

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* RASC Friday Nighter (October 13) Summary from Rallymaster Steve Richards

Friday the Thirteenth rally is done and except for a few patches of fog in the low-lying areas, the visibility was good as we were rain-free.

The rally came off with very few glitches and we only received three time allowance requests. I was very surprised to arrive at some kind of shindig at the Pumpkin farm on Elliott road with what seemed like hundreds of cars parked in the field and a Sheriff parked on the side of the road waiting to control traffic. I was afraid if that let out before the rally got through we would have trouble, but apparently all got through unscathed.

We had nineteen cars start and all finished. Thank you all for entering and congratulations to the winners.

Many, many thanks to my skeleton crew: Mark Nolte, Charles Aggenbach, Richard and Dolores Ranhofer, Marcus Hansen, Marvin Crippen, and last but not least, Eric Horst who did registration, started cars along with Marvin, and helped out at the finish.

The results, including scans of scorecards (!) at <https://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2017/fridayniter/default.htm>

* Alcan 5000 (August 20-28, 2018) Chairman Jerry Hines is quite happy with entry requests, more than the event can accommodate. He expects a few to drop out between now and August. A bunch of vintage entries vying for the Vintage class awards.

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

Club News

* The 2018 RASC election: The RASC method is to be run by 6 elected members of "The Board", with the past-President and Treasurer carry-over from the previous year. Four new Board members will be elected at the November meeting, and then the new Board meets to decide who fills the 4 officer positions.

The Board also decides who will be the NWRC (NorthWest Rally Council) representative. The Board sometimes designates other positions such as Keeper of the Relics and RASC Brand, newsletter editor, and Inventory Manager. -MN

* Rainier Auto Sports Club meeting Minutes for October 9, 2017. Faithfully recorded by Club Secretary Diamond Jim Breazeale.

HRH Charles gaveled the Meeting held at the Overlake Mod Pizza to order at 19:44 with 12 members attending.

The reading of September's meeting minutes was amended to include the nomination committee and its actions.

Madam Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$4,313.05 as of 10/9/2017. Member query about the final accounting for the Nor'Wester Rally was \$222 in the red. Members agreed that was well worth the money spent.

RALLY REPORTS-

ALCAN 5000 2018- Interest remains strong with the addition of several interesting Vintage Class cars. Another Mustang GT350 with provenance as well as a La Carrera Pan America veteran Mercury Caliente. Motor Cycle transport details back to Seattle are firming up.

NO ALIBI/EVERGREEN STATE 1000 2018- Scheduled for June 2-3, 2018. Discussion of an out of the area Pro Rally on the same weekend was deemed not a conflict. No other actions were taken due to the Nor'Wester.

RAINDROP RALLY 2018- Originally penciled in on April 22, was found to be in conflict with Oregon Trail Rally also on that weekend and was moved to the following weekend of April 29th. Reviews of past events and speed limits keep meandering back towards Whidbey Island. Potential use of an already written ORCA Sno-Git was bandied about.

NOR'WESTER RALLY REVIEW- Rehash of the WAG articles with additional comments from just about everyone present. Proof that the advance LEO letters work with stories of friendly conversation and waves from the local Sherriff by several members. Original Rally Master Roy Ward thanked Ron and Jim for proving that his dream since the 1980's of a 3-daylong event would work. Ron added that the seemingly never-ending road construction issues were overcome by most competitors by judicious use of Time Decs. The Host Hotel was awesome in nearly all aspects, providing us with whatever we asked for. They opened the Restaurant on Sunday and we had a good turnout allowing everyone a chance to relax and eat while scoring was completed. The Trivia quiz was answered and swag was awarded. All agreed we had a good turn out and nearly everyone had a really good time.

THE FRIDAY NITER RALLY- RASC's NWRC final event of the series scheduled for Friday the 13th. The wry comment from the Rally Master "We have a rally next weekend??" belied the fact that everything was either taken care of or was well on the way to being finalized. The usual pleas for workers was a little more urgent since some club members would be

in Canada for the Pacific Forest Rally scheduled for the same weekend. As usual, club members rose to the challenge and the group moved on to sign and clock wrangling. Eric will do Registration and Marvin will do scoring. The clever Black Cat trophy theme was given a show and tell and should be well received. Be there or be square was the wrap up.

OLD BUSINESS-

CLUB GROWTH- Continues to be elusive. Social Media seems like a productive avenue to continue perusing.

HOLIDAY PARTY 2017- McMenamins Tavern on the Square. 18607 Bothell Way NE in Bothell. Tel. 425.219.4379 December 2nd at 4pm until they throw us out. 32 people maximum. They would like us to spend about \$30 bucks per person, averaged out with food and beverages for the whole group. Gratuity is not automatically applied. The club will splurge and buy some appetizers. Being at McMenamins there will be a selection of delicious beverages and food. The menu is available online at: mcmenamins.com

CAR NUMBER ORDER- The club agreed to order enough car numbers for 2 forty-car rallies from the West Coast Rally Association.

