

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* The May 7 Raindrop Rally has landed Richard and Delores Ranhofer as Rallymasters. It will start and finish at the Kit Carson restaurant in Chehalis. The Facebook page is up.

* The Arizona Border region of SCCA presented 2 National Course rallies over the March 4-5 weekend, called "Desert Sands" and Desert Sins". Jerry Hines navigated for John Alkema on the Saturday rally, placing 10th of the 12 entries. Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolansky placed 7th. It was eleven hours long, 265 miles, and scored 17 checkpoints.

Jerry described it as tricky-trappy, with ongoing notes and variable main road rules. Better, he caught up with old friends.

Typically, such a weekend would pair with a Touring format. It will next year. This year, Sunday's "Desert Sins" drew only 8 entrants.



Those slacks! Jack Deno conducts the Driver's Meeting, 1969 Nor'Wester, at Bellevue Square

* The Nor'Wester Update from Rallymaster Jim Breazeale, The thrilling saga of a small group of dedicated people embarking on an epic adventure. Chapter two. While here on the west side we are beginning to enjoy the first signs of spring, the rally location is still in the throes of winter. This has allowed for more fine-tuning of the route and more flexibility with back up options.

Apparently with the economy growing, lodging may become an issue. It is not an issue yet, but I would strongly suggest if you are planning to be at the event book your rooms now. The Quality Inn HQ will work for Friday check in and Sunday check out. Code 2017 Nor'Wester. You must call direct 509-758 9500. Not available online. There are other options in town.

The trophy position remains vacant. This is an easy task and a perfect opportunity for creative input. While doing some Cat Herder business, I spoke with my artist friend and we began assembling the needed design elements. And that led to some Raindrop trophy ideas, which I sent to the Rally Masters. Moving Forward.

The Secret Worker Rally is sold out. Those people are being sworn at-in. Everybody else will just have to run the real rally, which we all know will be a lifetime memory. Our Social Media presence is blossoming thanks to the heroic efforts of Ron, Eric and Marvin. Those gentlemen deserve special Thanks. They are responsible for all the content and proper language that we see. Registration coming soon!

Rainier's reputation landed us our first real money paying sponsors! While working the crowds at the Thunderbird Rally in Canada, our Oregonian friends at Trakside Motorsports and Compass Micro both donated \$250 bucks. Extra special Thanks to Russ & Garth!! That success should make it easier for someone to volunteer to assist in marketing and sales. Ron Sorem has created letterhead (in addition to everything else!) for official solicitations. We can support this effort, we just need help. More bucks mean more fun. Go fund me?

Don't forget, this is your club and you are certainly more than welcome and strongly encouraged to help put on this party. That goes for groupies, friends, past members and hangers on as well.

Will the skies clear and the passes open for our intrepid friends? Read next month's chapter of The Nor'Wester update.

*History: On February 9, 1980, Jerry Hines introduced us to a new rally format, the "Monte". Up until that time, a TSD had a few convenient Transits, and the checkpoints were of the stop-and-exchange-time slips variety. The "Long Winters Night" was overnight, with a lunch break at a Mount Vernon truck stop and finish at a now-demolished Holiday Inn in south Everett.

Club News

* Dues: \$25 single, \$30 family. Pay at the meeting or send to the club P.O. box.

* Meeting minutes for February, as recorded by Diamond Jim Breazeale (RASC Secretary)

Meeting called to order by HRH Charles at 19:35 with 8 members and 4 guests in attendance. HRH greeted long time Rainier friends Ken & Sue Lingbloom, Matt Tabor and recent Alcan survivor Andy Newell. Continuing with the gentle reminder

that club membership dues are \$25 single membership and \$30 for the family. All of the guests joined the club.

Late arrival of Brian Cary looking very Aero from stepping of the plane.

January meeting minutes were accepted as read
Madam Treasurer reported a balance of \$5,203.28

RALLY REPORTS-

Alcan Rally 2018- No News

No Alibi Rally- Crickets led the chorus as the event is on hiatus until Nor'Wester's dust settles.

Friday Niter Rally- October's date is firm and a route has been developed. Still needs a rally master.

Nor'Wester Rally- Rehash of WAG contents. Discussions of capacity of Tomato Bros. banquet room, comparisons of the Vintage and Historic classes, Supplemental rules and car numbers were pursued. Copies of the new flyer were handed out and pleas for help on various tasks were solicited.

Raindrop Rally- A route has been developed by veteran Route Master, Ron Sorem, with the start and finish at the popular Kit Carson restaurant. The intrepid Ranhofers have volunteered to be Rally Masters. Most of the usual minor questions were parsed and answered. Route files and other stuff to be sent to the new RMs. \$50 entry fee.

