

### Rally News

\* (October 9) Another glorious Friday Niter. Named "Rally of the Last Second" by the chairmen, composed of Dan Comden, Eric Horst, and Jeff McMillen (in alphabetical order), it was a rehash of a long-forgotten past Friday Niter. No one seemed to notice.

The 24-car field had 7 Unlimited, 3 Masters, only 2 Equipped, 3 SOP, and 9 Novice entrants. 14 of them also ran Raindrop (Bo Crouch/Matt Southard and David Pierce/Daphne Smith were Novices there, too). Five also ran No Alibi in June. . Being straight forward, the scoring totals followed the class structure; even with 5 checkpoints ties had to be broken.

The RASC worker forces found Steve Mata Mats in control of the money, Eric preceding problems in Pace. On the oddly pleasant night, Ron Sorem, Marvin Crippen, Steve Richards, Jim Hogan, Mark Nolte, Ed Millman, Dan Comden and Rod Johnson timing cars. Jeff, McMillen wrangled the elegant and stunning trophies.

\* Tom Palidar handed out the NWRC awards following the RASC trophy ceremony. Running all 8 events resulted with Novice Class trophies for the Charles Aggenbach/Mary Lee class winners. Aaron Samuelson/David Johnson swapped driver/navigator duties over the year, to win trophies.

The SOP Class winners were also present: Scott and Karina Miller. Ben Thompson won SOP class at the RASC Friday Niter (and a respectable 10<sup>th</sup> O'all) to also earn 2<sup>nd</sup> in the yearly championship.

\* Mt. Hood Rally (October 24) had 25 cars, 8 moto entrants. The Saturday-only rally followed the usual script of 3 roads to total 7 stages.

The bikes followed the cars by 5 minutes, with their own pace car. This allowed them to follow the tracks left by the cars, since reading RI's is difficult-to-impossible. Their times compared to mid-pack cars. Because of past course-following problems, Rich Olmstead also made sure the Transits were arrowed.

NASA provided the sanction. Entry fees were \$445 for cars, \$220 for the moto entrants. Simon Levear was chairman, with the usual cast making up the rest of the positions. Mike and Paula Gibeault arrived from California to do scoring.

RASC was represented by Ron Sorem/ Jeff McMillen in the "00" car and Mark Nolte working at the "Gilhouley" stage ATC.

While a local event, John Marshall, chair of the Idaho Rally, came all the way from Mountain Home,

Idaho to run his bike. Bob Trinder/Andy White represented Canada in the yellow right-hand-drive Subaru.

*\*(See if you can pick out the "spin" – ed.)*

Press release:

### 2010 RALLY AMERICA NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP KICKS OFF IN JANUARY

The 2010 championship, however, will be compressed to allow more spectator and media interest during the season. It ensures that every event will have greater import in the chase for the Rally America Championship. The 2010 Rally America National Rally Championship Schedule:

1. January Sno\*Drift Rally Atlanta, MI
2. February Rally of the 100 Acre Wood Salem, MO
3. April Olympus Rally Olympia, WA
4. May Oregon Trail Rally Hood River, OR
5. June Susquehannock Trail Performance Rally Wellsboro, PA
6. July New England Forest Rally Newry, ME

Three rally events that were on the calendar in 2009, the Ojibwe Forests Rally in Bemidji, MN, Rally Colorado in Steamboat Springs, CO, and the Lake Superior Performance Rally in Houghton, MI, will be changed to regional-level rally events and will not be included in the 2010 Rally America National Rally Championship.

...In addition, some of North America's top rally drivers from the Rally America National Rally Championship series will be invited to compete in ESPN's Summer X Games competition, the leading action sports event broadcast live on ABC and ESPN. Rally America officials will once again be involved in the organizational aspect of the rally car racing segment of competition for X Games 16 which is scheduled for July 29 to August 1, 2010.

### Club News

The 2010 Board elections are coming up. The RASC way is to vote for a Board of Directors ("Board"). The election winners then meet at an undisclosed location in a smoke-filled room to divide up the duties and potential plunder.

As we all know by now, a Board can guide an organization to fame; sometimes creating new, mysterious ways to confuse the public. Some slight

errors and miscalculations” can result in federal bailout money, but no reduction in bonuses.

