

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

August, 2013 *Rainier Auto Sports Club*

Rally News

* Mark Nolte and Max Neher worked the July 12th Friday Niter. Ten cars, not untypical for mid-summer rallies.

* Mountain to the Sea – Good time was had by all 27 entrants. Kraushaar/Kraushaar added another first place trophy to their collection with only 9 pts. The Damm's amassed 1 more point for second. Perret/Hansen's 67 points was good for a 7th place trophy (out of 9 UnL class entrants) if there had been trophies that deep. Levear/Levear had Masters class sewed up from the get-go.

* Mendocino stage rally (July 20/21) had 20 entrants, finished 15.

* Alcan (August 18-26, 2014): Trailer prices are cheaper for first takers, although there may be 3 available for haul to Seattle area.

* A mid-July trip to Merritt by Ron Sorem, Jim Breazeale, Steve Perret, and Kathryn Hansen may assure that Pacific Forest Rally (October 4-5) will have a good route.

Now they need to recruit enough Yankee workers to pull the stages off. <http://www.pacificforestrally.com/home.html#>

Club News

Meeting notes, by MN: July 10 meeting called to order by VP Steve Richards. No Secretary, no minutes, so we all agreed to just accept what wasn't there. Treasurer reported a vast sum in the bank account, but with a lot of bills yet to be paid, the number wasn't relevant.

Rally: Nor'Wester sponsors have been approached, but need more details before committing. Ron is looking at motels. Grangeville was mentioned.

An Alcan staff meeting is planned for Sunday, August 18, at Café Veloce in Kirkland. Jerry, Colin, and Joe leave the next day to finalize the route and accommodations for the 2014 adventure.

No Alibi 2014 date was agreed to be May 30>June 1st, holding to the traditional week-after-Memorial Day date. Ed Rachner is breaking a long-standing tradition by working on Raindrop months before the rally. He's looking south to make the Oregon folks happy.

Sno-Git rally is cancelled. Ron S. pointed out that publicity was meager, and the Web didn't make it easy to get info, or updates. (The cutoff date was 2 weeks before the rally, with only 5 cars responding. -ed)

The subject of T-shirts came back to haunt a meeting, while Jim Breazeale wore a very fine Alcan baseball cap that could royally be replaced by a wonderful cap sporting the RASC colors and logo.



The Breazeales wore T-shirts saying "Cat Herder", a joke relating to being sweep on a summer Alcan....

Jarvis Owens was in town. Looking fit and healthy for someone who hasn't been on a rally in ages.

Adjourned at 20:39.

* Nolte volunteered to renew the RASC radio license.

Trivia

* Jim and Cristy Breazeale are filling fun weekends with an engine AND transmission swap of their Ford Ranger pickup.

* Renee Damm happily reports that her breast cancer chemo is over with. Radiation treatment next. She remembers she started that after flying home from Swedish rally on Thursday, "jet lagged" thereafter, winning Thunderbird over the weekend, then commencing the chemotherapy on Tuesday.

* Ron Sorem has spent a happy summer lowering 320 feet of his 20-foot tall laurel hedge to about 6 feet. Professionals reduced it all to a large pile of chips.

* Nolte realized a long-held fantasy of breaking up two old walkways. It took two trips in the little Tacoma to get 2400 pounds of broken concrete to Renton Concrete Recyclers.

* Troy Jorgenson added Zoe to his brood on July 15.

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

For Sale: Alinco DJ-580 dual-band 2 meter 440 handie-talkie ham radio. Radio and charger. New battery. \$40.00. Roy Ward, (425) 485-6225. roy.ward@frontier.com

For Sale: BMW limited slip rear diff, 3.91 ratio. Fits E36 (325i, 328i,M3). \$250. Ed Rachner 206-499-8271

* 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

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* 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

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 Rallies -

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

Oct ? - Mt. Hood, OR (Date depends on hunting season.)

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

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

Oregon TSD -

Sept 6 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie

Sept ???- Rally Against Parkinson's,

Oct 4 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie

TSD- Washington, British Columbia

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, August 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.

2013 Board Members:

President: Marvin Crippen, mandos@gmail.com

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