

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News



* The Alcan Winter Rally (February 25-March 4) is coming together after years of planning. Jerry is occupied with confirming at accommodations. He says that the bad oil economy has opened up a lot of hosts in northern Alberta. The Canadian dollar exchange rate is in his favor, too.

Nitto Tires has come on as a sponsor. The brand is sold locally through Discount Tire, among others.

The usual variety of vehicles. You can be amused at <https://www.alcan5000.com>.



Otis at Totem, (Picture by Darsi Sullivan www.thezuperhero.com | @zuperhero)

The Ranhofers are prepping Otis (Porsche Cayenne). An OBD "sender" was offered by Nu-Metrics for their odometer needs. Testing to commence shortly.

Totem Lake Hotel will be full of cars and tech people on Wednesday, February 24, from noon to 4pm. FCO on Thursday at 8am. It's located just up the block from Café Veloce.

Nine days of rally, adventure, and scenery.

* The NWRC annual confab welcomed a new club: The BMW Car Club of Puget Sound. Otherwise, the March> October Friday Niter schedule stays the same. A non-Friday Niter may be added, in October, by ORCA.

Steve Richards attended and described his idea for a GPS rally. Response was positive.

Insurance came up, since the \$180 fee puts a serious dent in the profitability of a Friday Niter. The entry fee stays at \$20, so the profit margin is *slim* if only 14 cars enter.

* The state of TSD rally is summarized in the chart below. Seattle, Portland, and Los Angeles have monthly Friday Niters. I added some more TSD's in the right 2 columns. - MN

Club	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	YEAR	Raindrop	No Alibi
	NWRC	ORCA	PSRC	NWRC	ORCA	PSRC	ORCA	RASC		RASC	RASC
UnL	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	4		6	11
Eq							1			4	8
Mstr	4	4	5	4	2		4	3		na	na
SOP	6	4	5	4	5	5	3	6		6	2
Novice	1	2	0	2	2	1	4	8		11	9
Total	13	12	12	12	11	7	13	21	101	27	30
Geargrinders/Cascade Sports Car Club										MTTS	
UnL	3	4	2	1	2	2	1			11	
Lim			1		1					3	
Mstr	2	2	2	3	2	1	1			2	
SOP	4	6	3	4	4	3	7			11	
Novice	3	3	2	7	3	2	5			7	
Total	12	15	10	15	12	8	14		86	34	
Santa Monica Sports Car Club										Not My	Eureka
Runs from January>December										Fault 8/1	May 1
Class A	3	3	4	4	3	1	4	4		3	3
Class B	1	1						1		2	
Class C	1	2	1	5	2	5	2	2		4	3
Class D	5	4	2		2	6	1	3		2	2
	10	10	7	9	7	12	7	10	72	11	11
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Club News

*From Roy Ward: "I'm home. I'll be reading the owner's manual for my new "Mr. Heartbeat" device for the next few days.

"On Wednesday (the 27th) I went to the mail room at my apartment. I had been feeling bleaugh for the previous days, but this trip of 300 feet was like climbing Mt. Everest. Every muscle in my body felt like I had been doing workouts, and ached that lactic acid ache. On the way back from the mailroom, I was beginning to wonder if I was going to make it.

"When I did get back in my apartment, I called a 24/7 nurses' hotline, and after pressing 1, 3, 7, 3, 8, 5, 3 again, and "0", I got hold of a nurse. I told her my symptoms. She said, "Hang up. Call 911 NOW." So I did. I got two aid cars to my apartment, and when they hooked me up to the monitor, the paramedic asked, "What's your pulse, usually?" I told him 70 to 90. He said, "Not anymore. It's 29. Your heart is dying." So they loaded me up on the gurney, and I did my best Monty Python ("I'm not dead yet!"), and we headed off to Evergreen. Nothing quite like riding in a bouncing, swerving aid car while a paramedic tries to find a vein in a patient with no blood pressure.