The Treasurer and past President will carry over from the previous year, so this year’s election will be for 4 members.

### **Trivia**

\* Steve Richards earned his HAM license: KF7FBC

\* Time to winterize. Make sure you have gloves in the car. Costco sells windshield wiper blades for \$8 each, just remember that it take twice as long to change them as expected. (Has anybody reminded you to check tire pressure – in the last 10 minutes?)

Winter project: Tune up your tire changing “kit”. Reflective tape on the parts that may disappear on a dark, stormy night. (The manufacturer paints them a black that is almost mil-spec for night camouflage.) Having seen a jack disappear into the dirt instead of raising the car, a chunk of plywood to sacrifice on the mud is a good idea. A “star bar” for grabbing the lug nuts is more difficult than a portable battery-powered lug wrench, but easier if the battery is flat. A gardening kneepad is useful for tire changing; really cool if it is the same color as the car.

Roy Ward thinks highly of his electric jack- plugs into the cigarette lighter.

A headlamp beats a flashlight, unless its raining (Duh!) and you will be wearing a cap while outdoors. Ron Sorem thinks highly of a baseball cap with little light bulbs built in, for attaching chains.

\*Jim and Cristie Breazeale have settled, in Snohomish.

\* In case you weren’t keeping up, Goran Ostlund is now working in Korea. His son is 6.

### **For Sale/Wanted**

\* 1987 Subaru RX 3dr, caged, log-booked.  
1.8Turbo, 5spd dual-range, locking center diff, Limited Slip. \$3000 (long list of spares for a price)  
1987 Subaru GL Turbo Wagon pushbutton 4wd, \$990 or better offer.  
E-mail Ron Sorem: [ronsorem@gmail.com](mailto:ronsorem@gmail.com)

\* Four 14X6 steel wheels. Fit my 323 GTX. Good for snow tires. First \$10 takes the set. Contact Ken Lingbloom at: (360) 733-8897 or [kslingbloom@comcast.net](mailto:kslingbloom@comcast.net)

\* Still the daily driver: 2006 Subaru Forester, 103K miles, sunroof, \$9200

2003 Saab 9-3 Sport (leather, HID, 17”), 79,000 mi.  
\$7350 Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343

\* H4 Headlight bulbs: 2- PIAA 180//135, 2- 135/90 both with ceramic bases. 1- IPF 145/90. Quickest offer takes them all.

\*FREE: 12mm x1.25 lug nuts. Fits Subaru.

Unreasonable vast quantity available-Mark Nolte  
\* 7” headlamp (H4)- one Bosch, one Cibie. 25¢ each.  
– Mark Nolte; [mnolte@blarg.net](mailto:mnolte@blarg.net)

### **RASC Calendar**

**RASC event dates have been chosen for 2010:**

**Raindrop: April 18**

**No Alibi: June 5-6**

**Alcan 5000: August 16-24**

### **British Columbia & Washington TSD**

Nov. 7- "Monster's Revenge" by Chuckanut, Bellingham (New roads freed up by bridge repairs!)  
Nov 21/22- Totem, Cache Creek, BC

### **Stage Events**

December 5 – “Big White Rally Weekend”, Kelowna (replaces Mountain Trials).

### **RAINDROP HISTORY – recap from file**

March 18, 1984- Mark Nolte- RM. Bellevue Square over Cougar Mt., then Maple Valley and the Pipeline Rd. Then Lk. Sawyer and up Lk. Holmes Rd. Tour farmlands between Enumclaw and Auburn, to finish at Pietro's Pizza in Auburn. Only 5 checkpoints. The route instructions were typed, the Alpines hand-drawn. 52 entrants.

March 10, 1985- Mark Nolte-RM. Bellevue Square (with the first RI saying "L", and drawn T-right!) to Newport Way, then over Cougar Mt. To Cedar Grove, then Lk. Wilderness and the Pipeline Rd (a 3.80 mi. regularity.) Enumclaw to Mud Mountain Dam, then to Buckley. South to Burnett, a 7.53 mi. regularity that ends at South Prairie. We went north via Mundy Loss Rd to Angeline Rd, painfully slow at the 25 speed limit. Then past the Puget Power/Lk. Tapps power plant to Auburn. This was the first event with computers- The Raemer's brought their IBM, and the RI's were done on a Macintosh.  
(4 hours, 106 mi.)

