

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* From Rallymaster Jim Breazeale:

Tales of the Nor'Wester, chapter whatever.

OK gang, we're getting close now. No, they haven't left town yet and the Route Master and I have a bit of anxiety developing. The "they" is the impartial, never seen the route before, veteran check out team. Granted, the calendar still has weekends left before the event but we are itching to get this tidied up and off to the printers. The Route Master and the Chief of Controls are working their magic and have begun weaving the Secret Worker Rally tapestry. All will be revealed at the end when the competitors see the scores and realize there were way more checkpoints than they had seen. Rainier checkpointers always rise to the challenge and continue to find ingenious ways to hide in plain sight. Fair warning to those who are seemingly cavalier about quiet zones, we spoke to many land owners along the way and some of them are now eager checkpoints and some were openly hostile. We changed the route to avoid her.

The Social Media blitzkrieg continues to produce results. The entry list has grown to 39 and we were worried that we would only have a dozen or so we'll continue to accept entries. Thank you to all who continue to post, like and share. It is not too late to enter; however finding hotel rooms in town is getting more difficult. Be prepared to extend your search. I can say from experience that the Hell's Gate State Park in Lewiston is very nice, has lots of camping sites along the river, raccoons and hot showers for those who may enjoy that sort of thing.

We need help now more than ever on our Marketing. The number of entries has all the bases covered as far as basic costs are concerned. We have created a small advertising packet that anyone could present. Contact me and I will send you the files. Just print and present to your favorite businesses. I have begun mailing to potential sponsors. Extra funding will go towards easing some burdens for the workers and expanding the fun for all. I'll bring some to the August meeting. I'll also have some apparel catalogs to look through so we can decide on a nice shirt. There are still plenty of opportunities for anyone to help out just let us know.

Will the checkout crew come back sun burnt and smiling with only a small list of items that need corrections? Stay tuned for the thrilling final chapters of the Tales of 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

Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 2, either by phone (206) 722-2737 or e-mail: d.ranhofer@gmail.com

*RASC Annual Holiday Party on August 5th @ Noon

Members AND Friends are invited-if you aren't on the members@rainierautosports.com mailing list, get hold of a member for the driving directions.

Please Bring: Chairs, ear plugs (low flying F-18s are a bother). Modern aircraft are not as noisy. Activities available - two brand new tennis courts, swimming, bring paddle boards, grand piano, hiking in the 300 acre old growth forest, awesome children's playground designed by neighbor Moms - not the parks dept.

Please do not bring pets this would definitely change our pets festive spirit Children do not have to be on a leash

Address - 5912 Seward Park Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98118 Come as early as you want to enjoy the Seafair aero display. Check for times of I-90 bridge closures. The later you arrive the further from the house you will have to park. Parking - If you require parking right at the house let us know prior - first come first served. While they do fly over our deck, the entire show is not visible from our deck. Hopefully they will not literally crash the party, as our house is adjacent to the designated crash zone.

Menu - Cuban Black Beans and Rice - Grilled Cuban Pork with Mojo Sauce - Avocado & Pineapple Salad - Yucca with Red Onion Mojo - Tostones - Assorted soft drinks and water. (BYOB) Please bring your choice of salad or dessert

5912 Seward Park Avenue South 98118, phone (206) 722-2737

If you plan to arrive by boat - please advise prior

* Meeting Minutes for July 2017. Recorded by Diamond Jim, RASC Secretary at the trial meeting location, Mod Pizza in Bellevue.

Meeting called to Order by HRH Charles at 19:44 with 11 members in attendance. Charles extended apologies for the venue's mix-ups.

The reading of the previously published monthly minutes in the now useful outside voice were accepted as read.

Madam Treasurer reported a balance of \$12,887.05 and issued a call for outstanding receipts.

RALLY REPORTS-

Alcan 5000 2018 summer version - Forest fires in B.C. are burning near the route. Social media is going strong with competitors and organizers exchanging information. 40% vintage entries. The check out crews are beginning to assemble and will depart on August 20th.

No Alibi 2018 - Despite the traffic noise drowning out the crickets, Ron Sorem stated he has reserved space on the rally calendar for June. An archival edition Evergreen State 1000 rally has been chosen and is under restoration. In an effort to make it less of a challenge for everything, southwestern Washington was chosen.

Raindrop 2018 - Much of this was folded into the No Alibi conversations. The club's team efforts have shown that many hands make the Rally Master's lives easier. (note the plural Rally Masters) Raindrop and next summer's event (whatever it is titled) needs a Rally Master. It is a challenging position, but well supported by the club members. Another old route can be exhumed if necessary.

