

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

August, 2012 *Rainier Auto Sports Club*

Rally News

* Nor'Wester 2012 news. (Survey 5, July 20-22) by Ron Sorem

Another 1200-mile trip measured the course.

Day One sustained a change from the October vision, including finding the construction/repair closure south of Asotin has been removed. (We never found the cause for the roadblock from last fall's trip.) With the big orange roadblock signs in place, our third try at getting toward, if not into, Oregon had the route following the paved hillelimb out of Asotin then a twisting tribute to RASC's Evergreen State 1000 from 1995. Now, with the roadblock removed, we explored the options and re-measured from Asotin, turning the route from a 20-mile paved transit section to 20 miles of gravel, 3.2 miles of paved, and another 16 miles of gravel.

Day Two route was unchanged, although recent grading, or lack thereof, prompted some CAST changes – some up, some down. We'll see on rally day, if more fresh grading and gravel makes it seem too slow or too slippery in places.

Checkout is scheduled in three weeks, three weeks before the rally.

We are holding at 20 entries, knowing a couple more verbal commitments will eventually get around to registering, and we have verbal commitments for checkpoint crews. One or two verbal or Facebook "I'll be there" but still on the fence as to whether entry or work.

For updates go to the Rainier Website <http://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2012/norwester/default.htm> and like/share our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/events/358389530898164/>

Please use your social media skills to help us bring more people to this scenic event.

* ORCA's "Sno-Git" TSD (July 21) attracted 11 entrants. Max Vaysburd/Renee Damm topped the overall score (12 points) after getting one more zero than 2nd place Marinus Damm/ Marvin Crippen. 4 entrants in UnL, 2 in Equipped, 2 SOP, and 3 Novices. 30 scored controls.

* Olympus (Sept 22-23) is the 6th (last) event of the 2012 Rally America series. David Higgins/ Craig Drew/ Subaru have wrapped up the overall season win.

The return to the classic format will have 13 stages, with 2 "night" stages (Taylor Town, Cloquallum) on Saturday night. Nahwatzel will run twice on Saturday, then once on Sunday. 6 "roads" will make up the rally, with Service at The Ridge Motorsports Park.

The forest lands are gated and locked nowadays. There will be Spectator access, both with maps and a somewhat unique "escorted access" to one stage. -MN

RASC isn't participating as a club, but the rally needs volunteers, including Hams (which RASC has in abundance). Te volunteer list is a bit lean as of early August. To register to volunteer for this year's event, please go to www.rallydata.com.

Club News

*July meeting notes, by MN. The July 9th meeting commenced with Eric's reading of minutes. Vastly more entertaining than what I write here. Heck, did we really have that much fun at the June meeting? The Treasurer reported some nebulous number that was subject to income and expenses from Nor'Wester, and remaining No Alibi expenses.

Rally Reports: Roy and Ron said Nor'Wester was coming along. An inquiry was received from Asotin County police asking for details. It seemed like a reasonable request, although this might be the first time an agency has asked for info in advance.

Jim and Cristy (no H) Breazeale debuted the unique and stylish Nor'Wester soap bars. Each one lovingly hand made with the Haida-inspired logo.

No Alibi was profitable. Nothing on the Friday Niter, although stealing someone else's past route might make designing the rally an easy process.

A few RASC people will attend the Oregon 1000. Adjourned at 8:09.

* The Hine's Hotel is now in Las Vegas. Jerry selected a place with a pool and parking for a 40-foot motor home. New address is 932 Sunnyfield Way, Henderson, NV, 89015. The phone numbers stay the same. Area codes can travel, too, nowadays.

Colleen loves having 3 fewer levels.

Trivia

* Ron Sorem's Legacy has what sounds like rod bearing trouble. He's mulling a multitude of options, including dropping in a non-turbo motor that he has.

* Jerry added a Jetta TDI to the fleet.

*Changes at SpecialStage.com. : After 14 years, SpecialStage.com is now part of the Autoguide.com family of websites. The new honcho is Marco from AutoGuide, as an Administrator. Mucho thanks to Ben, George and Jim for keeping our community informed. -MN

For Sale

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

RASC Calendar : September is really busy!

Aug 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

Aug 11 - Mountains to the Sea, Portland, \$50 includes BBQ at Lincoln City finish. All paved TSD, "99% trap free". Reg 9AM, FCO 10AM

Sept 9 -Rally Against Parkinson's, Portland

Sept 14 - Friday Niter Series, Milwaukie

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September 15>16 - Nor'Wester (Lewiston)

September 22-23 - Olympus, (Stage) Shelton

Oct 5 - Friday Niter Series, Milwaukie

Oct 6 - Oregon 1000, Wilsonville, OR, then south

Oct. 12-13 - Pacific Forest Rally (stage), Merritt, BC

Oct 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

Nov 9 - NWRC Friday Niter by RASC, Bellevue

Nov 17-18- Totem (TSD) Merritt, B.C.

Dec 8-9 - Big White (stage) Kelowna, B.C.

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, August 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 poss, 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: Only generalities about Nor'Wester so as not to give the RASC-member entrants an unfair advantage. Other than CP locations and calculated arrival times, there will be lots to share. Head counts for Olympus (we want that to be successful), Oregon 1000 (we want that to be successful). Eric may or may not be rushing preparation for the Friday Niter.

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