

Rally News



Bigger/Heppes/WRX won O'All with 8 points

* Raindrop (April 21)

This year's event was a slightly over 100-mile scenic tour of King and Pierce counties. The start was in Snoqualmie at the DirtFish Rally School facility. Aside from being inside out of the rain for Registration, the entrants were able to tour the rally car museum or sit at the electronic race consoles and play stage rally driver.

The odometer check took the event south over Tiger Mountain and toward a long lunch break in Enumclaw. After the lunch break the rally was intended to allow a quick stop at Mud Mountain Dam Park; however the Park had not yet opened on the weekends. After coming down off Mud Mountain the route meandered further south with the last TSD section featuring 4 closed checkpoints in an 8 mile stretch along Ohop Lake before finishing at Bruno's Restaurant in Eatonville. The scenery would have been more spectacular except for the on and off rain for which the rally is so aptly named.

The event was well received by the entrants. Twenty-one checkpoints in just under 60 miles of TSD sections still managed to allow one unbreakable tie for third place in the unlimited class. All the novice entrants finished and the competitors seemed to enjoy the rally and food at Bruno's. One entrant remarked that the food at the restaurant "sure beats pizza!"

Rallymaster Ed Rachner thanks the club members for their overwhelming support: Marvin Crippen for mentoring a person un-acustomed to the NW nuance of rally, Steve Richards taking on the onerous task of directing workers out to their checkpoints, Eric Horst for running Registration, Steven Mats Mats for doing sweep and scoring at the finish, and Jim Breazeale for the unique trophies. Many members came out for the club checkout of the rally as well as manning checkpoints during the event. Many thanks to all of them for their support in putting on this year's Raindrop.
Jim & Cristy Breazeale, Checkout and CP

Ron Sorem & Roy Ward, Checkout and CP
Marvin Crippen & Jessica Fleenor, CP
Steve Perett & Kathryn Hansen, Checkout and CP
Marinus & Renee Damm, CP
Kim & Stephen Mats Mats, Checkout and Scoring
Mark Nolte & Sally DeVore, CP
Steve Richards & Dick Bryant, CP
Eric Horst & Tom Sulewski, Checkout, Registration, and CP
Jeanee Rachner; Checkout, CP, and Moral Support
Ken & Sue Lingbloom, CP



Crawford/Phillips/Mustang GT500 won Novice class.

Results and class winners can be found at the RASC web site:

<http://www.rainierautosports.com>

* No Alibi 2013- From rallymaster Dan Comden:

Shaping up to be a fine event. We'll have a good mix of old roads, old roads arranged in new ways, and new roads.

Even a good bit through the pine trees, something that has been lacking the last couple of years. Box lunches are planned for Saturday and it will be at a completely new, never before used location!



Measurement was completed this last weekend. In one of the more memorable incidences of ... pretty

much any measurement run (at least that I've been on), is this photo

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/dcomden/8708719137/in/set-72157633280196326>

Which I call "Section Closed By Tumbleweeds".

Spent a good 30 minutes hacking through it to get a decent path for the car,

see <http://www.flickr.com/photos/dcomden/8709849372/in/set-72157633280196326/>

The path started closing again pretty much right after we got through it. Hopefully the blockage will have been cleared by the time of the event ... not sure which worker crew is going to "win" the privilege of first in that section.

Checkout by the Damms and Eric/Marvin will be this weekend.

*Oregon Trail Rally - The west coast stop of the Rally America 7-event national series found "about" 76 entries. And only 46 finishers. While such carnage sounds awful, it was the first event of the year for the local entrants, who usually have various rally-ending problems. So about right. No one got hurt, just sore.

The Higgins/Drew/ Subaru beat Block/Gelsomino/Focus by a handy 2 minutes. Neither had a clear run, with punctures proving that Oregon has nasty rocks. The Block #43 broke a front spindle on Friday's Portland Raceway stages making photogenic sparks for the huge crowd.

Since the National was run in conjunction with 3 Regionals, breaking on Friday or Saturday made it possible to rebuild and return the next day. Not so lucky was Paul Eklund, who ran out of front differential on Thursday's Press Stage. Co-Driver Kathryn Hansen slipped into the right side of Mark Tabor's new Impreza for a successful weekend.

Cristy Breazeale co-drove for Steve Perret in the 000 car. She notes that the Timewise 797 vs. 798 took required a learning curve. They look much the same, after all.

Jim Breazeale was with Ron Sorem in the 00 car until midday Saturday. Ron's Legacy is still awaiting a decision on it's engine "situation", so the family grocery getter worked fine until the extra depth of the automatic transmission showed up. The automatic transmission's pan is actually lower than the oil pan. A big rock resulted in a tow home on Saturday. Jim quickly adapted to being a spectator.

Ed Rachner worked the busy Service Area. Yet amazingly, the rally held to schedule.

* Alcan (August 18-26, 2014) Entry looks to be 20 cars, and logistics limits cycles to 48, with a long waiting list. It varies from month-to-month. The \$2900 entry fee (\$2000 per motorcycle) looks steep for a rally, but reasonable for a 9-day vacation.

Club News

* April meeting notes- by MN: Called to order at 7:32. Treasurer reported \$4400 in the bank, inflated with Raindrop entry fees. RASC hasn't received minutes of the annual NWRC meeting.

Rally reports: The Raindrop rally is on schedule. Checkout went OK despite loss of Mud Mountain Dam's park. Steve Richards is wrangling CP's, with about 20 planned out of 25 marked locations.

