

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News



Sunday, May 7, 2017 - There will be good views of Rainier and St Helens plus some nice twisty windy sections.

If you've told your friends about TSD rallies, this may be the best opportunity *all year* to actually enter one. Also a good way to brush up for the start of the 2017 rally season.

This is a one-day TSD event on all-paved roads.

Raindrop Rally is a leisurely paced touring TSD event with fine driving roads, minimum traffic and wonderful scenery. The rally is geared toward the novice entrant with no traps and mileages for every instruction but precise timekeeping will still be required to score well.

Awards will be given for the following classes: Unlimited, Equipped, SOP, Novice, and Vintage. The rally will start at 10 and last 5-6 hours. A lunch stop is planned, so you don't need to pack one- bring money instead. It is approximately 170 miles long on all-paved roads suitable for any automobile.

Entry registration is open at: <http://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2017/raindrop/default.htm>

Date: Sunday, May 7, 2017.

Start/Finish Location: Kit Carson Restaurant, 107 SW Interstate Ave. Chehalis, WA 98532 (Exit 76 off I-5).

Rallymaster: Dolores & Richard Ranhofer

Registrar: Eric Horst

Classes: Novice, SOP, Vintage, Equipped, and Unlimited.

General Instructions: Raindrop uses the Rainier Auto Sports Club Touring General Instructions available in Rally Reference. On the RASC web site.

Entry Fee: \$50.

* The Friday Niter "series" commences on April 14. RASC will supply a checkpoint crew since it is a NWRC event. Volunteer with the NWRC rep, Jim Breazeale.

* From Rallymaster Diamond Jim: The Nor'Wester Update. The thrilling saga of a small group of dedicated people embarking on an epic adventure. Chapter three. Our teams remain on the west side of the mountains alternating between treading water from the record rains and enjoying the full onset of spring. The rally location has begun the slow process of spring thaw and we are gearing up for the first survey. Veteran course surveyors, Steve Perret and Kathryn Hansen will join the Route and Rally Masters for a weekend of measuring and reconnaissance. Road and weather conditions will dictate what gets accomplished. Armed with a serious schedule and plenty of options, we have our work cut out for us.

With registration having been open we now have 20 entrants. Many are veterans and several are novices. One team is using Nor'Wester as training for the summer Alcan. Our Social Media presence continues to grow with updates posted weekly.

The trophy position has been taken over by Andy Newell. His prototypes are very attractive and will earn a special place in in any trophy cabinet. Thank you sir.

Sponsorship continues to grow with another rally centric business verbally joining the fray. They were also the very first entry. Hats off to them. We would like to pursue other contacts and still need help in this area. Some friendly conversation and gentle arm-twisting seems to be working.

Again, this is your club and you are certainly more than welcome and strongly encouraged to help put on this party. That goes for groupies, friends, past members and hangers on as well.

Will the recon teams slither through mud making the measurements elastic or will Mother Nature smile upon them and treat them with sunshine? Stay tuned for next month's exciting update of The Nor'Wester.

Club News

* Meeting minutes for March 13, 2017. Recorded by Diamond Jim

Meeting called to order by HRH Charles at 19:37 with 9 members in attendance and one guest, David Alspaugh. Our guest has recently moved from the East coast and has 6+ years of TSD experience.

Madam Treasurer reported current bank balance of \$4957.43 with some fluidity with membership dues and Nor'Wester sponsor funds arriving.

The previous meeting minutes were read and amended to resolve the missing sentence as conjectured.

RALLY REPORTS-

Alcan Rally summer edition- No updates were offered.

No Alibi Rally- On hiatus due to Nor'Wester.

Friday Nighter- RASC's October surprise needs a Rally Master and an actual measurement. The route has been created.

Nor'Wester Rally- rehashing of the WAG contents. Registration is open and already has 11 entrants and 2 sponsors have graciously committed \$250 each.

Raindrop Rally- Rallymasters Richard and Delores drove the route for the first time and were blessed with pleasant weather and views of the mountains. They catalogued lots of potential checkpoints and checked in at the Kit Carson Restaurant, where we will start and finish the event. First call for workers was met with a volley of raised arms. Registration is open and 8 teams are already on the books. Conversations about Dash plaques, stickers and trophies were bandied about.

OLD BUSINESS-

The "Xmas in July" holiday meeting was reconfirmed by the Ranhofers. Suggestions about a potluck style meal were well received.

No updates on moving the club's Post Office box to a more user-friendly location.

A CBA revealed that "boosted" posts on social media were not worth the club's money.

NEW BUSINESS-

In the continuing efforts to promote the club and rallying a motion was put forth to have more business cards printed. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative with only one dithering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Reminder that the NWRC Friday Nighter series will soon be upon us.

