

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* Raindrop (May 7) – Despite the namesake and unrelenting spring rains, rally day was bright and sunny in the SW Washington locale. 29 teams entered, with four not finishing for various reasons. Of the 25 finishers, 7 were Unlimited, 2 Equipped, 7 SOP, and 9 Novices. During the 157 miles, 122 were TSD sections and 34 (21%) were Transits. 20 checkpoints were scored.



Rallymasters Richard and Delores Ranhofer assembled a stellar staff of experienced RASC members to put it all together. Andy Newell came up with the artwork for the trophies, then “burned” the plaques with his home laser.

Results on the nice RASC web site:

<http://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2017/raindrop/default.htm>

* The Olympus stage rally (May 12-14) was one of six national-level ARA events. 44 entrants started, quickly whittled down as the engines expired and wheels fell off.

RASC members were there in various capacities. Ron Sorem, Jim Breazeale, and Steve Perret did course opening (and wrangling), while Cristy Breazeale worked a control. Kathryn Hansen co-drove for Mark Tabor until “their” engine suffered a wayward connecting rod.

Brian Cary mingled with the many fans at The Ridge and elsewhere. There was quite a crowd of “hardcore” fans.

Marcus Hansen was Co-stage Captain with La’ Kea Siverts for the awesome Highland (aka Stillwater in the past) and Nahwatzel stages.

Two Green Diamond trucks were unofficially observing, as hardcore fans! Chatting with the employees, it is obvious that they are protective of “their” forest.

Rally rules require that for a stage to be “hot”, it must be “observed” within 20 minutes of a competitor.

A 24-mile stage like Nahwatzel takes longer than that to run, so a second fast (“0”) car starts midway to clear the course. Dylan Hooker became car “0B” to ensure the integrity of the stage prior to the competitors. He was rumored to be traipsing around as a Unicorn. See below. (“If there aren’t pics, it didn’t happen.” Thanks to La’ Kea)



* The Nor’Wester update. The thrilling saga of a small band of people on an epic adventure. Chapter six. When we last left our intrepid road warriors they were printing reams of potential route instructions and praying for decent weather. With the mud from the previous week’s Olympus Rally freshly scrubbed from the Triple and Double Zero cars we set off for the course survey under blue skies. Enjoying the road less traveled, the Route Master and I went straight to work reviewing his game plan on the way across the state to Clarkston.

Arriving at lunchtime we took the opportunity to eat and check in with The Tomato Bros manager. During a nice chat, we reconfirmed our event details and were given the catering menu. You can rest assured no one will go hungry. Following that, we headed over to the host hotel to introduce ourselves and see what facilities they have for the rally. They were ready for us and showed a ground floor suite with outside access perfect for registration. More show and tell for a breakfast buffet area and covering the small details that will help make the rally run smoother. They are experienced with event hosting and it shows. With the day going according to plan, we set off to begin the measurements. Those rallyists who have been in charge of creating route instructions know the enormous effort required to get this far and how much more it will take. The longer I rally with

Ron Sorem, the more I appreciate his depth of knowledge and the care and thoughtfulness that he puts into his efforts. This rally will be epic. Running the Odo check and fine tuning some miles was a great way to end a productive day.

With the early morning arrival of Steve and Kathryn we set about double-checking Saturday and Sunday's routes. Honest decisions about CASTs, quiet zones, pauses and where and how long we should make stops were made. We discovered a few roads that were either returning to Mother Earth or had an unfriendly person and while we made it through, they were not fit for rally consumption. The alternatives are just fine and no one will know any different. We continued to enjoy the nice weather and stunning scenery despite each car having a punctured tire. With the ream of RIs double checked and returned to the Route Master, we headed back to reality. After a quick workweek, veteran Navigatrix Cristy and I headed off on vacation. We just happened to be passing by Clarkston so we measured some of Fridays route that we were unable to measure the week before. While we did a good job, we will be passing by again on the way home and will run the sections again just to fine tune them and make sure they are correct. That should provide the Route Master with enough data to assemble the final version of the RIs.

Friends of Rainier continue to contribute historical content for inclusion in the program section. Mr. Nolte is on track to present his hard work. Fifty years of history is hard to distill down to a highlight reel. Thank You Mark!

The social media machine is in high gear with several new postings a week. This continues to be the easiest and apparently fastest way to spread the word. Thank you to all who post, Like and share!

