

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* RASC's Raindrop rally was "proofed" and called good ("GOOD!"). Rallymasters Cristy and Jim Breazeale put in some long hours turning the direction of the 2014 version around this winter.

Steve Richards volunteered for the arduous task of working out checkpoint crew assignments. He is about 5 crews short of what he wants; even with a lunch break and a tight course, moving people isn't easy. E-mail him if you can participate.

The rally ends in Chehalis with first car at the restaurant at 3 pm.

* The 2015 TSD NWRC rally season kicked off on a surprisingly nice evening March 13 with the first Friday Niter. The thirteen car entry was as expected. The Portland series drew 12 in March, then 22 in April.

RASC provided a checkpoint crew consisting of Charles Aggenbach, Rod Johnson, Mark Nolte, and Ron Sorem.

* The survey for the 2016 Alcan was productive. Jerry asked about ice racing in Yellowknife and quickly hooked up with a tour of Yellowknife's track.

He expects 30 entries, nailing down reservations for the overnight stops takes time and research. The rally will spend two nights each in Fairbanks and Yellowknife. There is plenty to do and see.

There is competition for rooms with Japanese tourists. The northern lights are quite a show. See some taken by Paul Oskamp on the Alcan Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alcan-5000-Rally/371881353455>

* First call for HAMs has gone out from Oregon Trail (April 24-25). brienmorris@yahoo.com is heading up the communications team. At last check, 60 teams had expressed interest.

*The Olympus stage rally is over the May 15-17 weekend. Of course they need workers. If you want to do HAM duties, get in touch with Lee Chambers, ki7ss1@gmail.com. Service is at The Ridge Motorsports Park, but the track itself won't be used.

* When asked why No Alibi is announced to Finish in Lyle, Washington, the answer was "Why not?".

Club News

* Rainier Auto Sports Club March 9th, 2015 meeting minutes

Recorded by Jim Breazeale, RASC Secretary
Meeting called to Order at 20:06 by PORASC
Marvin Crippen with 10.5 members in attendance and 1 guest, Kyle Rosenlieb.

Reading of the February meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Madam Treasurer reports a current club bank balance of \$4585.88 Rally registrar extraordinaire, Eric chimed in saying he would transfer Raindrop Rally entry fees from the clubs PayPal account when the amount was deemed sufficient enough to warrant action.

RALLY REPORTS

Raindrop Rally- Rally Master Cristy expressed many Thanks to Ron and Steve for their efforts. Ron and Mark were working on rally flyers for distribution at the upcoming Friday Niters. Call for volunteers. Final Check out run updated to April 4th

No Alibi Rally- delivered from the underground lair of the route masters. The official headquarters hotel will be the Red Lion in Kennewick and Saturday evening's meal will be the Grill Master's BBQ. Yummy sounds followed.

Friday Niter Rally- October 9th. Eric volunteered to mentor a new Rally Master. Google street view your proposed route.

Winter Alcan Rally 2016- Entry list still holding at 32. Yellowknife must hold mystery for some.

Nor'Wester 2017- Ron handed out the new business cards and was met with oohs and ahs. A very nice club information card. Eric mentioned video footage of the 1970 Nor'Wester Rally on the Exploration Northwest video website. Nor'Wester's web page is up.

Old Business- none dredged up.

New Business- The T-shirt topic was unearthed from Eric's desk. RDS suggested user friendly Grey as the color. Design suggestions ranged from the classic snowflake to send me your ideas. Eric has digital files of the RASC logo.

Call for workers for the Friday Niter and 4 generous souls volunteered.

Meeting adjourned at 20:49

Trivia

* Try to picture Jerry Hines in a black De Tomaso Mangusta convertible. Your editor can't.

* When I hear about transmission repairs, visions of slimy fluids and complex gear arrangements come to mind. Jerry says that Lucas repaired the BMW tranny (see the ad -yours for \$4500) by removing the pan and replacing an electronic part.

* Brian Cary is heading for a less-than-a-week vacation at Oahu, Hawaii. He said he grew up there, but is sure it has changed. (He grew up? - ed.)

* Cameron Hines graduates May 11, with a degree in Automotive engineering. Congratulations.

* Marvin Crippen sent this over:

Paper Logs Are Dead! Long Live Paper Logs!

Okay so that's a bit of an exaggeration. We may never completely dispense with paper logs, but if you're working at Raindrop in a couple of weeks you'll have the opportunity to use a laptop or iPad (or perhaps an iPhone) to enter scores.

I have released an alpha version of my new checkpoint software to a select number of people. I plan on providing a demo of the application at the meeting next week. If all goes well that will be the beta version that will then be made available at Raindrop.

I've provided a cheeky little Q&A to give you more information...

Q: What devices will be supported?

A: The software will work on Windows laptops running Windows 7 or Windows 8, Mac Laptops running OS 10.7 or later, and iOS devices running iOS 6, iOS 7, or iOS 8.

Q: So no Android or Windows phones then?

A: No. Nor do I expect that to change anytime soon. There are some existing apps that may be usable. I will be looking at providing some utilities that will allow me to accept the file format these apps use and import it into my scoring spreadsheet. However at least one of the apps (at the time I looked at it 3 months ago), perhaps more, do not provide the timing resolution I think is necessary to adequately adjust a clock of unknown time.

Q: If apps already exist, why reinvent the wheel?

A: Partially because I like needlessly complicating my life. But also partially because it allows me to customize things to a level not usually possible with a third party app, and provide a much richer, better experience for the checkpoint worker.

Q: So my checkpoint clock is now useless, huh?

A: Not at all! My app provides two different modes for filling in timing information. In the External Clock view it is the electronic version of filling in a paper CP Log, except you enter the time and the app does all the rest.

