

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

April, 2018

Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* Raindrop (April 29) is coming together. Most important: we have entrants!

(https://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2018/raindrop/entry_list.htm) The Coupeville to Mount Vernon rally finishes with a (\$20) meal at The Farmhouse restaurant.

The day will probably commence with a 20-minute, eleven buck ferry ride from Mukilteo to Clinton, then 28 miles of SR 525 to Coupeville. Forage for a bag lunch along the way (optional), then scope out the competition.

Steve Richards and Ron Sorem did the final measurement on April 4th, with the “proof run” to be done by Eric Horst and Marvin Crippen a couple of weeks before the event.

The DOT is installing roundabouts on SR 20, too.

* Cascade Sports Car Club (Geargrinders) has moved the Portland-area Friday Nighters to Saturdays. The new Saturday series replaces Cascade’s long-running Friday Nighters. The start location is still at Lowe’s in Milwaukie. Registration opens at 9 a.m., with first car out at 10 a.m. Expect to finish in two to three hours. Just \$20 per car for Cascade members, or get a Series Pass for \$80, all five rallies for the price of four, plus keep the same car number all season.

For more info, <http://www.cascadegeargrinders.org/>

* Alcan 5000 (August 20-28, 2018) <https://www.alcan5000.com> Jerry Hines keeps updating things on the website. Half the cars are “well experienced”.



* The Olympus stage rally is May 20-21, seemingly a long ways off. RASC members have

always volunteered to work the annual event, proudly wearing their RASC t-shirts under layers of Gortex. The deadline to register as a worker and get an Olympus t-shirt is April 19th.

It’s easy, just go to <http://www.rallydata.com/default.cfm> and fill in the blanks. Mike Gibeault (famous for, among other things, being an entry in the 1967 Nor’Wester) set this up to make it easy to “organize” the hundreds of volunteers needed to make rallies happen. Your name will be passed on to the Captain of whatever you volunteered for, and you’ll get a nearly-automated e-mail response.

That e-mail will also direct you to the insurance sign-off page. USAC provides insurance, so important.

* The 22-day Trans-America Challenge rally is set to finish in Seattle on Father’s Day, June 17. There may be some RASC folk participating in the Newberg, Oregon to Seattle segment. Jerry Hines has discussed that route with the organizers.

* The Rallysprint at Dirtfish on Easter attracted about 14 cars. Unlike a rallycross (run what you brung), a rallysprint is for caged cars.

Club News

General Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2018, as recorded by Secretary Dolores Ranhofer

Attendees: Charles Aggenbach, Cristy and Jim Breazeale, David Alspaugh, Jerry Hines, Roy Ward, Ron Sorem, Mark Nolte, Richard and Dolores Ranhofer.

Meeting called to order at 7:46 P.M.

I. Reading of the minutes. February minutes accepted.

II. No Treasurer Report

III. Rally Reports

1. Nor’Wester 2019: Will alternate every other year with No Alibi. Jim Breazeale is now rally master for 2019 Nor’Wester. Grand vision is coming together. Proposed route is from the Columbia River to Canadian Boarder.

2. October Friday Nighter – months away....

3. Summer Alcan - Down to 37 cars and 37 cycles. May lose 6 or 8 cars before the beginning of the rally. 60% return on preference sheet. Can handles 30 cars and 30 bikes. Insurance will be available this month. Things are looking great. Jerry is planning on pulling a two-axle trailer.

4. No Alibi- Roy - Ron putting together a really decent web page. Got law enforcement letter ready and will send out on Thursday. Ron verified the draft for Saturday. Explored the Long Beach

Peninsula. Plan all day on doing anything on the Long Beach Peninsula. We need to allow some additional time to get through traffic signals. 21/2 hours to drive to all beach access and turn around and go back. May drive on beach but not going to sweep it. There is not much between Ilwaco and Naselle. There are a couple of longish transits and TSDs. Used all stage roads he could find and they were great. End of this week doing some more survey for off highway stuff. Sunday is done. Good to go. Kelso Red Lion arrangement went smoothly. No Alibi is basically ready to go. US Forest Service has approved No Alibi.

5. Raindrop - Registration is running about one new entry each day. If any one has groups on Facebook please paste on the Facebook page. Jim, Christy, Ron, and Richard and Dolores have driven the route. The Farmhouse Restaurant is set up. Dash plaques are ready to go. Vintage class is the largest class so far. Ron ran SOP yesterday. Traffic was okay except for Deception Pass. Ron has changed some of the speed limits as the speed limits are pretty quick and need to be slowed down.

