

Rally News

*April 8th...ORCA's Rally Class on the NWRC General Instructions. It's not just for Novices. It will also be covering those topics that are directed towards "the somewhat" - "to the much" experienced folk that rally.

If you have never run a NWRC Friday Nighter.... sign up. Or if you have run a few.... sign up. And if you think you know it all.... sign up.

For registration info & class location you need to contact Rem Remington at 425-778-6032, or email him at remremington@hotmail.com.

They assume you have run at least one T/S/D rally so you know how to register, what a checkpoint procedure is and what to do at a route control. If you have not run a rally yet, you are still welcome. They encourage you to attend with a full team: Driver and Navigator. However, singles are welcome. We would pair singles with another single or one of our workers may drive while you navigate.

* Raindrop (April 23) - The flyer is out. Entrants will have to catch the Mukilteo ferry (\$6.30 for two people) for the 20-minute ride to the Clinton start. Registration is best done at the RASC web site, but late registration opens at 9am, FCO 10:31. Only \$25 for early registration, \$30 after April 21.

Rallymaster Steve Richards about Whidbey Island: "One can travel the length of Whidbey Island (I measured 47 miles by highway), on either the east or west side of the highway you traveled, and not have to use any part of that highway except for maybe 2% of the trip. Whidbey (208 sq/miles area) really consists of a north and south part, separated by a narrow strip of land at about the halfway point.

"There are so many interesting roads that you could do an entire days rally staying either north or south of Penn Cove. South island is probably more interesting than the north for rally purposes and the only reason I didn't stay in the south part is that there really isn't any good place to finish.

"I became acquainted with the island a few years ago when Gary and I ran the Seattle Classic, put on by Doug Breithaupt. It was based at the Fort Casey Inn, ran two days, and was about as enjoyable a rally I've ever been on, that didn't include gravel.

"There is so much history associated with the island and, naturally, much of it is maritime history which I find particularly interesting. The island was an important factor in the economic development of the state during the mid-19th century. I enjoy bits of commentary on local history and I have done a fair amount of that on this year's Raindrop. In addition,

much of the scenery is spectacular.

"The difficulty in running the length of the island in one day is the need to move crews in time to work more than one checkpoint. 35 cars is about as many as logistics would allow with 7 crews plus sweep. "

This year's event will have a decidedly nautical flavor with many historical references. All paved roads are used except for less than a mile of smooth gravel. There will be numerous short break opportunities but no assigned lunch stop. The rally is 5 to 5-1/2 hours in length and about 120 miles. Entry will be limited to 35 cars.

Make sure that you use the 'pre-registration' that is contained in the link below:
<http://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2006/raindrop/default.htm>

(As of March 31, 19 entrants, including 6 Novices...of which one looks suspiciously overqualified)

Vince Plancich has been over the course three times, planning the CP's. He claims to have 2 pictures of each, so the crews can efficiently find the right spot. He likes the route, too.

Dash plaques are on the way (without a speed service charge), and Nolte is making yet another set of trophies.

* No Alibi (June 3-4) A route to Colville is being put together. The town has grown a few more motels than the last time RASC overnited there.

* Alcan: "Survey is June 2 to 9, in an old Rodeo. We'll leave it in Anchorage, It's for sale as-is / where-is", says Jerry

* Look over <http://www.alcan5000.com/> for it's long history and stories. The entry list is posted, with some names in red- those link to interesting pictures. An Alcan-ready motorcycle is something else.

* Grist to help with Rally New York WRC bid.

Colin McRae's former co-driver, Nicky Grist has confirmed that he will help Rally New York USA in their bid to attain a place in the FIA World Rally Championship.

A statement from the organizers issued on Tuesday, added that Grist will serve as advisor for Rally New York USA, as well as acting as one of the stewards on the event that will take place in Monticello, New York in April this year, "I am looking forward to assisting this experienced promoter as well as US rallying in their efforts to attain World Rally Championship status for their

rally. It has been a long time since the World Rally Championship visited these shores and as long as the organizers can meet the FIA standards, then I am sure they stand a very good chance of achieving their goal," said Grist, before departing for this weekend's Rally Norway - an event he also works for and which is a candidate event for being included in the WRC in 2007.

