond. This year marked the 53rd anniversary with a two-day rally starting in Portland, an overnight stay in Seaside, and a return trip to the Portland area the next day.

Over the years the rally has been styled as everything from a simple touring event to a hard-core trap event. The more recent trend has tended toward the touring style – easier on everyone. But we also like a little variety, so we came up with a format that would allow for both simple course-directing but with a little more challenging timing aspect.

To that end we created some Automatic Route Instructions that would be executed every time they occurred except in Transit sections:

- A. CSU 1 at each ARROW.
- B. PAUSE 0.10 minutes at “AHEAD”.
- C. CAST the posted legal speed limit minus 5 mph.



Automatic A was all about curve arrows. At each curve arrow contestants increased their average speed by 1 mph. Not so interesting until it occurs five times over two curvy miles. Over the two days there were more speed changes based on automatics than in the numbered route instructions. Those automatics provided all the randomness we needed. Rally teams would not be able to calculate perfect times for the course in the parking lot but would have to discover it in real time on the road. May the best team win.

The first day traveled from Portland to Seaside with a lunch stop in Rainier, an afternoon rest stop at the Bradley Scenic Viewpoint, a drive past an eagle sanctuary and through Astoria. Teams encountered a mix of passage controls and do-it-yourself controls on mostly paved, less traveled winding roads.

By the end of day one Washington's Bob Morseburg and Mike Daily stood in first place overall with 23 points for 150+ miles and 10 controls. Oregon's Kevin Poirier and Chris Hale were second with 36, and Wisconsin's Ann Olewnik and Jim Crittenden were in third with 59.

And since it was Saturday night in Seaside, it was time to party on the beach. Bill Ferber provided the BBQ and all the trimmings, beer and wine flowed, the beach fire got lit and folks got some time to relax and relate after a long day of rallying.

Come Sunday morning teams were back at it. The second day wound through similar areas traveling down the highway 30 corridor. After the lunch stop in Clatskanie teams headed to the hills once again on scenic country backroads through Columbia County. The final three legs featured a grand drive through timber land, with automatic after automatic, followed by three passage controls within the last 5 miles to the finish in Scappoose. And it was here the day was decided.

The lead team from day one, Washingtonian's Bob and Mike, made two crucial errors on day two which put Oregon's Kevin and Chris in the lead. But with less than four miles to the final control, the sender on their computer failed knocking them off the pace and in fifth overall. This opened the door for Wisconsin's Ann and Jim to squeeze past them and into first place, a mere 18 points ahead of Bob and Mike.

Blake Harer and Jeremy Green took 6th place overall and SOP honors while Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolyansky took 3rd overall and the win in the Limited class. A little further down the board, Marcus Gattman and dad David claimed the Masters class while the team of Eustacia Su and Valerie Frank took the win in the Novice class.



For the rally there are costs involved that can't truly be measured – and that is the workers. They come to a two-day event while covering their own expenses for gas, food and lodging. Some even bring their own equipment. And they spend their day sitting alongside the road waiting for the next rally car. There is no glory for them. Yet without them there would be no glory for the others. They are the true heroes of the sport and we are thankful for every one of them.

A heartfelt thanks to our workers: Larry Lefebvre, Larry and Annette Anson, Randy and Gloria Hale, Bree Anderson, Fran and Ann Hanchek, and NW Rally All-Stars Steve Perret and Kathryn Hansen who drove from the Seattle area to come help. Lawanna Poirier helped facilitate a great Saturday buffet lunch at El Tapatio in Rainier. And a special thanks to Bill and Kelly Ferber for providing a fantastic Saturday dinner on the beach in Seaside.

## Saturday Road Rally Series

Next up in Cascade Sports Car Club's Saturday Rally Series is September 8. Rallymaster Simon Levear is planning a deliciously delightful road rally. Registration opens on Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. at Milwaukie Lowe's and the rally ends at a pizza place in Sherwood. Between those points, contestants will encounter a plethora of rally conundrums and controls to tickle your rally fancies. Don't miss this one!

The September 8 rally wraps up Cascade's inaugural Saturday Rally Series. The Series Championship competition is tight in all classes. Only four of the five Saturday rallies count, so this last rally of the series will determine the outcome.

Saturday Rally Series standings are online:

[http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/files/CSCC\\_2018\\_Rally\\_Season\\_Standings.pdf](http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/files/CSCC_2018_Rally_Season_Standings.pdf)



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#CSCC Road Rally



Cascade Sports Car Club's

## Mountains to the Sea Rally

August 4-5, 2018

Rallymasters: Monte and Victoria Saager

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Car #	Team	Car	Class	Day 1	Day 2	Total
2	Jim Crittenden/Ann Olewnik	2017 Tesla Model S100D	UNL	59	46	105
4	Bob Morseburg/Mike Daily	2004 Ford Focus	UNL	23	100	123
3	Paul Eklund/Yulia Smolyansky	1974 Alfa Romeo GTV	LIM	129	64	193
7	Zack Pharis/Brandon Harer	2002 BMW 540i	LIM	118	82	200
5	Kevin Poirier/Chris Hale	2015 Mazda 3	UNL	36	197	233
14	Blake Harer/Jeremy Greene	2007 BMW 328i	SOP	203	149	352
11	Jeff Zurschmeide/John Elkin	2000 Subaru 2.5RS	SOP	217	208	425
23	Marcus Gattman/David Gattman	2018 Subaru WRX	MAS	239	220	459
8	Simon Levear/Karen Levear	1969 MGB	MAS	372	307	679
10	Russ Sherrell/Kate Sherrell	1971 MG B Roadster	SOP	515	362	877
9	David Sacry/Kathy Sacry	2010 Ford Mustang	SOP	460	426	886
6	Sue Colisch/Bill Colisch	2008 Nissan Altima Hybrid	LIM	825	170	995
12	Kathleen Ellis/Bob Ellis	1979 Porsche 911SC	SOP	747	310	1057
15	Colin Nagle/Mike Nagle	2005 Dodge Neon SRT-4	SOP	679	440	1119
13	Torm Kelsey-Green/Kasey Klaus	2015 Dodge Dart	SOP	1096	720	1816
18	Eustacia (Jo) Su/Valerie Frank	1959 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite	NOV	1207	674	1881
20	Marty Lawrence/Kate Lundin	2010 Subaru Outback	NOV	955	926	1881
21	Robert McKee /Taunya McKee	1959 MGA	NOV	1420	766	2186
17	Christopher White /Chris Newhall	1997 Subaru Impreza Brighton	NOV	2039	434	2473
22	Joshua Greenwood/Lisa Greenwood	2017 Ford Mustang GT	NOV	1837	716	2553



