

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News



For the 1967 Nor'Wester, Carl Anderson was loaned a Matador SST. A sponsored entry!

* From Rallymaster Jim Breazeale: Tales from f the Nor'Wester. Chapter nine. Its nail biting time. The final check out by Eric and Marvin provided Route Master Ron plenty of input to work with. Times, speeds and distances benefitted from their fresh and experienced assessments. The route master has put the finishing touches on the route book and is waiting for final content. Artwork on shirts and decals was finalized, all of those were ordered and some things have already arrived. Entries swelled to 40+ and have shrunk back to 38. Spread the word it is still not too late to enter! Aside from the actual printing and the assembling of entrant packages we are down to promotion and knick-knacks.

Workers should be double-checking their vehicles, making sure that the major systems are good to go. Set every time piece you own to WWV time and you'll be very close to Master Time when you re-set at the event. Check your radio and antenna connections, bring the user manual for each radio and batteries if you need them. Throw in the spare radio and antenna if you have them. Nice to have or loan if needed.

If you are planning on using Marvin's excellent scoring program, please check in with him for final instructions. He has created a nice program that makes rally scoring less torturous.

Make sure there is air in the spare tire, bring a decent fire extinguisher and shovel just in case. Round up all the stuff you'll need to make yourself comfortable while you're at your checkpoint. Most importantly, bring a good attitude and prepare to have fun.

I'll start this now and keep it going for some time. I cannot begin to express my gratitude to all who have helped make this happen. A simple Thank You is a fine start. More to follow to be sure.

All right gentle readers, it's time to put on your spurs, cinch down your straps and saddle up. Come back next month and find out if we rode into the glorious sunset or were met with long ropes and a tree. See you on the trail.

* Steve ("I can't believe I volunteered") Richards has the October 13th Friday Niter under control. He says he's following a route suggested by Ron Sorem, with a finish at Ferrelli's Pizza at Four-Corners in Maple Valley. Troy Jorgensen volunteered to do trophies at the April meeting. Richard Ranhofer is arranging dash plaques with McNamara Signs.

* The August 11 NWRC Friday Niter, by ORCA, drew 13 rallyists (one more than July). Two Unlimited class (2 cars) saw a win by Charles Aggenbach/Mike Daily with total score of zero. Congratulations! There were 3 Masters class, 4 SOP's, and 4 Novices.

* Alcan 5000 (August 20-28, 2018) Chairman Jerry Hines says the recent survey was successful. The British Columbia wildfires didn't hinder; the fires did a lot of damage before they arrived.

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



Rallymaster Jack Deno (wearing jacket) discussing route. This may be at the West Nelson Siding Road, where a wildfire canceled a TSD into Cle Elum. (photo from Steve Richard's archives)

Club News

* The August 5 "Holiday Party in August" was a success according to the hosting Ranhofers. The promise of really loud, really low, jets was fulfilled on the expansive deck. There was room for more people, plus enough fine food to keep the attendees happy.

* Meeting minutes for Rainier Auto Sports Club August 2017 recorded by Diamond Jim. The long overdue Holiday meeting was held at the Ranhofers lovely home with 13 folks attending.

The Call to Order at 2:30-ish with HRH Charles leading a round of applause for our richly deserving Hosts. The previous month's meeting minutes were approved as circulated. Madam Treasurer reported a significant PayPal deposit, bills paid and we still had more money than last month.

RALLY REPORTS-

ALCAN 5000 2018- Rally Master Jerry Hines reported a firm field of 40 cars, with 14 vintage cars in the mix and 40 motorcycles. Lots of enthusiasm online. The finish will be in Fairbanks at the famous Bear Lodge/Fountainhead Auto Museum.

The course survey will utilize 2 vehicles for the first time, hopefully easing the burden on the rally master and his team. Everyone is excited and looking forward to creating a memorable event.

Conversation bits included an update on longtime Alcan entrants and staff Jim & Suzanne Elder. Age is beginning to take its toll and they are doing well but have finally curtailed their adventure travel.

