

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

December, 2010 *Rainier Auto Sports Club*

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The 2010 Rainier Auto Sports Club Holiday Party is this Sunday December 12 from 4pm-8pm. There will be much festive food and drink (sponsored by the club). Bring something special if you like. Also bring stories, photos, trophies, limited-slip differentials, master brake cylinders, extra Saabs, etc.

Dan Comden has once again graciously volunteered to host the event. His address and contact phone (if you get lost) are:

Address:
20327 42nd Ave NE
Lake Forest Park 98155
Map:
<http://bit.ly/dLb6aT>
Contact Phone:
206-948-7184

We look forward to seeing you all there.

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Rally News

Dec 3-5: Big White Rally and SnowX - Kelowna, BC

13 entries, 11 finishers. 5 entrants from Alberta. Big White ski resort is about 350 miles, 7 hours from Seattle, yet 3 stateside cars made the trek. Mike Goodwin, OR/Martin Burnley, BC placed a respectable 3rd. Brian Gottlieb/ Rebecca Ruston were way back in 10th. You may remember Brian from leaving his "toasted" Toyota FX16 in Idaho last summer.

Organizers: Jennifer Daly (Safety Officer, Event Coordinator and Public Relations), Alex Schubel (Logistics Officer & Technical Director), Nicki Beverley (Volunteer and Hospitality Coordinator)

* Totem TSD, November 20/21.

Jeff McMillen: This was the coldest and snowiest Totem in recent memory. At one point we were seeing temps of 2F. -17C. And wind. Brrr. There was snow on every regularity. Not real gravel or mud to be seen. Not huge snow but enough to be

difficult. One Day 1, one reg was simply not doable at the proscribed CAST 55. Another one was impassable and had to be rerouted.

And locals. Lots of locals. BC now allows for time decs but with the slow cars and very narrow tracks, we ended up with time dec leap-frog. Car 3 is held up so takes 30 seconds. Not enough so they take 1:30, but then car 4 is held up. Car 3 is on car 4's 30 seconds so now car 4 takes 1:30, and then car 5 has to take 2:30 because cars 3 and 4 are already slotted behind them. Ugh.

Car 2 (Glenn and R. Dale) took out two tires on day one and we hear a control arm was tweaked as well. My guess is Glenn was hooking the corner ditches to keep CAST and paid the price. They did not complete day 1, opting to go to Kamloops to see if they could repair tires/car. We never saw them again.

Cars 11 and 12 went off in the same place but luckily no damage. Car 8 went WAY off and ended up on a tree. Small metal damage but the car was still drivable. Sweep was able to extract them but pulled their winch off the bumper in the process. Car 8 quit after day 1.

Car 0 (rallymaster Paul Westwick) went off on day 2 and needed sweep. Classic left/right S turn hooplah. When we passed Paul, we could see the taillights but the nose was buried in the ditch. He was also able to be extracted but there's some good wrinkling down the driver's side of his car.

Scores were higher than they have been recently.

Jason and Brandon 1st with 19
Marinus and Renee of RASC 2nd with 47
Marvin and Jeff of RASC 3rd with 51
Eric and Steve of RASC (in Marinus' 83 Audi Ur-Quattro – so pretty) with 68
Steve and Kathryn of RASC with 186

High scores can be blamed on conditions, local delays, and a small time dec mistake in our car that cost us 30 points.

Fun was had by all.

(17 entrants, 2 DNF's. 10 stateside entries. Worker corps was filled in with Ron Sorem/Max Vaysburd, and Ken & Sue Lingbloom. –ed)

Club News

* November meeting notes: President McMillen convened the meeting at 7:30, starting off with the entertaining and educational reading of the Minutes by Dan Comden. After a smattering of clarifications and discussion, they were accepted. The Treasurer reported \$5964.96, with about \$300 profit from the Friday Niter.

Jerry Hines noted that entries for the 2012 Alcan were rolling in, with a 3-car Mini Clubman team added.

Nothing new to report on the last Friday Niter or No Alibi. Raindrop was assumed to be in the good hands of the rallymaster.

The "sticker" came up again, with discussion of whether it was worth an extra buck to be on reflectorized background. An order of 100 works out to \$2.50 each.

Voting for 4 members to fill the 2011 Board was brief, since there were only 4 candidates on the ballot. They were all elected by acclamation: Cristy Breazeale, Dan Comden, Marvin Crippen, and Robert Gobright.

Brief discussion of membership fees. It was decided to retain the current dues structure.

Dan suggested December 11 for the Christmas Party and Video Extravaganza.

During the course of the meeting, someone promised to contact Paul Westwick about car numbers (for No Alibi) and scheduling a "snowfest" event prior to Thunderbird.

Adjourned at 8:04.

Trivia

* Colleen Hines has landed at Patterson Wines in Woodinville as a sales associate.

* Totem saw the combination of BC winter timing and Time Declarations (TD's) making scoring a challenge. "Winter timing" assumes the teams will see the first CP, and that is their new zero time for the section. Except that in this day and age, time declarations are necessary to keep the rallyists from, uh, taking chances to get back on time after a delay.

Organizers need to be able to point out to "interested authorities" that the rallyists have no reason to speed- the provision for TD's is part of the rules.

Since TD's are taken in whole minutes plus 30 seconds, the front runners move back after taking the TD, which can result in queuing to occupy the timing slots - Ron Sorem said he timed 6 cars in 4 minutes at Totem.

* Jim and Cristy Breazeale found a paint booth, so why not? The '81 Rabbit is still white, but it has few coats of pearl clear coat.

