

# The Wishbone Alley Gazette

August, 2014 *Rainier Auto Sports Club*

## Rally News

\* Alcan (August 18-26) Seems to have settled on 11 cars and 32 motorcycles. The entrants will be arriving a few each day until tech and registration on Sunday, August 17.

The Baymont Inn show should be interesting. Besides last minute checks of radios, the three trailers will be filling with motorcycle parts and luggage. Of the 6 official vehicles, three will be hauling those trailers up – and back.

The long tour starts at 8am on Monday. Adventure to follow.

\* It all started in August 1984 –by MN

Thirty years is a long time. Very few rallies can keep going that long. I ran the inaugural Alcan in a yellow Dodge Colt, the one with 2 shift levers. Seen any of those lately? The WAG report said I changed points in Anchorage, yet I don't remember that. I definitely remember how sore my right foot was after hours of pushing the gas pedal to the floor.

Jerry didn't allow rally computers for the first 3 years. Everybody was calculating. It was a novelty to have instructions 200 miles apart, too. Tires weren't expected to last the rigors, with 2 spares being the minimum. (I don't miss those days) The Big Road was under construction, so it wasn't unusual to be parked while graders did some remodeling. Then blast away to get to the next TSD on time.

The Alcan is all about collecting great stories. That year, a new Mustang came around a bend in the dark to find horses blocking the road. The incident sent Peter Hill to the hospital, the result of pinching his scalp in the sunroof. Once the attending nurse understood they were on a rally, she had him stitched up and on his way before the anesthetic took effect. And they rejoined the rally.

Jerry persuaded the Beaver Creek Inn to open for a rally breakfast. Californians inquired about getting a set of moose antlers to take home. A cop knew of a recent road kill and the black Saab 99 thereafter sported a (rather small) rack on the hood for the rest of the rally.

Then there is the scenery. It was great.

Blasting through the dark, we encountered all the rallyists stopped. Fearing trouble, it turned out to be a glorious, glimmering show of the Northern Lights. We all just stood there, silently. Awe struck.

\* The Coldwater Rally Weekend (July 26-27) was something new to the PNW. Tim Chovanak and his 14-year-old son were the only south-of-the-border attendees to the event, of about 40. Most stayed at the lodge, even sleeping on couches. Various aspects

of stage rally were addressed, including pace notes, a stewarding class, and a stage with about 8 rally cars. Tim got a ride.

\* Mountains to the Sea (July 19) – 16 finishers. The Damm's won with 6 pts. and R. Dale Kraushaar navigating the second place car to 14 pts.

\* Mendocino stage rally (July 26/27) – Four stages each day, 15 entrants. Ten finished Saturday, nine finished Sunday. The DNF's were all mechanical, some associated with the heat.

## Club News

\* RASC Meeting minutes for July 14th, 2014. By Jim Breazeale, club secretary

Call to order by HRH Marvin at 20:02. The usual gang in attendance.

June's meeting minutes were read and accepted with the correction of the year date.

The Treasurer reported a balance of over \$6000.00 dollars while noting that some of the reimbursement of No Alibi funds has not cleared the bank yet.

Rally Reports- Alcan summer Rally- Ron Sorem related email traffic details.

October Friday Niter rally- Rally master Eric Horst 's quote " I think there is going to be one." Mark Nolte submitted R.I.s from the most recent rally as bait. The rally master informed the club he would be on hiatus until later.

Raindrop Rally- Ed's route run in the reverse direction as a tribute was proposed.

Rod Johnson stepped up and volunteered to be Co-rally master. HRH M.C.'s final words..."Let the guilt seep in."

No Alibi- all of the bills have been paid.

Nor' Wester- Roy and Ron continuing with background details.

Old Business- The Thompson Family returned with the post-No Alibi GPS survey results. Very impressive data collection. Potential uses elicited responses ranging from "I want one" to an outcry from the professional check point workers union, who see this as a direct threat to their fun. Thrills and fears were quelled with the knowledge that the devices were only a test and were on the long side of costly to produce.

Once again a huge Thank You to Curt Thompson and his family for choosing a Rainier event as a test and sharing the results.

New Business- The RASC Board vacancy left by Ed was opened to members. Roy Ward was gracious enough to buy the sales pitch and volunteered to fill out the remaining term. Cheers were heard from the crowd as the train left the station.

Heart of Darkness rally - Marvin recounted his adventures on the classic Canadian night rally, famous for it's challenging sections and dust. Recently married Dan & Nicki Lachapelle were overall winners with a novice team taking second place.

