

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

January, 2016

Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* The NWRC will convene on January 30. The Friday Niter dates will be assigned, as well as other rallies if proposed. RASC will probably keep the Raindrop on April 17, No Alibi on June 4-5.

* The Alcan Winter Rally (February 25-March 4) looks to be interesting. A lot of first time participants of the 30 listed. Paul Westwick isn't listed as a first-timer since he's been putting on Thunderbirds since 1973.

The usual variety of vehicles. You can be amused at <https://www.alcan5000.com>.

A different route this year, with the long haul from Quesnel, B.C to Yellowknife broken up into two days via an overnight stop in Grimshaw, Alberta.

Preparation is furious 7 weeks out. The Simpson/Jorgensen Subaru WRX will get a wrap proclaiming wall-to-wall sponsors, including the All Wheel Drive shop in Kirkland, where the car will get a thorough bolt-tightening as well a new clutch. Cold weather-rated lubricants will replace whatever the car had when purchased a few months ago. Troy enlisted professionals for a (bright) lighting array.

The Ranhofers researched what parts are possibly going to fail far from a Porsche parts supply. Then conferring with the team running a Toureg (also diesel) to decide who will carry which spares. University Porsche-Audi will supply a box of parts, returnable if not used –cool. (Did Richard tell me that not only is the urea reservoir and it's pump in the tailgate, but also has a heater? -MN)

Nine days of rally, adventure, and scenery.

Club News

* Thanks to outgoing board members Jim Breazeale and Eric Horst for their service and excellent work in 2015.

*RASC Meeting Minutes from the RASC meeting, as recorded by Secretary Brian Cary:

Meeting convened at some time during the annual Christmas party at the [Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum](#) in Kent.

Some arguing ensued and it came to be that these positions were assigned:

Roy Ward - as President/Dictator per annum
Troy Jorgensen - stays on as VP
Cristy Breazeale - stays on as Treasurer
Brian Cary - Secretary (muahahaha!)
Marvin Crippen - Member at large.
Charles Aggenbach - Member at large.

Discussion was had about meeting venue, and it was decided to stay with Cafe Veloce

Meeting then progressed to creative trash talking about former members being dropped off for the long walk home.

Many many segues later involving a fart machine as a substitute for a gavel to call meeting to order, minions and a proclamation that Troy needs to bring fruit to meetings. (List is not all inclusive) the Annual NWRC meeting was mentioned and questions were asked about when it was happening. Jim Breazeale volunteered to continue representing Rainier for NWRC functions.

It was at this time a lively debate occurred where Seinfeld character names were assigned to some members as per most valid personality traits. Suggestions made to Secretary to leave specifics out.

Meeting informally adjourned as people got up to check out the seriously cool Hydroplane museum we were in.

* The annual RASC Christmas party was somewhat lightly attended, perhaps 25 people. No one brought any kids. The venue was more warehouse than well-decorated home, although being surrounded by big, shiny hydroplanes was interesting.

The food was a highlight. A friend of Jim Breazeale's smoked a fine ham, and since it was repayment for favors, didn't cost much. Cristy is a fan of Moose Creek BBQ in Arlington, and ordered a smoked turkey for the party. The owner apologized when she took delivery, saying that the smoking rack broke and the turkey was damaged. Cristy didn't see any damage, and when he offered some smoked brisket to make up for the broken leg, she accepted. Then the poor guy, who takes great pride in perfect meats, refused payment. We ate very, very well.

Ron Sorem brought a pie. Seems that he missed a serving on a rally, and decided to make up for it.

* Nolte found 6 RASC decal sheets. Perhaps time to order more?

* Dues: \$25 single, \$30 family. Pay at the meeting for send to the club P.O. box. Newsletter gets cut off after the February issue.

Trivia

* Jeff McMillen's WRX got some suspension repairs in Bellingham. To retrieve the car from Steve Perret, he took his daughters on Amtrak. His 7:45 AM train took 2 hours to get there despite 3 stops. Besides the awesome scenery, it only cost \$48.

* Troy Jorgensen's wife is expanding her acupuncture clinic; the adjoining office space in Overlake became available. He's redoing walls (aka: demo-ing) and painting.

* Nolte added a used (6000 miles) 2015 Mazda 3 to his fleet. The need for an automatic transmission, sunroof, and better gas mileage than the '02 WRX brought it on. So far, it's a challenge to say nice things about it.

For Sale/Wanted

*New lower price! **2001 BMW 330ix**. Silver, black interior. automatic transmission, 18" wheels. Recent head work and revamp to sell at \$3600. Car is near San Diego, CA. Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343

*Brian Cary bought snow tires for Thunderbird last year. 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

* The 1987 Subaru RX known to owner Jeff McMillan as **Roxanne** is going back up for sale. Turnkey stage rally car. jeff@somepants.com

* **1993 Legacy Super Sport** turbo sedan (Rare-maybe one of 25 imported). Burgundy, 5-speed, 153,000 miles. Set up for TSD with wiring and goodies. "Alcan proven". \$5000 Car is fine, just running out of parking spots. Steve Brown, 206-954-4267

* Fors Ale: **Kenwood TK705D** VHF FM transceiver, 25-watt xmit power, programmable for 16 frequencies, \$100.00. A perennial Alcan Rally favorite. Roy Ward, (425) 485-6225, roy.ward@frontier.com

Four Sail: Kenwood TK730 remote mount VHF transceiver. Programmed with 160 channels, complete list of frequencies available. Programmed with rallying in mind, including 146.580MHz and 151.625MHz narrow band. **Complete** with mounting bracket, power cord, external speaker, mic, and remote control head. Cost over \$1800.00 new. Asking \$125.00. Roy Ward, (425) 485-6225, roy.ward@frontier.com.

* Steve Richards bought an **engine stand** with the idea to drop a more powerful engine into Ruby, the rally Starlet. That didn't happen, so he's offering the unused stand to the first taker who'll remove it from under his house. Free?

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RASC Calendar

Mostly still in process...

Washington, Oregon, British Columbia TSD

February 25>March 4 – Alcan 5000 winter rally.

Yellowknife and points between.

February 6-7 – Thunderbird, Merritt-Vernon-

Merritt, British Columbia. \$145USD

April 17 – Raindrop, RASC

June 4-5 – No Alibi, RASC

NW Stage rallies

April 22-24 – Oregon Trail, Rally America series, Hood River, OR

May 14-15 – Olympus, Rally America series, Shelton, WA

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, January 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 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: Steve Richards and Ron Sorem will present their Rallymaster's Manual. The traditional discussion of tagging rallymasters.

Dues will be the same in 2016: \$25 single, \$30 family. Please pay at the meeting or send a check to the post office box.

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