

## Rally News

\* Raindrop Rally April 27

Rallymaster Steve Richards reports that it measures out to 110 miles and just over four hours. While still the scenic drive, he hopes the idea of adding some challenge to the basic, simple theme is well received.

When you get down to it, substituting Do-It-Yourself checkpoints isn't much different from our "hidden checkpoints" format. It gets away from time decs, for one thing. The rallyists can be late and still zero the DIY's.

The classic touring rally Route Instructions provide mileages for every instruction, but to add some challenge, this Raindrop will leave a few out. The theory is that this will keep the teams on their toes so the teamwork that is so rewarding will come into play.

Most radical is adding course-following "traps". Steve acknowledges that the rallyists usually add their own, but he has planned a few. Again, the intent is to reward the best teams, and get away from the boredom of an entirely scripted course. He hopes everyone will get a chuckle over them, whether executed correctly or not.

To make it all work, D.Y.I. scorecards will be collected at two points, one at the 20-minute mid-rally break.

\*No Alibi (June 7-8) Rallymaster Eric Horst and Marvin Crippen have made the first route exploration to the Walla Walla area to scope out roads. Then decided on Tri-Cities. No word on whether they checked out motels and restaurants.

\* Olympus (April 19-20) Rally America officials have reviewed the roads and made a few changes. Saturday's event commences at 10 AM and finishes at 7:30. Sunday's MTC is 9AM, 4 stages, and concludes at 2. Route Book mileages add up to 267 miles, 50% are stages.

Pomeroy doesn't have enough motel rooms, so Lewiston is the popular overnight destination.

There's still time to join up. Ron Sorem has volunteered to be a pace car, and Nolte to be a ham.

## Club News

\*New control signs have been made. All set for another 30 years. Mark Nolte applied high gloss latex to the boards, and Kevin Barrows

transferred the original design to a cad program, and then cut the reflective vinyl.

\* Note that the RASC post office box has migrated to Seattle. The Kirkland box rental expired, so Treasurer Steve Willey took it upon himself to get one easier to check.

Rainier Auto Sports Club  
PO Box 25574  
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## Trivia

\* Ode to Boeing Surplus, by Mark Nolte

The talk of the town in the mid-'70's was Boeing opening a large warehouse to the public, with all kinds of stuff for sale. Justifiably popular was a box of used 4-foot fluorescent light tubes. The Boeing logic was that once you rent a lift capable of reaching 50 feet to the ceiling of their plants, replace all the tubes. 24 for \$2 was such a deal.

One year, Boeing dumped all their Apple computers. The Kent warehouse attracted bargain hunters from throughout the state.

Rallyists made it their first stop when looking for parts and metal "stock". There was even a story about cockpit lamps flunking inspection on delivery, and ending up in a surplus bin.

The store closed in February.

\* Also- Pacific Industrial Supply moved to South Park (off Hwy 599). The location just north of Spokane Street on 4th South is clearing out. If you'd been there, you'll recall the bins of castoff building construction metal, the horror of the hydraulics section, and the surplus from the boating and fishing business. No reports as to the new location; moving the stuff must have been an awesome challenge.

\* Cristy Breazeale: "While preparing for the Alcan Rally we discovered our car had a broken wheel.

"We found a fairly new business in Ballard called Seattle Wheel Service and were impressed with the work they did for us.

"I'd like to tell RASC members about this business and recommend them based on our experience.

"Since we don't live close enough to talk about them at a meeting, I hope you will mention it in the WAG."

Seattle Wheel Service, 4012 Leary Way NW, Seattle, 98107. (206) 905-4850 [www.SeattleWheel.com](http://www.SeattleWheel.com)

## For Sale

\* Nokian HakkaQ for sale. NEW, never mounted, one never out of the bag... 205/55-16. Fits Subaru Impreza RS 2.5. Two for sale, perfect for 2wd car. Studless snowtire. Top of the Nokian line, but replaced by the WR. \$100 for the pair, to a good home. 206-954-3173 [ronsorem@gmail.com](mailto:ronsorem@gmail.com)

\* '04 Forester XT, 76K, fresh turbo and windshield, \$10,750. ...or...

