

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

February, 2015

Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* Jim Breazeale's take on the North West Rally Council annual meeting. :

The NWRC meeting went as expected. Fees for events remain the same as does the calendar with RASC owning the October finale. There may be an increase in the actual insurance fee this year, still unknown at this time.

The NWRC is asking for clubs to staff the March and June events.

RASC expressed that more digital exposure would help but it did really come down to actually putting some effort in to it. "They" wanted to know why we had better attendance and I listed all of the things we do. They even made nice noises about our website. I also mentioned RASC's reputation. We continually put on a fun event and have for decades. Some better than others, but over all we are consistent. The other clubs, not so much. We mentioned trap rallies were not the best way to hook novices. We repeated all that has been said at meetings, even that perhaps time has come for a quiet end. Which was completely ignored.

The biggest visual issue the NWRC has is the website. It has been hacked repeatedly and is old and decrepit. "They" did say MINOR compensation could be wrung out of the treasury if we could find someone to build something on Wordpress or something simple and modern.

I did not offer or indicate RASC would do anything.

This may present some opportunities. Whether we choose to explore them is open for discussion. It could be a nice class project for some 12 year olds.

Ron Sorem popped in for a calendar update and offered his thoughts to the mix.

Despite some initial unfriendly remarks about the temerity of those Oregon people scheduling an event on a Saturday following one of the NWRC's Friday Niter, the meeting was cordial and productive.

(The 2015 calendar is now listed elsewhere)

*Raindrop news. Rally Master Cristy has ordered dash plaques.

The trophy committee has inventoried left over stuff and will make some thing similar, but better, for about the same cost as last year. Unless told otherwise.

We plan one more trip down to double check everything before we offer it for review. - Jim Breazeale

* Ron Sorem forwarded this. (Mark your calendar?)

"Got this from Duncan Johnson regarding an Olympus tribute at LeMay"

"Here's a non-competition event that may be of interest. On Tues. Apr. 7 there will be a brown bag lunch presentation at LeMay - America's Car Museum in Tacoma, Wash. all about the 30th anniversary of the Olympus Rally. Please see this web site for details:

<http://www.lemaymuseum.org/events.php?eid=1493>

"I am trying to contact the presenter to find out more and will update you when I do. My club worked stages and I was a course marshal (Arrival Time Control) when Olympus was part of the WRC in 1986-7-8. I am also a charter member of LeMay. > > — Duncan Johnson > Corvettes de Olympia"



* The annual Thunderbird TSD is over this February 7-8 weekend. Many RASC members will be participating, proudly wearing their RASC T-shirts under layers of warm clothes.



Club News

* Rainer Auto Sports Club meeting minutes for January 12th, 2015. Recorded by Jim Breazeale, club Secretary

Meeting called to Order by President Marvin Crippen at 8:08 pm Pacific Standard Time with 8 members attending.

The reading of December's published lame meeting minutes was accepted as read, under protest of the Secretary.

Madam Treasurer reported a current balance of \$4730.77 minus \$100 for the Comden's Thank You gift. She also collected more dues.

Rally Reports –

Raindrop Rally – Rally Master Cristy reported that several measurement runs were completed, with recce of the potential restaurants and pit stops. She indicated that one more run was needed to tidy up some details before submitting it for review. The trophy guy reported progress.

No Alibi Rally – An “off the record” report third hand vaguely mentioned the start, overnight and finish locations as well as the possibility of past BBQ's revisited.

Friday Niter Rally- is too far out to consider....

Alcan Winter Rally 2016 – Is still holding a strong 23-car entry list. Recce is next month.

Nor'Wester Rally 2017- Roy reported on his holiday conversations with his marketing friend prompting a round table discussion on pre-event marketing strategies.

Secretary's note: The next subject was New Business, but was not announced as such.

NWRC Annual meeting- The RASC NWRC representative asked for the clubs input on dates of choice for the Friday Niter rally and suggestions on improving the health of the Friday Niter events. Many of the replies were not suitable for print.

Old Business- None was brought forth.

New Business- See above, NWRC meeting.

Announcements – Thunderbird Rally in Canada. Always popular, query on who was going.

Call to adjourn the meeting and Seconded, with the banging of the Gavel at 8:56 pm.

Trivia

* The Breazeale Mercedes 190E reluctantly allowed the ignition key to turn after intense attention. Sean Medcroft's considerable skills improved the technique.

* The Volvo that is surveying the 2016 Winter Alcan route had a sunroof problem. A 4-inch gap that wouldn't close. Not a problem in Henderson, Nevada.

Steve Perret had a personal interest in making sure it would shut when he accompanied Jerry, et al in mid-February.

After it arrived at his Bellingham workshop, he figured out that the battery failed at some point, and when the car was revived, the “brain” that operates the sunroof assumed that the sunroof was parked when the power went away – and thereafter parked the sunroof in the same position. Steve's solution was to disconnect the Volvo's battery, jumper some power to the sunroof's motor so it would shut, then repower the Volvo.

