

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* Raindrop Rally is fast approaching – it happens in a week on April 17. The checkout went well, with a short description from Ron Sorem mentioning “brisk”. Whidbey Island is of course scenic.

All the factors that come together to make it a fun little rally are coming together. The Finish at the Farmhouse Restaurant will provide a buffet for those who need sustenance after the fine drive. Trophies await “inspiration”. Entries are lagging behind optimistic hopes.

* No Alibi (June 4-5) – The annual weekend adventure to eastern Washington is looking much like last year’s successful rally. Roads are being explored around Walla Walla. The budget, such as it is, has been submitted to the RASC Board for approval; the registration will open soon after.

* Stage rallies: News from Oregon Trail (April 22-24) is promoting the exciting Friday night Portland International Raceways stages again before moving to Hood River for gravel roads. New roads are being used on the north side of the Columbia River, including the famous (paved) Maryhill Hillclimb. The rally will finish on Sunday at the Dufur park.

Olympus (May 14-15) has new routes on Green Diamond lands. Something unique to the program was a “road cleanup” day on April 3, where users (motorcycle clubs, etc.) make it a day of collecting trash.

These are the west coast’s appearance of the Rally America series.

* More Winter Alcan notes- all diesel pumps aren’t equal, as the Ranhoffer’s found when some nozzles were too large to fit the Porsche Cayenne’s tank. One solution was to refill from their “jerry can” after filling that from the “trucker size” gas pump.

Asked about carnage, Steve Perret mentioned that “offs” weren’t kind. Yes, a Mini’s A/C pump can be tie-wrapped to last for many miles. It was so cold in Yellowknife that a brush with a snowbank shattered the plastic bodywork of his Subaru.

Club News

* Rainier Auto Sports Club meeting minutes for March 2016 recorded by substitute secretary Diamond Jim Breazeale.

Meeting called to order at 19:30 with 12.5 members attending.

February meeting minutes were accepted as read by Charles.

Madam Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$5289.17. She also reported that the Club's taxes were filed with assistance from Jerry Hines. Queries concerning insurance were answered.

RALLY REPORTS

Raindrop Rally- RM Diamond Jim reported the route was finalized, ending location finalized and a collective checkout run is scheduled for Sunday, April 3rd. Pleas for workers are again sounded. Motion to raise the entry fee to \$40 was passed. Nolte confirmed progress on the Trophies.

No Alibi Rally- RM Mark Nolte reported progress on his route. Hotel rooms in Kennewick at the Red Lion. Other hotels near can be found for lower rates. BBQ for dinner with Grill Masters. Entry fee remains \$175. No shirts or hats in the budget. And some explanations to Mark about how PayPal works.

Garmina Shrugs- Steve Richards novel GPS rally will have a \$20 entry fee, 30-car maximum with online registration encouraged and will end at Sparta Pizza in Bothell.

Nor'Wester Rally- Both Route and Rally Masters are waiting for the snows to melt. Work on details continues in the background.

Friday Niter Rally- Recap of the NWRC event. RASC fielded a checkpoint crew with Nolte, Charles, Kyle and Diamond Jim entertaining the competitors, neighbors and the local Sheriff who came out to investigate reports of kids doing illegal street racing. After talking to the old rally guys and getting an invitation to Raindrop he went away with a laugh and a smile.

OLD BUSINESS-

The Car Number topic was raised with greater urgency with Raindrop looming near. Marvin and Ron took command.

With the growing maturity of the club members, it was presented as a nicety to have our rally families In Case of Emergency contact info. I.C.E. As a rally family we have had to contact others to explain details. If you are comfortable giving some info to your rally family, do so; it will ease some confusion during an emergency.

NEW BUSINESS-

Alcan regulations will likely continue to evolve as technology allows for better comms and marketing.

Madam Treasurer reminds us that Dues are... due and threatens a pledge drive.

Call to adjourn at 20:31

*Chuckanut Sports Car Club (Bellingham) has a tradition of having an event if there is a 5th Wednesday in a month.

March's event was a less-than-an-hour rally. Ken and Sue Lingbloom put together a friendly route and used the Touring format as an introduction to rallying for the club members. Hopefully a few of the 10 participants will run the Raindrop.

Trivia

* Some Alcan cars stayed on in Alaska, Jerry and Steve Brown sold their rides to Alaskans and flew home. Others will return after repairs in the far north, when the weather is warmer.

Troy Jorgensen's class-winning Subaru was driven home. The car didn't suffer at all from the trip, except that now a mysterious ailment has defied analysis, resulting in a miles-per-gallon drop to about 17, from 24.

* Brian Cary vacationed for 10 days on Easter Island. He described the car population as "mostly micro Japanese cars", many suffering from salt damage. He rented a scooter, where he found gas prices "about like Canada".

*Maps. DeLorme introduced their state atlas's in the late '70's, amazing buyers with details not available on gas station maps. A similar atlas is made by Benchmark now. Ron Sorem pointed out that a small difference makes a big difference- the pages overlap, so following a road on one page is easier to follow on the next.

The little dashtop Garmin GPS units save routes in memory, and can be downloaded to computer mapping (Garmin's own BaseCamp and Google Earth). Nolte had high hopes until finally downloading to find that the GPS picks its own start/finish, and collects 800+ data points in just 18 miles. Very hard to aggregate measurements as small as 5 feet. -MN

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

*FOR SAIL: TIRES! 4 Primewell (who?) Valera Sport AS tires, size 225/50R17. First \$10.00 takes. Or whatever. Roy Ward, roy.ward@frontier.com (clever, huh?), 425-485-6225.

* 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

RASC Calendar

Not of the rally world: The Republican Convention is July 18>21 in Cleveland, followed by the Democratic Convention, July 25-28 in Philadelphia. August 5>21: Olympics from Rio.

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.

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, Kennewick> Kennewick

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, 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: The usual for April. Rallys coming up.

Dues will be the same in 2016: \$25 single, \$30 family. Club policy is to accept money anytime, even three months into the year.

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