

# The Wishbone Alley Gazette

February, 2011 *Rainier Auto Sports Club*

## Rally News

\* Robert Gobright wrote the Big White article in the January WAG- Oops!

\* 2010 rally analysis. Comparing Friday Niter attendance between the NWRC, Portland, and Santa Monica Sports Car Clubs:

	NWRC	Portland	SMSCC
March	18	20	20
April	23	17	15
May	17	19	13
June	22	22	15
July	24	20	15
Aug	14	18	15
Sept	23	15	12
Oct	25	14	10

RASC's "Raindrop" (27) and "No Alibi" (31) drew more than ORCA's "SnoGit" (18) and "Night on Bald Mountain" (21). British Columbia's snow events: "Thunderbird" (32) and "Totem" (17). "Gold Digger", "Crestline", and "Heart of Darkness" didn't happen in 2010, "Midnite Rally" on Vancouver Island (IRC) drew 8 entries.

I didn't find a sum for Portland's "Rally Against Parkinson's", but the biggest draw of all the TSD's for the year was "Mountains to the Sea" at 41!

The Bay Area doesn't seem to have many TSD's. Instead they have a course following concept called "Course Marker", with 11 Saturday afternoon events in 2010. The example on The Rally Club's (TRC) website had 13 orders-of-preference (!), and neat little traps built into the Generals. Roughly 30% more entries than for the Friday Niters.

<http://www.therallyclub.org/school/GIs.html>  
-MN

\* The 2011 Calendar is a page back. Thanks to Ron Sorem for assembling dates. No conflicts, so far.

The Pacific Coast Challenge series (PCC) has proposed No Alibi, The Road Not Taken, Totem, and Monster's Revenge for 2011.

\* Less than a year until the 2012 Alcan (Feb. 23>March 2). Twelve entries already!  
<http://www.alcan5000.com/>

## Club News

### President's Introduction.

Greetings, my name is Robert Gobright and I am the new president of the Rainier Auto Sport Club. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those members that I have not yet met.

My wife Laura and I have lived in White Center for the last 15 years. I am a diesel and heavy equipment mechanic by trade.

My first event was the 1991 Safari Rally in East Africa. I was hired by Volkswagen as a truck driver and mechanic for a Kenyan team. I continued working for the same team until I moved back to Seattle.

In 1992 I returned to Washington to go to college. I was hired by Greg Lund as a rally mechanic while I was going to school. We competed in the: Olympus, Doo Wops, Wild West, Rim of the World, and Rocky Mountain rallies. At about this time I had the great good fortune to meet Jim and Christy Breazeale. I helped them whenever I could and had a great time doing it! I continued rallying in the northwest until my career took over my life.

In 2008 Jim talked me into running the Thunderbird Rally. This was my first event inside a rally car. We had so much fun that I was once again hooked on rally! Thank you Jim! I soon embarked on a mission to learn as much about rallying as I could. I attended the Island Rally Club school and Paul Ecklund's rally cross school. In 2008 I was voted IRC Novice Rally Driver of the Year. In 2009 I was the 3rd Overall Driver in the Pacific Coast Challenge. I have since attended the NWARC Novice and High Performance driving schools. Last summer I drove the road course at Pacific Raceways with the Pro Performance driving school.

I have a ham radio license, KF7RAG and also an SFI Rally America Technical Inspectors certificate. These qualifications have enabled me to volunteer at a number of events.

For a year or so I have been co driving for Ron Sorem as part of Team FUGAWI. We normally run as the 00 course opening car at stage rallies in the North West and British Columbia. For those of you who have not seen us in action, Team FUGAWI is a group of highly experienced rallyists (I'm the new guy) who volunteer their time and vehicles as a course opening crew. Steve Perret and Kathryn Hansen run the 000 car. Lee Sorenson drives the 0 car with Tracy Manspeaker in the right seat.

I own two rally cars, a 1991 VW GTI and a 1973 Saab 96. Both of the cars have had the interiors gutted and are in general, well modified. The VW is currently somewhere between FIA group N and A specification. The Saab is very similar to the early factory cars that ran in the FIA group F specification. Neither of the cars has a full roll cage but once I sell the Saab the VW will get one.

I was recently asked if I had any qualifications to be president of the RASC. To be honest the answer is no! I am a mechanic; the only time people listen to me is when I am talking about technical issues. I do however, have a desire to participate and help the club move forward. I would really value any advice that our members could give me.

Please come to a meeting and say hello!

## January meeting notes

Treasurer's Report - \$5706 in the bank. We'll owe about \$1200 for insurance once we're billed. Dues are due. Robert asks if there is movement to go to BECU. BECU needs formation documents. Eric says Steve has the docs. Steve should process.

Discussion about taking debit cards at rallies.

