

Rally News

* Raindrop Rally (April 17) shapes up to be a dandy little rally. As one of the very few all-paved Sunday-afternoon rallies, we need to make sure that everyone knows about it. Touring the countryside in daylight is a lot of fun, and got most of us into the sport. Even the checkout in drizzle presented some scenery. A farmer near Enumclaw had a herd of elk inside his fence. A big herd.

Ron Sorem and Marvin Crippen whittled the roads down to a reasonable length, with rallymaster Nolte making suggestions- some good, some best ignored. Its tough to lay out a rally with restrooms (not bushes), for instance.

Gretchen Jones volunteered to do Registration. While it would be nice if everyone registered early and had the paperwork completed before converging on Renton, Raindrop has historically attracted an overwhelming (?) crowd of unprepared entrants. Kirk and Terry Simons volunteered to help, which puts our best people at the Registration desk. Stress less registration gets the rally off to a good start.

Dan Comden volunteered to do the Novice Talk. This delicate, short instruction may be the basis for attracting future rallymasters, maybe some Nor'Wester and No Alibi entries.

The rallies runs about 120 miles, and ends in Kent.

* No Alibi 2005 – Roy Ward

After all the nice things people said about last year's roads, Kirk and I had a problem: How do we even come close in 2005? So starting once again in Ellensburg, we found some new ways (laced together with some roads we've used before) to get to my favorite place to play. Once again, southeastern Washington proves that it contains, oh, about a bazillion different routes for a bazillion different rallies. We think that everyone will be pleased with what we've come up with this year.

During our forays into central Washington, the Palouse, and the Blue Mountains, we had the pleasure of finding more of those meandering, winding gravel roads, quiet lanes through groves of trees, and those incredible vistas that Washington state seems to have an abundance of. We actually ran through pouring snow, saw a herd of elk, and during one particular section run at night, we saw huge owls diving in front of the car, snatching up field mice that were scampering out of our way. We gain some considerable altitude this year, and personally, I can't believe that over all the years of rallying we've never used some of these roads. Traffic was light to nonexistent.

So plan on seeing some new roads and going some places where you've never been, at least on a rally. So come on out June 11 and 12, and see what I mean.

* Nor'Wester – Its pretty brave to revive a great old name for a rally that doesn't conform to formats that are untried. But then, the Alcan was a pretty radical idea back in 1984. And an Alcan in winter bordered on crazy. That idea proved out when the lack of RV's made the roads a pleasure and the cold kept the mosquitoes from plastering the windshield. And the cold could be dealt with.

The schedule for the August 15-18 rally is actually dictated by the ferry schedule. Once in Bella Coola, the Canadian Inside Passage is justifiably world-class scenery. Worth the trip.

Vancouver Island in August is a wonderful place; the place has a lot of scenery.

The \$700 is pretty cheap, too.

Club News

* The NWRC/ insurance bill came in. \$1304 for 2005. Ouch !

* The Board is also looking for a larger meeting site. Café Veloce is a great location, but we've outgrown it. Nolte's request for a large budget to investigate potential restaurants was not voted on.

* Eric has updated the "Members Section" of the RASC website. Password required.

Trivia:

* Keeping up with Kirk and Terry Simons: Theirs: Daniel (7 years old), Tabatha (4). Foster children: Kloe (4) and Kamyryn (10 1/2 mos.). When Kirk says he has a houseful of sick kids, take him seriously.

* Gene Henderson passed on April 6. Always one step ahead of the trends in rally, he started Competition LTD to supply rallyists with the parts they needed to win.

He showed up one year in an AWD vehicle, which happened to be a Jeep Wagoneer. We laughed until the combination of V8 power and all that traction got him trophies. He later got a BMW 325ix, and loved it. It may still be in his garage.

Always among the hardest workers, he did the courses for many (most?) of the Michigan rallies, and no doubt was one of the powers that brought the WRC to the POR way back in 1972 (or 71?).

He won the Alcan in 1986 and 1990.

FOR SALE / Wanted:

* '88 F250 XLT 4x4 Extended cab, alloy wheels, 10k miles on remanufactured 460 V8 w/ warranty.

Also a clean 2001 Subaru Outback Ltd, two-tone green. High miles, so its \$9500. Jerry or Colleen, 425-823-6343

* '89 Quattro wagon. Wayne Moddison, 425-271-5314

* Free: Rally Tires (8) Bridgestone Potenzas RE41s, 175SR14 on Toyota rims. (2) are new, (2) are pretty worn, the others range in between, Stored inside, not dry rotted. (2) tires are in Stanwood, WA. Geoff Case: e-mail red.subie@verizon.net

* '87 Jeep Comanche pickup, 115K miles, long bed, 4 ltr/ 5 speed. Never raced, driven mostly on weekends. \$1200. (Want an automatic, and this thing is getting old.) Mark Nolte 425-226-3155.