“We arrived at the ER, and the doctor there got all concern-faced, when the next thing I knew I met a cardiac surgeon in scrubs. That's when I got five stents and a power cord to my heart shoved up my femoral artery. An external pacemaker was connected to that to keep my heart going overnight. Then Thursday morning I went into surgery to have an internal pacemaker installed. I had never experienced Fentanil before, and I must say, that is some powerful stuff. No anesthetic. Just Fentanil. It makes you feel reeeeeeeal goooooood.

“Friday the cardiologist said I could go home, but it took the nursing staff a few hours to get around to removing the collection of body piercings from my arms and hands. A friend picked me up and brought me here, where I had to sort through 442 emails.

“I'm going to be a while recovering from the hospital food.”

*RASC Meeting Minutes from the January RASC meeting, as recorded by Secretary Brian Cary:

Meeting Called to order at 8:02pm

December Minutes accepted as read

Treasurer report \$6955 before paying for Christmas party, which cost \$250 for room and \$70 for food and drinks.

Rally report was next:

Raindrop: Discussion about using other clubs routes, Steve's route from '06, Whidbey Island/Camano Island with start and finish in Anacortes. Ferry workarounds possible? Jim and Cristy express interest in rallymaster position if it takes place up north. Trophies could be Willie Nelson Chia pets.

No Alibi: Are we doing it or not? Mark Nolte volunteers to be rallymaster. Route could follow Evergreen State rally route, with Wenatchee and Omak as possible start/finish points.

Ron Sorem brings out the Rallymaster Guidebook for prospective rally masters. 75 pages of cold hard facts!

Friday Nighter: Rainier will continue to run the last event of the year.

Nor'Wester; Route is established but needs a checkout run once snow clears and measurements to be taken.

Alcan 5000: Entries stable at 28 yes and 3 maybes. Route is in order with no changes needed. Ron says checkpoint workers who want to work the second day in Quesnel have an available room, contact Jerry.

Old Business was then discussed as Mark passed out remaining RASC decals, Ron has more RASC

shield-shaped decals as well as t-shirts for last 5 rallies, inventory will be sent to Mark.

Discussion about the Rallymasters Guide being distributed in digital form but tech knowledgeable people need to assist to make a reality. Troy Jorgensen offers to put it on the website. 5 hard copies are requested for distribution as soon as possible.

Mark suggests a possible inventory being done for club materials.

New Business: Dues are Due! Funds can be sent to Jim and Cristy. Should we get a Square for rally payments by card? What email should be attached to PayPal rally entry fees?

president@rainierautosports.com?

Steve Richards brings up an idea of GPS checkpoint rallies he has been thinking about for a while:

-no checkpoint workers required, only one person to Score final results.

-any type of vehicle could participate (secretary is thinking about motorcycles)

-30 waypoints/positions

-would start in normal Friday Nighter location.

-Each waypoint would require answering a question (more difficult=more points) to prove competitor visited

-Event has a time limit, not enough to reach all checkpoints so competitors would have to choose wisely.

A map would be marked with checkpoints and their graduated difficulty. Some discussion was had about this possibly encouraging speeding to collect all checkpoints, but in the end it was unanimous that Steve should go ahead with the plan and present it to NWRC at the annual meeting.

Jim Breazeale brings up the usual Friday Nighter in October and volunteers for NWRC, all members encouraged to attend the Annual meeting on Jan 30th at the Issaquah Round Table Pizza at 6pm to express thoughts and suggestions. Pictures of club hats passed around for consideration and Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm. After this fact it was discussed that meeting will be moved to 7:30 pm.

* Dues: \$25 single, \$30 family. Pay at the meeting for send to the club P.O. box. Newsletter gets cut off after the February issue.

Trivia

* Steve Richards has this idea for a “GPS rally”, where entrants use their GPS to answer a questionnaire. He’s calling it “Garmina Shrugs”. He explains that his GPS talks to him in a female voice, so he’s taken to calling the voice “Garmina”. The “shrugs” part gets back to the Ayn Rand story.

* With some TLC and expert diagnosis, the Breazeales have the “Devil Bunny” running again.

* The Damm’s have acquired Satch’s “Bad Dog” 325ix. Marinus says it has more power than their red 325ix, “Marilyn”.

