

Rally News

* Mountain Trials June 15-16, 2007- by Mark Nolte

I scheduled a return to Canada to see how they run their stage rallies, as a worker. Ron Sorem volunteered to be Car 0 (slow pace), and Lee Sorenson left his Subaru at Ron's after Olympus so he and wife Karen could be car 00 (fast pace). Max Vaysburg would be in the co-driver seat with Ron. We were the only Americans there.

Raising and assigning workers was in the hands of Leigh-Ann Matthews. Besides covering the stages, she also assigned rooms at the Best Western Nicola Inn in Merritt. Workers get free rooms, but I heard murmurs of 6-to-a-room, that could be fun. Or not.

The rally consisted of 3 roads, all tightly grouped- Nicola, Mab, and Helmer. These have been used for decades, and are essentially the main roads. No apparent problems with closing the roads, but then, it was raining.

The Canadians do it different. Someone ties up bannerguard, and plants a few arrows, as a separate crew who I never saw. The workers all found their way to the right places. Even the road marshals and HAMS despite no references or arrows at the positions. Since Merritt is 3 hours from Vancouver, its not like all the workers pre-ran the course earlier.

Even stranger, to me, was to use a Californian and Washingtonian as the Course Cars. And they weren't just celebrity drivers- Ron and Max had to set up the clocks and show the workers how to fill out the competitor logbooks; when bannerguard was down, the decision had to be made whether to search the road for a wayward woodcutter, or tie the tape back up and assume all was safe. Lee and Ron conferred as to whether the Route Books needed to note newly deepened ditches across the rally roads.

This was all accomplished because the rally took over a Ham radio repeater on a nearby mountaintop. One radio frequency for the whole event. Everybody goes through Net Control. Try that at a Washington rally and everyone would talk at once, then repeat themselves. Amazingly, it all worked out.

21 starters, 6 DNF's.

* Check out a new on-line magazine for local rallyists. Its part of the NWRC website.

<http://www.nwrally.com/>

Good writing by Jeff McMillen, Satch, others.

For Sale

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, July 9, 7:30 pm, at Canyon's Restaurant, 15740 Redmond Way in Redmond, 425-556-1390.

<http://www.canyonsrestaurant.com/locationsredmond.html>.

It's easy to find:

From the south end, take 405 north and go east on 520. Take W Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE exit and go left on SR901 (be in left lane). In 0.3 miles, S at signal and then in 0.2 miles bear left to stay on 901 toward Redmond Way. R on Redmond Way. L after RR underpass into Redmond Center.

From the west, using 520 bridge, follow instructions at W Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE exit.

* 1988 Audi 80 Quattro, Black, 180k miles. Nice body, glass and interior, runs well; A/C doesn't work, but power windows & sunroof do. Decent 16" alloys with nearly new 205/45R16, plus two 14" OEM alloys if you want them.

Yours for \$1900...Jerry Hines: (425) 823-6343 home; (206) 227-6343 cell <http://www.alcan5000.com>

*1982 Toyota Starlet: \$500

Mileage indeterminate (probably between 80k and 100k). Driven only very rarely in past 6 years. 1290cc engine is stock, 3.909 LS rear end. Has Scheel reclining seats, Momo steering wheel. Cabin behind front seats is gutted (stock seats thrown in for the asking). Needs paint but sound body otherwise. Engine runs good and passed the 2006 emissions test with flying colors. Comes with 13" unstudded snow tires on steel rims and 4 studded Hakka 10s on 13" steel rims

* 4 Kumho Ecsta R700 rally tires, 205/60 R15 mounted on Subaru Legacy rims. \$400 for the lot. Tires have seen approximately 500 miles of gravel (TSD only) and 800 miles pavement.

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*1991 Legacy Sport Sedan, driven mostly on weekends. 2.2Turbo, 5spd, Limited Slip. \$5000

* 1987 Subaru RX 3dr, caged, log-booked. 1.8Turbo, 5spd dual-range, locking center diff, Limited Slip \$4000
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2007 RASC Calendar

Jul 13- Friday Nighter by ORCA, Bellevue WA

Jul 21- Sno-git, Monte Carlo-style TSD by ORCA, Reg 9am, Key Bank, 9226 Quil Ceda Blvd, (exit 200) Marysville, FCO 10:01, \$40 less pre-reg discount

Jul 29- gimmick rally, PSRC, location TBA WA

Aug 10- Friday Nighter by ORCA, Bellevue WA

Aug 19- Gold Digger TSD, British Columbia

Aug 31 - Heart of Darkness, TSD, British Columbia (may not happen)

September 15-16 - Nor'Wester 2007 by RASC. Gravel TSD. TBA, TBA, TBA

Oct 6- Night on Bald Mountain TSD by ORCA

Oct 27-28- Midnite Rally, British Columbia.

NW STAGE RALLY

October 13 - Mt Hood rally. One day only

Oct 19-20, Pacific Forest Rally, Merrit BC. CARS National.

Oregon TSD

Jul 20- Friday Night Road Rally, Cascade Friday Nighter Series, Portland OR

Aug 18- Mountains to the Sea, Portland to the ocean.

Aug 25-26- Rose City Challenge, SCCA National Road Rally

Sept 21-23- Oregon 1000 (formerly called Port Orford). Kevin Poirier rallymaster

From the north end, take 405 south to 124th St., exit 20, and go left on 124th (as if going to Café Veloce). Follow 124th 1.5 miles to Willows Rd NE and go right on Willows. S at signal in 2.1 miles to stay on Willows. L at signal onto Redmond Way. L after RR underpass into Redmond Center.

You may also pick up Redmond Way from the NE 85th exit 18 in Kirkland, but the traffic signals are murder going this way. Monthly meetings are the second Monday of each month. Past Members, visitors, and spectators are welcomed.

Agenda: Its all Nor'Wester this month. The excitement builds as the route is detailed by Course Marshal Ron Sorem. Show up and listen as he describes the fun we'll have, plus details of the motels and stops along the way. The Treasurer's Report usually looks real good at this time of year.

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