NO ALIBI RALLY 2018- Continuing conversation on refining the route. The classic 1990 Evergreen State 1000 was chosen for closer start location and the little work to tidy up day 1 and some re-routing to avoid Forest Service roads (that now require an 18-month permitting lead time! And that was the killer of this year's Night on Bald Mountain rally) on day 2. Calendar space has been reserved in early June. The topic of name recognition was brought up with the possibility of continuing the Nor'Wester in its place. Thoughts behind that included more opportunity to win the huge trophy more often. Another idea was floated that the club put on another serious rally in September near the full moon. No consensus was reached but the ideas were given merit and tabled for further discussion.

RAINDROP RALLY 2018- The annual spring event, all paved and promoted as a premier novice training rally still needs leadership. A classic route will be selected from the archives and the club continues to offer support and guidance to the Rally Master. Both No Alibi and Raindrop need leadership figures.

FRIDAY NITER RALLY- Rainier's October contribution to the NWRC series led by Steve Richards is on track. Behind the curtains work is

progressing and won't become a panic until October. First call for workers, so mark your calendars.

NOR'WESTER RALLY- With just a month to go the event is on track to be just what we had hoped, a fitting celebration of the club's 50th anniversary. The final check out by Marvin and Eric is scheduled and they have their work cut out for them. The final editing and polishing will happen after the Alcan survey. Most of the details have been addressed and are moving in the right directions. Some concerns remain about the fire dangers but we have solutions to move around any issues. Looking forward to a fun and memorable event.

OLD BUSINESS-

Club growth continues to provide interesting conversation. Incentivizing through a rally entry discount and more cross car club promotional efforts were bandied about.

The 2017 Holiday Party/meeting venue has more suggestions with the new Lynnwood/Bothell McMenamins locations and Everett's Shawn O'Donnell's restaurant. Members will report on availability and food details.

The club's monthly meeting will try the Overlake Mod Pizza again. It has promise, but youthful staff and management. Comedy of errors last time left some club members with a less than expected experience.

NEW BUSINESS- None offered.

Motion and seconding to Adjourn gaveled at 3:30-ish. Eating, basking in the sun and more gossip continued.

Trivia

* The Ranhofers have scratched Nighthawk off their bucket list.

* Brian Cary had his fill of "new parts" problems when the Ford dealer sold him a wrong CV boot for his Focus. Discovering that it didn't work after draining the crankcase and removing the driveshaft strained his supply of curses.

He got stranded in Portland when the battery failed. Apparently the built-in regulator overheated, allowing the alternator to max-out voltage. A replacement alternator was obtained after Brian replaced most everything else. Sigh.

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

* For Saleness: 4 Brand new (never been mounted, labels still on) Falken Eurowinter HS449

studless Winter radial snow tires, size 225/55R17, V rated. Asking \$250. roy.ward@frontier.com

* Radios For Sale:

- Icom IC-25A, ham 2 meter, \$40
- Icom IC-27H, ham 2 meter, \$60
- Yaesu FT1900, ham 2 meter, \$125

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

* Winter is only three 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)

PFR stage rally rescheduled to October 12-14.

Night on Bald Mountain canceled

Stage events

Sept 23 – Doo Wop, Matlock (one day)

Oct 12-14 – Pacific Forest, CRC, Merritt, BC Moved due to wildfire danger

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)

Sept 9 – Friday Niter, Milwaukie (2nd Friday) Last one of the season!

Washington TSD (Friday Nighters are 2nd Friday)

Sept 8 - NWRC Friday Nighter by PSRC

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

Oct 7 – Night on Bald Mountain – cancelled

Oct 13 - NWRC Friday Nighter by RASC

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, September 11, at 7:30 PM at MOD Pizza, 14309 NE 20th St Bellevue, WA 98007. The new venue doesn't have table service, so plan to arrive early and order your salad in time to be ready for the meeting. Monthly meetings are *usually* the second Monday of each month. Past Members, visitors, and spectators are welcomed.

Agenda: Nor'Wester and Raindrop and Alcan 5000 stories. RASC provided a CP for the Friday Niter. Yet more discussion of a family-friendly holiday party site.

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