

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

November, 2016

Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

*October 2016 Friday Niter – by Rod Johnson, Rallymaster

This route went to Maple Valley, via Coalfield Park (East Renton), Tiger Mountain Rd, and Cedar Grove Rd for the first leg.

Leg two took the route through Ravensdale and out toward Selleck.

Leg three made a large loop South toward Enumclaw, via Enumclaw-Franklin Rd; and returning through Black Diamond and Ravensdale, to end near the Maple Valley finish location.

The route was 77 miles and 2-1/2 hours.

The finish was at Farrelli's Pizza in Maple Valley.

An alleged one-mile error in official mileage, caused leg two to not be scored.

It was later determined that the route mileage was correct, and that the competitor had made themselves victim of an unintentional 'trap'; thereby shortcutting the established course by one mile.

21 entrants, (one DNF when "home duties" called them home). 2 Unl, 6 Masters, 5 SOP, 8 Novices.

Thanks to Eric for registration.

Rod & Phyllis for Pace.

Ron & Jim CP 1

Mark, Dolores, & Richard Ranhofer for CP 2

Charles, Troy +3, and Andy Newell for CP 3

Big thanks to Rod for being railroaded, er, volunteering to be Rallymaster when originally he was just looking at a route.

Thanks to Steve Richards for helping with the calcs and measurements. –MN

* Alcan (August 20-28, 2018): Jerry is pleased with a steady stream of entrants for the summer event. Nitto Tires is already on board.

He has started a waiting list for newbie motorcycle entries. There are only so many motel rooms on the route, and he wants to make sure he has room for the car entries.

* From Pete Schneider, November 8 (via Facebook):

It is with great sadness that I have to inform the rally community that Gary Webb, passed away Monday night, November 7, while returning to Arizona from the Covered Bridge 50th Annual Road Rally weekend in Mt Snow Vermont.

I received a call from his wife Glenda on Tuesday morning, asking me to send out this note letting people know that Gary passed away from a possible stroke. After arriving from the airport in Las Vegas Monday night he drove to his office in Laughlin,

Nevada with his nephew to pick up his car and passed away while driving to his home in Bullhead City, Arizona.

Over the weekend at the event in Vermont, New England Region (NER) SCCA honored Gary for his 40 years of membership and service with the club. During that time Gary participated in several hundred rallies. Winning both Pro-Rallies, TSD rallies and endurance events like the Alcan 5000 which he won a record five times. The Alcan 5000 is a nine-day endurance event starting in Seattle and ending in Alaska conducted in both the summer and winter. He won the summer event twice and the winter event three times. Gary was the Rallymaster of the NER's 24-hour Tri-State rally back in the 80s, the Atlantic 1000 rally in New York State/Canada and Arizona.

Gary, originally from New Jersey, moved to Maine where he met and married Glenda, his wife for over 30 years. While in Maine he and his wife founded Atlantic Driving School, which specialized in Driver Education for local school districts, before moving to Arizona almost 18 years ago and opening Atlantic Driving School AZ.

* The Calgary, Alberta "Kananaskis" stage rally (November 6) had 11 entrant. It was a one-day, non-National event, with 4 stages, 79 km stage miles.

* Oregon 1000 (October 8/9) had 15 entrants. The Damms won, Davenport/ Crippen 4th, and Steve Richards/ Ed Millman finished 6th. Ron Sorem/Jim Breazeale were Sweep.

Club News

RASC OCTOBER 2016 MEETING minutes –by Brian Cary

Called to order by President Troy Jorgensen at 19:35
Treasury amount: \$4407.78 (We're rich!)

Rally reports:

Friday Nighter: Rod Johnson

Finish and start identified, also the middle part!

Checkout crew consisted of one and a half cars.

Ranhofers ran the route without too much trouble minus one intersection.

Calcs done but the printing will be held off if anyone wants to re check but it will be printed on Wednesday.

We need 2 min checkpoint crews. 3 are planned: Ranhofers, Ron Sorem, Jim Breazeale. At least 2 people per crew.

Kelly Smith agrees to do novice talk and timing clock.

Nolte may bring 3 timing lights
Dash plaques passed around.

Registration is being done by "who is doing registration?" Eric can work registration at the out cone but needs to leave right after.

Eric has 8 checkpoint signs from mysterious origins. 4 modern 4 classic

Do we have a route correction marker? No we don't!
Will use pie plates.

Jim says he can donate reflective stuff for signs!
Troy has trophies and needs to glue hot wheels to them, probably needs to do it on Thursday for maximum efficiency

Time to form a scoring committee! Who wants to do it? Eric describes a method that depends on the competitors' math skills. Hmm... no one volunteers for the job.

