

# The Wishbone Alley Gazette

June, 2014 *Rainier Auto Sports Club*

## Rally News

\* No Alibi is this weekend (June 7/8). 28 teams are entered, with the usual variety of cars, some, ah hem, unusual for a long drive featuring gravel.

Rallymaster Dan and his staff seem to have it all under control.

\* The Olympus stage rally (May 30-June 1) was a great success. 44 entries and about 36 finishers proved that stage rally is doing well in the PNW, despite not being a "National" with the prestige that brings.

The DNF's were mostly mechanical- I only heard about two rollovers. Two motors didn't survive the thrashing that the nice roads provided. Service crews were busy repairing suspensions, mostly because of some "interesting driving lines" the roads provided- or drivers made. There was some welding done late into the night at Little Creek Casino.

RASC didn't have a big presence. Kathryn Hansen co-drove for Mark Tabor. Steve Perret and she traveled to Portland the week before to "wrench" the rally car. Steve saw the same roads Kathryn did, except he was 000 car making sure the route was legal and crews awake. Cristy Breazeale ran stop controls all by herself, while Jim rode with Ron Sorem in the 00 car. Nolte did Ham duties. - MN

<http://www.olympusrally.com/>

\* The payment for Alcan (August 18>26) is due June 18. Then Jerry will know if he has a max entry that will fill the motels he has booked. 17 cars and 39 motorcycles may be preparing right now.

\* The traditional Calgary spring stage rally was moved because of horrid road conditions left by the harsh winter and floods. It was called "Radium Hot Springs". It fit into Tim Chovanak's schedule so he made the 10-hour drive to volunteer at controls. He says they started 20 cars, and 5 DNF's, most on the second stage.

\* The Cascade Classic was held the same weekend as Olympus. Steve Richards took the ferry to get to the Lake Crescent Lodge, then may have set a personal record by working 4 checkpoints plus a Route Control on Saturday. There were 17 fine cars rallying, plus 5 in the tag-along touring class.

Among the notable competitors were Gary Reid and Ed Millman in Gary's powder blue MGB.

## Club News

\* Meeting minutes for May 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 recorded by Secretary Diamond Jim

11 members and 3 guests in attendance

Called to Order by Veep S. Richards at 20:03. PORASC Marvin was rumored to be sequestered in an undisclosed underground distillery working on No Alibi.

Secretary's Report - April meeting minutes accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report - Madam Treasurer Cristy reported a current bank balance of \$6636.61. She also collected dues from apparently guilty-feeling unnamed club members.

## RALLY REPORTS

Nor'Wester - Roads and routes under review by the Route Master Roy.

Friday Niter - October 10th. 1<sup>st</sup> call for workers and a confirmation "Yep" redue by Dan.

Alcan - Jerry via email reports 19 cars with 5 in the Vintage class. 40 bikes with 4 unlikely. Staffing continues to evolve with Nicki and her new RCMP husband will help for the first 5 days. Day 1 and 2 volunteers are welcome with rooms provided in Quesnel, BC. Large groups of cycles from Quebec and Chicago. Most bikes want to do North Canol, Telegraph Creek and Denali side trips with about half wanting to do the Dalton Hwy and Chena Hot Springs. Call for Tech volunteers on Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Baymont.

No Alibi - Dan recounted tales from the final measurement including recovering from a clutch failure. Dinner & hotel details finalized. 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Crystal-ish sandblasted glassware on order and Eric was on the shirt detail.

Raindrop - No rally master has been volunteered as of yet for the 2015 event. Competitor reviews were positive and were addressed and discussed.

## OLD BUSINESS

The FCC was finally convinced by Kevin Barrow and Mark Nolte to issue a business band license to RASC. WQTX454

The suggestion was floated that the club purchase several new checkpoint clocks.

At which time our guests interrupted the proceedings with a most generous offer of lending ORCA's 5 checkpoint clocks whenever we needed them.

NEW BUSINESS - was tabled in favor of letting our guests do show and tell.

The engineering Thompson family brought a Master time clock that is capable of syncing Alpha and possibly Timewise checkpoint clocks that Curt had built. He also displayed and described his

prototype GPS transponder checkpoint clocks. Very impressive, showing their passion for the sport.

Premature call for adjournment was interrupted to present Raindrop trophies to Ron Sorem and Steve Richards for all the hard work they put in on the rally.

Meeting finally adjourned at 21:00

### Trivia

\* Ed Rachner is home after about two months at UW Medical Center. He is looking forward to getting back to work (a good sign). The hospital stay left him weak, with "loss of muscle mass" as he phrases it.

\* The Breazeales still have some T-shirts left. They were popular, but not quite a sellout, at Olympus.

\* The Hines added a 1965 Ford Ranchero (blue) to the fleet.

\* At the Knox Mountain Hillclimb, May 17, the Trinders needed to repair a leaking seal on the tow truck's transmission. While on ramps, it rolled off, pinning Bob underneath. Scott called for help and a small crowd converged to literally lift the truck off Bob.

After a stay at the Kelowna hospital, Bob is now back home, facing recuperation to his back and head. It may take a while.

### For Sale

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

\*1984 Subaru BRAT, no rust, mostly unmolested. Blue. \$4250 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](mailto:Jeff@somepants.com)

### **For Sale – Need Cash Now**

**1991 Subaru Legacy 2.2 Turbo Sport Sedan** (clone, shell is USA made "L" body, "sunroof delete")

Five speed manual, Subaru competition clutch and Limited Slip Differential from original Turbo Sedan.

You've seen this car on stages at Pacific Forest Rally, Mountain Trials, Doo Wops, Oregon Trail, Olympus, Idaho International, and at TSDs like Raindrop, No Alibi, Totem, Thunderbird, Oregon 1000 and many others.

Car has developed a typical Subaru "old age knock", most likely rod bearings. Bid on rebuild is over \$2000 installed, at a Subaru shop. DIY for a lot less – just not by me. Needs a new battery. "Might" jump start one more time. Tags expired, needs to be running for Seattle area emissions (passed fine last time). If you think you can undertake this project, offer me \$1000 for the car and second EJ22T motor (louder knock – needs bearings) and ALL the parts, and it's yours. Bring a trailer...

There is a long list of spares included, from two 1991 and one 1993 Sport Sedans, including drive train components, brakes (ABS and non), axles, open diff, glass, and hood and trunk. (Just about everything that won't fit an Impreza)

RonSorem @ gmail dot com. 206.954.3173

Also available a low mileage (91533) **1997 2.2 NA motor** ready to go in – \$1200 with complete harness.

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**1987 Subaru EA82T Turbo Wagon.** 5-speed push-button 4WD. Ran when parked. Needs battery. \$500 (long list of 1987 spares and EA82T cores)

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\*1982 Mercedes 300 SD. (Yes, the Turbo diesel). Nice chrome wheels, recent paint job- it's "taupe". \$2500. Jerry Hines (206) 227-6343. The car is in Nevada, may be in Seattle area in late June.

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

### Washington & British Columbia TSD

**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

June 21 – Idaho Rally, Boise

Jul 26 – Mendocino, Ukiah, CA

**Rainier Auto Sports Club** will meet this coming Monday, June 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: No Alibi will be reviewed.

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