

# The Wishbone Alley Gazette

October, 2016

Rainier Auto Sports Club

## Rally News

\* Rod Johnson is rallymaster for the October Friday Niter (October 14), RASC's version of the long running Northwest Rally Council "practice" series. He is refreshing his Excel skills.



The route is stitched together from past events (there are no new roads....) to get down toward Black Diamond, then Finish at Ferrelli's Pizza at the four corners (Maple Valley). He is planning for a 10 PM first car arrival.

Workers will be drafted at the October RASC meeting.

\* National-level stage rally evolves into 2 series.

Part of the announcement: "The inaugural 2017 ARA National Championship series currently consists of five rallies: Oregon Trail Rally in Portland, Oregon dates TBD, the Olympus Rally in Shelton, Washington in May, the Susquehannock Trail Performance Rally (STPR) in Wellsboro, PA in June, the New England Forest Rally in Newry, Maine in July, and the Ojibwe Forests Rally in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota in August. Additional events and the fully event calendar for 2017 will be announced later this fall."

\* Marinus and Renee Damm ran the Targa Newfoundland (Sept 11-16). To summarize the results:

Targa Classic class: 12 finishers,  
Targa Modern class: 10 finishers  
Targa Open class: 13 finishers  
Grand Touring class: 10 finishers  
Lucas Oil Targa Challenge class 13 finishers  
Master Targa Challenge class: 9 finishers  
Master Touring class: 4 finishers.  
(The event said they had over 60 entries)

The Damms won the 1) Grand Touring, 2) Lucas Challenge and 3) Master Touring classes in their 2001 Porsche Carrera 4. The Lucas Challenge win included entry to the 2017 event along with the trophy.

Proper coverage would take about 9 WAG pages.... For more: <http://dammralliers.com>

\* September 24: Formerly known as the "Wild West", the fall Puget Sound-area stage rally, sanctioned by NASA, was called "Doo Wop". Besides making trophy design rally easy, it carried on the Ray Damitio notion of keeping it simple and cheap. For example, instead of a fancy awards presentation, the vast gravel parking lot of the Cook Reload sufficed for both the Service Area and post rally awards.

Recce was mandatory, and since the teams would be creating their own "notes", the Route Instructions were available online – and only 13 pages for the total, repetitive, route.

Blessed with the help (!) of Green Diamond Resource Company, 2 "roads" were used this year in a tight area west of Matlock, each run three times for a total of 49 miles of stages and only 16 miles of transits. 37 starters, 9 DNFs.

RASC was represented with Ron Sorem/Jim Breazeale as "00" car, Steve Perret in "000" while Kathryn Hansen co-drove for Mark Tabor. Mark Nolte and Cristy Breazeale worked controls.

\* A week later, September 30/October 1, the Canadian National rally series made it's west coast stop for Pacific Forest Rally. It ran on Friday night and Saturday on 4 roads around Merritt, B.C.

Eight (!) RASC folk there. I don't know what Max Vaysburd ended up doing (he counts as a member in this case). Tim Chovanak and Andy Newell did a little bit of everything. Nolte was a road marshal. The "Team Fugawi?" folks did their best to keep it on time.

33 starters, 20 finishers. -MN

## Club News

RASC Meeting Minutes (Thanks to Dolores Ranhofer for being the volunteer scribe)

Rainier Auto Sports Club met on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 at Café Veloce. President Troy Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 19:31 with 12 members present.

Previous meeting minutes were read and accepted.

Jim and Cristy Breazeale were traveling, but before leaving Cristy advised the balance in the club's BECU account was \$197.00 less than the previous month or \$4,495.23. Nor'Wester Survey #3 accounted for the \$197.00 expenditure.

RALLY:

Friday Niter - RASC is responsible for the October 14<sup>th</sup> 2016, Friday Niter. There is

currently no Rally Master assigned. Ron suggested we contact Eric or Jeff who have been previous Rally Masters.

Discussion of the Route ensued. The start is a given, but a middle section needs to be identified as well as the final destination. We need to find a place that will accept 40+ people after the rally.

Troy will contact Eric and Jeff to go over previous Friday Nighters. Marvin will see if he can get previous route copies from Eric and Jeff. We also need check point crews. Ron said he can drive a checkout any time during the week but not on the weekend.

Dash Plaques will need to be coordinated with McNamara Signs. They have a minimum charge of \$40.00. Eric has previous designs. The plaque is to be the size of a business card and needs to be completed before the Rally. Dolores volunteered to work on dash plaques. Richard will contact Eric about the design, fonts, etc.

