

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

July, 2017

Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

*Rainier provided a checkpoint crew for the June Friday Niter, this time presented by the NWRC, with Kelly Smith as rallymaster. Charles Aggenbach, Rod Johnson and Nolte set up at well-used location outside of Snohomish on Lowell-Latimer road.

A half-hour before first car was due, taillights blinked far up the road, with numerous passersby slowing down, then moving on. The CP crew concluded that someone had decided to have car trouble on the narrow road.

Minutes before the first car, the flashing red lights of emergency vehicles started arriving, messing up the traffic flow, as they are required to do.

The CP crew collected time declarations from all 15 cars, often educating the teams on the method.

The leg was thrown because there really wasn't a fair opportunity to take wait out the time dec on the shoulderless, narrow road.



Charles took a picture in the waning light of Rod Johnson and Nolte picking up the In cone and CP sign.

* From Rallymaster Jim Breazeale - The Nor'Wester update. Tales of the Nor'Wester. Chapter Seven. Final Measurement.

The real man behind the Curtain assembled all of the notes and has created an epic journey and my summation would not do it justice:

From Ron Sorem:
"1233 miles later..."

"Asotin County and the Washington DOT threw us a curve and are closing the SR129 interchange at Fleischman Way. Our route goes through there three times. Or rather it used to --- now it has a re-written path with fewer traffic signals and less congestion.

Idaho is repaving US12 and US95. This will likely be spiffy and new and gone by September, but the detour getting out of town Friday and Sunday actually makes for a better transition onto US12... Friday afternoon traffic the last few times on surveys has been a bit like playing "Frogger". The detour/rewrite now uses a traffic signal.

Population gains have made finding our kind of roads troublesome. The surveys for 2012 found good fun routes, but over the intervening years, new houses have cut into the fun a bit. A section with 27 houses over the afternoon has now been bypassed and rewritten down to only a few houses, losing one hillclimb, and still giving us plenty of switchbacks. Friday is now a bit friendlier to the natives and the rally won't notice.

Saturday had another "houses too close" section that has now been rewritten with a little more paved, a lot less quiet needed... Also Saturday, after lunch had a TSD with 9 miles of good road a half mile of just too rough from winter runoff. Survey 5 looked at other roads, found no good options other than a parallel stretch of Hwy3 added to the transit. It's quicker, scenic, no quiet zones, and won't break any cars. It will be a great way to survive the after lunch coma...

Sunday morning saw one rewrite to bypass what we've called the Wallace family Sunday breakfast party. A Quiet Zone where you could reach out and touch the parked cars. We're not invited, it's too "intimate" and too slow, so we went a different way, dropping one hairpin, and getting a friendly wave from the landowner.

We were a bit too early for lunch at the Forest Saloon, but management has us on their calendar for September. We're working on the menu details, leaning toward a "rally picnic" -- order ahead, with the lunches being ready when we arrive. More on the menu as we get closer to the date.

Survey 4 found a new loop to remedy a lost road. On that weekend we were dealing with mushroom hunters and very crowded roads. Now, Survey 5 accomplished final measurements on a holiday weekend with nearly no other cars! Guess they all went "elsewhere".

Wildlife sightings included several raptor species; mule deer bucks in velvet, does with tiny fawns; chukar; Canada geese with goslings; bluebirds, goldfinches, meadowlarks; wild turkey toms and hens with chicks; quail; a grouse or two; lots of whitetail does and fawns; lots of coyotes and one chubby little coyote pup.

Temperature leaving Clarkston 96
Coolant temps approached 210 a few times on the hillclimbs.

Routebook will be ready for the checkout crew after the 4th."

The final check run will be done by Marvin and Eric. They are veteran competitors and will have the

opportunity to offer any suggestions, solutions and options on what they find.

The Social Media blitz continues to bear fruit. We are up to 34 entrants! While we have said we would limit the field to 40 cars, interest remains strong with several folks giving verbal commitments. 50 cars for 50 years has a nice ring to it. Again, thanks to all who post, like and share.

The Program director has amassed a Seattle phone book sized pile worth of history. I have suggested he whittle it down to the noteworthy. Apparently, if they wrote it down in the past, they thought it was. An editor's life is hell.

With the route book pretty much in a near final state, we'll begin to focus more on marketing and apparel.

Another local team has stepped up and added to the coffers. The Dammralliers have topped the list with a \$400 contribution. I cannot thank them enough but you can try Gentle Readers.

We are narrowing the choices down on apparel. If you have any input or ideas, contact us now. We have discussed a nice polo/golf type shirt in user-friendly colors with some embroidery on it or perhaps a light outer garment.

Very few people will recognize the huge amount of effort this is taking. This is a big deal for the club. I am surprised at the generosity of many of us. I continue to offer opportunities to anyone who wants to contribute. There are still plenty of details that need attention. We'll welcome any help.

Will Marvin and Eric come back with smiles or just tell us to start over. Come back next month and read more tales from the Nor'Wester.

* Jerry Hines says 2018 Alcan registration is "nearly" full. The next step is to watch to see how many drop out to get to his preferred size.

The final measurement commences on August 21, in the same time frame as the rally.

<https://www.alcan5000.com/2018entry.htm>

Club News

* New meeting location announced by President Charles Aggenbach.

We're going to try Mod Pizza in Overlake. I meet there for a couple other car-oriented clubs every month or two. They have a room that can be completely split off from the rest of the restaurant and there's even a separate volume control on the speakers in it!

