

# The Wishbone Alley Gazette

August, 2015

Rainier Auto Sports Club

## Rally News

\* Both the Portland and NWRC Friday Nighters were on July 10. The Bellevue rally, presented by ORCA, had 11 entrants, 2 in the Novice class.

Oregon had 12, with 3 in the Novice class.

\* The Heart of Darkness (HOD) TSD ran on July 18. The all-night rally was based in Merritt. Tim Chovanak and son Preston ran it for their very first TSD, ever. Tim said it was fun, and he recognized some of the roads from volunteering at Pacific Forest Rally.

It drew 17 entries, 3 in the Novice class. There were 5 DNF's. The Damm's decided early on it wasn't their "cup of tea", so retired. They got a good night's rest, and then had breakfast with the tired rallyists the next morning.

\* Renee Damm was registrar for the NW "Monte Shelton" Classic. 104 entries to track and process. Then placed 4<sup>th</sup> in her '66 Mustang.

## Club News

Minutes of meeting , July 13, 2015

(Thanks to Jeanne Rachner for taking the July minutes.)

The meeting was called to order by esteemed leader Marvin Crippen at 8:04 PM. There were 12 members present. Marvin read the minutes from the last meeting as posted in the newsletter, and they were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Kristi Breazeale reported a total of just under \$ 7000. Exact amount is not determined as there are still a few outstanding bills from No Alibi.

Rally Reports:

Friday Nighter: Eric will not be doing the next Friday Nighter, so a rallymaster is needed. A potential for format change was discussed. Marvin called for a volunteer to be rallymaster; as of yet, nobody has stepped forward.

Alcan: No report

Nor'Wester: Nothing new to report: still a work in progress

Raindrop: No discussion

No Alibi: Suggestions were brought up to possibly skip one year (next year or the following year) - no rallymaster as of yet for this event. Apparently there was an agreement with Red Lion Inn to return next year. E-mail Marvin if interested in the rallymaster position or if you have any suggestions

Old Business: None

New Business:

Christmas Party: We need to find a new location, as it has been held at Dan's for several

years running. A number of possibilities were discussed, with several members volunteering to make inquiries...? possibly at the Center for Wooden Boats? A location needs to be lined up soon, as places book early for the holidays.

Announcements: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM

## Trivia

\* Marinus Damm submitted this:

We're taking our station wagon to Targa Newfoundland this September. Though Targa is known for flat-out racing, they also offer a TSD class called Grand Touring. We're entered in GT, but it's a bit different from other TSDs we've run.

The overall event is geared for the Targa classes. Each stage has a target time. The target times get tighter as the week goes on. If you were making the target times easily on Monday, you might not be on Wednesday; and you're almost certainly not making them by Friday.

A wrinkle to this scheme is that road conditions (read: rain) can alter the target times for a given stage - so the appropriate target time for the road condition is posted at the start of the stage. A wrinkle on that is that the organizers might change the road condition downward (and hence make the target time longer) after the stage has begun. Any cars that have already run through at a shorter target time will be scored against the longest target time that was ever declared for the stage.

Must be a little stressful up front, if you're shooting for a Condition 1 target time and it starts to pour. Maybe the condition will be changed for later cars, so you can slow down a bit, but maybe the condition won't be changed, and you'll miss the target time if you slow down. It's no wonder there's attrition at Targa.

The GT class is kind of bolted on to the side of this structure. Instead of the target times dropping as the week goes on, the time windows shrink. The time window is the grace period around perfect time. If you pass a control outside the time window you'll take a point-per-second for your error.

Unlike the Targa classes, with a single time control at the finish, GT is not a pure Monte Carlo style. The rules mention both "Interim Timing Controls" and "Stage Flying Finish Lines" as places we'll be timed. So far that's normal TSD stuff.