### Rally reports-

Alcan 2012 -10 entries now. Current plan is Feb 2012. Course survey early December.

2011 Friday Nighter - No specific plans. Cameron says he will be at school. "Another committee"?

No Alibi - Nothing to report. Marvin and Dan doing a survey in a couple of months.

Raindrop - Robert (the rallymaster) has dash plaques already. Trophies: Has a friend with a plasma cutter. Thinking of having snowflakes cut out and thrown on sheet metal. Need to talk to route advisors. General Area: South - Yelmish. Not too far away.

### Old Business-

Stickers: They exist! They are reflective. Handed out 2 per payment.

Checkpoint lights: Get the parts to Roy ASAP so he can build for Raindrop.

Sno-Fest: Ron and Jeff and discussed via email. Rock Island Grade is plowed. Roads around Suncadia are plowed. Need a site survey. The plan is to cross the border at Osoyoos. Discussion about how we don't have historical knowledge about winter roads east of Cascades like the BC guys do.

Consider 2013. Gives No Alibi guys some roads to look at this summer and some winter excursion next winter to plan route.

### New Business-

Car Numbers: Eric will do an inventory. Ask Paul what they are going to do with old inventory.

Next meeting on January 7? There are two other meetings that night. They are free on Wednesday January 9. Asked, moved and seconded. Next meeting is Wednesday Feb 9.

Christmas party was a success. Under budget and was not a cause for Dan's divorce.

Rallycross at Pacific Raceways was fun. Not nearly as tight as Robert expected. Considering putting on another event on the day of the cancelled Doo Wops. March 6. Don't need HANS, don't need fully caged car. Had 20 cars at the event. Even if we do it as RASC, could be good. Could be "sponsored by RASC". Either tack-on one of their days or book the space all for us. Need to know the minimum car number to support the full rental. PR supports course workers, timing, scoring, etc. We would provide BBQ or whatever.

### Announcements-

Doo Wops is cancelled for 2011. Already from 2 to 1 days. Road considerations; county did not want two rallies in one year on certain roads. Made decision to incorporate Doo Wops as the regional part of Olympus.

Oregon 1000 is now 2012 to not conflict Road Not Taken.

Snow Cross this Sunday at Barnes Lake. Due to a power steering issue, Robert won't bring his car but would be happy to drive someone else's car. Also a Mitsubishi 3000GT that Cameron wants to sell.

Jerry has 3 WRX rims. He also has a 07 Volvo V70r. Ice Blue Silver. 6 speed automatic.

Robert is selling the Saab 96.

Adjourned at 8:42PM

## TRIVIA

\* Schucks is now O'Reilly Auto Parts. Nolte went in to buy hydraulic jack oil and expected to pay the \$5.58 list price. For no discernable reason, I got the "net price" of \$3.29. Very nice. Even better, refilling the 1980 floor jack perked it up and it works much better. -MN

\* Dan Comden: Below is an email I received from a fellow collector. Those of you with collector cars may want to keep an eye on this bill.

"There has been a bill introduced into the legislature to effectively do away with the benefits of having a collector plate on your vehicle. House Bill 1134 proposes a \$30 annual renewal fee for Horseless Carriage and Collector plates. Please read the bill and if you are opposed to this new revenue measure by the state government, you need to contact your representatives in the legislature and let them know how you feel and how you want them to vote on this measure or if they have the horsepower, to kill it.

"If you don't know who your legislators are, you can call the legislator Hotline at 1-800-562-6000 and leave a short message of perhaps a couple sentences. The Hotline operators can identify your senator and two representatives from your name and address and send the message for you. Here is a link to contact your legislator.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/default.aspx>

"This bill has already been read on the floor of the House of Representatives and referred to the Committee on Transportation. Hopefully, with enough opposition, it will not make it out of committee.

"Please share this information with other clubs and any other collector car friends you may have.

Please read the attached bill for clarification.

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2011-12/Pdf/Bills/House%20Bills/1134.pdf>

"It does look like they will do away with the restrictions on use (Item 4 is crossed out). They're adding a requirement (new item 5) that the license plate number is listed on the title.

"Here's the text of the follow-up e-mail I received today:

"The points I addressed were that raising of the license fees would be result in a reduction in vintage and collectable car public participation such as: show and shines; local tours; regional meets; and National meets. This reduced participation results in less spending at local restaurants, motels, and catering services."

\* Speeding fines will be doubled when traveling within 200 feet of parked emergency vehicles with lights flashing. Violators could also face charges of reckless endangerment of emergency workers and loss of driving privileges for 60 days, up to one year in jail, and as much as \$5,000 in fines. HB2464 takes effect Jan. 1, 2011.

Link to the bill:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2464>

Many states have the "move over" law, now we will have the double fines provision...