No Alibi Final survey is completed, with measuring runs being worked into the schedule and a checkout to follow.

Nor'Wester '17 course survey has been severely hampered by snow. Maybe later this year, next, or the two years following. Also: Idaho is saving \$\$ by not having flaggers at all road work locations.

Oregon Trail Rally was mentioned.

Meeting closed at 7:50.

* The NWRC is conducting the June and July Friday Nighters, which means they will be team efforts from all of the clubs. John Humphrey will be the rallymaster for June and Kelly Smith will be the rallymaster for July. Checkout for the June Friday Nighter will be June 7th. Checkout for the July Friday Nighter will be June 28th

* The Raindrop made some profit according to Ed Rachner. He thinks it should be donated to the checkout people to pay for their gas, and extra effort to make the rally a success.

* Nolte has been designated to renew the club business band radio license. WNW657 has already lapsed. A "real address, not PO box number is required. It will get promptly revived before the 2014 Alcan.

Trivia

* Damm's found a good home for their Audi Quattro in British Columbia. It was one-too-many toys.

* Parts for old cars are hard to find. For some of us, "old" doesn't include the '90's. Both Jim Breazeale (Audi) and Ron Sorem (Legacy) have both mentioned it. And the hassle of chasing rare parts takes some of the fun out of ownership. -MN

* Gas prices are fascinating. Proximity to the big Anacortes and Cherry Point refineries don't provide cheaper gas. Bellingham is consistently the most expensive place to buy gas in Washington.

Kennewick may be far from refineries, but is often cheapest. Premium at Costco was \$4.23 in 2008, then \$4.28 in 2012 (only 3¢ less than in Tukwila!).

For Sale

*2001 BMW 330ix. Silver, black interior. automatic transmission, 17" wheels. Cheap at \$2800 (*price reduced!*) because of a bad head gasket and much labor involved in the fix. (Shipping to Seattle from Henderson, NV for less than \$600) Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343

* **Free!** Timeshare at Wapato Point (Lake Chelan). Pay the closing costs and get 4 weeks a year. See Jerry for details. 206-227-6343



***Still at about ½ price of retail: For Sale: PIAA LP 570 High Intensity Led Driving Lamp Kit (2 lamps) -7 inch LED Long Range driving lights. Reflector- LEDs project off of an ingenious computer-designed multi-surface reflector offering more and better illumination**

than halogen lamps with the durability and low power draw of LED lighting. Kit includes two lamps mounting brackets complete wiring harness and detailed installation instructions. Bulb Type: 5-watt LED bulbs 6000K Description: Polycarbonate and cast aluminum housing with polycarbonate lens. RASC club price \$220 cash....

ALSO: New in box Hella 192 Driving lamp. Super Oscar size, discontinued. \$50? ronsorem @ gmail .com

* One pair of **PIAA 6" pencil beams**. Aluminum housings, with lens covers. \$50 for the pair. roy.ward@frontier.com, (425) 485-6225

*PIAA fog lights (2). **Car jewelry** Typical fog "band of light". Smallish at 6-3/8 x 3" tall, 3" deep. Much used at some point in their long life. \$35. Mark Nolte: mnolte@blarg.net

* Semi-worn **rally tires**. Suitable for RX, not a full stage. Mixed brands, price is negotiable. 15" is the "standard size". Ed Rachner 206-499-8271

* **MS Office 98** for Macintosh (Gold edition). In shrink-wrapped box, never opened! \$275 or best offer. Mark Nolte: mnolte@blarg.net

RASC Calendar

Other/ Classic enthusiast events

May 31-6/2 - Cascade Classic, Olympia, WA "Join the rally or tour on some of the most scenic roads in the Olympia, Washington area. The event is limited to 40 cars. So please register as soon as possible."

June 8 - "Clackamas County, Oregon Road Rally!! 9:30 - 12:00(ish) - puzzle and scavenging skills will determine your return time. Where: Launch from Cedaroak Park school in West Linn (finish locale...it's a secret) Cost: \$40 per car"

July 25/28 Monte Shelton Classic, Portland, OR

Aug 9/11 - "Rush to Gold Bridge", B.C.

Sept 20/23 - Fall Freeze, B.C.

NW Stage Rallies -

June 8/9 -Idaho Rally, Boise, ID

June 21/23 - Olympus Int'l, Shelton, WA

July 20/21 - Mendocino Rally, Williams, CA

Oct 4-5 - Pacific Forest Rally, B.C.

Oct ? - Mt. Hood, OR

Nov 1/ 2 - Rocky Mountain, Invermere, B.C.

Dec 7-8 - Big White, B.C.

Oregon TSD -

May 10 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie

June 7 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie

July 5 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie

Aug 2 -Rally School

Aug 3 - Mountains to the Sea

Aug 9 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie

Aug 17/18 - The Road Not Taken

Sept 6 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie

Oct 4 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie

TSD- Washington, British Columbia

May 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

June 1-2 - No Alibi- by RASC

June 14 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC

June 15/16 - Heart of Darkness, B.C.

July 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC

July 20 - SnoGit by ORCA (Island hop)

Aug 9 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

Sept 13 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

Oct 11 - NWRC Friday Niter by RASC

Nov 16/17 - Totem, B.C

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, May 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: No Alibi planning and reports. Wrap up Raindrop for 2013. The state of the stage rally scene.

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