* Marvin Crippen got some correspondence from Richard Ranhofer. He shared their Speil article about No Alibi. Very nice, and there are some really great pictures in there.

No Alibi Rally June 7-8, 2014 on page 43
<http://digital.nexsitepublishing.com/i/375196>

For Sale

*2001 BMW 330ix. Silver, black interior. automatic transmission, 18" wheels. Recent head work and revamp to sell at \$4500. Car is near San Diego, CA. Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343

* For Sale: Some of you know her as Rocket. She's a 2002 Subaru WRX. 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

* For Sale –'91 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

*1982 Mercedes 300 SD. (Yes, the Turbo diesel). Nice chrome wheels, recent paint job- it's "taupe". \$1600, needs suspension work. The car is in Washington. Got 30 mpg from La Vegas to Vashon Island. Jerry Hines (206) 227-6343

* Diamond Jim's 1990 Audi 90 Quattro 20 valve. Built for the 2014 Winter Alcan. You've seen it every where. ALL the major maintenance items have been done. Comes with a literal ton of spares including another complete engine, 2 more sets of tires and wheels, way too much to list. Buy it and drive anywhere. Sanity forces sale.

Exclusive RASC member price \$4500, all others \$3500 firm. blackholeracing@yahoo.com

* Uniden BCT-7 radio scanner. Pre-programmed for police, fire, state patrolies. NOT Trunking or P25. Includes DC power cord, mounting bracket, inside-the-windshield antenna. \$30.00 roy.ward@frontier.com

* Motorola Maratrac VHF 99 channel 100-watt trunk-mount two-way radio. Ham radio repeater frequencies programmed in for most of Washington State. Some WSP (receive only) frequencies. Complete with main body (trunk mount unit), control head, speaker, mic, and control cable. No valley too deep, this radio bores holes through mountains. Make offer. Roy Ward, (425) 485-6225. roy.ward@frontier.com.



RASC Calendar

> Thanks to Ron Sorem for compiling a big list from which events of interest to RASC members are picked.

> The Friday Night rallies in Portland and Bellevue are usually a week apart. Some Portland events changed to avoid Holiday conflicts.

> Other Events:

March 7 -Mike & Key radio club HAM fest and flea market, Puyallup

April 12 - Mendocino Gold, Ukiah, CA

WRC

Jan 19-25 - Monte Carlo

Feb. 12-15 - Sweden

March 5-8 - Mexico

May 21-24 - Portugal

June 11-15 - Italy-Sardenia

July 2-5 - Poland

July 30-Aug 2 - Finland

Aug 20-23 - Germany

Oct 1-4 - France

Oct 22-25 - Spain

Nov 12-15 - Wales

Rally America National Series

Jan 30-31 - Sno*Drift, Michigan

May 15-16 - Olympus, Shelton, WA

Feb 27-28 - 100 Acre Wood, Salem, Missouri

Apr 24-26 - Oregon Trail, Portland & Hood River, OR

June 5-6 - Susquehannock Trail, Pennsylvania

July 17-18 - New England Forest, Newry, ME

Aug 27-28 - Ojibwe, Minnesota

Oct 16-17 - Lake Superior, Michigan

Classic Car Rallies

Apr 24-26 - Hagerty Spring Thaw Classic, Vancouver B.C.

May 15 -17 - Hagerty Silver Summit Classic, Denver, CO

May 29-31 - Rush to Gold Bridge, Vancouver B.C.

May 29-31 - Cascade Classic, Carson, WA

July 23-26 - Monte Shelton Classic

Oct. 12 - Sea to Sky, Vancouver, B.C.

Washington & British Columbia TSD

March 13 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC

April 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

April 18 - Spring Novice Rally, Mission, B.C.

April 19 - Raindrop, RASC, Rallymaster: Jim &

Cristy Breazeale

May 8 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

Jun 6-7 - No Alibi, RASC

June 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

July 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC

Aug 14 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

Sept 11 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

Oct. 9 - NWRC Friday Niter by RASC

Nov 14-15 - Totem, B.C.

Oregon TSD

March 6 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

April 3 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

May 1 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

June 12 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

July 10 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

Aug 1-2 - The Road Not Taken

Aug 7 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

Aug 15 - Mountains To The Sea, Portland

Sept 11 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

NW Stage rallies

April 24-26 - Oregon Trail, Hood River, OR

May 15-17 - Olympus, Shelton, WA

June 13-14 - Idaho Rally, Boise, MT

Oct 2-3 - Pacific Forest Rally, Merritt, B.C.

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, February 9, 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: Pay your dues. Check or cash accepted. Tales from the Thunderbird. There might be 2 more rallies to add to the calendar. Divvying up some tasks for the Raindrop.

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