Marketing is still slow, but with most of the course survey questions answered, we (that includes you gentle readers) can begin to ramp up our soliciting. Those of you with time on your hands can contact the Rally Master for suggestions. The event is coming together and still needs your support.

Entries are still coming in, and we have 27 paid teams! Cristy and I will be visiting rally friends and family Thursday at Rally Idaho and will hand out flyers at service. Those folks live close enough to enjoy some more rally fun.

We have done well so far; the event has enough entries to break even with a bare bones structure. Now we are striving for the icing on the cake, so to

speak. We still need help on marketing, apparel, probably printing and a host of small tasks. Please feel free to volunteer, even for a small or short time, we'll be grateful for the help. It has been shown that people who volunteer are happier and live longer. Ask not what your Auto Sports Club can do for you, but what you can do for your Auto Sports Club. Apologies to those who remember the real quote.

Next up are one fluid, continuous details & measurement trip, then the final check by an unbiased crew. If you are interested in the final check out details contact the Route Master (Ron Sorem). Stay tuned for the next chapter in Tales of the Nor'Wester

* Jerry Hines has designated mid-August for his survey of the 2018 Alcan (August 20-28, 2018) route. So far, he lists 44 automotive entrants. When asked if there were any "interesting" cars, he giggled and referred me to the entry list, with special attention to the vintage cars.

<https://www.alcan5000.com/2018entry.htm>

* Steve Richards ran the "Cascade Classic" rally with Bentley Breithaupt, the son of the rallymaster, navigating. The college student did a good job with pencil and paper. Steve said there were 22 entrants on the Whidbey Island tour, 7 of them "classics".

Club News

* Rainier Auto Sports Club meeting minutes for May 2017. Recorded by Diamond Jim (Who could hear much better through the din of the adjoining wine-tasting than the rest of us -Ed)

Call to order at 19:40 by HRH Charles with 7 members and 1 guest in attendance. Roy's friend Jill was introduced.

The shouting of the previous month's minutes was abbreviated and accepted as published.

Madam Treasurer's team reported figures of \$9936.58 and \$2,838.01 for a total of \$12,775.01 with some fluidity ongoing. Totals reflect Raindrop and Nor'Wester entry fees.

RALLY REPORTS-

Alcan Rally 2018- No real updates offered.

No Alibi Rally 2018- Not so subtle arm-twisting begins the search for a rally master. Planning needs to begin ASAP. This is a club supported position, we don't expect any one person to organize the entire event.

Raindrop Rally 2018- Same as the above. Raindrop is a perfect event for training new Rally Masters.

The NWRC Friday Niter- Esse is working on the RI's via the Internet. Background details are churning along. Workers mark your calendar for October 13th.

The Nor'Wester Rally- Nothing was spent last month. Over \$8K in entry fees so far. Printing cost will begin to show for event flyers and course survey route books. Course Survey will be in 2 weeks.

Raindrop Rally Redoux- 29 entries, 25 started with nearly half new to the sport. Feed back from the competitors was generally favorable. The novice Rally Masters did an outstanding job with the support of the club. The restaurant staff kept up with the chaos. Scoring faced some tech problems but managed to overcome and rectify the issues. Commentary on Route Book errors led to suggestions of a veteran TSD crew to assist in final check out run. Suggestions of more Time Declaration slips and some discussions of the use of Transits vs. Free Zones.

OLD BUSINESS-

The August meeting/ Xmas in July/Seafair Xmas details are still being hammered out.

Mailbox updates. The paperwork issues are being completed, new checks are being ordered and both addresses will be valid until the new one is squared away.

NEW BUSINESS-

The club has enough car numbers in stock for 47 entrants. The club also has enough 9-volt batteries on hand for 1 per day for 12 checkpoint crews. Question put forth- should the club invest in more checkpoint clocks?

All new members have been added to the databases.

Roy's query about the seasonal holiday venue and possible solution included a venue that had a free meeting area and had all of the requirements including adult beverages. Should we book NOW?

Amongst the din, it was suggested we begin the search for a less noisy place to hold our monthly meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Olympus Rally 5/12-5/14 still needs workers. Sign up now.

The NWRC Friday niter- 5/12 Start at Eastgate P&R, Finish at Farrelli's Pizza.

RallyCross Fest 5/27 NoviceRallyx school at Dirtfish 5/28

Shout to Adjourn, seconded at 20:11:53. Hoarse and frustrated, gossip continued outside.

