

# The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

## Rally News

\* Matt Tabor attended the annual Northwest Rally Council (NWRC) meeting as the RASC representative. Charles Aggenbach was there representing Torque Steerers. From Matt's notes:

The Friday Niter Series will be divided up as follows:

April: NWRC

May: ORCA

June: PSRC

July: ORCA

August: ORCA

September: NWRC

October: RASC

There will be no Night on Bald Mountain this year.

RASC is also running the following events:

Raindrop Rally: April 29

No Alibi: June 2 & 3

Alcan Summer: August 20-28

After a report on the treasury, the group decided to waive the NWRC sanction fees again this year, and that was extended to non-Friday Niter events. Friday Niter entry fees will remain at \$20/entry, and they will continue the 'Bring a New Team, get your entry free' promotion from last year.

There was also information brought up about insurance rates for 2018, and that they MIGHT increase 10-15%. The rate will be settled later.

The Novice and SOP Championships will continue for 2018, and a Masters Championship will be added. SOP will be allowed to include one event as worker points, while the Masters Championship will count up to 3 events as worker points (One event run means you can collect one event for worker points; 2 events run: can collect 2 events as worker points; up to 3 worker event points). Kelly said he would stay on as the Keeper of the Points, since he has 'found a good groove' in the upkeep.

There was some discussion about how to get new people into the sport in general, and the Friday Niter series, specifically. Not too much was resolved here.

My take: several people in attendance were talking about people they know that have said that they would like to try rally. By making sure that we have the events posted on the website and (more importantly) set up as Events on Facebook, we can share those events with friends, post that we are going to the rallies, and invite those people that have expressed interest. I've found that NWRC does a fairly good job of setting up Facebook Events, we just need to propagate them more frequently.

We also talked about YouTube, and the possibility of producing some short videos about rallying.

There was a brief discussion about trophies, and what might be better than the 'cars on tiles' that's been done in the past. I don't recall there being a decision being made about this. (Debbie Sjodin suggested awarding ribbons- ed)

There was also a discussion about timing lights. Pat Biggar offered to repair any that needed it (for free!!), and talk about changing out the incandescent bulbs for LEDs. Nothing came of it.

Current NWRC officers were all reelected.

(The WAG reporter adds that RASC is expected to populate a control/CP on the April and September NWRC-run events, and asked to do same for the PSRC rally in June.)

\* Raindrop (April 29) The Breazeales did another run over the route, taking measurements. That was interrupted by a detour to avoid a flooded roadway. Then resumed for further evaluation and measurements. Carrying tradition, it'll be about 4 ½ hours. The scenery on Whidbey Island is nice.

The Farmhouse restaurant, used in 2016, is booked.

\* Press release:

American Rally Association (ARA) officials are pleased to announce the addition of a seventh event to the 2018 National Series. The Tour de Forest Rally (TdF), based in Olympia and Shelton, Washington, will take place October 6-7, 2018.

The revived event, last run in 1983, represents an exciting new challenge for ARA competitors, placing teams on stage roads unseen in rally competition for thirty-five years. For 2018, the Tour de Forest Rally will return to the tree-covered roads south of Seattle positioned as the final event of the ARA National Series, the potential Championship deciding round.

“We've been working hard to add even more top-level rally events to our 2018 National Series calendar,” said ARA Vice President Chris Cyr, “bolstering our already strong 2018 event line up with the revival of Tour de Forest allows us to provide our competitors with even more quality, proven, and historic rally stage roads this year.”

Expected to cover 110 stage miles, Tour de Forest will be a Saturday/Sunday event, with Friday October 5, set aside for Recce and the preparation of stage notes. Service will take place in a single location for the weekend in the forest near Shelton, Washington. Stage conditions and road types will be similar to the nearby Olympus Rally, though the two events are distinct and will not share stage roads. Expect a combination of fast and technical gravel roads through forests and low mountains.

Started in 1978 by the Rainier Auto Sports Club as a regional event, Tour de Forest quickly rose to national prominence. Becoming part of the SCCA Pro Rally Championship with its 1979 running, the Tour de Forest Pro Rally saw talented competitors duke it out over the next five years. The event was a contested battleground in multiple championship battles between legendary rally drivers Rod Millen and John Buffum. Each took two wins on the Olympic National Forest stage roads over a four year fight. The following year, in 1983, TdF moved south to Tualatin, Oregon. That year's Tour de Forest, the final running, saw rising star Steve Millen win his first-ever Pro Rally event.

In 1984, the Tour de Forest Pro Rally evolved into the inaugural Oregon Trail Pro Rally, the precursor to the first event of the 2018 ARA National Championship Series, Oregon Trail Rally.

Detailed information regarding the Tour de Forest Rally, as well as associated regional rallies sanctioned by the American Rally Association, will be released in the coming months.

The 2018 ARA National Championship Series schedule is now finalized at seven events:

Oregon Trail Rally	Dufur, OR / Goldendale, WA	April 20-22, 2018
Olympus Rally	Olympia, WA	May 19-20, 2018
Susquehannock Trail Performance Rally	Wellsboro, PA	June 1-2, 2018
New England Forest Rally	Newry, ME / Errol, NH	July 20-21, 2018
Ojibwe Forests Rally	Walker & Detroit Lakes, MN	August 24-25, 2018
Idaho Rally	Boise, ID	Sept. 15-16, 2018
Tour de Forest Rally	Olympia & Shelton, WA	October 6-7, 2018

## **Club News**

RASC Meeting minutes for January 8, 2018, as recorded by Delores Ranhofer.