(Rally New York is April 7-9. 50 entries as of April 4, with a few from Ireland)

* Olympus May 20/21: Jeffery Craddock, KD7RTK, is Chief of Communications for the Olympus Rally:

"I need some serious help. The Olympus Rally is scheduled for 5/20 and 5/21 and I need at least 23 hams for Saturday and 20 for Sunday.

"If you need information regarding the rally please check out the website at www.Olympusrally.com <<http://www.Olympusrally.com>>.

"For those of you that have never worked a rally before it is a couple of enjoyable days in the woods west of Shelton and north of Highway 101. For your efforts I have heard you will receive a shirt and a wonderful meal on Sunday night at the Little Creek Casino

"If you already are registered and belong to one of the stage teams please let me know. If you aren't registered please feel free to do so at www.olympusrally.com <<http://www.olympusrally.com>> .

"If you are interested please respond to this e-mail. If you know any other hams who might be interested please give them my e-mail address nwrallydad@yahoo.com."

* Flapdoodle gimmick rally on April 2 drew 29 cars.

Club News

* Check the RASC website for exciting updates.

<http://www.rainierautosports.com/>

* Changing the meeting site: The newsletter staff is researching sites as far west as Tukwila. No likely candidates have been found. Most are too expensive, the rest too fattening. The newsletter staff is debating whether to disguise the research in the regular WAG bill, or ask the RASC Board for a grant.

The small size of the existing site fills up too quickly.

TRIVIA

* Grays Harbor County acquired the Thurston County ORV Park on October 3, 2005, now referred to as "Straddleline ORV Park".

Volunteers from the various user groups are cleaning the place up. The motorcycle trails are being groomed and the infrastructure repaired.

* Newly minted Hams: Ken (KE7GTA) and Sue (KE7GWR) Lingbloom. They've acquired a dual bander Yaesu FT8800R mobile, and a Yaesu VX6R HT.

* On your next trip through Vantage: A wind farm power generation site, 20 miles east of Ellensburg, for Puget Sound Energy will feature 127 turbine wind machines.

The first tower should go up around June 20. Delivery of the steel towers will begin in May with the 3-piece towers requiring one semi for each piece. Each blade will require one semi; one semi for the generator and nacelle. A total of eight tractor-trailers will be required for each turbine. The weight of each tower is 212 tons and each stands 350 feet tall.

Work at the Whiskey Dick Mountain site, 2 miles north of Vantage Highway started in October 2005 with huge foundations and anchor bolts. Completion of the 9000 acre facility is expected in December 2006.

* Long time NW Corvette racer Rick Stark found his trailer ransacked. His driving gear was inside, along with some wide wheels and misc. tools. If you see his helmet, he'd like to get it back.