Charles confirmed the Global Rally-X event in "Seattle" for September 26th and 27th.

Steve Richards announced his order for a new Timewise 798 rally computer with all the bells and whistles. Many expressed oohs and ahhs with some quiet jealous murmuring in the background.

Called to adjourn and seconded at 21:03 Gossip begins with Rally Idaho rehash and images of Brian Cary's motorcycle frame restoration.

### Trivia

\* Brian Cary says his project, a '71 Suzuki 185, has hit a snag. The front forks are bent. Speaking of front suspensions, the Volvo's Bilsteins need rebuilding. He'll do ball joints while he's at it.

### For Sale

\* Two Chronar TSD computers, make offer. (If you know what a Nixie tube is, you will like these).

\*Stevens TSD wheel (aka the circular slide rule)  
\* "Electronic Curta".

Make Jeanne an offer.

BMW limited slip rear diff, 3.91 ratio. Fits E36 (325I, 328IM3). \$250.

\*1984 Subaru BRAT, no rust, mostly unmoled. Blue. \$4250 Jeanne Rachner (425) 481-0604

\* 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)

\* Paul Appel (originator of No Alibi Rally) has a very nice car for sale. It is a 1969 Plymouth Road Runner convertible, all-original, 383, Torqueflite, canary yellow with black interior. Needs a timing chain. Garaged, shiny, good condition. Never wrecked, no rust. He's asking \$15K for it. His number is (509) 741-0960.

\* One pair Hella 500 **fog** lights. Used, just the two lights with their stylin' white covers, no wires, switches, or tea cozies. \$20.00. Roy Ward, (425) 485-6225, [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com)

### \* For Sale – Need Cash Now

**1991 Subaru Legacy** 2.2 Turbo Sport Sedan (clone, shell is USA made "L" body, "sunroof delete")

Five speed manual, Subaru competition clutch and Limited Slip Differential from original Turbo Sedan.

You've seen this car on stages at Pacific Forest Rally, Mountain Trials, Doo Wops, Oregon Trail,

Olympus, Idaho International, and at TSDs like Raindrop, No Alibi, Totem, Thunderbird, Oregon 1000 and many others.

Car has developed a typical Subaru "old age knock", most likely rod bearings. Bid on rebuild is over \$2000 installed, at a Subaru shop. DIY for a lot less – just not by me. Needs a new battery. "Might" jump start one more time. Tags expired, needs to be running for Seattle area emissions (passed fine last time). If you think you can undertake this project, offer me \$1000 for the car and second EJ22T motor (louder knock – needs bearings) and ALL the parts, and it's yours. Bring a trailer...

There is a long list of spares included, from two 1991 and one 1993 Sport Sedans, including drive train components, brakes (ABS and non), axles, open diff, glass, and hood and trunk. (Just about everything that won't fit an Impreza)

RonSorem @ gmail dot com. 206.954.3173

Also available a low mileage (91533) **1997 2.2 NA motor** ready to go in – \$1200 with complete harness.

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\*1982 Mercedes 300 SD. (Yes, the Turbo diesel). Nice chrome wheels, recent paint job- it's "taupe". \$2450. The car is in Washington. Got 30 mpg from La Vegas to Vashon Island. Jerry Hines (206) 227-6343

### RASC Calendar

#### Washington & British Columbia TSD

Aug 8 – NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

**Aug 18>26 –Alcan 5000, Kirkland>Anchorage**

Sept 12 – NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

Sept 27 – Fall Novice rally and workshop, Mission, B.C.

**Oct 10 – NWRC Friday Niter by RASC**

Oct 18/19 – Midnite, paved TSD, Vancouver Island

Nov 22/23 – Totem, Cache Creek, B.C.

#### Oregon TSD

*Portland Friday Nighters are first Friday of the month.*

>Rally Against Parkinson's is cancelled this year.

Oct 11/12 – Oregon 1000, Oregon

#### NW Stage rallies

Oct 3-4 – Pacific Forest Rally, Merritt, B.C.

Oct 18 – Mt. Hood, Hood River, OR

Oct. 31-11/1 – Rocky Mountain, Invermere, B.C.

Dec. 6/7 – Big White Winter rally, Kelowna, B.C.

**Rainier Auto Sports Club** will meet this coming Monday, August 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 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: Jerry is in town. He'll be enlisting helpers for Alcan.

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