1986- Mark Nolte- RM- Start at Town and Country AMC/Renault in north Seattle, to McCollum Park (128th exit off I-5) TSD over Seattle Hill Road to Lowell, take I-5 to Marysville and the Tulalip Indian Reservation. Long, slow TSD to Kayak Pt. State Park, then TSD thru Warm Beach, Stanwood, to end next to I-5. Monte to Arlington. TSD the 25-mile Jordan Rd to Granite Falls. Monte south to Storm Lake Road, (Hello Monroe). Transit to Kenmore and Pietro's Pizza. (130 mi. 4 hours)

1987- Mike Jones –RM. Play around Rally Valley

April 17, 1988- Peter Linde- RM (The RI's were handwritten. A snafu kept them from being typed or computer generated. But Pete is the very picture of personal grooming, his cars are perfect...but his handwriting was...legible) Start at R. Gyles Restaurant on Rose Hill above Kirkland. Odo to Carnation Farm, TSD to Union Hill. Pass the Red Brick Road (Redmond) to Transit to Big Rock Road. TSD around Lk. Marcel, then Transit to High Bridge Road. This had the wooden bridge then- slippery when wet. Follow Hwy 522 to Ben Howard Rd. TSD the Ben Howard Rd to Sultan for lunch. North to Lk. Bosworth for a fun Monte, then TSD back Creswell Rd, a loop of 23 or so miles. Monte the Storm Lake Rd. then transit for 20 miles to finish at Bothell's Petro's Pizza. (154 mi., 5:25)

1989-

March 25, 1990 - Mark Nolte- RM- Start at La Casa Real, Fife. Odo to Gig Harbor Park, then TSD north to Southworth. A 7 mi. Monte to Manchester Park. TSD north to Hwy 160 and Transit thru Gig Harbor (best view of Bremerton Harbor) to Kitsap Lake. Then back-to-back TSD's across the peninsula and to Seabeck Park. South to Holly. The delightful Dewatto Rd was a Monte, then Tee Lake to Belfair Park was also a Monte. After a stop at the park, head SE to Burley by way of Flora Rd, and the Bremerton Airport area. Last transit went back to La Casa Real Restaurant. (147 mi., 4:48.)

May 1, 1991 -Mike Jones - RM- (Looks like a Mark Nolte rally, especially when Jones was in Phoenix at the time)

Start at Coachman Mazda in Olympia. Odo south to Little Rock. TSD south on the Mima Road to Hwy 12, near Rochester. A short Transit thru Rochester, then TSD south to Centralia. 20-mile transit to Rainbow Falls Park, then another 6 mile Transit to Pe Ell. An 11-mile TSD past Boistfort (pronounced "Baw-faw"), followed by a 13 mile Monte to Winlock. Back to I-5, and north to drive thru Centralia. We looped past the Centralia Coal Fired Generators (which put out more power than Ross, Diablo, and Gorge dams combined, but use 800 tons of coal, per hour, to do it). This got us to Bucoda, where the rally kept north thru Tenino to 7 mile TSD near Lake Offut. The Rally ended at Petro's Pizza in Lacey (166 mi., 4:50)

1992- Cancelled

May 2, 1993- Rod Johnson- RM. 31 entrants. Bellevue to Hobart, then TSD to Ravensdale. 9 mile Monte to Cumberland, then TSD thru recent clear-cut to nearly Enumclaw. Transit to Mud Mountain Dam, then TSD toward Buckley. Scenic Carbonado and Wilkeson, then TSD to South Prairie. Back to Buckley. Found Franklin on the TSD, then to the short Lake Walker TSD (up the dead end road on a TSD, Transit out). Finish at 4 Corners, east of Kent. (117 mi. 4:07)

April 17, 1994- Mark Nolte- RM, 43 entrants. Start at The Narrows, Key Bank. Odo check went to Gig Harbor City Park, then west to Hwy 3, and short Transit to Belfair State Park. Belfair Park to Tee Lake, in the middle of the Kitsap Peninsula. This led to the Dewatto Monte, where a nice view of the Hood Canal was all you saw, since the snowcapped Olympics were blocked by mist. TSD north alongside the fjord to Holly and Seabeck Park. Then TSD to nearly Bremerton, catch a transit thru Gorst to Pt. Orchard. Follow Beach Drive to Manchester Park.