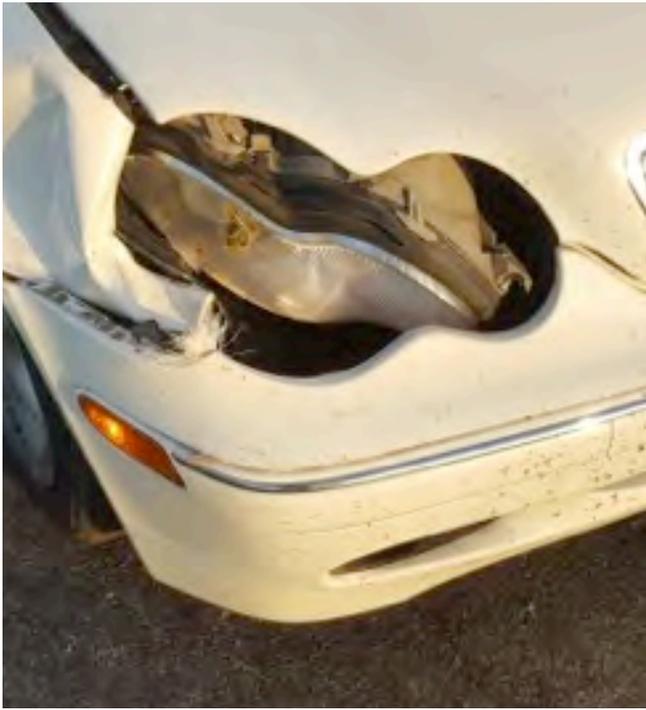
Trivia

* Rod Johnson borrowed a thick scrapbook assembled by Joan DeVries covering the 1968 rally season. Hours of fun. Mike Gibeault, of RallyData Scoring fame, was a member of the Sports Car Club of Spokane then. Steve Richards was a member of Boeing Employees Sports Car Club, reasoning that he wouldn't join RASC until he had won a Nor'Wester.

The championship consisted of 13 events. Joan and Chuck Pickrel placed 2nd, behind Jack Deno.

*At the worst possible time...staring straight into a retina burning sunset, through a bug splattered windshield, the antelope was running down the road (narrow silhouette) doing 55+ mph and I was doing 75+. Never saw him until 10 feet in front of the car. We're fine. Coulda been much worse.





for quick sale! Roy Ward roy.ward@frontier.com or 425-485-6225.

* Winter is only six months away! Offered by ronsorem@gmail.com
For Free: Five-gallon bucket of truck tire chains.
Used, may be rusty. Many alternative uses....

More Free: #3027-WBTC NOS (New Old Stock) fits 11-15LT to 31x11.50-16.5 & 31x15.5-15LT.



And (more likely) Two sets NOS (New Old Stock) #1026 fits 175-13 to 205/60-14 and up to -390, but there aren't any of those tires around any more...



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

* FOR SAIL: 2 meter ham radios.
Icom IC22U, \$60.00
Icom IC25A, \$65.00
Icom IC27H \$100.00
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For Sale: MPH Industries Python Series 2 radar set. Control head, two antennas, cables. Scare the heck out of neighborhood speeders. Works. \$100.00. Roy Ward roy.ward@frontier.com or 425-485-6225

For Sale: Collection of 20 rare and exotic Rock Auto refrigerator door magnets. Also work well on file cabinets and tool boxes. Plus a bonus of four Hemmings Motor News refrigerator door magnets. ~~First \$300.00 takes, don't delay!~~ Price slashed to \$298

RASC Calendar

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

Stage events

June 8-11 _ Idaho Rally, Placerville, ID
Sept 23 – Doo Wop, Matlock (one day)
Sept 29-30 – Pacific Forest, CRC, Merritt, BC
Oct 28 – Mendocino Rally, Willows, CA (one day event)
Dec 8-10 – Big White Winter, CRC, Kelowna, BC

Oregon TSD (Friday Nighters are 1st Friday)

June 9 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie (2nd Friday)
June 11 – AROO Cup #4. Portland
July 7 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie
Aug 4 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie
Aug 26– Mountains to the Sea, Portland
Sept 9 – Friday Niter, Milwaukie (2nd Friday)

Washington TSD (Friday Nighters are 2nd Friday)

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> Idaho, 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, June 12, 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: Will it be quiet enough to conduct business? Who would think that wine tasting was so loud?

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