Troy can source trophies. We need 18 trophies.

Summer Alcan – No updates

No Alibi – On hiatus

Raindrop – Needs further discussion

Nor'Wester – Friday and Sunday are fine.

Need to identify a mid-day break for Saturday, as well as, Lunch Opportunities. Survey #3 has been completed. Survey #4 will take place next year (2017). Chief of Controls has the route. The route does not use any Forest Service roads, so we will not need any administrative paperwork or permits.

When Troy goes to SEMA he will take marketing material to distribute.

OLD BUSINESS: Marvin will get meeting minutes on line. Troy asked if we can download previous routes on line but prevent public access.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Several attendees motioned the meeting be closed. Marvin seconded the motion. President Troy closed the meeting at 20:21.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Radio Shack 2-meter HTX/HT242 available for \$30. Contact Rod Johnson, [WE7X@aol.com](mailto:WE7X@aol.com).

Check for upcoming rallies on the web page: [rainierautosports.com](http://rainierautosports.com)

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – Oregon 1000, Wilsonville, OR \$225.

NOTES: Ron Sorem volunteered to lead a Nominating Committee as it's time to start the election cycle. Mark will help.

\* RASC Elections are on schedule. The RASC way is to elect a Board for next year. The Board consists of 6 members who elect/choose/railroad club officers during a secret meeting.

The Nominating Committee presents a list of candidates at the October meeting. After a last call for nominees, the ballots are marked at the November meeting, counted, and winners announced. Since the past-president and treasurer carry over, only 4 Board members are elected.

### Trivia

\* Brian Cary is contemplating a move to Bellingham and attending WWSC.

\* Rod Johnson is remodeling a bathroom. He has a used toilet available- no charge. Free!

\* Colleen Hines is in Europe. Somewhat centered around what she learned as a wine merchant years ago. Now she gets to see the vines, etc.

\* As scorer for Doo Wops, Anders Green brought checkpoint clocks. These are Nook notepads, running Android rally apps. The battery lasts 10 hours; a recharger was given out to most users. Even then, a few ran out of juice.

The Nook has Wi-Fi, so the internal record can be transferred to one carried by a Sweep vehicle.

I was a Starter. The display was big enough to hold it above the hood so the team could watch it count down. No more counting down with fingers!

\* The CARS PFR brought out two "devices" new to me. I didn't get to see the checkpoint clocks in action; they come with the light-beam for recording the time the rally car crosses the line, and have a radio link to the STOP Control.

The other was in-car "Rally Safe", with a mind-boggling number of features.



GPS tracks each car as it traverses the stage, and alerts HQ if a car is off- and where! Plus a button for "OK" from the affected team. It has a car-to-car Wi-Fi capability that alerts to a passing request. It

displays time and mileage; one team was going to use it as their rally odometer. (Ron Sorem mentioned that his was within a hundredth!)

Installation was done at tech. –MN

## **For Sale/Wanted**

\*Studable snow tires. L3 (Truck) rating 235/80-R17. Nittos that never got mounted. Four for \$400. Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343 [alcan5000@gmail.com](mailto:alcan5000@gmail.com)

\* For Sale: **Magellan Maestro 4200 GPS**. Hardly out of the box, never used in the car, complete with case, cords, big suction-cup thingy, and original box. Asking \$40.00 [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com)

\* **Pooshbars**: Setina PB-100 12" pushbars, just like you've seen on every police Crown Vic in your rear view mirror. Removed from my Impala. Setina makes kits for installing these on several different vehicles. Make your Pontiac Aztek unique! Great for mounting driving lights. [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com) 425-485-6225.

\* **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](mailto:max@angrykitten.com)

## **RASC Calendar**

Washington, Oregon, British Columbia TSD

Oct 8&9 – Oregon 1000, Wilsonville, OR, \$225

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

Oct 22 – possible touring TSD by ORCA

November 19-20 – Totem, Cache Creek, BC

NW Stage rallies

Cancelled – Hood River, Oregon. No USFS permit.

Nov 6 – Kananaskis rally, Alberta (was Radium. Now one day, and back to favorite roads)

Dec 10 – Big White, Kelowna, B.C.

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**Rainier Auto Sports Club** will meet this coming Monday, October 10, 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: Draft workers for the Friday Niter. Nominating Committee will present candidates for the 2017 RASC Board. Reports from the just-completed Oregon 1000 tsd.

## **2016 Board Members:**

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Secretary, Brian Cary; [bcary461@yahoo.com](mailto:bcary461@yahoo.com)

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