

Rally News

* Raindrop (April 27) The 2014 version of RASC's Sunday afternoon rally lived up to it's name with varying showers over it's 140-mile length. The 5-hour TSD rally only attracted 19 entries, even though the early \$35 fee seemed reasonable for a well-done tour of the Chehalis-Centralia area.

As seems to be a tradition, the Driver's Meeting was rainless. Marinus Damm volunteered to conduct it and must have done well, since everyone followed the prescribed course and finished.



Marinus Damm didn't need his hat during the Driver's Meeting, but had a good place for it, just in case

The entry was typical for modern TSD's, with 8 UnLimited, only 2 Equipped, 3 Seat-of-Pants and 6 Novices. The Regalado/Vaysburd had low score of 6 points, beating the Damm's 8.

Anne Fry and Yulia Smolyansky took the coveted Equipped class; Debbie Sjodin/Ardis Dull decided to run SOP, and won.



The Crawford /Jacobs Mustang won Novice class. With a stylish number plate to match the stylish car.

Rallymaster Ed Rachner put in many weekends putting together the route with wife Jeanne. Then his cancer flared up and he spent the rally at the UW Medical Center. He has assembled a team that took over somewhat seamlessly. Ron Sorem did the route, Steve Richards wrangled the checkpoints, Jim

Breazeale got the flyer going for publicity, then produced very nice trophies. The theme was a rain gauge (of course), which absorbed much of the supply between Everett and Arlington.

Eric Horst created the web page, and then served as registrar. Hovering in the background for all these functions was President Marvin Crippen. The RASC scoring program allowed Steve Perret/Kathryn Hansen to present scores at just the right time: as the rallyists were finishing their food at the Kit Carson Restaurant in Chehalis.

The rally was half-and-half TSD's and Transits. With 22 scored CP's over 81 miles, that works out to an average of one every 3.71 miles. Besides the already named officials, the timers were Tim Chovanak and young Preston, Rod Johnson taught Charles Aggenbach the finer points on his first Touring rally checkpoints. Mark Nolte worked two CP's while Sally DeVore took pictures (all generic....). Sheldon Coles and Kim Dineson came all the way from B.C. Carolyn Anderson timed cars while her husband and daughter ran the rally. As is something of a RASC tradition, many drivers dumped their passengers off the side of the road and went on to another CP location. That yields some well-hidden CP locations – under rain-shield trees in many cases.



Jim and Cristy produced great trophies. Jim had two hats. The above pictured was less colorful.

Because of the rain and remote location, there weren't any bicycles to worry about.

* Mendocino Rally: The Ukiah, California TSD got 15 entries, with Marinus and Renee Damm winning the (SCCA) Equipped class. 20 scores were kept, half being manned, the rest DIY (Do-It-Yourselfies).

* Oregon Trail stage rally (May 2-4) lived up to its history, with a large, strong field. Lots of good stories on the Web.

*The Olympus stage rally (May 30-June1) has set itself some ambitious goals. They need volunteers (of course). <http://www.olympusrally.com/>

Club News

* Rainier Auto Sports Club April 14th meeting minutes. (as recorded by Secretary "Diamond Jim" Breazeale.

Call to Order by PORASC Marvin at 20:08. 12 members attending.

The Secretary's reading of the March minutes were accepted after clarification of the actual transcript of the meeting minutes.

Madam Treasurer reported a current balance of \$3,820.61. Eric said he would transfer the balance from PayPal.

Rally Reports: Raindrop Rally – The final check out on Sunday 4/13 by veteran crews Steve & Kathryn, Steve & Ron, Cristy & Jim enjoyed nice roads, nice weather and the mountain views. Route book details and checkpoint locations were finalized. The Rally Master Torch was officially passed to the Club as a group due to Ed's health. With lots of checkpoint options, another plea for workers was given. Eric volunteered to do registration. Remaining tasks were delegated to the group.