Oregon Trails stage rally needs workers. Visit the web pages and sign up. Always a good time.

The GRC event returns to the region and will be seeking volunteers. First hand accounts indicate everyone had fun last time.

Motion to adjourn and seconding occurred at 20:14. Gossip ensues and the guest joined the club. Welcome David!

Trivia



* Steve Richards has enjoyed the "Cascade Classic" over the years, relishing the roads of Whidbey Island.

It's on June 2-4 this year. Lacking a classic car, he called up the organizer and presented his problem. "No problem". So he'll be in his Mazda 6. The rally doesn't allow the fancy rally computer in his "rally car".

* Jerry and Colleen Hines were last heard of eating their way across Thailand.

* Mitch and Gay Moorehead, longtime RASC members, decided to downgrade from their Bellevue house and move to Providence Point in Issaquah. Mitch says the house sold in less than a week for more than he expected. Now they are going through the heartbreak of a 44-year collection of really neat stuff. The '60's car magazines are gone.

* Other transitions: Satch has sold off his Sonetts. Pete Soper moved from the Bay Area to Bozeman, MT. There seems to be a new club in British Columbia, the IRSA. Centered in Kamloops?

For Sale/Wanted

* **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". \$4000 (*Dramatic price reduction!*) 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

* **2011 Audi A4 Quattro Avant**. 109K miles, all options including HID and Nav. Available in Seattle area Saturday, January 7 (Call for appointment) New low price: \$12,900. Jerry Hines (206) 227-6343 or alcan5000@gmail.com (Colleen got a Mini-Cooper Clubman)

* **Lights for sale:**

2 6" round KC Hi-Liter STYLE halogen, 55W H3 NIB \$20.00



One PAIR 8" ANZO brand halogen 55W Slimline fogs, clear fluted lens, NIB, similar to Hella Rally 2000 \$30.00 a pair



One pair LED conversion for halogen **H11** headlights NIB \$20.00

Roy Ward roy.ward@frontier.com 425-485-6225

* For Sale by Glenda Webb: Alfa-Elite Rally Computer. Price \$700.00. The unit is three years old and only used on weekends and by the winning team on the 2014 Alcan. List price of a new unit is \$899.00. This unit will be fully serviced by the factory ([Small Systems Specialists](#)) prior to delivery. See <http://www.rally.cc/> for details on the unit.

Wanted: All working radios and 'rally equipment' on loan from Gary Webb.

Please contact Peter Schneider at NJRALLYE@AOL.COM with details.

RASC Calendar

(Thanks to Ron Sorem for keeping track of just about all events west of the Rockies)

Other Events for 2017

April 22 – Tulip Rallye by MG Car Club

May 13 – "Revival Rally II", Emerald Empire SCC, Eugene, OR

Stage events

April 21-23 – Oregon Trail, ARA, Portland, OR

April 29 – Clean up day on Green Diamond lands. Meet at 7:30 am at Little Creek Casino. As a "Thank you" to the landowner and an excuse to see the forest in a fun and useful way.

May 13-14 – Olympus, ARA, Olympia, WA

May 26-28 – Rocky Mountain, CRC, Invermere, BC

June 8-11 – Idaho Rally, Placerville, ID

Sept 23 – Doo Wop, Matlock (one day)

Sept 29-30 – Pacific Forest, CRC, Merritt, BC

Oct 28 – Mendocino Rally, Willows, CA (one day event)

Dec 8-10 – Big White Winter, CRC, Kelowna, BC

Oregon TSD (Friday Nighters are 1st Friday)

Apr 7 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie

May 5 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie

May 7 – AROO Cup #3, Portland

June 9 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie (2nd Friday)

June 11 – AROO Cup #4, Portland

July 7 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie

Aug 4 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie

Aug 19– Mountains to the Sea, Portland

Sept 9 – Friday Niter, Milwaukie (2nd Friday)

Washington TSD (Friday Nighters are 2nd Friday)

April 14 – NWRC Friday Nighter by NWRC

May 7 – Raindrop by RASC, Chehalis

May 12 - NWRC Friday Nighter by PSRC

June 9 - NWRC Friday Nighter by NWRC

July 14 - NWRC Friday Nighter by ORCA

Aug 11 - NWRC Friday Nighter by ORCA

Sept 8 - NWRC Friday Nighter by PSRC

Sept 15-17 – Nor'Wester, Clarkston> Idaho, by RASC

Oct 7 – Night on Bald Mountain by ORCA

Oct 13 - NWRC Friday Nighter by RASC

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, April 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 NWRC Friday Niter. Followed by draft workers for Raindrop. Andy Newell owns a laser etching system, and he'll share some design work at the meeting.

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