

## Rally News

\* RASC's contribution to the NWRC Friday Niter series is October 11. Rallymaster Eric Horst has laid out a decent course according to Steve Richards, who checked it out with Rod Johnson (what's that, 90 years of experience?).

Beside the fabulous trophies that Eric is cooking up, the yearly awards for various NWRC classes will be awarded.

The rally ends at the Athena pizza restaurant in downtown Auburn.

**[This WAG should arrive in time for you to volunteer to experience working a checkpoint-Contact Eric]**

\* Pacific Forest Rally (October 4-5) The Canadian National drew 24 entrants to Merritt, British Columbia. No big crashes or excitement, but more than a third didn't finish.

The volunteer contingent from the States contributed to the successful rally. Ron Sorem and Jim Breazeale, from RASC, measured the roads and wrote instructions, starting the process in mid-summer. While most stages were familiar, the public-spirited people at Coldwater Ranch offered roads for a stage, even to grading the road prior to the rally. Ron said that at first it was a mere path, with tall grass. It was neat to watch it evolve to a proper road!

Besides the pace car duties, Ron and Jim also had to join the organizers to make hard decisions when well-meaning road crews left a vital transit impassable. Despite all the months of planning, on rally night an old stage was dug out of the files to get enough miles (kilometers, eh?).

The Americans showed up with the Pace Crew, also known as "Team Fugawi?". (Lee Sorensen/Kathryn Hansen, Sorem/Breazeale, and Steve Perret/Bruce Parker), Jay Shukla/Hope Meinhardt lent their skills to the other, Sweeping, end. In between, RASC members Ed Rachner and Rod/Phyllis Johnson got to enjoy the fine weather; Ed was working with control crews at ATC for the start of up-then-down stages, then the STOP control. Many times. Ken/Sue Lingbloom also populated Road Marshal positions.

Being rallymaster during rally weekend is often no fun at all. When the camera crew offered Nicki Beverley a seat, she got some reward for her work. In a helicopter over Coldwater Ranch had everyone jealous.



No caption:[self explanatory.]

\* From Dan Comden: Marvin and I completed a survey for the 2014 No Alibi a few weeks ago.

We're looking at start in Moses Lake, overnight in Spokane, finish in Wenatchee.

Some old favorite roads, and some fun new ones, as always. Details for overnight and finish locations will be getting nailed down in the next month or so. It's looking right now that we'll go for the Red Lion in Spokane and one of the nice parks in Wenatchee.

Due to the remote location of both days' routes, it's likely we'll be providing lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Nothing of course is decided yet. The next survey won't be until the spring, when everything should be getting finalized

\* Carrying on the low-turnout year, the September NWRC Friday Niter had 11 cars. Looking at the results shows McMillen/Crippen in 4<sup>th</sup> SOP and Horst/Mats Mats in 5<sup>th</sup> SOP.

## **Club News**

September 9 meeting notes- MN. La Veloce was busy and noisy again. (Good for them, bad for this note taker). The Minutes and Treasurer's report were quickly out of the way once the meeting commenced at 7:43. The bills for No Alibi still haven't been paid, so the bank balance isn't really accurate.

Eric reported on the Friday Nighter. He'll tour Lake Sawyer again, with finish at the Athena in Auburn. He wants a checkout, but everything conflicts with a Friday night schedule.

Ed Rachner is plotting Raindrop routes. He's mindful that he has to please the Oregon entrants, so Chehalis is getting the look.

No Alibi may get a road trip before the end of September. Marvin thinks a Moses Lake>Spokane>Wenatchee route will work.

Eric said he was reviewing the last T-shirt order, and certainly didn't want to do the same design over.

The noisy conditions led to consideration of options. At the suggestion of the restaurant manager, RASC will move the meeting time a half-hour later, thereby avoiding the rush hour. We'll see. An 8 PM start is late to eat dinner for many of us.

The election season is on. A nominating committee was appointed. They will canvas the members to present candidates at the October meeting, (Then we vote at the November meeting).

What with past fun and success, it was decided to plead with the Comdens to sacrifice their home again for the annual Christmas party.

The British Columbia "Pacific Forest Rally" is in a few weeks. They are nice to Washington volunteers, and try to cover some expenses.

Adjourned at 8:20.

### Trivia

\* Lee Sorensen finally got to use the new PIAA LED driving lights. "They're Bright!". Ron Sorem has sold his similar pair to Kevin Barrows.

\* Auntie Cristy Breazeale reports that Max Neher is abandoning the NW for "one of the Carolinas". He'll be taking the recently unbent bunny with him- there are rallies there.

\* Jerry Hines has added a gold 1982 Mercedes 300SD to his fleet. After selling the Volvo in Anchorage after Alcan preview, he quickly replaced it with yet another Volvo.

\* Spare cars are wonderful: Ed Rachner's Impreza made it as far as Sumas on his early morning drive to Merritt. It was overheating irrationally. He turned around, went home, swapped tires with the rallycross car and arrived- 5 hours late.

\* Winter is coming. Pump up your tires. Invest in fresh windshield wipers.

### For Sale

\*2001 BMW 330ix. Silver, black interior. automatic transmission, 17" wheels. Cheap at \$2400 (*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

\* **For Sale:** New in box Hella 192 Driving lamp. Super Oscar size, discontinued. \$50? ronsorem @

gmail .com

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

\* 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. 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 windshield. Interested? Let's talk. Jeff McMillen: [Jeff@somepants.com](mailto:Jeff@somepants.com)

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### RASC Calendar

#### NW Stage Rallies -

Oct ? - Mt. Hood, OR **Cancelled**

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

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

#### TSD- Washington, British Columbia

#### **Oct 11 - NWRC Friday Niter by RASC**

Oct. 12 - Midnite TSD, Vancouver Island, B.C.

Nov 16/17 - Totem, B.C (Probably Cache Creek)

**Rainier Auto Sports Club** will meet this coming Monday, October 14 at 8 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:** Eric will bask in the glory of a successful Friday Niter? 2014 club board nominations will be accepted if not already on the Nominating Committee's list. Perhaps a Totem head count since RASC usually supplies volunteers. Tales of rallies- the September Friday Niter?

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