As an observation, so far this is working just about as well as the "no cell phones while driving" measure. -Ron Sorem

#### **For Sale/Wanted**

\*Nokian Hakkapeliita 185/65R15 13/32 new, have 9/32 now and good studs, on dual pattern steel snow wheels 5on100(Subaru/Chrysler)/5on115(GM) --- 4 for \$250 ronsorem@gmail.com

\*1960 Bugeye Sprite project car. The car is unassembled. Great project to restore or hot rod.

Many \$ spent restoring the sheet metal. New door posts, floors, rear spring pockets, etc. Interior surfaces and engine room in black. Exterior in gray primer.

Three engines. Two 948 cc and one 1275 cc. Numerous spares. Several conversion kits: Rear tube shocks, Panhard rod, front discs to MGB calipers, dual brake master cylinder, Datsun 210 5-speed adapter plate.

Best offer over \$2500. Bring a trailer!

Ken LIngbloom (360) 733-8897

[kslingbloom@comcast.net](mailto:kslingbloom@comcast.net)

\*For sale: 1997 Subaru Impreza with a newer 2.2 ltr. engine with only 60k on it. Very good condition, in fabulous teal green. \$2500 Co-worker at Glasair. Email Jim at [Blackholeracing@gmail.com](mailto:Blackholeracing@gmail.com) for more details.

\*Microsoft "Office 98" for Macintosh, Upgrade Gold Edition, still in shrinkwrap! \$200. Mark Nolte, [mnolte@blarg.net](mailto:mnolte@blarg.net).

\* 15" wheels, steel, fits Subaru OBS. Bolt pattern is 11mm (Subaru) and 112mm (fits ?). Black \$40 for both, \$25 each. Steve Richards, 425-337-0232 (Everett)

**RASC Calendar** (The WAG staff includes TSD's and stage events; no rallycrosses, hillclimbs, Solo's, races, and restricts to somewhat reasonable driving distances)

#### **Events of interest**

Mar 3-6 - Corona Rally Mexico, WRC, Guanajuato

Mar 12 - Mike and Key Hamfest, 9AM, Puyallup Fair Grounds, \$8 (*you'll only find it in this editor's list*)

April 16 - Spring Rally, Columbia Gorge MGA Club, Portland

Apr 23- 30th La Conner Tulip Daffodil Rallye, MGCC, gimmick rally

April 24-28 - Amici americani della Mille Miglia Pre-'57, 1000 miles, Northern California

April 29 - Spring Thaw Classic Car Adventure, Hope, BC to Squamish

April 30-May 7- One Lap of America, Indiana

Jun 25 - Columbia Gorge Classic Rally & Tour, MGA club, Portland

July 28-31- Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally XXIII, Portland

Sept 10-17 - Targa Newfoundland, St. John's, NF

#### **Washington and British Columbia TSD** (*full year B.C. dates not settled for year*)

Feb 12/13 - Thunderbird Rally, Merritt, British Columbia

March 11 - Friday Niter by NWRC

April 8 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

**April 17- Raindrop TSD by RASC**

May 13 - NWRC Friday Niter by FOOTZ

June 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

**June 4-5 - No Alibi by RASC**

July 8 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

July 16- Sno-Git VII TSD by ORCA

August 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

September 9 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

October 1- Night on Bald Mountain by ORCA

**October 14- NWRC Friday Niter by RASC**

October 29- Monster's Revenge by Chuckanut SCC

November 11- NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

#### **Oregon TSD**

Mar 4 - March Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie

Apr 1- April Friday Niter Road Rally, Milwaukie

May 6- May Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie

June 10- June Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie

July 1- July Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie

July 23 - Mountains to the Sea, CascadeSCC

Aug 5 - August Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie

Aug 13 - The Road Not Taken, by TRRG, McMinnville

Sept 9- September Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie

Sept.10 - Rally Against Parkinson's (Rally Round PIR), Portland

Oct 7 - October Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie

**Stage** (*Dates not firm on Mountain Trails (May?) and Hood River*)

March 18 - DooWops CANCELLED

April 30-May 1- Olympus, RA/PRG, Ocean Shores

May 13-15 - Oregon Trail, RA/ORG, Portland/Dalles

Jun 18-19 - Idaho Rally, USRC/CRS, Boise

Aug 6 - Mendocino Rally, CRS, Ukiah, CA

Sept 30-Oct 1- Pacific Forest Rally, CARS Nat'l,  
Merritt, B.C.

**Rainier Auto Sports Club** will meet this coming **Wednesday, February 9**, 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 pass, with the Café on your right at that point.

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

Agenda: 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. The Board will report on appointment of a NWRC representative, as well as representatives to other affiliated organizations. Much to-do about upcoming Thunderbird.

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