Rod Thanks to Ron Sorem for excellent work and help on the event!

More discussion of pauses and one potentially confusing turn instruction regarding a blue sign on a chain link fence. It'll be in the RI.

Summer Alcan: no updates.

Raindrop: People have talked but nobody will admit it.

Nor'Wester: Ron Sorem reports its plugging right on, end of report... Jim has canvassed for competitors at the Oregon 1000. Discussion about announcing Nor'Wester when we announce No Alibi being on hiatus. Earlier than regular opening for entries is possible?

No contract for the hotel yet.

Quick and easy lunch options proposed Subway to avoid complications with venues.

Troy is going to SEMA with Nor'Wester material to drum up interest.

Old Business;

Grumbles....

Something about nominations

New Business:

Scraping bottom of barrel.

And now for the Nominations:

Charles Aggenbach

Marvin Crippen

Rod Johnson

Tim Chovanak

Cristy Breazeale and Troy Jorgensen will carry over from the 2016 Board.

Announcements:

Totem IS Coming!

Have fun in Canada with Big White Too!

Looking For Venue Options for Christmas party and All suggestions are welcome!

Roy mentions Lake Forest Grill in Lake Forest Park, noting they have a banquet room and good food.

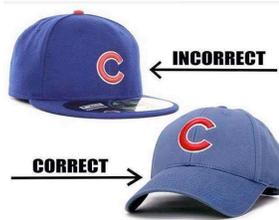
Meeting shut down by Troy at 20:14

* RASC Elections: The RASC way is to elect a Board for next year. The Board consists of 6 members who choose club officers during a secret meeting. The Nominating Committee cajoled four candidates, nicely matching up with the requirement. Rod Johnson has since withdrawn, so the November meeting will reopen the process to find a 4th Board member.

The Board oversees the club's welfare, mostly approving event budgets. Their work is defined by the club By Laws. If you look at the By Laws in the Member's Section of the RASC website, you'll note that they date back to 1991. Time for a revision?

One item for 2017 is dwindling membership. We ran out of rallymasters in 2016. Possibly by buying patches or caps that members can proudly wear. Other clubs have jackets and hoodies.

HOW TO WEAR A HAT



Trivia

* Jerry added a 2000 Ford Excursion to the fleet.

* The Ranhofers are planning a trip to Mexico in 2017. Yes, there is a rally there <http://www.chihuahuaexpress.com>. Since Otis (the Cayenne) is set up for "American" diesel, the Mexican diesel fuel won't work without many modifications.

* Brian Cary has a Focus project car. He's dealing with a bunch of issues. One is a leaking clutch slave cylinder inside the bell housing.

Another is more interesting. The battery got inserted backwards, and a few sparks clarified the error. But now the dashboard lights don't work. He is looking at the wiring diagram, and learning about it.

*A solution to adding a low-power item without getting messy.

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/141170113661>

ATM Low Profile Fuse Tap-Plug solves the problem of tapping into some vehicle's fuse boxes. Now you can plug directly into the fuse box and while keeping the circuit you tap into safe.



For Sale/Wanted

* For Sale: **Magellan Maestro 4200 GPS**. Hardly out of the box, never used in the car, complete with case, cords, big suction-cup thingy, and original box. Asking \$40.00
roy.ward@frontier.com

* **Pooshbars**: Setina PB-100 12" pushbars, just like you've seen on every police Crown Vic in your rear view mirror. Removed from my Impala. Setina makes kits for installing these on several different vehicles. Make your Pontiac Aztek unique! Great for mounting driving lights.
roy.ward@frontier.com 425-485-6225.

* **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 (UPDATE: Steve said to change it to "Make me an insulting offer") Car is fine, just running out of parking spots. Steve Brown, 206-954-4267

* 15" Subaru alloys with **Silverstone 185/65-15 S-525** tires. 4 tires (2xL and 2xR) have about 11/32 tread left on them. The other 2 are "spares", one has 6/32 and the other is 9/32. Make me a reasonable offer. The newer tires were \$150 new from Tabor Rally Team. Rims were \$50/each from Gundies. Max Vaysburd
max@angrykitten.com

RASC Calendar

Washington, Oregon, British Columbia TSD
November 19-20 – Totem, Cache Creek, BC
http://www.rallybc.com/archives/2016/2016_Totem.htm

NW Stage rallies

Dec 10 – Big White, Kelowna, B.C.

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, November 14, 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 poss, 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: Elections. A fourth candidate needs to come forth at the November meeting.

Christmas Party or a meeting?

Reserve dates for 2017 RASC events? Namely Raindrop.

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