Geargrinders News

October 2026

October 31 Ghouls Gambol Rally

The last rally in the Cascade Geargrinder's road rally season is on **October 31** – yes, Ghouls Gambol is on Halloween!

For nearly 60 years ghosts, goblins, spooks, spirits, the dead, the undead, and even the mostly dead have returned to haunt Cascade's Halloween road rally.



In years past rally teams navigated through cemeteries to find hidden clues, reached into a screaming victim's chest, or solved a riddle to follow the route.

There have been haunted locations, like the barn on Pumpkin Ridge, and the slaughterhouse. They say if you listen on a cold, crisp October night you can still hear the screams.

For the 60th running of this Cascade tradition, legendary spookmasters Monte and Victoria Saager explore Washington County, sure to be brightly lit with full autumn colors. Add to that some great driving roads, wonderful scenery and a hatful of tricks and traps and you've got the 2026 Ghouls Gambol Rally.

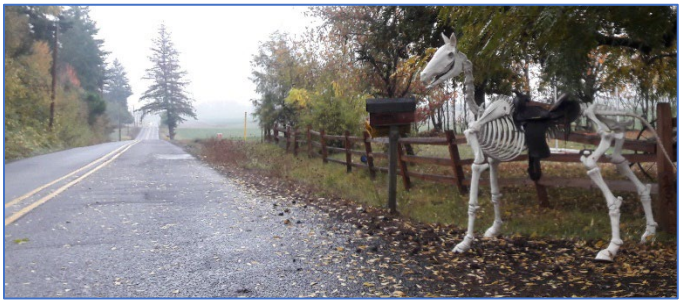
Who says you don't have a ghost of a chance?

You'll laugh. You'll scream. You'll howl at the moon!



About the Rally

The Ghouls Gambol Rally starts in northwest Portland, heads west to wander in Multnomah and Washington counties, and ends in Hillsboro. The route includes a scenic break, as well as some tricks and treats.



Prizes will be awarded for top rally finishers and best decorated rally cars, as voted on by rally teams (you can vote for yourself). Decorating is optional.

Awards will also be presented to 2026 Cascade Saturday Road Rally Series winners.

Event flyer: 2026 Ghouls Gambol Flyer

Registration

Register by midnight October 28:
https://msreg.com/CSCCGGRally26

Entry fee is $25 per team for CSCC members
$35 per team for non-members

A team consists of a street-legal vehicle, licensed and insured driver, navigator, and a cell phone or tablet running the Competitor Richta GPS Checkpoints app (app is free).

Entry list: 2026 Ghouls Gambol Rally Entry List

Schedule

October 30, Friday
Rally Q&A Zoom meeting 7 pm

October 31, Saturday
Decorated cars at start 9:30 am
First team starts 10:01 am
First team finishes approx. 1:30 pm

Prizes awarded soon after all teams finish

Cascade Sports Car Club's
60th anniversary of a
Halloween tradition

Ghouls Gambol Road Rally

October 31, 2026

Ghouls Gambol is a fun drive on scenic rural roads, through autumn-colored countryside. This easy time-speed-distance road rally takes about three and a half hours to complete.

Expect treats and maybe a trick or two, for it is a fun Halloween outing after all.

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Start location: Northwest Portland

End location: Hillsboro, Oregon



Schedule: October 31
Decorated rally cars at start: 9:30 am to 10 am
First car starts rally: 10:01 am
First car arrives at end: est. 1:30 pm
Results announced: after all cars finish
Awards presented: est. 2:30 pm Ghouls Gambol prizes and Saturday Rally Series awards at ending location

Hosted by legendary Spook Meisters Monte and Victoria Saager, this 60th anniversary of Cascade's traditional Halloween event is sure to conjure up more than a few ghosts from its glorious past.

More info: rally@cascadesportscarclub.org
http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org

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Sept. 26 Saturday Series Rally Results

Fifteen teams entered the Sept. 26 *"Tortured, Tangled"* Saturday Series Rally by Rallymasters Torm Kelsey-Green and Kasey Klaus. The course combined easy course following with fun to drive roads and beautiful views to create a great rally.

