

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

November, 2015

Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* The RASC Friday Niter attracted 21 entrants. It became a "first world problem" when only preparations for 20 cars were made. There was one spare copy of RI's, and the rest of the paperwork was hand-made.

The first Leg was via Maltby to Highbridge Road, where Troy Jorgensen and Ron Sorem amused Richard and Delores Renhofer with Alcan stories in between rallyists arrivals.

Then past Tualco to transit Monroe, where a rare train delayed a few cars. The second checkpoint was manned by Eric Horst, Marvin Crippen, and Jeff McMillen. Jeff sat at the incone and called car arrivals via his cell phone to Eric. A long 30-minute conversation. The weather was lovely, so Jeff didn't get wet.

Winding south on sparsely traveled roads led to a transit through Snohomish (with a lousy end-of-section reference) and to the last control near the Hewitt Trestle (Hwy 2). Steve Richards, Jim Breazeale, and Kyle Rosenlieb set up an interesting "take" on CP lights to time all 21 starters. Taking advantage of a rally finally ending "up north", they went home afterwards, and passed on the free worker pizza.

Eric and Marvin did painless scoring at Pizza Hut.

This same route, set up by Kelly Smith, ran in July 2013. The Pizza Hut server who was there then recognized the scenario and closed off the dining area just for the rally!

Rallymaster Mark Nolte happily disposed of leftover trophies from many past RASC events.

Results:

http://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2015/friday_niter/default.htm

* Stage rally activity: Mt. Hood (October 17) was a one-day affair consisting of 6 stages on the Forest Service #17 road. 23 entrants, 2 DNF's.

Pacific Forest Rally (October 23/24) was a Canadian National, drawing 27 entrants (10 DNF's). Ron Sorem wrote the route instructions, then joined Team Fugawi? To pace the rally.

All followed on Oct.31-Nov 1) with Rocky Mountain, another Canadian National. Tim Chovanak enlisted 17-year-old daughter Erin to run "flawless" (his words) controls. He says it's an 8-hour drive from Seattle-area. 18 starters/ 3 DNF's.

* Wild West stage rally (November 7) is a low-key local event, with just 3 roads, for a total of 31 miles. It starts and finishes at the Cook Reload.

* The justly popular Totem TSD (November 21-22) is once again starting/Finishing in Cache Creek, B.C. This year's overnight is at 100 Mile House.

After a dry summer, no predictions on whether it'll be mud or the white stuff.

Club News

RASC Meeting Minutes from the RASC meeting, as recorded by Secretary Jim Breazeale.

October's meeting started at 20:05, with rising star Troy Jorgensen, current Veep, banging the gavel with 9.5 members in attendance

The Secretary's reading of the September meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Madam Treasurer reported the same bank balance as last month plus or minus.

RALLY REPORTS

The Friday Niter rally- 21 cars. Mark Nolte, Rally Master. Great effort on the club members' part pulled off another epic. Eric's registration went smoothly, payments made with the card reader attachment on the phone are becoming more popular. Quote of the event, from checkpoint number one to the rally master, "Got it covered, now go away". The innovative cell phone sweep worked well mostly. The finish at Pizza Hut was packed and service excellent.

Initial accounting showed \$420 entry fees, \$195 NWRC sanction fee, \$93 dash plaques. Trophies by the indispensable MN.

Alcan Winter Rally 2017- Pre-rally internet chatter, still at 38 entries with the Ferrari withdrawing.

Raindrop Rally 2016- Needs a rally master.

No Alibi Rally 2016- Also needs a rally master. 1st weekend in June.

It was brought up that both events could be classic events from the past, perhaps easing the rally master's burden.

Nor'Wester Rally 2017- Roy mentioned fire season might influence the event.

OLD BUSINESS

Timing lights revisited.

Shirts, hats and patches. An old sample RASC patch was passed around while Troy did show and tell with a hat he had done. \$21 a hat, \$65 set up fee.

Vector files needed for t-shirt screening. \$15 screened and out the door from Gorilla.

Holiday Party. \$250 Deposit paid to the HARM booking Saturday 12/12 for the event. Tasks and volunteers. RSVP, BYOB and we'll need a liquor license.

RASC Nominating Committee results. Flattery or waterboarding resulted in Charles A, Cristy B, Brian C, Troy J, Roy W and Jim B accepting nominations.

Proposed electronic voting is currently not allowed by the club's by-laws. You must be present to vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Rally Master Handbook idea. Esse and RDS volunteered to collect and assemble thoughts and ideas from the Rally Collective Experience Library. Please give generously and thoughtfully.

Membership drive, rally control workers needed.

Mt. Hood, one-day stage rally next Saturday. Low-key event with a high fun factor needs workers.

Pacific Forest Rally up in Merritt BC needs workers. October 22/23

Motion to adjourn, seconded and gaveled at 21:07. Gossip begins.

* The RASC Board election is at the November 9 meeting. This is the last chance for nominations from the floor and other characteristics of modern voting.

Trivia

* Those of us who were active in TSD in BC in the 90's and early 00's will remember Roy Lima, who used to compete with his sister, Grace:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/timescolonist/obituary.aspx?pid=175876146>

* With an improbable 21-car entry, the RASC Friday Niter may be the only Friday Niter that made money. As near as I can tell, the turnout was bolstered by the end of Autocross season (Charles Aggenbach recruited 3 Torque Steerers) and the NWRC Championship awards. -MN

No final budget has been turned in for No Alibi.

* Richard and Delores Ranhofer were awarded HAM licenses KG7PKL (Delores) and KG7PKM (Richard). They are on a steep learning curve; Richard pointed out that the HAM class didn't cover even turning on the radio.

Roy transferred a Numetrics "B" box to them. Now to find an installer. Richard mentioned that the attached installation diagram showed 5 magnets.

* Jerry Hines was at SEMA chatting with various vendors, perhaps interesting a few to get involved with the Alcan.

For Sale/Wanted

*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

* Alcan ready: Diamond Jim's **1990 Audi 90 Quattro 20 valve**. Built for the 2012 Winter Alcan. 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. \$3500 firm. 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

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 (425) 485-6225

* For Sale: Brand New **Kenwood TM-281 VHF** 144-148MHz transceiver. New-in-box. 65 watts output. Receives 137-174MHz. \$180.00. roy.ward@frontier.com, 425-485-6225

* FOR WHATEVER: 1 set of police-style taxi-chic Setina 12" pushbars. Mounting brackets to fit 2000-05 Impala. Other mounting brackets available through Setina. Would look great on your Pontiac Aztek or Checker Marathon. Adds that special touch to your Crown Vic. Makes a great conversation piece for the life-impaired. Hold doors open in the strongest of winds. Make offer (that's offer, not comments, not jokes....). Roy Ward, 425-485-6225, roy.ward@frontier.com.

RASC Calendar

December 12 –Dirtfish Rallycross (SCCA sanction)
<http://nwrallysprint.com/rules/>
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Washington, Oregon, British Columbia TSD

Nov 21/22 - Totem, B.C., Cache Creek>100 Mile House>Cache Creek
February 25>March 4 – Alcan 5000 winter rally. Yellowknife and points between.

NW Stage rallies

Nov 7 –Wild West, Matlock. Recce in the morning, rally in the afternoon.
Dec. 5/6 – Big White, Kelowna, BC