The Olalla Valley was an 11 mi. TSD, and a short Transit finished at the Olympic Village Round Table Pizza (near Purdy). (136 mi. 4:30)

April 30, 1995- Mark Nolte-RM- 35 entrants/ 16 novices. 12 CP's Start Key Bank in Lynnwood. Freeway to Lowell Park, then to Machias, (near Lk. Stevens, if anywhere). We went north to Granite Falls on a 25 minute TSD, Transited thru Granite Falls to take the Jordan Road as a long TSD. We took a side trip up Jim Creek Road to see what there was to see of the Navy Communications site, then back thru Arlington to TSD past some large, stately farms and the Pilchuck Glass estate. A Transit on Old Hwy 99, alongside I-5, got us on a TSD in the flatlands north of Stanwood, which we avoided to get to Kayak Point State Park. Then TSD past Warm Beach to "nearly " Sylvana. The last TSD went past new housing developments to I-5. Finish at Alf's Pizza at Silver Lake. (147 mi., 4:13)

April 28, 1996- Jim & Cristy Breazeale -RM 42 entrants shared a lovely day (between the rainy ones) for the challenge of a TSD tour from Bellevue to Woodinville, by way of Granite Falls.

April 27, 1997 – Jim & Cristy Breazeale were rallymasters, 15 CP's.

April 26, 1998- Mark Nolte -RM- 32 Entrants/ 9 novices. 12 CP's

Start at South Sound Shopping Center, Lacey. >Matlock, Elma Finish: Izzy's Pizza, near the Black Lake Mall shopping center. (123 mi., 4:26)

May 2, 1999- Mark Nolte- RM-, 17 entrants. 15 mile Odo to Maltby, TSD to Lowell Park (south Everett). Transit past Everett to Sylvana, TSD west to Marine View Drive for 18 miles, then Transit north on I-5 to the north most point, Starbird Road. TSD passed the Pilchuck Glass center to end 16 mi. later, at Hwy 9. A short jaunt south, thru Arlington, then Burn Road to Granite Falls. Granite Falls south, via Bosworth to Machias, and it's Centennial Park. 13 mostly freeway miles ended at Alf's Pizza at Silver Lake. (129 mi., 4:10)

2000- Burned out, Nolte didn't want to do it. No one else did, either

April 29, 2001- Mark Nolte – RM. 30 entrants, 17 novices. 17 CP's First year for Website registration. Lakewood Park & Ride to Spanaway

April 28, 2002 – Steve Willey, Rallymaster 42 entrants / 22 novices.

April 27, 2003 – Steve Willey, Rallymaster 43 entrants / 14 novices, 10 CPs. Featured Ohop Valley, finish in Spanaway

April 18, 2004 - 32 entrants, 19 CP's. Gnomes on Kitsap Peninsula were highlight.

April 17, 2005 - 28 entrants, Mark Nolte was Rallymaster, Ron Sorem and others did route. Massive re-route when scheduled opposite bicycle tour in north Pierce County

April 23, 2006 - Steve Richards, Rallymaster. 31 entrants, Nautical theme on Whidbey Island

2007- Cancelled, no rallymaster

April 27, 2008– Steve Richards (RM) tried adding some easy traps to the format. Everett to Smokey Point. 16 entrants. 110 miles, 3-1/2 hours

April 26, 2009 – Gig Harbor to Gig Harbor, Mark Weber, Rallymaster. 37 entrants. 160 mi.



**Rainier Auto Sports Club** will meet this coming Monday, November 8 at 7:30 PM at Café Veloce at the Totem Lake shopping center. Best way I can think of to get there via 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 poss, 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:** Start of the 2010 Election sessions, wherein candidates for the Board will be selected. Never too early for ballot packing and horse-trading favors.

The Treasurer will report on how much the RASC savings account is beating inflation.

Will the coffers be drained with a proper Christmas shindig?

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