

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* Raindrop Rally (April 17) From Rallymaster Jim Breazeale: Once again, RASC has produced another fine drive called the Raindrop.

Even a lovely Sunday drive requires a huge amount of effort by lots of folks. As Rally Master for the event, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who had a hand in the Raindrop. Steve Richards created the route and collaborated with Ron Sorem who did the route book, worker movement plans and the myriad of other details that I didn't even know I needed to attend to. Marvin Crippen worked his mojo with scoring. Eric Horst handled Registration. Mark Nolte returned to the classic engraved award format and created lovely blue plaques with a driftwood-colored "raindrop". Cristy bravely endured several drive-throughs, keeping me on my toes. A huge thank you to the checkout and checkpoint crews. Everyone's efforts made for another memorable event.

Reviews from the competitors who filled out the form were 7 and above for almost everything. The route and speeds earned a just right from all but one who said it was too slow. One wasn't happy about the menu but everyone else made yummy noises.

As with every event, things could/should have been done differently. Rainier strives to put on quality events and will work to improve next years event. I am honored to be a part of and have the support the Rainier Auto Sports Club. Again, Thank You everyone!

The TSD Started at the Mount Vernon Convention Center, ended the Odometer Transit on Whidbey Island, going as far south as the Keystone area before winding past orchards and farms to cross the tourist-busy Deception Pass bridge and end with a buffet meal at the Farmhouse Restaurant. 16 Entrants- 5 UnLimited, 3 Equipped, 1 Vintage, 4 SOP, 3 Novices.

Besides the above mentioned staffers, Steve Perret, Rod Johnson, Kyle Rosenlieb, and Troy Jorgensen worked checkpoints. Chuckanut Sports Car Club (Bellingham) provided Linn Shopes and Ken & Sue Lingbloom to reach 27 checkpoints.

The weather was as good as it gets.

* No Alibi (June 4-5) – Rallymaster Mark Nolte claims he'll have the rally ready in time. His last "big" rally was in 1998, and relearning has been tough. Doing a variation of the successful 2015 is a tough act to follow.

The Saturday route has some new sections around Walla Walla (literally), refuels in Millton-Freewater, to end up going over the windmill-

covered hills that are so impressive close-up. The Grillmaster has been reenlisted for the evening feast.

Marvin came up with a "reverse-2015-Sunday" plan that was previewed by the Ranhofers (still energetic after Alcan) and now is being written and measured.

Cleverly skirting civilization, Saturday lunch is being worked out, and Sunday will revisit Bickleton's Market Street Café & Grocery.

The Red Lion (Kennewick) has the block of rooms reserved only until Friday, May 13. One motel in Walla Walla raised rates \$20 within 2 weeks "Because it's the busy season"; motels do fill up.

The brightest aspect is that checkpoint workers are volunteering.

* Jerry is already getting entries for the 2018 Alcan Summer rally.

* The Mendocino Gold TSD (April 30) attracted 9 cars and sufficient workers. The Marinus and Renee Damm won in the black BMW (aka Bad Dog). Pete Soper was rallymaster.

* Stage rallies: Oregon Trail (April 22-24) – a full field had nice weather for the weekend. Adding the 2.86-mile long Maryhill Hillclimb certainly got a lot of attention (and organizer work).

Olympus (May 14-15) has 8 roads to make up the 16 stages. They are still accepting volunteers.

Club News

* Rainier Auto Sports Club meeting minutes for April 2016:

Meeting started 19:30 with Jim Breazeale reading the March minutes. Followed by Treasurer Cristy's report of \$5319.17 in the bank (\$295.97 to Paul Westwick for car #'s)

Rally Report

Raindrop:

Final checkout and mileages are great 99.9% tidy! Just need to print out routes. Jim is enjoying the help of members collaborating to make it happen!

No Alibi:

Budget submitted, hotels settled, and only 2 weeks behind. Mileages are 2% off and Mark requested information on whether people would prefer a non-AWD car to measure the route but it seems that no-one in the room takes issue with the mileage difference incurred by the AWD car measuring the route.

Garmina Shrugs:

July 25th is the date! Steve may need someone to score and run the event due to schedule complications. Registration will open mid May.

Oct Friday Nighter:
No body got nothin' to say.

Nor'Wester:

Friday is complete but Sat and Sun are still snowed in and getting deeper!

Old Business

We now have car numbers for events!

("How much did you pay? I paid less! Oh? No it should be this much. Are you sure?")

"Little over \$1 a number sounds right.")