Secretaries note: at this point the meetings normally staid structure fell apart. What follows is in order of appearance.

A ballpoint pen promotion was displayed with the thoughts of a celebration snowflake logo type printing or perhaps a Nor'Wester logo.

Club growth was bandied about. Fallback position of we need more young'uns was repeated.

Nor'Wester 2017 - Rehash of the WAG stories. Some concern about Fires was eased with the presentation of alternate routes to by pass or get around any problem by the Master of Routes. Final course survey to be done by the unbiased, and extremely thorough veteran crew of Marvin and Eric. Date undetermined, but soon.

Friday Niter Rally - October's event is making steady progress. The ending location has been secured, the route chosen and the event is on track.

Old and New Business collage-

The often moved Holiday party and now the August club meeting details have been cast in silly putty. Some of us will meet at the Ranhofer villa on Saturday August 5th. By now you should have received a RSVP invitation, and if you did not, and you want to attend, please bring something to share and something to sit on. Parking will be suggested, supervised and assisted. Activities will include, but not be limited to, pleasant social intercourse, fine summer dinning with Cuban style roast pork and

what ever you bring, car porn and petting the dog (please leave your pets at home). Geology exhibits, tennis and swimming nearby are included at no extra cost. Entertainment provided by the Blue Angels.

Directions to the event may be in Route Instruction format.

The venue for the upcoming 2017 holiday get together had no further updates.

Feedback on the new meeting place included one member who appraised the situation and left, sparing himself the rest of the evening's shortcomings. Despite the promised reserved seating being unavailable, the repeated requests to turn down the music which only got louder, being seated as a group street side and finally having the sprinklers turn on and drive everyone inside, members who braved all that said the place had decent pizza and salads. We voted to try again in September.

Roy Ward presented a nice tid-bit of handy rally information. There may exist a database of speed limits for each road in the state of Washington. How to access the information is still top secret.

Meeting adjourned at 20:22. Some gossip continued.

Trivia

* Keeping the pills in a first aid kit up-to-date can be expensive. An easy way to manage them is available at REI. At \$4.50, "refreshing" such supplies is still expensive for the household and car kits, but cheaper than buying them separately. The REI pack has 6 kinds, including antacid (Who would have thought?)

<https://www.rei.com/product/113070/adventure-medical-kits-medications-first-aid-kit-refill>

My four kits expired in 2015 – MN

* Of the eighteen members (including family memberships), 5 aren't "on" Facebook. FB has become the main source of rally news, besides one of the best sources of cat videos. –MN

* The original Nor'Wester, in 1967, started on Saturday, September 2 and finished on Monday, September 4, which was also Labor Day. The Saturday night motel was the same address as the present-day Motel 6 in Wenatchee. (It could be same as the present structure.) The Sunday overnight was at the Desert Motel along Hwy 97 in Coeur d'Alene after 11 hours. Monday's route returned to Wenatchee in 5 hours.

I got hold of the original RI's. A spreadsheet shows TSD's were 30% of the time, about what most of the RASC long TSD's run.

The 1968 version was July 12-14, nearly mid-summer. That allowed exploration of high elevations surrounding the Crystal Mountain Resort base.

Saturday featured Haller Pass, on what is now known as the Forest Service 73 road. Mark and Karen

Qvale posted a 2014 video from nearby: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNe8v1jyFfU> that shows how high it is. I drove the roads (not the rally route) and it's breathtaking (and narrow) in a few places.



Looking at Suntop Lookout from a narrow hairpin on the FS 73.

Subsequent (1969 to 1972) Nor'Westers were the third weekend in June. That was as early as possible to avoid snow.

The rally morphed into a stage rally with the 1973 to 1989 versions. - MN

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 Sale: **Kenwood TK-780** Commercial grade radio. Programmed with many ham frequencies, RASC license frequency, and 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 roy.ward@frontier.com



* 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
<http://plesba.com/mtts/> \$50, FCO 10:01, Finish in Newport
at 17:30 with a BBQ.
Sept 9 – Friday Niter, Milwaukie (2nd Friday)

Washington TSD (Friday Nighters are 2nd Friday)

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 conduct a short business meeting in conjunction with the much-delayed Holliday party. The Ranhofers have volunteered to host it at their Seward Park (southeast Seattle) home, on Saturday, August 5th. Please RSVP so that appropriate food and beverage can be provided. In keeping with club policy, no alcohol beverages are included (BYOB).

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

Agenda: Discussion of meeting site will continue. After decades of table service, the stand-in-line-to-order, then return-to-pickup venue may not be a good fit. The business meeting will commence when Blue Angels aren't flying "nearby", since RASC already knows about noisy venues.

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