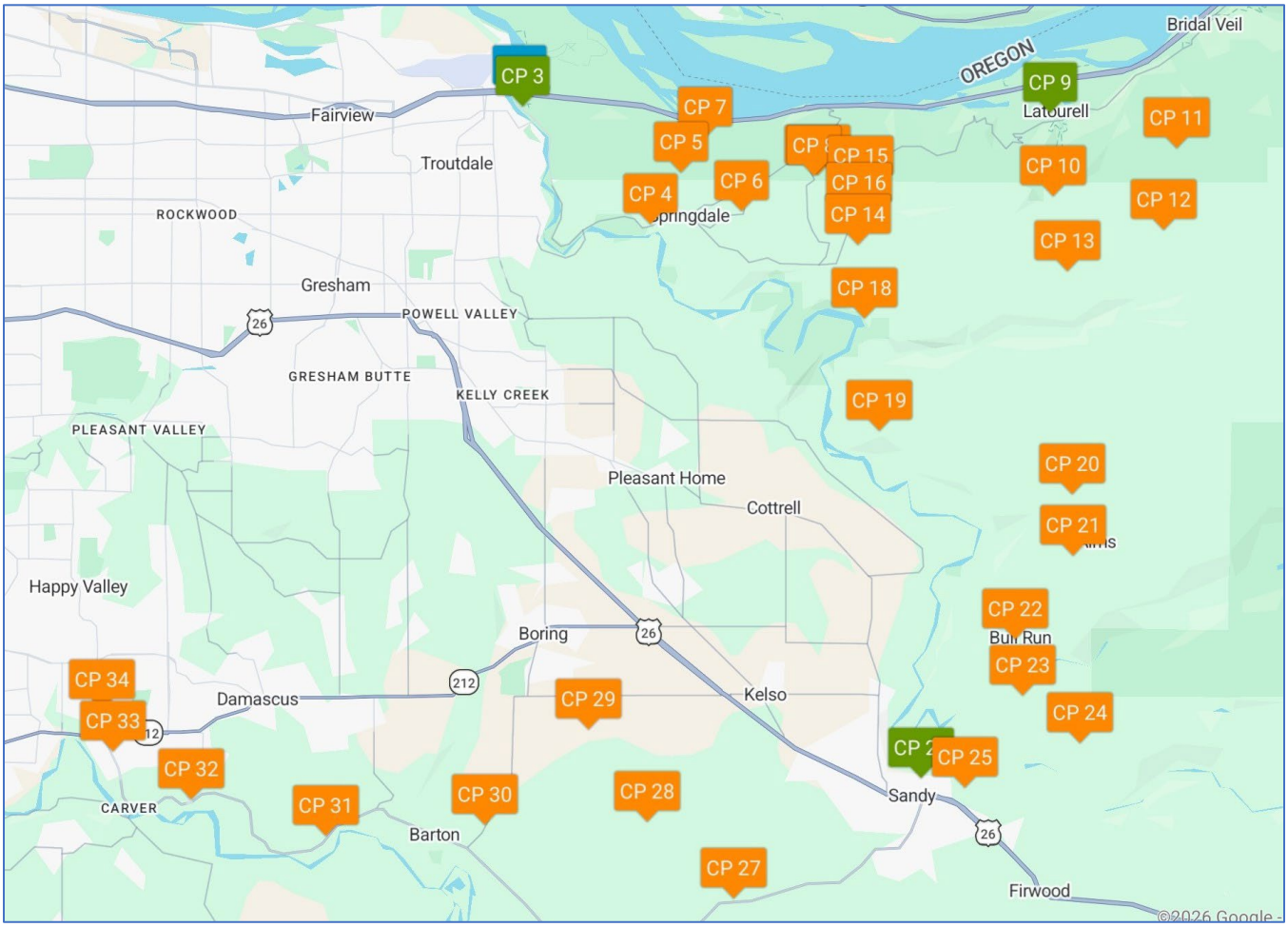


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The odometer calibration transit traveled north from Milwaukie Lowe's on Interstate 205, and then followed Marine Drive east to Troutdale.

The weather cooperated, providing a beautiful sunny drive along the Columbia River.

The odo ended at the Lewis and Clark State Recreation Site on the Sandy River. After a short break, teams departed the park at one-minute intervals, following the Historic Highway through and around the Springdale and Corbett areas, exploring less traveled roads along the way, leading to a break at the Guy W. Talbot Park at Latourell Falls.



After break, the route swirled around on roads familiar to local road rallyists: Larch Mountain, Haines (where loose chickens wandered), Deverell, and Littlepage. Then the rally headed south on one of the eastmost through roads leading to Sandy – Gordon Creek Road.



Photo credit: Kathy Sacry

Second break was the Cedar Park in Sandy. Rallyists had about 20 minutes at each of these break stops. After the break in Sandy, the course headed west along an easy to follow route to the ending location in Happy Valley.