## 2018 Mountains to the Sea - Leg Scores by Day

### Day 1

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Car #	Team	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
4	Bob Morseburg/Mike Daily	UNL	2	4	3	2	3	4	1	1	0	3	23
5	Kevin Poirier/Chris Hale	UNL	1	4	0	1	1	2	14	0	1	12	36
2	Jim Crittenden/Ann Olewnik	UNL	1	9	1	5	9	10	3	0	2	19	59
7	Zack Pharis/Brandon Harer	LIM	4	30	1	4	7	8	43	3	8	10	118
3	Paul Eklund/Yulia Smolyansky	LIM	22	20	34	0	3	2	8	25	2	13	129
14	Blake Harer/Jeremy Greene	SOP	3	60	26	10	28	20	24	15	1	16	203
11	Jeff Zurschmeide/John Elkin	SOP	13	7	58	17	16	45	36	4	15	6	217
23	Marcus Gattman/David Gattman	MAS	20	14	29	16	72	9	24	4	19	32	239
8	Simon Levear/Karen Levear	MAS	6	34	48	40	17	74	65	53	16	19	372
9	David Sacry/Kathy Sacry	SOP	20	137	41	77	11	8	37	66	52	11	460
10	Russ Sherrell/Kate Sherrell	SOP	8	21	55	92	121	36	72	9	42	59	515
15	Colin Nagle/Mike Nagle	SOP	38	95	10	28	74	42	278	109	1	4	679
12	Kathleen Ellis/Bob Ellis	SOP	49	15	29	29	300	75	115	66	44	25	747
6	Sue Colisch/Bill Colisch	LIM	2	58	0	2	300	6	21	300	3	133	825
20	Marty Lawrence/Kate Lundin	NOV	66	189	38	147	4	300	40	62	27	82	955
13	Torm Kelsey-Green/Kasey Klaus	SOP	14	12	77	142	53	300	149	149	84	116	1096
18	Eustacia (Jo) Su/Valerie Frank	NOV	300	94	300	246	44	44	1	103	68	7	1207
21	Robert McKee /Taunya McKee	NOV	0	300	90	143	214	300	94	40	170	69	1420
22	Joshua Greenwood/Lisa Greenwood	NOV	136	189	162	112	135	300	300	108	300	95	1837
17	Christopher White /Chris Newhall	NOV	300	300	161	78	5	300	300	300	219	76	2039

### Day 2

### Day 2

Car #	Team	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
2	Jim Crittenden/Ann Olewnik	UNL	0	0	25	3	0	2	0	9	2	5	46
3	Paul Eklund/Yulia Smolyansky	LIM	0	9	2	11	3	4	2	11	2	20	64
7	Zack Pharis/Brandon Harer	LIM	4	4	14	14	1	4	1	5	14	21	82
4	Bob Morseburg/Mike Daily	UNL	3	50	1	3	28	2	2	1	0	10	100
14	Blake Harer/Jeremy Greene	SOP	15	11	1	10	10	19	11	70	1	1	149
6	Sue Colisch/Bill Colisch	LIM	10	1	111	1	2	5	1	11	1	27	170
5	Kevin Poirier/Chris Hale	UNL	1	1	22	0	1	3	3	0	0	166	197
11	Jeff Zurschmeide/John Elkin	SOP	12	5	78	1	10	18	19	45	5	15	208
23	Marcus Gattman/David Gattman	MAS	23	15	3	43	11	55	19	47	1	3	220
8	Simon Levear/Karen Levear	MAS	47	5	18	12	42	128	1	44	6	4	307
12	Kathleen Ellis/Bob Ellis	SOP	27	35	17	4	9	154	19	16	16	13	310
10	Russ Sherrell/Kate Sherrell	SOP	13	5	53	38	23	80	78	31	13	28	362
9	David Sacry/Kathy Sacry	SOP	1	32	32	72	36	78	48	105	7	15	426
17	Christopher White /Chris Newhall	NOV	55	62	121	26	30	51	1	78	7	3	434
15	Colin Nagle/Mike Nagle	SOP	16	74	15	36	25	141	53	56	9	15	440
18	Eustacia (Jo) Su/Valerie Frank	NOV	75	46	63	11	37	107	109	79	94	53	674
22	Joshua Greenwood/Lisa Greenwood	NOV	32	27	34	19	22	300	20	201	21	40	716
13	Torm Kelsey-Green/Kasey Klaus	SOP	44	27	65	43	11	165	79	245	2	39	720
21	Robert McKee /Taunya McKee	NOV	6	108	102	72	92	129	3	207	17	30	766
20	Marty Lawrence/Kate Lundin	NOV	49	87	105	94	136	136	10	300	0	9	926