

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

April, 2013 *Rainier Auto Sports Club*

Rally News

* Raindrop (April 21) Rallymaster Ed Rachner:

"Mileage run is completed and final corrections are in to allow for a final set of instructions for the checkout crews on 4/6. Hopefully the fine weather we had last Saturday will hold for the final checkout run.

"I'm pretty happy with the route and looking forward to the checkout this Saturday, 4/6.

"We could use some more volunteers for checkpoint duty on 4/21. We have the bare minimum for about 5 or 6 checkpoints and I'd like to get a few more into the event.

We're also looking for someone to navigate for Ron Sorem on 4/21 to make it easier for him to work his checkpoint(s). So far I haven't heard from anyone willing to head up scoring and also any extra scoring personnel would be helpful. Drop me an email or call."

Thanks. Ed---206 499 8271 or edrachner@gmail.com.

It came in at just under 100 miles. This edition of the RASC Sunday Afternoon TSD features a lunch stop.

Be sure your friends know about it.

<http://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2013/raindrop/default.htm>

* Alcan (August 18-26, 2014) At last look the 4300-mile adventure has nearly 50 motorcycles and 18 cars entered. It varies from month-to-month. The \$2900 entry fee (\$2000 per motorcycle) looks steep for a rally, but reasonable for a 9-day vacation.

* The latest chapter of the Olympus stage rally took a twist when Rally America invoked a non-compete clause in last year's Olympus sanction agreement. At the late notification date Olympus organizer Steve McQuaid felt there wasn't time to explore the legal options. You may recall that the Olympus organizers were so disillusioned with RA's performance in 2012 that they didn't want to take a chance on a repeat.

"Announcing a new Pacific Northwest stage rally: The Nameless Stage Rally. The event will be held in Shelton, Washington on June 21-23, 2013. Organized by Painted Pony LLC, sanctioned by NASA RallySport West and sponsored by Nameless Performance, Little Creek Casino and AllStar Ford. The Chairman is Gene McCullough, Rallymaster Ron Barker, Technical Director Alan Perry and staffed by the extraordinary PNW rally volunteers.

"We are excited to present this event to our regional ralliests on the outstanding Green Diamond roads near Shelton, Washington. The event will feature 2 pass recce, 2 competition days and 120 stage miles. It is very exciting to renew our friendship with NASA and Ray and Donna Hocker. Ray Hocker is a NW native and hopefully will get to visit for The Nameless Rally as well as Idaho Rally."

Nameless Performance (namelessperformance.com/) is a car prep and mod shop headquartered in SW Washington. A real company. They were involved with bringing the Summit rally team to the US from Australia for the 2012 season.

*The "Trail of the Gnu" by the Calgary (AB) Sports Car Club drew 21 entries. Apparently it was on snow for the March 31 TSD rally. A lot of folk we see on Thunderbird showed up.

There was even a Saab 96.

Club News

* March meeting notes- by MN: Called to order at 7:36 with no minutes of the last meeting to read. Moving on, there wasn't any new news about the NWRC.

Rally reports: Roy Ward said plans are proceeding on the 2017 Nor'Wester, a Friday thru Sunday affair. No Alibi will be much as last year. The October Friday Niter is far off.

The Raindrop date is changed to avoid a bicycle run. The website and other arrangements are waiting on confirmation from Dirtfish. Eric says he'll have it on-line once all these details are confirmed. The official checkout is April 6, yes, a Saturday.

Lacking much else, the meeting closed at 8:02.

Trivia

* Our current headlight configuration laws date back a long ways. Sealed beams were an advance over badly sealed (... then comes corrosion) bulb-and-reflector configurations. Good enough in 1940. Those were the only legal option until 1984, when the bulb, lens, reflector assembly was promoted for fuel-saving aerodynamics.

One aspect has continued since 1968. Switching is legally limited to high and low. Audi (and probably others) have asked that the law be changed to allow more lighting options. Audi needs the 45-year-old law to make accommodations for the company's "matrix-beam headlights." These headlights are made of multiple LED bulbs that dim and brighten individually, more complex than just a high-low setting.

LEDs are coming. The flirtation with HID's may be limited to just low beams, since they don't like being turned on-and off.