Other Business-

Thunderbird Rally- Recounting of the epic by Ron Sorem. Rainier continues to support this classic with 3 checkpoint crews and one competing team. Everyone agreed it was a challenging and fun event.

The NWRC Report- Re-hash from the WAG, continuing the staid ways of the old guard. And they wonder why RASC still has more entrants.

Discussions of a "Boosted Post" and costs on Facebook led by new member Matt Tabor.

Madam Treasurer Cristy and Jerry Hines took care of the 2017 tax filings.

The club's USPS mailbox was discussed at the Board Meeting prior to the regular meeting. It was decided to continue for 6 months with the current location. Exploration of an easier to access POB was suggested with a nearby Pony Express PMB being the next likely address. VP Marvin leading the search.

The "X-mas in July" holiday party and monthly meeting will be held at the Ranhofers, Times and date TBD soon.

Night on Bald Mountain is strongly rumored to return with Ben Thompson as the Rally Master.
Olympic Peninsula

Trivia

* Brian Cary has moved to Bellingham to commence classes at WWU. The Focus is running and the Volvo is up for sale.

* Since the Ranhofer's Cayenne, Otis, appeared in the Porsche Panorama magazine, Richard says more

than 700 comments on the web site, with a few questions about how they fitted it with all the mods.

For Sale/Wanted

* **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". \$4000 (*Dramatic price reduction!*) 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

* **2011 Audi A4 Quattro Avant**. 109K miles, all options including HID and Nav. Available in Seattle area Saturday, January 7 (Call for appointment) New low price: \$12,900. Jerry Hines (206) 227-6343 or alcan5000@gmail.com (Colleen got a Mini-Cooper Clubman)

* For Sale: Yaesu FT-90R VHF/UHF transceiver. Very small radio, 50W/35W, with manual. \$175.00 Roy Ward, roy.ward@frontier.com



* For Sale by Glenda Webb: Alfa-Elite Rally Computer. Price \$700.00. The unit is three years old and only used on weekends and by the winning team on the 2014 Alcan. List price of a new unit is \$899.00. This unit will be fully serviced by the factory ([Small Systems Specialists](http://www.rally.cc/)) prior to delivery. See <http://www.rally.cc/> for details on the unit.

Wanted: All working radios and 'rally equipment' on loan from Gary Webb.

Please contact Peter Schneider at NJRALLYE@AOL.COM with details.

RASC Calendar ((no hillelimbs or RX)

(Thanks to Ron Sorem for keeping track of just about all events west of the Rockies)

Other Events for 2017

March 11 –Mike&Key HAMfest, Puyallup

Stage events

April 21-23 – Oregon Trail, ARA, Portland, OR

April 29 – Clean up day on Green Diamond lands. Meet at 7:30 am at Little Creek Casino. As a “Thank you” to the landowner and an excuse to see the forest in a fun and useful way.

May 13-14 – Olympus, ARA, Olympia, WA

May 26-28 – Rocky Mountain, CRC, Invermere, BC

June 8-11 _ Idaho Rally, Placerville, ID

Sept 28-30 – Pacific Forest, CRC, Merritt, BC

Dec 8-10 – Big White Winter, CRC, Kelowna, BC

Oregon TSD (Friday Nighters are 1st Friday)

March 12 – AROO Cup #1, Portland

Apr 4 – AROO Cup #2, Portland

Apr 7 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie

May 5 –Friday Nighter, Milwaukie

May 7 – AROO Cup #3, Portland

June 9 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie (2nd Friday)

June 11 – AROO Cup #4. Portland

July 7 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie

Aug 4 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie

Aug 19– Mountains to the Sea, Portland

Sept 9 – Friday Niter, Milwaukie (2nd Friday)

Washington TSD (Friday Nighters are 2nd Friday)

April 14 – NWRC Friday Nighter by NWRC

May 7 – Raindrop by RASC, Chehalis

May 12 - NWRC Friday Nighter by PSRC

June 9 - NWRC Friday Nighter by NWRC

July 14 - NWRC Friday Nighter by ORCA

Aug 11 - NWRC Friday Nighter by ORCA

Sept 8 - NWRC Friday Nighter by PSRC

Sept 15-17 – Nor’Wester, Clarkston, by RASC

Oct 7 – Night on Bald Mountain by ORCA

Oct 13 - NWRC Friday Nighter by RASC

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, March 13, 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: Dues are due, bring your checkbook. The club pays a huge insurance bill based on the membership number, so pay up.

Raindrop volunteers will step forward.

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