Attendees: Board Members attending: President- Charles Aggenbach, Vice-President- Marvin Crippen, Secretary- Dolores Ranhofer, Treasurer- Cristy Breazeale, and Member at large- Matt Tabor

Meeting called to order 7:33 PM

Reading of the minutes. November minutes accepted. Andy Newell moved to accept minutes as published in the WAG. Discussion – Ron Sorem questioned if the minutes have to be read or could be published on line and reviewed by the membership. Article III, Section 3 of the RASC By-Laws published April 10, 1991, requires the “minutes be read at the next general meeting.”

2017 December Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: \$5485.00 netted after Christmas Party

Dues are due this month - \$25 for an individual, \$30 for a family.

Rally Reports:

Nor'Wester 2019: No Report

No Alibi: Roy Ward, Rallymaster: Working on rally. It will start in Olympia, overnight in Long View and end in Olympia. Saturday's route mostly written. Sunday twisty roads/not much gravel. No Alibi may take place on opposite sides of the Cascades every other year.

Summer Alcan 2018: There have been very few cancellations. Lodging is potentially an issue.

Raindrop: Richard and Dolores Ranhofer have agreed to be Rallymasters. Route has been pretty well developed. Need to identify Rest Areas and Lunch Location. Andy Newell has agreed to fabricate the trophies.

#### IV. Old Business:

General consensus is Holiday Party was better than expected. Possibly consider location for a repeat next year.

Survey sent in November to determine where to hold the general meetings and on what day. Asked for members to submit suggestions to the Board. Monday will continue to be the meeting day until further notice. The February meeting will be held at the Olive Garden at 11325 NE 124th St, Kirkland, WA 98034. It was mentioned the Western WA Sports Car Council meets at a Red Robin at 3909 Factoria Blvd. SE, Bellevue, WA 98006. No decision made on location.

There was a discussion on the various memberships lists and who does what, and who belongs to which lists, etc. There is a Facebook RASC Group, another list with 200+ members, a Google Group, an RASC Group, and WAG lists. (I'm totally confused and need help on this one.) Tabled until the next meeting.

NWRC meeting on February 3, 2018. Discussion ensued. RASC will have representative as yet unnamed.

#### V. New Business

Jeff McMillen volunteered to chair a small committee to develop a communications plan for RASC.

Jim Breazeale suggested we develop a tri-fold to create interest in TSD Rally similar to the one developed by SCCA in Wisconsin. He passed around the flyer to members present. Matt Tabor volunteered to create a tri-fold to highlight RASC events.

More to follow on these initiatives.

Thunderbird Rally will take place on February 10th and 11th 2018. Thunderbird has a team trophy and Jeff McMillen proposed RASC enter a Rally Team as we meet the requirements. He also advised he has a design for a decal that would be appropriate for the RASC team. After the meeting, an agreement was reached with the RASC members who are participating in T-Bird to form a team and purchase the decal.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

\* Alcan 5000 (August 20-28, 2018) Jerry mailed (with stamps!) Alcan info out in January. The current entry list is still maxxed out at 38 cars and 38 motorcycles. Ten of those cars qualify for Vintage trophies.

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

### ***Trivia***

\* President Charles added a new car to his stable: 2017 Ford Focus ST in Kona Blue. 252 hp/270 ft./lbs. 6 speed manual. The Breazeales now have a silver '02 VW GTI.

### **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

\* Radio For Sale: Icom IC-25A, ham 2 meter, \$40 Roy Ward, [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com), 425-485-6225

\* Phor Sael: **Zemco ZT-4 odometer**. Never been installed, complete with original transducer, instructions. Pre-riestocene odometer, state-of-the-art before Art was born (whoever Art is). Interested parties seek immediate medical help. Original box included, not in great shape (mostly rectangular with rounded corners). \$50.00 OBO [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com)

\* **Subaru studded tires**. Four mounted Hankooks and 2 Hakkas. Probably 205/55-15. A really, really good price since the studs are worn, but tread is good. Make offer on the wheels and the tires are free. Steve Richards 425-337-0232 or [smrdeatman@comcast.net](mailto:smrdeatman@comcast.net)

\* **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... >>

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\* 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](mailto: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](mailto:codrvr@aol.com)

## **RASC Calendar**

Ron Sorem has been assembling his large calendar from clubs all over. He is waiting for Oregon. He says they are contemplating switching to Saturday "Friday Nighters".

\* Winter Olympics: Opening ceremony: February 9, Closing ceremony: February 25 (curling fan heaven!)

\* March 10 – Annual Mike & Key Ham fest, Puyallup, \$10

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The logo for Rainier Auto Sports Club features a stylized, dark silhouette of a mountain peak on the left, followed by the text "RAINIER AUTO SPORTS CLUB" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background of the logo area is a light-colored grid pattern.

RASC usually meets on the second Monday of each month. Locations vary as we try out all the venues.

The February 12 meeting will be held at the Olive Garden at 11325 NE 124th St, Kirkland, WA 98034 at 7:30 PM. The restaurant is on the west side of I-405 from La Veloce. It's on the south side, with the NE 124<sup>th</sup> entrance before the parking lot. Or you can take the signal at 113<sup>th</sup> and turn in after that.

If you can't make your payment at the meeting, please mail to the club's mailbox.

Agenda: Discussion of the upcoming 2018 RASC events. Discussion of reliance on Facebook since some people don't like FB very much.

Bring dues money: single memberships are \$25 and family memberships are \$30. Cristy accepts checks and cash. No bitcoins?

## **2018 Board Members:**

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