Challenges

The September rally route was easy to follow. There were no (intended) route following tricks or traps. That is not to say this event held no challenges. It did.

A note was in effect for a good portion of the event. It directed that at each official speed control sign (e.g., SPEED LIMIT 35 in black on a white rectangular sign) you must change your CAST (average speed) to the posted limit minus 3 mph. These speed changes were to be done in addition to the speed changes directed in the route instructions. In addition to the 33 speed changes directed in the route instructions, an additional 14 speed changes were to be made by using the note.

Application of the note for one particular speed control sign seemed to cause the most trouble. Approaching the Bull Run Bridge is a SPEED LIMIT 10 sign. With the note, that means at that sign your average speed needs to be 7 (seven) mph. Shortly after that sign (0.3 mile) you reach the mileage of the next route instruction which directs an average speed of 35. So, how long does it take to drive 0.3 mile at 7 mph? About 2 minutes 45 seconds. Leg 23 scores show how hard it is to drive that slowly.

Speed changes are not the only thing this rally had a lot of. Most of our Saturday rallies have 20 or so GPS controls. This rally had 34 controls, with 29 scored legs. About half of the checkpoints were listed in the route instructions, shown between mileaged route instructions, so you know there's a checkpoint between here and there but you don't know where.

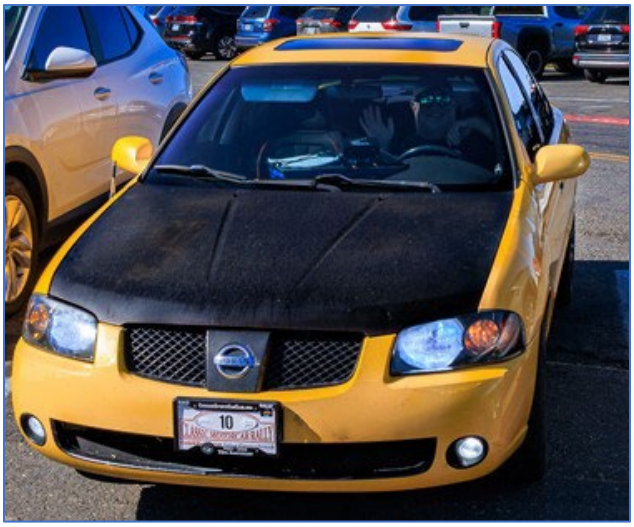


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The rest of the checkpoints were not listed in the route instructions at all, so you didn't know where they were until you passed one and your app announced your leg score. Surprise!

Road damage from landslides created challenges, too. The drive to and from the first break at Latourell Falls had to cross an area that was closed earlier this Spring due to a landslide. A sign announcing a bump marks the spot where the pavement is broken and uneven even after the road repair and reopening. Traffic is not impaired by this bump, but it looks scary.

One lane along Gordon Creek Road between Corbett and Sandy collapsed in a landslide earlier this year. Although repairs are in progress, only one lane remains open to traffic. One-way traffic is managed on this short stretch by a traffic signal, with a sign stating that maximum wait time is 3 minutes. The instructions direct a 3-minute pause at the traffic signal. But if you arrive when the light is green or you don't need the full 3 minutes, you need to pull over and wait the extra pause time before you come to the next checkpoint. Keeping track of pause time can be quite challenging.

From the Rallymaster

By Kasey Klaus
September Rallymaster (in the Navigator position)



Torm Kelsey-Green and Kasey Klaus, September Rallymasters

Setting up this event was absolutely awesome – so much fun!

Torm and I tried to set Mondays aside for "rally planning". We were not always successful. Life frequently gets in the way. So we improvise as required.

One such Monday, I roped my husband, Robert, into subbing in as my partner, to test the assigned speeds against a rather conservative driver. We have him to thank for the name of this event. When asked for his thoughts at the end of the day, he said one word – TANGLED – which sent me on a search for a song with that single word in its title (without resorting to Disney). Turns out The Chicks have a very nice number called “Tortured, Tangled Hearts”. And we have a winner!

I hope everyone who ran this event enjoyed running it as much as we did building it!

Congratulate the winners

SOP:
First place – **David and JoAnn Gattman**
Second place – **Lee Nielsen and Marc Nielsen**
Third place – **Bill Kayser and Bjorn Freeman-Benson**

Equipped:
First place – **Brian Gottlieb and Ben Bradley**
Second place – **Robert Paxman and Kathy Sacry**
Third place – **Rick and Martha Morrison**

Novice:
First place – **Don and Vicki Atwood**

The top teams in each class received award plaques and candy bars. The taste of victory is always sweet.