* Subaru Rally Team USA is about to announce that David Higgins ("Diggins", so his brother Mark is "Miggins") will join Dave Mirra for 2011. Ken Block is competing in the WRC, and uses a similar Ford Fiesta in the US. Travis Pastrama is in the Deep South after joining up with Richard Petty Racing for a Nationwide NASCAR effort.

* Steve Richards and Gary Reid finished lunch in Bellingham on their way to Totem when Gary's hands started to move rapidly. He finally announced, "I know where my passport is, and it's not here".

Rather than take a chance at the border(s), they turned back for home. Gary lives outside of Olympia.

For Sale/ Wanted

1987 Subaru RX Coupe GL 3-door 1.8 liter Turbo (EA82T) 5-speed dual-range transmission, Bilstein 40mm coil-over suspension

Starter stage rally car, Rallycross car, or caged TSD driver

Car is SCCA logbooked (expired), caged (needs sill bar added), race seats and belts (expired)

Will be Vintage eligible in two years. Does not pass emissions.

\$3000.00 with a long list of spares INCLUDED

Parts include: "Open Class" motor, complete, running (\$500); 2 stock motors, repairable; 2 motors parts only; 1 motor disassembled; 2 used heads (not tested); spare MAS assembly, intake plumbing; turbo plenum (w/ intercooler); 2 turbo plenum (stock); AWD transmission (3.70:1); roof clip; hood; doors; aero kit (2 complete); some window glass; drive line; front spindles; rear crossmember; rear swaybar; front swaybar; fuel tank, vent and filler; A/C condenser, compressor, HVAC module, HVAC plumbing; power brake assembly; clutch pedal assembly; gauge cluster & speedo for 3.70 ratio and for 3.90 ratio; seats -- 2 driver, 2 passenger, 1 rear bench, 2 rear back; assorted wheels and tires; two complete interior trim; assorted belts and hoses; complete wiring harness and ECU; and assorted brake, temp, & ignition parts.

"Retail" for the parts is \$4090.00

As a package \$2495.00

Buy-it-Now -- included with the car.

* 1987 Subaru GL wagon Parts car for above. 5-speed push-button all wheel drive. Nearly everything in the drivetrain will interchange with the RX. Starts; needs battery; probably needs exhaust replaced (parts here). Does not pass emissions.

\$500.00 as is, where is... (\$1.00 if included in above package "Buy-it-Now")

\$900.00 if repaired to running.

Contact: ronsorem (@) gmail (dot) com

* **1968 Valiant** 2 dr. post. 273 V8, original owner with paperwork, manuals. Not a parts car, this is complete. Spare rear axle. Solid car. Located in Duvall. \$1200.00 Sam Baker, 425-788-2004 or contact Roy Ward, roy.ward@frontier.com

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*Microsoft **"Office 98" for Macintosh**, Upgrade Gold Edition, still in shrinkwrap! \$200. Mark Nolte, mnolte@blarg.net.

*2007 **Volvo V70** Type R: 300hp, AWD, Brembos. 100K miles, \$15,000, Jerry Hines, cell: 206-227-6343

* **15" wheels**, steel, fits Subaru OBS. Bolt pattern is 11mm (Subaru) and 112mm (fits ?). Black \$40 for both, \$25 each. Steve Richards, 425-337-0232 (Everett)

Calendar

Ron Sorem is assembling his 2011 calendar. Pretty big effort, since he includes the California TSD's, a few races, and hillclimbs. It's a big spreadsheet.

RASC Events

April 17 – Raindrop

June 4-5 – No Alibi

plus a Friday Niter TBA

Feb 23- Mar 2, 2012 Alcan 5000

FIA: World Rally Championship

Feb 10-13- Sweden

Mar 3-6 - Mexico

Mar 24-27

April 14-16 - Jordan

May 5-8 - Italy

May 26-29 - Argentina

June 16-19 - Greece

July 28-31 - Finland

July 28-31 - Germany

Sept 8-11 - Australia

Sep 29-Oct 2- France

Oct 20-21 - Spain

Nov 10-3 - Great Britain

National Series

Rally America – *The Rally America season ends in time to segue to the X-Games for ESPN.*

Jan 29-30: Sno*Drift, Atlanta, MI

Feb 26-27: 100 Acre Wood, Salem, MO

Apr 24-25: Olympus, Aberdeen, WA

May 14-16: Oregon Trail, Hood River, OR

Jun 4-6: Susquehannock Trail, Wellsboro, PA

Jul 16-17: New England Forest, Bethel, ME

CARS- *Canadian Association of Rallysport*

Feb 5-7: Perce-Neige, Maniwaki, PQ

May 28-29: Rocky Mountain, Calgary, AB

Jul 2-3: Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, PQ

Sep 10-11: Defi Ste-Agathe/Duhamel –Ste-Agathe, PQ

Oct 1-2: Pacific Forest –Merritt, BC

Nov 19-20: Tall Pines, Bancroft, ON

USRC- NASA *National Auto Sport Association has many aspects, with NASA Rally Sport sanctioning the United States Rally Championship (USRC), the Atlantic Rally Cup, the California Rally Series (CRS), and the Vintage Rally Car Championship.*

Jan 23-24: New York Winter Rally, Narrowsburg, NY

Apr 16-17: Rally New York, Monticello, NY

July 9-11: Rally Idaho, Mountain Home, ID

Aug 27-28: Gorman Ridge Rally, Lebec, CA

Sep 9-11: Int'l Rally New York, Monticello, NY

Oct 1-2: Prescott, Prescott, AZ



No Alibi, 2010 – the top of Rock Island Grade

No December meeting. Instead, a Party on Sunday, December 12. (see inside)

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