IV. Report on By Law changes.

Rod Johnson and Dolores Ranhofer have a draft of the proposed Bylaw revisions. The document needs to be typed and presented at the April meeting.

V. Old Business:

1. List committee – No discussion at this time.
2. We have not heard from Matt on the Rally brochure.
3. The discussion on rally classes was resolved event by event.

VI. New Business:

Roy - Very successful Nor'Wester. There was discussion on a three-day event making it more worthwhile during a long distance rally. We have not done the NE part of Washington, Montana and Idaho. That area has a different type of terrain. If any of us gets a crazy idea about going to Bonners Ferry, it's well worth the drive. Go through Yaak Montana. The Dirty Shame Bar would be a real draw and we haven't rallied in that part of the northwest for a long time. The first week in June would be ideal for any of our events following Raindrop in April.

Announcements:

Olympus and Oregon Trail - two stage rallies. Ham radios are always in demand. Need workers.

Alcan Phasing out Motorola Spirit. Will donate to club. Icon HT radio is available.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Trivia

* Marcus Hansen is building a '71 BMW 2002 for the Alcan. The engine is out, perhaps to be replaced by something more modern than the single carburetor model that already has a lot of miles on it, although he has a 5-speed in hand. New shocks and springs are in the near future.

* Andy Newell has an exciting life. He's helping an Oregon relative by clearing out some old vehicles: a '25 Model T and '27 Chevy. The Model T retains it's patina and will soon be for sale. He now has 3 vintage tractors, too.

Good story: Wife heard water running at 2:30 am. Yep, a broken pipe under the house. The house's valve is broken, so down to the end of the l-o-n-g driveway to shut off the water at the meter. At which point a cop shows up to inquire what a guy, in a bathrobe, is doing in the dark.

* After six days in the hospital followed by 33 days in rehab, Steve Richards is back home. That many days saps strength, so he is on a regular therapy schedule.

For Sale/Wanted

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

* 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

* Free. 2 Hella 4004 GT mirrors, satin chrome on plastic, no glass. (Use as a small, round picture frame?) In storage for 37 years, it's time for them to move on. Nolte: mnolte@blarg.net



* Free Talbot 303 mirror, plus odd parts. 38 years of tarnish. Nolte: mnolte@blarg.net



RASC Calendar

* Other events:

April 14 – Tulip Rally by MGCC, Burlington, WA

May 27>June 17 – “Trans-America Challenge”, Charleston to Seattle. (Yes, 22 days.)

June 23>July 1 – “Great Race”, Buffalo, NY to Halifax, NS

Sept 14> 16 – Hagerty Fall Classic, Troutdale to Dufur, OR

Washington TSD

April 13- NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC

April 29 – Raindrop TSD by RASC, Whidbey Isl.

May 11 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

June 2>3 – No Alibi TSD by RASC, SW Washington

June 8 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

July 13 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

August 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

August 20>28 – Alcan 5000 by RASC, “Fairbanks plus and minus”

September 14 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC

October 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by RASC

Pacific NW Stage rallies

April 20>22 – Oregon Trail, (ARA) Portland, then The Dalles

May 18>20 – Olympus (ARA), Shelton, WA

May 25>27 – Rocky Mountain (CARS) Invermere, BC

Sept 14>15 – Idaho Rally (ARA), Placerville, ID

Sept 28>30 – Pacific Forest (CARS), Merritt, BC

Oct. 5>7 – Tour de Forest (ARA), Olympia, WA

Oregon TSD (AROO = Alfa Romeo Owners club of Oregon)

April 7 – Saturday TSD (Cascade SCC), Milwaukie, OR

April 8 – AROO TSD #2, Wilsonville, OR

May 5- Saturday TSD (Cascade SCC), Milwaukie, OR

May 6 – AROO TSD #3, Wilsonville, OR

June 3 – AROO TSD #4, Wilsonville, OR

June 9 - Saturday TSD (Cascade SCC), Milwaukie, OR

July 7 - Saturday TSD (Cascade SCC), Milwaukie, OR

August 4 – Mountains to the Sea, (Cascade SCC) Portland> Seaside

Sept 8 - Saturday TSD (Cascade SCC), Milwaukie, OR

Sept 22>23 – Oregon 1000

Oct 27 – Ghouls Gambol (Cascade SCC), Portland, OR

RAINIER AUTO SPORTS CLUB

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

The April 9 meeting will be held again 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, opposite from La Veloce. It's on the south side, with the NE 124th entrance before the parking lot. Or you can take the signal at 113th and turn in after that.

Agenda: Enough workers to populate the upcoming Friday Nighter? Settling CP workers for Raindrop.

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