\* Fresh from Alcan, 2007 Outlander, pearl white, 18,600 mi. (41,000 still left on warranty), \$16,500 Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343

\* Goodyear Wrangler LT215/75R15 Tire (fits a Jeep Comanche), worth every bit of \$10. Will deliver for addn'l \$50. Mark Nolte, (425) 226-3155.

### **2007 RASC Calendar**

\* Check out the on-line magazine for local rallyists.

Its part of the NWRC website.

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

Here's the skinny... the USRRC will now be 31 October to 2 November. GTA (to be named later) on Friday, Beaver Cleaver NCR (course/trap) on Saturday, and Barlow Trail NTR (tour) on Sunday.

### **Stage Rally**

Apr 17>20- Olympus International, Rally America, Pomeroy, WA

June 16>18- Mountain Trials, Merritt. B.C.

May 16>18- Oregon Trail, Rally America, Hillsboro OR

July 11>12- Idaho Rally, Mountain Home, ID

Sept 25>28- Wild West, probably Pomeroy

Oct 16>18- Pacific Forest Rally, Merritt, B.C.

Oct. 18- Mt Hood, Odell, OR

### **Major rally events**

Aug 2- Great Race World 35,000km Rally New York-Vancouver-Shanghai-Berlin-Paris (150 cities with stop in Kelowna BC, and familiar points en-route to Vancouver BC)

Sep 13-20- Targa Newfoundland, St. John's, NL

### **WASH and BC TSD**

April 11- Friday Niter by PSRC, Bellevue

**Apr 27 - Raindrop TSD, by RASC, Everett WA**

May 9- Friday Niter by ORCA, Bellevue

Jun 5-8- 16th Annie and Steve Norman Classic  
Motorcar Rally, Port Ludlow, WA

**Jun 7-8 - No Alibi by RASC, Ellensburg > < Tri-Cities**

June 13- Friday Niter by NWRC, Bellevue

June 21-22- Replace "Coast to Coast" with "Crestline Trail Rally" still IRC, but off-island... Osoyoos and the Kootenays. Will be PCC, BC TSD Championship, Island Rally Series Championship.

July 11- Friday Niter by PSRC, Bellevue

July 26- Gold Digger TSD, Whistler, B.C.

Aug 8- Friday Niter by ORCA, Bellevue

Sept 12- Friday Niter by NWRC, Bellevue

**Oct 10- Friday Niter by RASC, Bellevue**

Nov 8- Armageddon, Chuckanut, Bellingham

### **Oregon TSD**

May 4- Friday Niter, Milwaukie

Jun 6- Friday Niter, Milwaukie

Jun 21- Columbia Gorge Classic, by Columbia Gorge MGA Club, Portland

Jul 5- Rally Against Parkinson's, Portland Int'l Raceway

Jul 11- Friday Niter, Milwaukie, OR

Aug 15- Friday Niter, Milwaukie, OR

Aug 16- Mountains to the Sea, Milwaukie, OR

Aug 2-3- The Road Not taken, McMinnville, OR  
(under the full moon, like it should be....)

Aug 7-8 Monte Shelton Classic, Portland

Sep 5- Friday Niter, Milwaukie

Oct 3- Friday Niter, Milwaukie

Oct 31>Nov 2- USRRC SCCA Nat'l rallies, Portland

**Rainier Auto Sports Club** will meet this coming Monday, April 14, 7:30 pm, at Canyon's Restaurant, 15740 Redmond Way in Redmond, 425-556-1390.

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

Agenda: Fresh from the checkout, Steve Richards will report on the state of Raindrop rally. He'll also try to nail down workers and tasks. No Alibi rally plans will be presented and discussed. Maybe some mention of Olympus. Nolte will present the new control signs for adoration.

### **2008 Board Members:**

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