Thank the rallymasters

Thank you to Torm and Kasey for putting this one together. We appreciate all they do for Cascade’s rally and racing programs. Valiant volunteers!



1st SOP
David and JoAnn Gattman



2nd SOP
Lee Nielsen and Marc Nielsen



3rd SOP
Bill Kayser and Bjorn Freeman-Benson



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Robert Paxman and Kathy Sacry



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Cascade Sports Car Club's

2026 Saturday Rally Series

Tortured, Tangled



Sept. 26, 2026

Rallymasters: Torm Kelsey-Green and Kasey Klaus

Car #	Team	Class	Vehicle	Score
Equipped: (GPS and Unlimited)				
5	Brian Gottlieb / Ben Bradley	GPS	2016 Tesla S (White)	203
14	Robert Paxman / Kathy Sacry	GPS	2006 Nissan SpecV (Yellow n black)	261
2	Rick Morrison / Martha Morrison	GPS	2001 Porsche 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet (Seal Grey	390
20	Bob Morseburg / Cheri Eddy	GPS	2007 Honda Civic (Bronze)	DNS
SOP: (stock)				
1	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	2021 Subaru Crosstrek (White)	151
7	Lee Nielsen / Marc Nielsen	SOP	2000 Audi TT (Silver)	178
11	Bill Kayser / Bjorn Freeman-Benson	SOP	2024 Audi RS5 (Black)	225
6	John Lehman / Mitchell Mlinar	SOP	2015 Volkswagen GTI ()	300
10	Andrew Brewer / Kathryn Iverson	SOP	2018 Cadillac ATS 3.6 AWD (satin steel)	410
4	Bill Ferber / Kelly Ferber	SOP	2025 Subaru Outback XT (Blue Sparkle)	DNS
8	John Sattenspiel / Bryn Griffiths-Sattenspiel	SOP	1980 Triumph TR8 (Midas Gold)	DNS
9	Russ Sherrell / Kate Sherrell	SOP	2003 Porsche 911 (Black)	DNS
13	Torm Kelsey-Green / Kasey Klaus	SOP	2006 Dodge Magnum (Slate Green)	DNS
Novice: (stock)				
3	Don Atwood / Vicki Atwood	NOV	2007 Chevrolet Corvette (Black)	557
21	Court Winia / Jordyn Winia	NOV	2005 Ford Excursion (Silver)	DNS

DNS = Did not start

Series Points Standings

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

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2026 CSCC September Saturday Rally - Leg Scores

Car #	Team	Class	4	5	6	7	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	Total
1	David Gattman / JoAnn Gattman	SOP	2	0	8	11	6	3	10	5	2	0	0	10	2	1	13	0	1	0	46	6	1	4	0	2	7	0	2	0	9	151
7	Lee Nielsen / Marc Nielsen	SOP	1	11	1	2	13	2	3	5	3	4	4	6	0	2	0	4	2	5	32	2	3	15	0	1	14	8	0	10	25	178
5	Brian Gottlieb / Ben Bradley	GPS	2	1	60	0	14	7	5	5	0	2	0	12	2	2	3	2	3	3	40	10	1	1	3	5	9	5	1	0	5	203
11	Bill Kayser / Bjorn Freeman-Benson	SOP	3	6	10	9	20	18	3	2	5	0	0	34	3	5	4	3	0	1	36	4	3	34	1	4	1	1	0	15	0	225
14	Robert Paxman / Kathy Sacry	GPS	0	27	7	5	11	0	3	3	9	3	6	11	2	7	17	1	5	6	60	2	6	9	0	5	19	11	0	20	6	261
6	John Lehman / Mitchell Mlinar	SOP	15	24	3	3	9	29	2	1	8	2	3	4	2	15	7	2	3	4	60	4	2	42	1	1	10	5	1	18	20	300
2	Rick Morrison / Martha Morrison	GPS	7	5	14	10	60	3	4	8	2	1	9	35	16	15	3	0	3	2	60	12	23	52	2	2	1	6	2	17	16	390
10	Andrew Brewer / Kathryn Iverson	SOP	0	10	0	60	23	38	11	8	9	2	16	28	9	4	18	1	2	13	60	3	7	22	9	6	18	2	0	18	13	410
3	Don Atwood / Vicki Atwood	NOV	34	14	10	0	39	32	10	3	4	5	4	13	20	12	60	4	3	7	60	60	0	60	3	8	0	3	3	60	26	557
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