RASC Calendar

Stage events in italics

- Apr 9 Storm the Island (STi) IRC paved night
TSD, Victoria BC
- Apr 14 Friday Nighter ORCA Bellevue
- Apr 21-23 Oregon Trail Stage Rally Hillsboro
OR
- Apr 23 Raindrop, RASC (Whidbey Is)**
- Apr 28 Friday Night Road Rally, Portland, OR
- Apr 29-30 Coast To Coast (PCC series), Port Alberni
BC
- May 7 ORG SCCA 2006 Rally Cross #2 of 8,
Oregon Rally Group
- May 12 Friday Nighter -ORCA Bellevue
- May 13-14 Heart of Darkness, BC Regional TSD
over-night Coquihalla region
- May 13 The Oregon Trailblazer, Cascade, Road Rally
(Course), OR
- May 18-21 Olympus International Rally
NASA/USAC/FIA, Shelton WA
- May 26 Friday Night Road Rally, Portland OR
- Jun 3-4 No Alibi - RASC (Wenatchee-North
Central WA)**
- Jun 8-11 13th Annie & Steve Norman Classic
Motorcar Rally, Lk Crescent Lodge, WA
- Jun 9 Friday Nighter -PSRC, Bellevue
- Jun 11 ORG SCCA 2006 Rally Cross #3 of 8
Oregon Rally Group
- Jun 11 Nooksack Nonsense, CSCC, TSD,
Bellingham
- Jun 16 Night Road Rally, Portland OR
- Jun 16-17 Mountain Trials, WCRA, BC Regional
Stage Rally
- Jun 23-25 Performance Rally Driving School
Washington County Fairplex, Hillsboro OR
- Jun 23-25 Columbia Gorge Classic Rallye, Columbia
Gorge MGA Club, Portland OR
- Jun 24 Rallycross, Team Vanquish
location TBA near Olympia WA
- Jul 1 Grand Prix Imports Rally Against Parkinson's,
SCCA Regional Tour, Portland
- Jul 2 SCCA 2006 Rally Cross #4 of 8 with all club
party @PIR ORG, Portland
- Jul 8-9 Golden West 2005 (PCC series) Yreka, CA
- Jul 14 Friday Nighter -ORCA, Bellevue
- Jul 15 or 8/26 Mountains To Sea, Cascade, Touring
TSD, Portland
- Jul 15 Sno-git NWRC Monte Carlo Series
ORCA, Marysville
- Jul 21 Friday Night Road Rally Portland, OR
- Jul 22 Gold Digger (BC Regional TSD) (may move
to late Aug/Sept) Pemberton, BC
- Jul 29 Brooklyn Bash Rallycross, Team Vanquish,
Rallycross, Brooklyn, WA
- Aug 4-6 Performance Rally Driving School
Thurston County ORV Park, Olympia, WA
- Aug 5-6 Rally Worker RallySprint, Pacific Rally
Group, ORV Park
- Aug 10-13 Monte Shelton North West Classic
Motorcar Rally, Portland, OR
- Aug 11 Friday Nighter, Bellevue
- Aug 12 Ray's Rambler Pacific Rally Group Rally
Worker's Rally Sprint Party, Montesano, WA
- Aug 13, Janice's Jaunt, PRG, Rally Worker's Rally
Sprint/ Party, Montesano,
- Aug 12 Beaver Goes to Mars SCCA National Road
Rally (Course), Centralia/Chehalis
- Aug 13 Bob Goes to Town SCCA National Road
Rally (Course) Centralia/Chehalis
- Aug 14-22 Alcan5000, Kirkland-Dawson-
Anchorage**
- Aug 18 Friday Night Road Rally, Portland, OR
- Aug 19 Tsunami, IRC TSD night, paved, Vanc. Is.
Series #3 Naniamo, BC
- Aug 26 or 7/15 Mountains To Sea, Cascade
Touring TSD, Portland, OR
- Aug 20 Western Whatcom Wobble, Chuckanut
Sports Car Club, Bellingham, WA
- Sep 8 Friday Nighter - NWRC, Bellevue
- Sep 8-10 Wild West International Rally
NASA/USAC/FIA, Shelton, WA
- Sep 15 Friday Night Road Rally, Portland, OR
- Sep 17 Ketchum Again II, Monte Carlo Series,
Puget Sound Rally Club (location tba) WA
- Sep 22-24 Performance Rally Driving School
w/RallyX, Portland, OR
- Sep 24 "Churn and Turn" Primitive Rallycross,
Portland, OR
- Sep 30 -- Oct 1 Maryhill Loops Hilleclimb,
Goldendale, WA
- Oct 7 Night on Bald Mountain, ORCA night TSD
- Oct 8 ORG SCCA 2006 Rally Cross #3 of 8,
Oregon Rally Group
- Oct 13 Friday Nighter - RASC, Bellevue**
- Oct 21 Mt Hood Rally, ORG Regional Stage Rally
(Hood River) Odell, OR
- Oct 27 Friday Night Road Rally, Portland, OR
- Oct 28 Ghouls Gambol XL, Cascade
Halloween TSD Portland, OR
- Oct 28 Midnight, night gravel TSD, Vanc. Is.
Series #4 Duncan BC
- Nov 4 Armageddon XXIV, TSD, Bellingham WA
- Nov 10 Friday Nighter- ORCA Bellevue
- Nov 18-19 Totem, WCRA, (PCC series)

Rainier Auto Sports Club

will meet this coming Monday, April 10 at 7:30 PM at Café Veloce at the Totem Lake shopping center. Best way I can think of to get there is 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 the second Monday of each month. Past Members, visitors, and spectators are welcomed.

Agenda: Not too late to pay dues.

Raindrop news and recruitment of workers. No Alibi is coming. The state of the stage rally world may come up- Oregon Trail (Rally America series) and Olympus (NASA's series). And Coast-to-Coast is end of the month.

Maybe something about spending money, too.

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