The normal setup of the room is two tables with 7 chairs (3/side and one on the end) as well as a 4 person round table in the corner. Should be enough for us most months and we could always steal a few more chairs if needed. We've got the room reserved

for 7 PM with the plan to start the meeting at 7:30 PM (they're open until 10 PM).

14309 NE 20th St
Bellevue, WA 98007
(425) 214-9903

<https://modpizza.com/locations/bellevue-overlake/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/F2zdS2jfMJp>

* Rainier Auto Sports Club June 12, 2017 meeting minutes. Recorded by Diamond Jim Meeting Call to Order by HRH Charles at 19:36 with 13 members and 1 guest in attendance.

The previous month's minutes were accepted as read.

Madam Treasurer reported \$12,875.01 in the bank with some continuing fluidity. A call to all who have outstanding receipts to submit. We have money to pay.

RALLY REPORTS

Alcan 2018 Summer Edition- no official news and no gossip offered.

No Alibi 2018- same as above.

Raindrop 2018 - also no news. Or gossip.

The Friday Niter Rally- October's event RM Steve Richards gave a run down on his progress and asked about Dash Plaques. The Ranhofers offered to help with that.

Nor'Wester- Recap of the WAG stories. Embellishments and minor clarifications on some details.

The NWRC'S June Friday Niter rally had a strong turn out of 15 cars starting and finishing. Rainier's checkpoint location was apparently just past the scene of an accident and despite the masterful use of time decs, the leg was thrown.

OLD BUSINESS

The August meeting will be held on August 5th at the Ranhofers Villa adjacent to Seward Park. Bring something to eat and sit on. Parking will be supervised and the Blue Angels will provide entertainment.

The topic of a new meeting venue was revisited and a motion was brought forth to explore the MOD Pizza location proposed by HRH Charles. The motion was passed and we'll meet there in July.

The 2017 Holiday Party venue location continues to be a topic worthy of suggestions. McMenamins pubs was offered up this time.

NEW BUSINESS-

The need for new checkpoint clocks was discussed. The cost of new Alphas was presented, Mobile Device apps were debated as well as E-reader type devices and loaner clocks. While informative, it was decided that no new clocks would be purchased.

The Harbor Freight super coupon buys a lot of quality tested batteries.

And finally, the Ranhofers continued to thank the club for it's support of the Raindrop effort and the club continued to thank them for their efforts. The competitor's critiques were positive and made suggestions of more rest stops and a longer lunch break. Much to their surprise the event made a small profit.

The motion to Adjourn was seconded and gaveled into submission at 20:25. Gossip ensued.

* From Marvin Crippen: I got the new mailbox setup at the Pony Express this morning. The new address will be

Rainier Auto Sports Club
12345 Lake City Way NE #243
Seattle, WA 98125

I have updated the contact page on the website at <http://www.rainierautosports.com/contact.htm>

Trivia

* The 1968 Nor'Wester was 49 years ago, over the July 12-14th weekend. Entry fees were \$15, with \$25 for sponsored entries. It overnighted on Friday and Saturday at Crystal Mountain resort, with a \$6/person rate.

Cash awards were \$300 for 1st, \$150 for 2nd, \$75 for 3rd. They paid \$15 for 6th through 10th. There were 23 checkpoints, and 45 entrants.

* Jerry has an appointment with VW to price his beloved, 240,000-mile, diesel for buy back.

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

* For Sail: Kenwood TK-780 Commercial grade radio. Programmed with many ham frequencies, RASC license frequency, many Canadian road frequencies. Narrowband frequencies programmed as such (radio is programmable for both). Programming software available online, KPG49D works with Windows. Has 180 frequencies, can hold 280. Complete with power cord, mic, mounting bracket. 25

watts output. This radio spent a year mounted in my car, so I know it works. Asking \$100.

roy.ward@frontier.com

* For Sale: Nu Metrics Nitestar Distance Measuring Instrument. Used by DOTs, PUDs, and several other letters of the alphabet. Forest Service, etc. Can be used as a "B" box for rally. Also excellent for course layout. Measures to the thousandth, speedometer readout. Manual available online. I have 5, No transducers, uses the Honeywell 103SR. Cost \$500 new, \$30.00 each. Roy Ward

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* Winter is only six months away! Offered by

ronsorem@gmail.com

For Free: Five-gallon bucket of **semi-truck tire chains**. Used, may be rusty. Many alternative uses....

More Free: #3027-WBTC NOS (New Old Stock) fits 11-15LT to 31x11.50-16.5 & 31x15.5-15LT.



Yet more free: And (more likely) Two sets NOS (New Old Stock) #1026 fits 175-13 to 205/60-14 and up to -390, but there aren't any of those tires around any more...



RASC Calendar

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

Stage events

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)

Aug 4 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie
Aug 26– Mountains to the Sea, Portland
Sept 9 – Friday Niter, Milwaukie (2nd Friday)

Washington TSD (Friday Nighters are 2nd Friday)

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, Olympic peninsula
<https://www.facebook.com/ORCARally/>
Oct 13 - NWRC Friday Nighter by RASC

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, July 10, at 7:30 PM at MOD Pizza, 14309 NE 20th St Bellevue, WA 98007. The new venue ought to be quieter....

Monthly meetings are *usually* the second Monday of each month. Past Members, visitors, and spectators are welcomed.

Agenda: The August 5 meeting at the Ranhofer's. Nor'Wester (of course). Friday Niter news from RM Steve Richards.

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