Q: And the other view?

A: The system clock view acts more like you are using an actual timing clock, but instead using the system clock of whatever device you are on. You press a "Time Car" button each time a car comes by. If that car turns out to be a rally car you can set the number of the car and all the rest is done automatically.

Q: But what if my system clock is inaccurate?

A: By comparing your system clock to a known good external clock you can enter a value to adjust all your times. This does presume that your system clock does not drift over the course of a single CP. We don't really have enough data at this point to determine if that is a valid concern or not.

Q: Okay, so I've entered all these times now what?

A: You can export the data (in several different formats). If you have Internet access, you'll be able to mail the files to the scorer. If not, you can export the files to a flash drive and hand that off to the scorer at some point.

I am currently looking for some iPhone users to help me in testing. Shrinking the interface into such a small form factor while still making it readable and usable will be ... challenging. If you're interested in helping (requires downloading a free third party app), send me an email (mandos@gmail.com) and let me know what model of iPhone you have and what iOS version it is running.

For Sale

*2001 BMW 330ix. Silver, black interior. automatic transmission, 18" wheels. Recent head work and revamp to sell at \$4500. Car is near San Diego, CA. Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343

* Diamond Jim's 1990 Audi 90 Quattro 20 valve. Built for the 2014 Winter Alcan. You've seen it everywhere. ALL the major maintenance items have been done. Comes with a literal ton of spares including another complete engine, 2 more sets of tires and wheels, way too much to list. Buy it and drive anywhere. Sanity forces sale.

Exclusive RASC member price \$5000, all others \$3500 firm. blackholeracing@yahoo.com

* Uniden BCT-7 radio scanner. Pre-programmed for police, fire, state patrolies. NOT Trunking or P25. Includes DC power cord, mounting bracket, inside-the-windshield antenna. \$30.00 roy.ward@frontier.com

* Motorola Maratrac VHF 99 channel 100-watt trunk-mount two-way radio. Ham radio repeater

frequencies programmed in for most of Washington State. Some WSP (receive only) frequencies. Complete with main body (trunk mount unit), control head, speaker, mic, and control cable. No valley too deep, this radio bores holes through mountains. Make offer. Roy Ward, (425) 485-6225. roy.ward@frontier.com.

* **For Free:** One 6" three-jaw wheel puller, new, never been used. Bought in a fit of wildly enthusiastic self-delusion to remove a front spindle bearing from a 2000 Impala. Front spindle nut dashed all dreams of recaptured youth. Took the car to a shop with air tools, car is better now. Still have the 3-jaw wheel puller. Free to a good home. Roy Ward, (425) 485-6225. roy.ward@frontier.com

*Brian Cary bought snow tires for Thunderbird. They came on Ford Focus 15" (4x108 mm bolt pattern) **alloy wheels**. The wheels are for sale for \$200, or make-an-offer. 425-445-7195

* From Dan and Nicki Lachapelle: Selling 2003 Subaru WRX; "Amazing car, ready to run with lots of spares and very well suited to winning! (Would be Alcan ready!) looking for 15k CDN or 11750\$ USD (has parts worth way more then that!)"

- Primitive Racing front and rear skid plates (2012)
- Rally Armor mud flaps (2012)
- Compomotive 15 inch Rally wheels (2012)
- KYB AGX raised suspension with King springs (2012)
- Primitive Racing light bar (2013)
- Timewise A Box computer (2013)
- 20 inch Wolf LED light bar with 2 Hella spots (2013)
- OMP map light (2013)
- Hawks HP+ brake pads with Quiet slot disks (2013)
- New timing belt and water pump (2013)
- Terra Trip intercom with headsets (2013)
- Yokohama A034 Winter Rally tires (New)
- Yokohama A033 Gravel Rally tires (50%)
- Nokian Norman 4 Winter tires on OEM 16 inch wheels (85%)
- New windshield and battery (2014)
- 122 000 miles (US model)

\$ 15 000 call Dan at 250-315-7302

RASC Calendar

> Thanks to Ron Sorem for compiling a big list from which events of interest to RASC members are picked.

Other Events

Aug 28 – Global Rallycross, Snoqualmie, WA
September 19 – Mendocino Gold, TSD, Ukiah, CA

Classic Car Rallys

Apr 24-26 - Hagerty Spring Thaw Classic, Vancouver B.C.
May 15 -17 – Hagerty Silver Summit Classic, Denver, CO
May 29-31 – Rush to Gold Bridge, Vancouver B.C.
May 29-31 – Cascade Classic, Carson, WA
July 23-26 - Monte Shelton Classic
Oct. 12 – Sea to Sky, Vancouver, B.C.

Washington & British Columbia TSD

April 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA
April 18 – Spring Novice Rally, Mission, B.C.
April 19 – Raindrop, RASC, Rallymaster: Jim & Cristy Breazeale
May 8 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC
Jun 6-7 – No Alibi, RASC
June 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA
July 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC
July 18 – Heart of Darkness (HOD), B.C.
Aug 14 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC
Sept 11 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA
Oct. 9 - NWRC Friday Niter by RASC
Nov 14-15 – Totem, B.C.

Oregon TSD

May 1 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie
June 12- Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie
July 10- Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie
Aug 1-2 - The Road Not Taken
Aug 7 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie
Aug 15 – Mountains To The Sea, Portland
Sept 11 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

NW Stage rallys

April 24-26 – Oregon Trail, Hood River, OR
May 15-17 – Olympus, Shelton, WA
June 13-14 – Idaho Rally, Boise, MT
Oct 2-3 – Pacific Forest Rally, Merritt,