* Steve Richards is busy bonding with his new Mazda 6. The steerable headlights work well. The gas mileage is an improvement over the previous model.

His top-of-the-line blue-grey car has a thick manual, and not just something to take up space in the glove box. Set up the electric garage door opener? Check. Investigate the right vs. left temperature controls. Check. Learn how to navigate the driver's display? Check. Integrate his cell phone with the in-car voice recognition system? A work in progress.

* Cristy Breazeale says she'll be crewing for nephew (and new member) Max Neher. He'll be driving a VW Rabbit. A switch from the old days when he crewed for the Breazeales in their Rabbit.

* The Department of Transportation claims whatever they use to melt ice and snow over Snoqualmie Pass doesn't corrode truck parts. Ron Sorem begs to differ.

*Jerry Hines will be in town April 13-14. Besides fetching a few items from the Anderson Island house, he has some car stuff to attend to.

*** Troy Jorgensen was on errands in his beloved, V-8 Mustang when another driver plowed into the prize. The two kids and Troy are sore but OK. Not so much the Mustang. (From his Facebook posting).**



For Sale

*2001 BMW 330ix. Silver, black interior. automatic transmission, 17" wheels. Cheap at \$2800 (*price reduced!*) because of a bad head gasket and much labor involved in the fix. (Shipping to Seattle from Henderson, NV for less than \$600) Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343



***Still at about ½ price of retail: For Sale:** PIAA LP 570 High Intensity Led Driving Lamp Kit (2 lamps) -7 inch LED Long Range driving lights. Reflector- LEDs project off of an ingenious computer-designed multi-surface reflector offering more and better illumination

than halogen lamps with the durability and low power draw of LED lighting. Kit includes two lamps mounting brackets complete wiring harness and detailed installation instructions. Bulb Type: 5-watt LED bulbs 6000K Description: Polycarbonate and cast aluminum housing with polycarbonate lens.

RASC club price \$220 cash....

ALSO: New in box Hella 192 Driving lamp. Super Oscar size, discontinued. \$50? ronsorem @ gmail .com

*PIAA fog lights (2). **Car jewelry** Typical fog "band of light". Smallish at 6-3/8 x 3" tall, 3" deep. Much used at some point in their long life. \$35. Mark Nolte: m nolte@blarg.net

*Ed Rachner mentioned something about worn **rally tires**. Suitable for RX, not a full stage.

RASC Calendar

Other/ Classic enthusiast events

April 20 - Tulip Rallye, gimmick, Burlington, WA
 April 26/28 - Spring Thaw, Hope, B.C.
 May 31/6/2 - Cascade Classic, Olympia, WA
 July 25/28 Monte Shelton Classic, Portland, OR
 Aug 9/11 - "Rush to Gold Bridge", B.C.
 Sept 20/23 - Fall Freeze, B.C.

NW Stage Rallies -

May 3-5 - Oregon Trail, Portland, OR
 June 8/9 -Idaho Rally, Boise, ID
 June 21/23 - Olympus Int'l, Shelton, WA
 July 20/21 - Mendocino Rally, Williams, CA
 Oct 4-5 - Pacific Forest Rally, B.C.
 Oct ? - Mt. Hood, OR
 Nov 1/ 2 - Rocky Mountain, Invermere, B.C.
 Dec 7-8 - Big White, B.C.

Oregon TSD -

May 10 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie
 June 7 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie
 July 5 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie
 Aug 2 -Rally School
 Aug 3 - Mountains to the Sea
 Aug 9 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie
 Aug 17/18 – The Road Not Taken
 Sept 6 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie
 Oct 4 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie

TSD- Washington, British Columbia

April 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC
April 21 -Raindrop by RASC
 May 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA
June 1-2 - No Alibi- by RASC
 June 14 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC
 June 15/16 – Heart of Darkness, B.C.
 July 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC
 July 20 - SnoGit by ORCA
 Aug 9 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA
 Sept 13 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC
Oct 11 - NWRC Friday Niter by RASC
 Nov 16/17 - Totem, B.C

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, April 11 at 7:30 PM at Café Veloce (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: Raindrop. Need to fill all the positions.

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