New Business

Steve asks about why we don't measure time in cents? Deep historical background is brought to discussion by learned rally scholars and many opinions are expressed about the subject. Do people have the equipment to support cents seems to be the pertinent question.

Discussion of including the club Board when making contracts.

Flyers for Friday Nighters passed around at this point.

Ron mentions \$90 for Raindrop car numbers.

Announcements

Work Raindrop! Compete in Raindrop! Bring everyone you can!

Brian's Volvo is for sale, \$500 pending purchase by Kyle's friend. (He never called)

Meeting adjourned at 20:00

Trivia

* The stories about the recent Alcan are appearing. Troy Jorgensen sent these links over:

[Forza Motorsport article](#)

http://www.forzamotorsport.net/en-us/news/hma_4_14_16

[Rallycross 360 article](#)

<http://rallycross360.com/alcan-5000-winter-rally/>

* On the way to attend a concert, Delores Ranhofer tripped on unlevel sidewalk and bounced her head on the hard concrete. They went to Swedish instead. She'll be "wearing" stitches for a week or so.

* Troy's WRX suffered bad gas mileage upon return from Alcan. The problem was intermittent. He ended up changing 2 plugs and a coil pack to fix 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

*FOR SAIL: TIRES! 4 Primewell (who?) Valera Sport AS tires, size 225/50R17. First \$10.00 takes. Or whatever. Roy Ward, roy.ward@frontier.com (clever, huh?), 425-485-6225.

FREE: Due to an unfortunate slip of the keyboard, I find I have a rather embarrassing surplus of....lug nuts. Chrome, Acorn style lugnuts. Brand new, in packages of 4 each, these are Dorman 711-309 12x1.5mm lug nuts. 9 (yes, nine!) packages of 4 each. Any takers? See Roy Ward, roy.ward@frontier.com

* 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 (UPDATE: Steve said to change it to "Make me an insulting offer") Car is fine, just running out of parking spots. Steve Brown, 206-954-4267

* 15" Subaru alloys with **Silverstone 185/65-15 S-525** tires. 4 tires (2xL and 2xR) have about 11/32 tread left on them. The other 2 are "spares", one has 6/32 and the other is 9/32. Make me a reasonable offer. The newer tires were \$150 new from Tabor Rally Team. Rims were \$50/each from Gundies. Max Vaysburd max@angrykitten.com

RASC Calendar

Not of the rally world: The Republican Convention is July 18>21 in Cleveland, followed by the Democratic Convention, July 25-28 in Philadelphia. August 5>21: Olympics from Rio.

Washington, Oregon, British Columbia TSD

The Oregon Friday Niters are the first Friday each month, except for June (not to conflict with No Alibi, and September to avoid the Labor Day holiday. The season is March to September.

The NWRC Friday Niters are the 2nd Friday night of each month, March to October. When a club doesn't volunteer to hold a rally, the NWRC chair puts it together, with volunteer workers supplied by each club- this year in March, June, and August.

May 6 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter, Milwaukie, OR

May 13 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by ORCA

May 14 - "Revival Rally", Eugene, OR, Emerald Empire Sports Car Club

June 4-5 - No Alibi, Kennewick

<http://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2016/noalibi/default.htm>

June 10 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by NWRC

June 10 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter, Milwaukie, OR (Moved away from No Alibi)

July 1 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter, Milwaukie, OR

July 8 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by ORCA

**July 24 – “Garmina Shrugs: A GPS rally”,
gimmick, Bellevue, WA, RASC**

Aug 5 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter,
Milwaukie, OR

Aug 6 - Mountains to the Sea, Portland, OR

Aug 12 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by NWRC

Sept 9 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by FOOTZ

Sept 9 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter,

Milwaukie, OR (Moved to avoid Labor Day)

**Oct 14 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by
RASC**

Oct 22 – possible touring TSD by ORCA

November ? – Totem, B.C.

NW Stage rallies

May 14-15 – Olympus, Shelton, WA

June 4-5 – Rocky Mountain, Invermere, B.C.

July 9-10 – Mendocino, Ukiah, CA

Sept 24 – Wild West, Montesano, WA

Sept 30-Oct 1 – Pacific Forest, Merritt, B.C.

Oct? – Hood River, Oregon

Nov 12-13 – Radium Hot Springs, Alberta

Dec – Big White, Kelowna, B.C.

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, May 9, at 7:30 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: Tales of woe except for the niceness of Raindrop. Maybe a lot of other exceptions.

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