

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

February, 2010

Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* RASC was awarded the NWRC October Friday Niter.

* Six RASC entrants will make up 2 teams at Thunderbird over the Feb. 6-7 weekend. Plus some workers. Not quite enough to convene an early club business meeting.

Club News

* Smoke from the chimney- President for 2010 is Jeff McMillan (so retired president Eric Horst is now NWRC Rep.)

* Membership dues remain \$30 for family and \$25 for single. Checks gladly accepted at meetings or by mail. Don't send cash in the mail.

* RASC lost a dear friend in February. Vince Planchich was a long-term member, as well as Board member. He was elected President in 1994 and 1995, VP in 1999.

He became famous for his meticulous drawings. He made his living doing precise drawing, so when he presented a sketch it was to professional standards. He grumbled when CAD took over his business and was reluctant to admit any skill with computers of any sort.

We'll remember him best for the years when he was leader of the "Black Sheep Marshals". Olympus WRC attracted him to the sport and he piled up many miles in a red Honda on the rough roads. He managed to squeeze all the signs, arrows, paperwork, and whatnot for a stage into the little hatchback, much to everyone's amazement.

He acquired an Alfa Romeo in 1997, and faded out of the stage rally labor. Retirement became convenient in mid-2001, commencing with a 9,000-mile tour in his and life partner Donna's motor home.

Lately, he had been training his dog, describing one activity as "just like a TSD rally."

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 flexible.....E-mail Ron Sorem: ronsorem@gmail.com

* 2001 Audi Allroad we bought from Jerry. All the luxury and bells and whistles have become boring. Waterpump and timing belt done, comes on studded Hakkas. Fire sale pricing at \$8500, more details at blackholeracing@gmail.com

* '02 Saab S60, 250 hp, new tires, 21 gal. tank and 23 mpg in town! \$6800 Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343

* For Rent, Las Vegas house, \$400 week. Car available. Jerry or Colleen Hines, 206-227-6343.

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

* Also special one-time deal (this century) on flexible plastic nipples to protect the wire coming out of an odometer probe. Originally intended to trap moisture in corrosion-prone F-connectors for CATV applications. -Mark Nolte

RASC Calendar

March 6 – Mike & Key Flea market, Puyallp fairgrounds

Stage in PNW

March 6-7: Doo Wop Rally Series - Aberdeen, WA

March 26-28: Primitive Rally School - Hillsboro, OR

March 28: ORG RallyCross #1 - Hillsboro, OR

April 9-11: Primitive Rally School - Hillsboro, OR

April 24-25: Olympus Rally (RA)

May 14-16: Oregon Trail Rally (RA)

June 5: North Nevada Rally

June 12-13: PRG Pomeroy "Tumbleweed Days" RallyCross - Pomeroy, WA - PRG

June 26-27: ORG RallyCross National Challenge - Hillsboro, OR - ORG

June TBA Primitive Advanced Driving School (caged cars only)

July 8-10: Idaho Rally (w/ RallyMoto) - Boise, ID area - Rally Drift

September 18-19: PRG Pomeroy County Fair RallyCross - Pomeroy, WA

Sept/Oct: Mt. Hood Rally (date to be finalized) - ORG

Dec 3-5: Big White Rally and SnowX - Kelowna, BC

British Columbia & Washington TSD - to date-

Feb 6-7: Thunderbird, Merritt, B.C.

March 12: NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

April 9: NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

April 18 – Raindrop TSD by RASC, Everett, WA

May 14: NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

May/23-28: Targa Canada West - Kelowna, BC

June 5-6: No Alibi TSD by RASC

June 11: NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

July 9: NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC

July 17 - Sno-Git TSD

Aug 13: NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

Aug 16-24: Alcan 5000 by RASC

Sep 10: NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

Oct 2 – Night on Bald Mountain TSD by ORCA

Oct 8: NWRC Friday Niter by RASC

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, February 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: Much talk about the Thunderbird. Newly minted Jeff might propose updating the By Laws. The Secretary may have an update to the roster. Followed closely by arm-twisting to get members to pay 2010 dues. (\$25 individual, \$30 family).

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