

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

March, 2014

Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* The February 8/9 Thunderbird rally had 40 finishers, 4 DNF's. The contingent from below the border took the top 5 places, with Dan Lachapelle/Nicki Beverley top Canadians.

RASC members Jeff McMillen/Max Vaysburd were 4th, Marinus/Renee Damm 9th, and Marvin Crippen teamed up with Teresa Davenport for 13th.

Jason Webster/Brandon Webster/Subaru won with a low-low score of 14. The Oregon team won in 2008. Glenn Wallace/ R.Dale Kraushaar weren't that far behind (2nd) with 22.

The worker corps seemed to be mostly stateside: Ken/Sue Lingbloom, Steve Perret/Kathryn Hansen, Ron Sorem/Jim Breazeale, Steve Brown, and Bob Chandler/Mark Clemmons. Lee Sorenson drove all the way from Sacramento to work checkpoints with Norma Woods. He said that the snow in Oregon added 5 hours to that drive.

* The Alcan (Sept 18-26) may have the biggest turnout ever. Jerry has all the workers he needs.

* The end of February, some Alcan "crazies" made an adventure trip north of the Arctic Circle. Colin Stenhouse, John Alkema, Paul Oskamp, and Bryan Townsend were mentioned on the Facebook posts. One of the goals was to deliver Joe Gardner's ashes to the land he loved.

* The Raindrop (April 27) flyer will be released at the first Friday Niter of the year on March 14. (RASC has committed to man a checkpoint- E-mail Jim Breazeale).

The start (and finish) will be near exit 76 off I-5. Tell your friends to come.

Club News

February meeting notes by Jim Breazeale

9 members in attendance, meeting Called to Order at 20:03 by HRH Marvin.

Treasurer's report: P.O. Box fee was presented and a check was written for Marvin to deliver. Also explained was the PCC trophy fee. \$1.00 per entry.

Rally reports: Raindrop Rally -The rental fee for the Park is \$100, prompting Ed to explore other Start location options. Flyer progress is still in the design stage with guilt applied, Dash Plaques are paid for, still unsure if there will be a College Challenge; Trophy guy said he could accommodate the college thing, The limit of entrants was bantered about, with 40 cars as the cut off. Entry fees at \$35.00 for pre-registration and \$40.00 for the arrive-and-drive crowd.

No Alibi- Survey will be in late April when the roads begin to look like normal, trying to get an earlier start on survey to avoid previous delays and misfortunes. Lunch is at Davenport. The new overnight hotel is the Red Lion River Inn, located on East North River Drive, not the Red Lion on West North River Drive. Rooms and dinners in the \$175 and \$25 ranges.

New business-- Passport wallet sized ID card was shown and told about by Charles. Positive attributes were discussed.

Old Business- NWRC website requests for updated RASC description were put forth by Rainier's NWRC rep.

Thunderbird Rally -The event was "laid back", compared to last November's Totem fast CASTs in deep snow. 63 controls were scored.

Mendocino Gold TSD rally- New northern California event using 3 counties around Ukiah and Mendocino and some of the stage rally roads. Pete Soper's name was mentioned so it has promise.

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 20:32

* Dues for 2014 will be accepted at the meeting. \$25 Single, \$30 Family. Bring cash or check. Or send to the underutilized club PO box.

Trivia

* The white bunny is resting with a sore motor, so the Breazeales have added a red Golf to the fleet.

* Ron Sorem finally got to use the garden hoe he takes to winter rallies. The hoe cleared underbody snow that his shovel wouldn't touch.

* It came time to renew his driver's license, so Steve Richards opted for the Enhanced version, for extra dollars. This allows Canadian trips without the hassle of carrying a passport. You might think carrying a passport isn't such a big deal, but your friends can tell stories of misplaced passports aborting trips across the border. (Blush....)

For Sale

*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

RASC Calendar (Not on this calendar, but the COTA F1 race is opposite the Texas NASCAR battle. Our problems are small by comparison.)

No Rallycrosses or races listed.

"Other"

March 8 –HAM show & Flea Market, Puyallup

April 19 – Tulip Rally by MGCC, (Skagit Valley)

April 12 – Mendocino Gold, TSD, Ukiah, CA

Classic

April 25 – Spring Thaw classic, B.C.

May 30 – 21st Cascade Classic, Olympic Peninsula

Washington & British Columbia TSD

Mar 8 – ORCA rally school. Pre-registration required

Mar 14 – NWRC Friday Nighter by NWRC

April 11 – NWRC Friday Nighter by ORCA

April 27 – Raindrop by RASC

May 9 – NWRC Friday Nighter by PSRC

May 17 – Sno-Git by ORCA

June 7/8, No Alibi by RASC

Oregon TSD

Portland Friday Nighters are first Friday of the month.

July 19 – Mountain to The Sea by Cascade SCC

NW Stage rallies

May 2 –Oregon Trail, Portland/The Dalles

May 31 –Olympus, Shelton

June 21 – Idaho Rally, Boise

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, March 10, 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 poss, 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: Pay your dues, please.

Ed Rachner will further assign tasks for his Raindrop rally. At last count, the rally was short one (?) CP crew.

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