

# The Wishbone Alley Gazette

February, 2012 *Rainier Auto Sports Club*

## Rally News

\* 2012 Alcan The adventure begins on Thursday, Feb. 23. Jerry got his 25-car field.

Wednesday has attractions for RASC folk and other rally groupies. The vehicle inspections are always amusing; Jerry is looking for inspectors. The first meeting is scheduled for noon at the Baymont Inn, in Kirkland.

"We're happy to announce Terminal Gravity as official Alcan beer." This is from Enterprise, Oregon, (Car #16, Steve Carper). Dave Ross (Car #14) is supplying entrants with cold weather tape from MercoTape.com, of New York.

There are also goodies for sale, including Alcan mementos from past rallies, as well as the license plate frames, hats, etc for this event. <http://www.alcan5000.com/>

## Club News

\* January meeting notes- by MN. The November meeting minutes were read and approved without challenges and discussion. The 2012 crop of club officers were pointed out, if present. The story of transitioning the club bank account was continued, and apparently will be newsletter fodder for the foreseeable future.

Jerry seems sure he'll get 25 Alcan entrants.

Rallymaster Jeff McMillan passed out the projected Raindrop budget, with a 20-car break even at \$40 entry fee. That includes color (!) flyers and bound (!) route books. Jim Breazeale volunteered to do trophies.

The first 2012 checkout for No Alibi is last week of March, depending on weather (which isn't dependable). Deals on motels are being worked on; the rally date conflicts with ... everything in that part of the world.

The Nor'Wester team expects a 12-hour day on Saturday, and Sunday's route to be about 9AM to 4 PM.

Since Eric didn't say no, he'll write the Friday Niter, probably for October or November. The NWRC scheduling and rules debate meeting is later in January.

Nolte suggested using hundredths (as opposed to seconds) for checkpoint timing in 2012. The radical and totally odd concept was roundly condemned by all present.

Everyone was reminded to pay their dues.

## Trivia

\* Steve Perret has been released by the doctor, ten weeks after the Nov 17 car wreck. The doc said to do all he was used to doing.

\* Playgrounds: The Ridgeline Motorsports Park is open for business, a few miles west of Shelton. Bremerton Motorsports Park is transitioning from the airport course to a permanent course. Spokane opened a racetrack a year ago. The Dirtfish Rally School seems to be booked regularly, at the North Bend mill site. Oregon Raceway Park is about 30 miles south of Hwy 30/84, opened in 2011.

\* John Fouse was T-boned on December 21. The impact below the A-pillar killed the Mercedes E430 4Matic. (John was found OK, but cranky). No replacement has been named. He reports that 907Tours has a new Sprinter van for the tour business, augmenting the cushy Chevy van.

## For Sale/Wanted

\* Two 15" wheels, steel, fits Subaru OBS. Bolt pattern is 110mm (Subaru) and 112mm (fits?). Make Offer (which will be accepted...) Steve Richards, 425-337-0232 (Everett)

\* Very special: **Chrysler 2.5 Turbo** motor w/ automatic transmission. The deal includes the Mopar ECU that is good for additional 30 horsepower. Make offer, and then bring a trailer. Jerry Hines, cell: 206-227-6343

\* HT 2-channel radios, used for Alcans, \$80 inc batteries/charger. Many available. Also **mobile Kenwoods** for \$100. Jerry Hines, cell 206-227-6343

\* **1991 Subaru Legacy Sport Sedan 2.2 Turbo 5-speed**. Car has all the wiring for lots of auxiliary lighting (lights vary and one set will be included); HAM and Business radios (radios not included); wiring and senders for rally computer (computer not included); includes 6 studed Hakkas on rims, 6 Silverstone gravels on rims, and 4 street tires on the car. Includes Primitive Enterprises underbody armor for engine and the LSD rear differential. There is a long list of spares that are negotiable, including drivetrain and hood and trunk.

This is a turnkey rally car NO CAGE. Serious inquiries at \$4000. Email ronsorem (at) gmail.com

## RASC Calendar

### Washington and British Columbia

No NOBM in 2012. PCC: competitors will count their best 4 out of the 5: Thunderbird, No Alibi, Nor'Wester, Oregon 1000, and Totem.

### Washington & British Columbia TSD

February 11>12 - Thunderbird, Merritt, B.C. (*This is Paul Westwick's 25th!*)

### **Feb 23>March 2- Alcan 5000, Kirkland to Anchorage**

March 9 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC, Bellevue

April 7 - ORCA rally school

April 13 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA, Bellevue

### **April 15 - Raindrop TSD, by RASC**

April 27-29 - "Spring Thaw Classic", Hope, B.C.

May 11 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC, Bellevue

### **June 2>3 - No Alibi, Kennewick**

June 8 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA, Bellevue

July 13 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC, Bellevue

July 21 - Sno-Git 9, by ORCA

Aug 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA, Bellevue

Sept 14 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC, Bellevue

### **September 15>16 - Nor'Wester (Lewiston)**

Oct. 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA, Bellevue

### **Nov 9 - NWRC Friday Niter by RASC, Bellevue**

Nov. 11-18- Totem, B.C.

### Oregon TSD

Feb 19-20- CSCC rally school, then "rally day"

March 2 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie, OR

April 6- Friday Night Series, Milwaukie, OR

April 14 - "Spring Rally", MGA club, Portland, OR

July 26-29 - Monte Shelton Classic, Portland, OR

August 11 - Mountains to the Sea, Portland, OR

Aug 19- Columbia Gorge Classic, Portland, OR

Oct 6-?? - Oregon 1000, Wilsonville?, OR

**Rainier Auto Sports Club** will meet this coming Monday, February 13, 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: Just-completed T-Bird stories. Jerry has a rally coming up, and may nail down some helpers.**

**The Treasurer will start collecting:** Membership dues remain \$30 for family and \$25 for single.

**2012 Board Members:**

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