2018 ELECTION NOMINATIONS- The nominating committee produced a list with enough members to actually have choices to vote on. Several accepted with caveats, one didn't decline, one accepted at the meeting with a position in mind (Club Secretary) and one declined at the meeting saying, "apparently there was enough red meat in the locker." Elections will be held at the November meeting and the newly elected Board will be installed at the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS-

Suggestion to do Nor'Wester and No Alibi events in June on alternating years. Reasons given, one, to use the fabulous Nor'Wester trophy as bait for more entries and the name recognition and excellent reputation of the No Alibi event in June. Less fire danger and lush green scenery.

Ron Sorem proposed a change to the meeting day. It was noted that would require a change in the Club By-Laws. Changing the club's By-Laws will be an agonizing task and was met with groans from those who were present for the last attempt. Another idea to aid in increased member participation would be to have a conference call option.

The proposal to scrap the idea of holding a Holiday Party/Meeting was tabled for the time being and the Ranhofers offered to Host the August meeting at their wonderful Lake Washington home. Richard said he probably could book the Blue Angels air show for us again.

Call for Pacific Forest Rally Volunteers for the next weekend.

And finally, an opinion poll on continuing to use the Overlake Mod Pizza as a monthly meeting venue. It was agreed that it was a vast improvement over the Café Veloce noise level. Apparently, we will continue to meet there.

The Call to Adjourn and seconding was at 20:43. Gossip ensued with the sound of electronic cats meowing in the background.

Trivia

* Marcus Hansen worked CP #2 on the Friday Niter. His first time was educational. He learned that timing cars head-on is hard and blinding. The competitors aren't at all reluctant to question their in-times. Being in the habit of writing down the tenth-of-a-second ("cents") on timecards doesn't apply to Friday Nighters, and confuses everyone.

* Steve Mats-Mats has donated his CP light to RASC. This is one of the rare triplights with the Roberts-Biggar delay chips. Thanks, Steve.

* The rat that chewed through Nolte's Mazda 3 wiring harness in April returned in November. This was discovered when it seemed like time to replace the "dryer sheets" that have such a strong fragrance that the critters are repelled. This rat considered them to be nesting material!

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

* **2013 Mini Countryman S** 49,000 miles, 6 speed, recent tires & brakes. Price is \$12,200 with Nevada pickup (room & entertainment included), or \$12,700 including Seattle delivery. Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343
<https://lasvegas.craigslist.org/cto/d/2013-mini-cooper-countryman-6/6323430893.html>

* **1997 Mack 4-axle Tractor.** 1.4 million miles. \$10,000 obo. 1995 Pratt 3-axle container chassis. 4-point. "Slider" 42/48 foot. \$8,000 obo email ronsorem@gmail.com

* Radios For Sale:

- Icom IC-25A, ham 2 meter, \$40
 - Icom IC-27H, ham 2 meter, \$60
- Roy Ward, roy.ward@frontier.com , 425-485-6225

* **For Free:** Five-gallon buckets (multiple buckets) of semi-truck tire chains. Used, may be rusty. Mostly

295/75R22.5 Many alternative uses.... Probably 20# per chain. Will hold a lot of things down...

>> **More Free:** CABLE CHAINS small SUV or Jeep... #3027-WBTC NOS (New Old Stock) fits 11-15LT to 31x11.50-16.5 & 31x15.5-15LT.

>> **Yet more free:** CABLE CHAINS...And (more likely small car sizes) 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... >> ronsorem@gmail.com

* Harbor Freight Tools **Engine hoist**, \$100 OBO, Ron Sorem ronsorem@gmail.com

* I was going through my inventory of headlight bulbs searching for H4s and I find I have five or six sets of various wattage **9004 halogens**. I presently have no car or truck using 9004. \$5 per pair?? ronsorem@gmail.com

* Ron's note made me think that I've got **several sets of 9003's, 9006's and H3 fogs** taking up space, also. Same deal as Mr. Sorem's. If you want 'em or need 'em just send me an email. Michael Jones codrvr@aol.com

RASC Calendar

Dec 3- RASC Christmas party at The Tavern on the Square, 18607 Bothell Way NE, Bothell, WA <https://www.mcmenamins.com>

Stage events

Dec 8-10 – Big White Winter, CRC, Kelowna, BC
Canada TSD
Nov 18-19 - Totem, Cache Creek, BC



RASC will meet this coming Monday, November 13, 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: RASC Board elections (four winners). No provisions for absentee voting.

2017 Board Members:

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