But here are a couple twists:

a) The CASTs are derived from the road condition, so we'll not know the specific speeds 'til we reach the stage start. We're hoping to pre-calculate the CASTs and perfect times for each stage

x each road condition beforehand, and then just make sure we're using the right numbers.

b) GT cars start on 30-second intervals, so there'll be some clock tweaking at the last minute.

c) There's a maximum speed limit for GT, a never-to-exceed 130kph. Now that still lets you go 80 mph though a narrow-streeted neighborhood... but if you're late, welllllll

(Next time I'll tell you about upgrading the brakes on the wagon.)

\* Jeff McMillan engineered the Seafair Milk Carton Derby "boat" that his daughter's won their class in. The organizers provide the (sealed) milk cartons.

\* Troy Jorgensen sold off the family Outback and bought a 2010 WRX to prep for the Winter Alcan. He's picked up sponsorship from Royal Purple, looking for more. He'd like to replace the shiny leather seats with something less slippery (and cold). It's charcoal grey now, with plans to get a wrap on it to display sponsor names, and for rock protection.

## For Sale/Wanted

\* Wanted: a ½" Router for a woodworking project. My quarter-inch router limits my choice of bits. Just to borrow: try one out before trying to amortize a new one. – Nolte, mnolte@blarg.net (I have coil cords to barter.)

\*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

\*2002 F250 Ford Pickup Supercab, loaded, long bed, canopy, (aluminum= light, side opening windows), 4WD V-8, 5.4 ltr., trailer hitch. Never raced, 210K miles, \$6200 Jerry 206-227-6343.

\* Diamond Jim's **1990 Audi 90 Quattro 20 valve**. Built for the 2012 Winter Alcan. You've seen it everywhere. 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 \$5000, all others \$3500 firm. [blackholeracing@yahoo.com](mailto:blackholeracing@yahoo.com)

\*Brian Cary bought snow tires for Thunderbird. They came on Ford Focus 15" (4x108 mm bolt pattern) **alloy wheels**. The wheels are for sale for \$200, or make-an-offer. 425-445-7195

**For Sale: Motorola Spectra** trunk-mount VHF 110 watt mobile. Complete with mic, speaker, mounting brackets, remote cable, power wire (8 ga.). W9 control head. Programmed for 128 frequencies, Alcan and No Alibi, NOAA weather, many simplex rally stage frequencies. Siren/PA with 100watt speaker available. Originally cost Spokane County over \$4000, works great, \$100.00. Roy Ward [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com) (425) 485-6225

**Want 'Em?: 4 225/60-16 Firestoned PV41** radials, about 50% tread. These are the original police pursuit radials that came on the Impala when I bought it. One tire is mounted on an Impala wheel. Look 'em up online, they ain't cheap. Roy Ward [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com) (425) 485-6225

**Force Ale: One skid plate** for a 2000-2008 Impala. Also fits Pontiac Gran Prix, Buick Regal. Easy to install. 5/16" thick aluminum, manufactured by Setina (the pushbar company) for police cars so they can drive over land mines and stuff. \$100 or best offer. Will not trade for coil cords. Roy Ward [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com) (425) 485-6225

## RASC Calendar

Pacific Forest rally (BC) moved to October 23 to avoid the fire danger.

### Other Events

September 19 – Mendocino Gold, TSD, Ukiah, CA (the area is burning now...)

Sept 13-18 – Targa Newfoundland, St. Johns, NF

### Classic Car Rallies

Oct. 12 – Sea to Sky, Vancouver, B.C.

### Washington & British Columbia TSD

Aug 14 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

Aug 15 – Summer Novice rally, Mission, B.C.

Sept 11 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

**Oct. 9 - NWRC Friday Niter by RASC**

Nov 21/22 - Totem, B.C., Cache Creek

### Oregon TSD

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

Sept 19 –Wild West, Shelton. Recce in the morning, rally in the afternoon.

Oct. 17 – Mt. Hood, Hood River, Oregon

Oct 23/24 – Pacific Forest Rally, Merritt, BC

Oct. 30/Nov 1 – Rocky Mountain, Invermere, BC

Dec. 5 – Big White, Kelowna, BC (date tentative)