

# The Wishbone Alley Gazette

November, 2013

Rainier Auto Sports Club

Sad news: "Joe Gardner died of multiple internal injuries, secondary to blunt force trauma to the head and chest, according to the Lewis County Coroner's Office. The manner of death was accidental.

"Gardner and an Edgewood man had just returned from a morning elk hunt and went back to their campsite at Cortright Creek Trailhead in Packwood, Wash. around 2:30 p.m., said Stacy Brown, Lewis County Sheriff's Office spokesperson.

"The two laid down in their large wall tent and 15 minutes later the top of an old-growth tree snapped and fell about 100 feet onto their tent, killing the Kirkland man, Brown said."

We'll miss him.



Joe and Shirley on the 2012 Alcan.

(Quoted from Kirkland Reporter newspaper)

## Rally News

\* RASC's contribution to the NWRC Friday Niter From Rallymaster Eric Horst: "I think the route was excellent and that it was a good end of season event. Workers included: Jim Breazeale, Troy Jorgensen, Steve Richards, Mark Nolte, Ron Sorem, Charles Aggenbach, Bill Walsh, Ed Rachner. Marvin Crippen helped with the measurement and general encouragement. Rod Johnson partnered up with Steve Richards for a daytime checkout run. My friend Tom Sulewski of Auburn joined me after the first checkpoint (near his house on the hill) and rode pace. At the finish I heard no complaints and a few complements for having a couple tenths of a mile of gravel and other delightful bits.

(14 cars is most attended Friday Niter for 2013.)

\* What Happened to Island Rally Sport Club? :

In late 2012 the Island Rallysport Club found itself with too few members willing to run for an Executive position. Subsequent discussions on what could be done resulted in a decision to expand our options by embracing different motorsports, besides our traditional rally and slalom, as well as other aspects than pure competition. Adding 4x4, motorcycles, and quads into our group would allow for a larger and more diverse membership. Refocusing on helping other clubs with their events, by encouraging training in safety, 1st aid, communications, and other related things like fire protection, will allow our members to become not

only better individuals, but help both the motorsport community and our own local communities should there be an emergency.

One of the first things we had to do was change the name of the club. We had to find something that would reflect our new diversity, and a series of submissions and votes cemented our new name and logo. Sadly, we have found that getting a new website up and running is challenging, as we haven't really got content, but having hired a web designer, it should be online soon. In the meantime, we are still using the [www.islandrallysport.com](http://www.islandrallysport.com) site, with our new 'branding'.

This is the new look and name:



The A in APEX represents both the apex of a mountain as well as an acute curve in a route, and the 'cross' on the A is achieved by a 'cone'.

The first event AMG has put on is the Vancouver Island tradition, the Midnight Rally. This year it started at 5 p.m. to finish at 11 p.m. with a distance of 46 miles of transits, and 104 miles of regularity. Leaving from Sooke BC, just west of Victoria, it followed the awesome route to Port Renfrew, then over the paved road to Lake Cowichan. It then headed east to Duncan, north past Crofton, and circled back to finish in Duncan. Please find the results attached at the end of this article.

Many of the entrants were newcomers, some of whom did remarkably well. As a bit of an experiment, we did the first two regs with written instructions, and the last two with almost exclusively tulip diagrams, and then we asked everyone at finish to say which we preferred. Ironically, although the tulips were preferred the best results were in the sections with written instructions. We will probably do at least one more experiment of this nature just in case it was the route, not the instruction style, which determined the relatively poor results in the tulip sections.

We are excitedly looking forward to 2014 with renewed vigor, anticipating at least 1 PCC caliber gravel rally, and several more tarmac ones. We are also working towards several training projects, a 4x4 excursion, and in preliminary discussions with people looking for safety help with a motorcycle street race. The only downer is that we've not been able to secure another venue for auto slalom and rally cross.