No Alibi Rally - Marvin reported that the early April Survey run as very productive. Saturday's route more or less set in stone with alternates if needed. Saturday banquet details still need to be nailed down. Hope to have that finished soon and have the prices set. Goal is to have registration open on Raindrop. Sunday's route still under construction with options detailed.

Friday Niter Rally - Eric said "Yep"

Alcan Summer Rally - Entries holding strong.

Nor'Wester Rally - No monies requested for 2014. Routes are being reviewed with Friday being in the 6hr range, Saturday around 12 hrs. and Sunday near 6 hrs. Classic Nor'Wester format for the anniversary.

Old Business - None that anybody wanted to bring up.

New Business - The Alcan FCC Business Band Radio license application was debated. A Query to Jerry was formulated. Mark Nolte and Kevin Barrows have been jumping through the hoops.

Suggestion of Adjournment and seconded at 20:56. Gossip begins

* The FCC granted RASC a business band license: WQTX454. This is for the 151.625 frequency used for Alcan rally. It expires 4/29/2024.

Many thanks to Kevin Barrows for stepping in to complete the registration when the FCC's on-line site proved to be unfriendly to Apple computers.

Trivia

* Ed Rachner is expected home (by NOW) from the U of W medical Center after 6 weeks.

For Sale

*For Sale: BMW limited slip rear diff, 3.91 ratio. Fits E36 (325I, 328I,M3). \$250. Ed Rachner 206-499-8271

* For Sale: Some of you know her as Rocket. She's a 2002 Subaru WRX. She's won most every TSD rally in the NW and she is for sale. The Good- lots of tweaks, spares. The Bad: Leakdown test on cylinder 3 shows a need for a valve job; slightly noisy bearing in the transmission (reported by Smart Service). Crack in the windscreen. Interested? Let's talk. Jeff McMillen:
Jeff@somepants.com



For Sale: Magellan Pioneer hand-held GPS doodad. Includes fashionable designer cardboard box, instructions. \$20.00. Roy Ward, roy.ward@frontier.com

For Sale: Alfa Pro rally odometer. This is the original odo used by Paul Appel to measure the first iteration of No Alibi in 1997. Main box only, with new connection cable. Instructions available on the 'net. \$175.00 or make offer. Roy Ward roy.ward@frontier.com .

Free: A collection of 4 early-to-mid 1980s Mitsubishi shift knobs. One four-speed, three five-speed, from Dodge Colt, Plymouth Arrow, Plymouth Conquest. Recently uncovered while on an archeological expedition through my stuff. First email or phone call takes. Roy Ward, roy.ward@frontier.com , (425) 485-6225

RASC Calendar - through to September. Then it gets busy!

Washington & British Columbia TSD

May 9 – NWRC Friday Nighter by PSRC

May 17 – Sno-Git by ORCA, Arlington, WA

June 7/8, No Alibi by RASC, Moses Lake>Spokane>Wenatchee \$175

June 13 – NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

June 21/22 – Heart of Darkness, Hope, B.C. \$90USD until June 14.

July 11 – NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC

Aug 8 – NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

Aug 18>26 –Alcan 5000, Kirkland>Anchorage

Sept 12 – NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

Oct 10 – NWRC Friday Niter by RASC

Oregon TSD

Portland Friday Nighters are first Friday of the month.

June 15 – AROO #4, Portland, OR

July 19 – Mountain to The Sea by Cascade SCC

NW Stage rallies

May 31 –Olympus, Shelton

June 21 – Idaho Rally, Boise

Jul 26 – Mendocino, Ukiah, CA

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, May 12, at 8 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 roundup. Much congratulations all around. The WAG editor couldn't round up any printable, juicy stories. No Alibi may be measured. A plea for Olympus workers. Ron Sorem has some good Oregon Trail stories; Jim Breazeale and Cristy have more.

When Nolte gets our Alfa Clock #5, it quits.

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