For Sale/Wanted

*New lower price! **2001 BMW 330ix**. Silver, black interior. automatic transmission, 18" wheels. Recent head work and revamp to sell at \$3600. Car is near San Diego, CA. Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343

*Brian Cary bought snow tires for Thunderbird last year. 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 (He’s talking about buying a car to match these wheels)

* The 1987 Subaru RX known to owner Jeff McMillan as **Roxanne** is going back up for sale. Turnkey stage rally car. jeff@somepants.com

* **1993 Legacy Super Sport** turbo sedan (Rare-maybe one of 25 imported). Burgundy, 5-speed, 153,000 miles. Set up for TSD with wiring and goodies. “Alcan proven”. \$5000 Car is fine, just running out of parking spots. Steve Brown, 206-954-4267

* Fors Ale: **Kenwood TK705D** VHF FM transceiver, 25-watt xmit power, programmable for 16 frequencies, \$100.00. A perennial Alcan Rally favorite. Roy Ward, (425) 485-6225, roy.ward@frontier.com

Four Sail: Kenwood TK730 remote mount VHF transceiver. Programmed with 160 channels, complete list of frequencies available. Programmed with rallying in mind, including 146.580MHz and 151.625MHz narrow band. **Complete** with mounting bracket, power cord, external speaker, mic, and remote control head. Cost over \$1800.00 new. Asking \$125.00. Roy Ward, (425) 485-6225, roy.ward@frontier.com.

RASC Calendar

*March 5 – Mike & Key HAM swap meet, Puyallup
No rallycrosses included. B.C will add some their TSD’s later. And there are Classic car rallies in 2016.*

Washington, Oregon, British Columbia TSD

The Oregon Friday Niters are the first Friday each month, except for June (not to conflict with No Alibi, and September to avoid the Labor Day holiday. The season is March to September.

The NWRC Friday Niters are the 2nd Friday night of each month, March to October. When a club doesn’t volunteer to hold a rally, the NWRC chair puts it

together, with volunteer workers supplied by each club- this year in March, June, and August.
May 14 brings the revival of EESCC after many many years.

Feb 6-7 – Thunderbird, Merritt>Vernon>Merritt, B.C., \$145USD

February 25>March 4 – Alcan 5000 winter rally. 2 nights in each Fairbanks and Yellowknife.

Mar 4- Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter, Milwaukie, OR

Mar 11- NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by NWRC

April 1 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter, Milwaukie, OR

Apr 8 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by PSRC

April 17 – Raindrop, RASC

May 6 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter, Milwaukie, OR

May 13 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by ORCA

May 14 – “Revival Rally”, Eugene, OR, Emerald Empire Sports Car Club

June 4-5 – No Alibi, RASC

June 10 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by NWRC

June 10 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter, Milwaukie, OR (Moved away from No Alibi)

July 1- Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter, Milwaukie, OR

July 8 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by ORCA

July 24 – “Garmina Shrugs: A GPS rally”, gimmick, Bellevue, WA, RASC

Aug 5 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter, Milwaukie, OR

Aug 6 - Mountains to the Sea, Portland, OR

Aug 12 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by NWRC

Sept 9 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by FOOTZ

Sept 9 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter, Milwaukie, OR (Moved to avoid Labor Day)

Oct 14 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by RASC

Oct 22 – possible touring TSD by ORCA

November ? – Totem, B.C.

NW Stage rallies

April 22-24 – Oregon Trail, Hood River, OR

May 14-15 – Olympus, Shelton, WA

June 4-5 – Rocky Mountain, Invermere, B.C.

July 9-10 – Mendocino, Ukiah, CA

Sept 24 – Wild West, Montesano, WA

Sept 30-Oct 1 – Pacific Forest, Merritt, B.C.

Oct ?? – Hood River, Oregon

Nov 12-13 – Radium Hot Springs, Alberta

Dec 3-4 – Big White, Kelowna, B.C.

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, February 8, 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: We'll see how **starting at 7:30** works. Jerry will attend, possibly with Alcan "stuff". Besides Alcan, there will be stories of the just-completed Thunderbird. Many RASC members are participating.

Dues will be the same in 2016: \$25 single, \$30 family. Please pay at the meeting or send a check to the post office box.

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