Bart Vogelzang  
Secretary, AMG, 2013

\* Raindrop: From Rallymaster Ed Rachner: Jeanne and I completed re-con on the route a couple of weekends ago. We were in Olympia for a concert, stayed over and drove down to Vader and ran the planned route back to Chehalis. That's the good news; the bad news is that the event is currently

about 145 miles long with a 1/3 and 2/3 split between transits and regularity sections. So far the start is planned to be a city park just west of Chehalis, a lunch break in beautiful downtown Mossyrock, and a finish at the Kit Carson Restaurant in Chehalis. As much as we like the finishing run through Wildwood, the route is too long and we're exploring options to bring it into the 120-mile range.

"Hopefully, I can transfer the route from my hand written mess into computer format for easier revision by the time of the next meeting."

\* Oregon's "Rally Against Parkinson's" squeezed into the calendar on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Twelve entrants, including Marinus / Rennee Damm (who won) and Steve Perret / Kathryn Hansen.

\* Bat Biggar and Steve Roberts attended a 2 ½ hour meeting in Monroe concerning road closures in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. The meeting was filled to capacity with people who want to continue using the forest for a variety of reasons.

Pat sent his take on the process to NWRC clubs. The Forest Service has a web site devoted to the process.  
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/mbs/workingtogether/?cid=stelprdb5424231>

He urges everybody to contact their representatives in Congress. The budget for maintaining roads in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest has been slashed to 14% of its 2008 level.

### **Club News**

\* The nomination committee has received confirmation from the following people:

Jim Breazeale  
Charles Aggenbach  
Ed Rachner  
Steve Richards  
Eric Horst  
Mark Nolte

At the next meeting we will elect 4 of these people for the 2014 board, joining retuning officers of Marvin and Cristy. Actual positions for the board are usually determined at the Holiday Party in December.

(Nolte accepted the nomination on condition that if elected, someone else would edit the club newsletter – MN)

\* October 13 meeting notes – By MN. Called to order at 8:05. It was quieter than at 7:30? Two visitors were introduced. Perhaps future rallymaster material?

The minutes were just a hint of the excitement to come, followed by a treasurer report – did Cristy say \$5650 (that's what I wrote down)? Yes, there are still No Alibi bills to be paid.

The Friday Niter report was vapid with great news of the successful event. The big expense was dash plaques, since the trophy stock was obtained last year.

Other rally reports: Raindrop roads are being researched (Yes, in September! –ed) There are roads near Vader. No Alibi will feature Apache Pass and Coffee Pot Lake. Avoid Davenport if it goes as planned. The food issue will again be addressed with box lunches.

Alcan has a route, so all we need is entrants (which are the fun part). 25 cars and 50 bikes on the list.

The far away Nor'Wester route will get more route exploration. But next year since snow impedes proper measurement- or passage- of some roads.

The election process skipped the Nominating Committee Report. 4 positions are up for vote. We'll take care of the whole thing at the November meeting.

The Friday Niter came off despite the RASC clocks being under lock-and-key. The NWRC has clocks and access to WWV and checkpoint trip lines.

The Comdens have consented to host the RASC Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.

### **Trivia**

\* Brian Cary added a new toy to his fleet- a 1971 Suzuki TS 185 (2 cycle) that was a dirt bike in its previous life. It runs, parts are accumulating. This is in addition to his Suzuki GS 500.

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

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### **RASC Calendar**

**Conflict with Olympus resolved. No Alibi will slip a week to June 7/8.**

Future RASC events:

April 27, Raindrop

June 7-8, No Alibi

Sept 15-17, 2017 Nor'Wester

**NW Stage Rallies -**

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

TSD- Washington, British Columbia

Nov 16/17 - Totem, B.C Cache Creek>Clearwater>Cache Creek. \$180 (USD) Jim Breazeale will navigate for Gary Webb in #1.

**Rainier Auto Sports Club** will meet this coming Monday, November 11 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:

**2013 Board Members:**

President: Marvin Crippen, mandos@gmail.com

Vice-President: Steve Richards, smrdcatman@comcast.net

Secretary, Eric Horst - erich@quavy.com

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At Large, Troy Jorgensen, - RASC@waflracing.com

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