

Rally News

* Steve Richards and Jim Breazeale worked a CP at the June Friday Niter. 13 cars?

*Nameless Stage rally (June 22/23) by MN

It was a classic Olympus Rally in all but name. On the much-loved-and-used roads east of Shelton, it had 2-minute dust on Saturday, then wonderful drizzle on Sunday, and a good turnout of 46 entrants.

Scheduled opposite the yearly Amateur Radio Field Day, it replayed the Pomeroy event when so many communicators were off doing something else. There were the traditional minor problems of Hams renewing their relationships with seldom-used skills and hardware.

The landowner didn't want rally traffic on 2 roads with active logging. The concept of pre-event reconnaissance ("recce") was instituted to give the competitors opportunity to drive the route, in a non-prepped vehicle, to try to eliminate all the offs of driving blind –and fast- on an unfamiliar road. A great leveler when some driver's have been over these roads for 20 years. This rally had some sort of double points awarded for the Cloquallum stage that locals know (by many, many names), and wasn't recce'd.

A nice route was selected, with 3 different roads run twice each day. A few were used in some form on last September's fire-plagued Olympus.

Carrying on tradition, one stage found bannertape missing and arrows down in the morning, causing the usual rush of personnel to rebuild. Sweep entered one stage before word came that a late competitor was headed their way from the previous stage. A Flying Finish ran out of batteries in their handy-talky, resulting in a pileup of finishers until the spare radio made its way there to radio the times to the Stop control.

Last September, the hanging dust was so bad that competitors were relieved when the last two night stages were cancelled. Prayers for rain were unanswered this year, so Saturday morning's runs featured the terror of speeding out of a breezy clearcut into blinding, hanging dust of standing second-growth timber. Two-minute spacing in the afternoon solved it.

Nameless Performance prepped a Toyota GT 86 for the superbly competent Will Orders / Toni Feaver team from Australia. Alas, the car had teething troubles and retired on Saturday.

43 teams started, 23 finished. Nothing major; a flailing flat tire can do a lot of damage. One team lost a whole corner and continued to Service.

RASC members volunteered for many tasks. Ed Rachner was wrangling cars in the tight confines of the Service Area. Jeff McMillen scheduled himself back from European work to be at Stop on Saturday, then rode Pace on Sunday.



Ron Sorem/ Jim Breazeale in the "00" at the end of a mile(?) -long straightaway on Nahwatzel South.

Nolte was on the stages doing what Hams do. So was Cristy Breazeale while Jim co-drove for Ron Sorem in the "00" car. Steve Richards just wanted a quiet place to be a Road Guard, probably with a good book. He was heard on the radio asking if there were any spare people to tend to spectators. There were a lot of 'em, everywhere.

Steve Perret did his "000" pace car tasks on both days, tying up bannertape and using up his stash of "spare" arrows and stakes.

Kathryn Hansen has been adopted by the Tabors, which sounds glamorous until that includes cleaning car(s). For Nameless (Olympus), she co-drove for Mark Tabor to 2nd Overall. (Bravo!).

Proving that there are new things in this ol rally business, Derik Nelson/ Adam Newell won in a BMW M3. A 2-wheel drive car hasn't beaten the AWD cars since ... well, for a long, long time.

Most talked about (rightly) was another odd rally incident. You may know that an experienced team went off last September on a night stage. No triangle, OK sign, etc., so the stage was closed while a sweep went in to find him. It turned out that he went off next to another car, so logically didn't add his triangle and "OK" at the same scene.

This year, the stage dived off a wide mainline into a side road. The arrow may have been 'quick', and an early car carried off the bannerguard when the turn was overshot. Further complicating this scenario was that the route regained that same mainline. The stage was thrown. And there was a rally incident. Much discussion to add to rally lore for years to come.

* The Novice View from Max Neher, #758. Asked about his first experience as a driver (he's been around for a long time), he wrote:

Well let's see. Got to say registration was pretty easy. Even though route books didn't show up on time, Alan (Perry) was really cool about signing up and coming back for the books.

As for tech, the two guys that were doing it were really nice as well. Being a new guy they were rather lax about a missing shovel and the laminated sign. They came by the next morning and were talkative about the whole day ahead as they made sure I had a shovel.

I almost felt recce was more of a challenge than the rally itself. There are almost no signs or banner tape up in the morning. Getting lost is easy, and getting back on track is half the battle. Had a great time with recce.

We didn't see much of an issue with notes. My co-driver, Steve Warren, mainly used the book for transit or if we got lost. We only got lost once on Kennedy Creek. He wrote all his own notes from stage start to stop.

As for the rally, the folks at Cougar & Nahwatzel South ATC were great. Not sure if everyone knew I was new but they gave me a nice bit of advice on not pushing it. Was good to get someone other than friends to tell me that right before I go. But, when you get that first count down and take off, it's a whole other story. It really does take that first spin to open your eyes.

Steven Warren, my co-driver, was really great to work with. It's nice to find someone who is low key and not excitable to work with a newbie.

As for the crash, well...that was a culmination of many mistakes. Most made before my car and the car ahead of us (whom we ran into) left start of Nahwatzel North. My co-driver called the turn. Crest, right 4. I looked ahead, didn't see banner tape and couldn't see makings of a turn. He called it again. Right 4. I knew I was about to hit it. Mind you all this is happening at about 50. I saw the marker last minute. Then saw banner tape even later. As I was seeing all this I was lifting off gas and hitting the brakes. As I focused ahead of us I saw the other car coming at us. By that time I was locked up in a slide. They had the same thing happen. Driver second-guessed co-driver for lack of banner tape. Neither one of us expected the other to be there. Shit happens. Live and learn. We are all family. We both made mistakes and suffered. I have no hard feelings. No need to.