Calendar

Puget Sound-area TSD

Apr 8- Friday Nighter, ORCA, Bellevue

Apr 17- Raindrop by RASC www.rainierautosport.com

May 13- Friday Nighter, PSRC Bellevue, WA

May 15- Sno-git, ORCA, Tulalip Casino, Marysville, WA

Jun 10- Friday Nighter, ORCA, Bellevue, WA

Jun 11-12- No Alibi, TSD gravel, Ellensburg-Clarkston-Ellensburg, WA
www.rainierautosport.com

Jul 8- Friday Nighter, ORCA, Bellevue, WA

Jul 23-24- Golden West 2005, Northern Calif
www.sfrscca.org

Jul 24- Ketchum Again, Puget Sound Rally Club

Aug 12- Friday Nighter, PSRC, Bellevue

Aug 15-18 - Nor'Wester 2005, RASC, to Bella Coola BC, then ferry to Vance Isl and Finish in Victoria.

Aug 21- (Untitled) Monte Carlo, CSCC

Sep 9- Friday Nighter, NWRC, Bellevue

Oct 1- Night on Bald Mountain, ORCA

Oct 14- Friday Nighter, RASC, Bellevue

Nov 5- Armageddon XXIV, Bellingham WA

Nov 11- Friday Nighter, NWRC, Bellevue

NW Stage events

Apr 23-24- Oregon Trail (C3) & Trails End (C2),
www.oregonrally.com

May 15- ORG SCCA Rally Cross #2

Jun 4- Dryad Quest, Shelton

Jun 5- Shitepoke, Shelton WA

Jun 26- ORG SCCA Rally Cross #3

Jul 17- Flaming Geyser, NWR Rally Cross, Covington, WA
www.nwr-scca.org

Jul 23-24- Rally Café (Solo National Tour Event)
Pacific Rally Group, Packwood, WA www.nwr-scca.org

Jul 31- Brooklyn Bash, NWR SCCA Rally Cross, Brooklyn, WA
www.nwr-scca.org

Aug 7 ORG SCCA Rally Cross #4 Hood River, OR

Aug 1-3 Rally Round PIR, ORG

Aug 13- Ray's Rambler, Rally Sprint & Party
Montesano, WA www.nwr-scca.org

Aug 14- Janice's Jaunt, Rally Sprint & Party Montesano, WA
www.nwr-scca.org

Aug 28- NWR Rally Cross #2 NWR SCCA Rally Cross (tentative), Brooklyn, WA

Sep 10-11- WildWest International Rally, Shelton

Sep 25- ORG SCCA Rally Cross #5

Oct 22- Mt Hood, Reg'l Stage Rally, Odell OR

Oct 23- Hood River, Regal Stage Rally, Odell, OR

Nov 6- ORG SCCA Rally Cross #6

Canada TSD events

Feb 26-27- WCRA Rally-X on Ice, Ashcroft / Barnes Lake

Feb 27 Rally Cross #1, Port Alberni BC

Apr 9- TSD Rally School, Duncan BC

Apr 10- Novice TSD #2, Nanaimo BC

Mar 20- Novice TSD #1, Victoria BC

Apr 2- WCRA Novice Workshop #1

Apr 30- Heart of Darkness, BC Regional TSD

May 14-15- Coast To Coast, PCC, Vanc. Is. #2

Jun 4- WCRA Novice Workshop #2, Kamloops

Aug 6- WCRA Novice Workshop #3, Hope

Jul 23- Gold Digger, BC Regional TSD, Pemberton

Aug 14- Novice TSD #3, Campbell River BC

Aug 27- Tsunami, Vanc. Is. Series #3

Sep 24- WCRA Rally-X

Oct ??- WCRA Novice TSD Rally Workshop

Oct 29- Midnight, BC Regional TSD, Nanaimo

Nov 19-20- Totem, BC Regional TSD PCC

Rainier Auto Sports Club

will meet this coming Monday, April 11 at 7:30 PM at Café Veloce at the Totem Lake shopping center. Best way I can think of to get there is north on I-405, take the "NE 124th" exit, then keep right under NE 124th and straight at the signal. This puts you on Totem Lake Blvd, not whatever the frontage road is next to I-405. Then right first pass, with the Café on your right at that point.

Monthly meetings are the second Monday of each month. Past Members, visitors, and spectators are welcomed.

Agenda: Raindrop plans, with appropriate arm twisting/ volunteering.
Maybe closer to getting new, clean CP signs.

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