Other than all that, it was fun to be the one thanking the workers for being there. Usually I'm the one thanked. It was cool to see faces I've worked with cheer me on.

*Heart of Darkness (June 15-16)- All-nighter out of Hope, B.C. 4 finishers, 3 DNF's. according to published results. Steven Avdeeff & Priscila Padilla won Novice on No Alibi, repeated at HOD.

* From Jerry about Alcan (August 18-26, 2014): "Joe, Colin and I start course survey Monday, August 19, following 2014 route & schedule. Goals include determining max cycle capacity and planning optional stops like Telegraph Creek & Chena Hot Springs.

We now have 24 confirmed auto entries and 49 cycles. We've been putting new cycles on waiting list (now 11) since January but accepted autos for balance, from now on novice autos will also join wait list. (History indicates we'll lose 50% of cycles in 12 months, so current numbers are OK.)"

Jerry may have a staff meeting while in town,

Club News

Meeting notes, by MN: June 10 meeting called to order promptly by President Crippen at 7:37. Lacking minutes from the May meeting, that step was skipped. The Treasurer's report wasn't going to include outstanding bills from Raindrop and No Alibi, so the \$6857.86 in the bank isn't really accurate.

Rally reports: Dan Comden made his No Alibi wrap-up report, pointing out how fine Eric Horst's maps were and how the shortcuts worked to get workers to their CP's in good time. He spread the credit around really thick.

The Alcan pre-run is set to start August 19.

The Nor'Wester report was about the route. No mention in my notes of negotiation with either a National or Regional sponsor.

Ron Sorem mentioned T-shirts. Didn't model. My notes have "caps" underlined. (I guess that means to include pics of people actually wearing caps on events).



Jeff McMillan's cap has room for " 'Good Guys Wear White Hats RASC". Steve Richards' cap says "YAESU", the radio manufacturer (not a sponsor). Jim Breazeale wore an "Idaho Rally" cap at No Alibi.

Ron also talked about the upcoming Idaho and Nameless stage rallies.

Jim Breazeale made a last call for CP workers for the June Friday Nighter. Since it is a NWRC all-club event, RASC is asked to supply a control crew.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11.

Trivia

* Jim and Cristy Breazeale had 750 pens made up to hand out to rally volunteers. With a big "Thanks", the pens say, "Northwest rally workers are the best!!" "teams FUGAWI? & BLACKHOLE". Handed out at rallies they attend, the supply is dwindling fast.

* Steve Richards noticed "something" about the Subaru OBS after No Alibi. It turned out to be a broken rear strut. Smart Service replaced both rears with aftermarket items, and diagnosed worn strut pads, too. He says it might be due more to 137K miles than any one rally. He also had the interior air filter changed ... for the first time!

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

* 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

* **Kenwood TK730 (G)** VHF two-way radio. 32 channels, 45 watts RF output. This radio is capable of being programmed for narrowband, and is on the FCC approved radio list for narrowband use. Currently programmed for use on Alcan Rally. Includes microphone, mounting bracket, and external speaker, all mounted on a radio floor wedge. With all accessories, these radios go for \$200 and up on eBay. Asking \$150.00 roy.ward@frontier.com or (425) 485-6225.

* For Sale: Some of you know her as Rocket. She's a **2002 Subaru WRX**. She's won most every TSD rally in the NW and she is for sale. After near 13 years of single ownership she has become a bit much for a daily driver. I am going o shift to something with better gas mileage and less years. She has many TSD add-ons and would a great fit as a turnkey TSD car for someone willing to spend a bit more time with her than I can with my current travel schedule. The Good- lots of tweaks, spares. The Bad: Leakdown test on cylinder 3 shows a need for a valve job; slightly noisy bearing in the transmission (reported by Smart Service)

Crack in the windscreen. Interested? Let's talk. Jeff McMillen: Jeff@somepants.com

RASC Calendar

Other/ Classic enthusiast events

July 25/28 Monte Shelton Classic, Portland, OR
Aug 9/11 - "Rush to Gold Bridge", B.C.
Aug 23 – Targa Canada West, Nelson, B.C.
Sept 20/23 - Fall Freeze, B.C.

NW Stage Rallys -

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 -

July 5 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie
Aug 2 -Rally School
Aug 3 - Mountains to the Sea; Website is up, and you can get the preregistration form there: <http://plesba.com/mtts/>
Thanks to the Damms for taking care of that. We also have a Facebook page now as well!
<https://www.facebook.com/MountainsToTheSeaRally> We will be ending at the Ebb-Tide Resort, in Seaside on the Promenade. Will make for an easy walk to the beach after our BBQ and awards in Ebb-Tide's parking lot. I have reserved a block of 20 rooms, but they will only be available until July 2. Please reserve one soon if you plan on spending the night! Ask for the rooms under Zack with Cascade Car Club. You can reach them here: Ebb Tide Resort 800.468.6232 503.738.8371
Aug 9 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie
Aug 17/18 – The Road Not Taken (Web site current as of ... February)
Sept 6 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie
Oct 4 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie

TSD- Washington, British Columbia

July 6 – **Canceled:** Wolf Ridge (TSD school also), Vancouver Island, B.C.
July 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC
July 20 - SnoGit by ORCA (Island hop)
http://www.nwrally.com/upcoming_events/SNOGIT-10_Flyer.jpg
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, July 8 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: With so many members at Nameless Rally, it's sure to come up, along with the criticisms that can't be printed (if there is enough time). Jeff may be in town, with tales of the world outside of Washington.

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