

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

October, 2018 *Rainier Auto Sports Club*

Rally News

* The Tour de Forest stage rally is this weekend, October 6-7. It actually commences with the all-important 2-pass recce on Friday. No stage "notes" are provided, leaving the teams to write their own at mandated slow speeds.

RASC coined the name for a 1978 event when a second stage rally was being planned for that year. The story goes that during a planning meeting, Steve Richards suggested it as a joke- and everyone thought it a great name. Those were the days when "Annie Green Springs" was the default beverage for such meetings.

* RASC is assembling the October 12 Friday Niter. An old route was pulled from Eric Horst's files, Rod Johnson drove through to find the changes to those roads, and President Charles Aggenbach has divvied up some of the tasks normally done by a rallymaster. The rally finishes at Athens Pizza in Auburn.

The pleas for checkpoint workers will start soon.

* The September 14 Friday Niter was a NWRC event, chaired by Kelly Smith. RASC supplied Rod & Phyllis Johnson and Jim Breazeale for a checkpoint. Charles Aggenbach/Mike Daily won, with Matt and Haley Tabor awarded 2nd place in the Seat-of-Pants (SOP) class. The 15-car field had 2 UNL, 5 Masters, 4 SOP, and 4 Novices.

Matt/Haley found a trap on each leg. A pause at a Stop sign that wasn't an intersection = don't pause. A turn to be executed a distance from the previous instruction- not the named road that came before the mileage was expired.

* The Oregon 1000 TSD (September 22-23) attracted 10 entrants. It was a run-work event, where the rallyists alternated checkpoint duties with competing. Running the SCCA format, there was two-minute spacing, timing to the hundredth, 50-point max, and SCCA class structure. 20 checkpoints on Saturday, 19 on Sunday.

Overall win was Rebecca Ruston/Russ Kraushaar. Teresa Davenport/Marvin Crippen were 6th.

* Jerry Hines says he has 895 followers on the Alcan Facebook page- and 33 people interested in the 2020 Winter Alcan (February 27>March 7) already.

Club News

* Rainier Auto Sports Club meeting minutes for September 2018. Recorded and vaguely remembered by Diamond Jim for the still convalescing Club Secretary Dolores Ranhofer.

Meeting called to Order roughly on time with the usual members in attendance. The reading of the August meeting minutes were accepted as read. Madam Treasurer reported that the Club was still fiscally sound with someone singing 'Viva Las Vegas' in the background.

Rally Reports-

No Alibi Rally 2020 is still far enough out to not generate news.

Nor'Wester Rally 2019 No new information to report.

Raindrop Rally 2019 April 28th Discussion on use of 2018 No Alibi Rally's first day route with several well-vetted roads and the option of a gravel by-pass. "Options have not worked well on recent events" was strongly stated by veteran club members. Still needs a Rally Master and support staff.

The Friday Niter Rally 2018 October 12th. The Club's contribution to the NWRC's series. President Charles plaintively stated the event needs everybody, especially a Rally Master. A route will be probably come from the vast archives. Long dramatic silence ensued with calendar and soul searching. The silence broken by a suggestion to the NWRC rep that the low attendance August event be dropped like the mid-season break in F1. There will be a Club meeting the Monday before the event. Finish locations will determine the route options. The number of trophies was determined, ideas expressed and a plea for a volunteer was issued. Event decal/dash plaque stickers from McNamara need to be started ASAP. Diamond Jim volunteered to give the Driver's Meeting talk.

Alcan 5000 Summer Rally wrap-up. "It was interesting." The rally started 27 Vehicles and 27 Motorcycles. Only one car DNF'd, The Aussie Mini fought hard with perseverance, sweat and bailing wire repairs only to succumb to a Death Rattle. Club Member Brian Cary's MC did the same and one other Cycle rider self-exiled due to extremely poor judgment. One staff car was broken into on the 11% grade TSD while they were working a control. The Scorer's laptop, all their clothes and food were taken. Luck saved the Passports, rally electronics and tools. The Rally Family showed much love and eased some of the pain with replacements. The raging forest fires forced the closure of one motorcycle road and the cancellation of the Frasier Lake TSD due to the darkness from the smoke and falling ash. Once past Dease Lake the breathing was easier and the entrants were treated to the classic vistas and weather. Denali was out and added to the

finish of a long journey. Rave reviews of the banquet at the Fountainhead Auto Museum where the staff was quite generous with their time and knowledge. Alcan staff reported much Cat Herding and resorting to video reviews to determine entrants for scoring purposes. The post event show continued with transportation issues that finally got sorted with heroic effort by Andy Newell who was trapped in a quixotic, hellish truck repair that went on for far too long.

Old Business-

Club By-Laws update had minor discussion.

Holiday Party discussion resulted in a regular monthly meeting with the Club picking up the food tab. Location still an issue. I think.

The Election Nominating Committee needed a roster of paid members and was provided with a hand-written copy by Madam Treasurer. Several members opted out of any sort of responsibility for valid reasons. The usual amount of election BS was thrown about resulting in brainstorming and railroading.

New Business-

The Stage Rally Worker seminar held at Dirtfish was fun and informative with 49 people attending. All Control positions were explained in a classroom setting and then put into practice in a mock stage outside on the Dirtfish grounds. Everyone got a chance to experience all positions and duties. Alpha checkpoint clocks were explained and used. Delicious catered BBQ afterwards by the always entertaining Co-driver Billy Irvin.

A run down of upcoming events and pleas for workers and/or entrants rounded out the meeting.

Call to and seconding for Adjournment at 20:40

Trivia

*Marcus Hansen made some kind of slight error while volunteering at the Idaho Rally. The result was his Durango rolling off the steep edge of the road.

* Tim Chovanak got his Ham license: KI8CBP.

* The summer season is over. Reticent to try cleaning the dusty leather in Otis, Richard Ranhofer delivered the leather-clad Porsche to an expert in Bellevue. "It was dirty".

* Stage rally fans are tuning into "Shifting Gears" with Aaron Kaufman on the Discovery channel on Monday nights. The multi-part series so far has featured the building of the car and Aaron's jump into this new-to-him form of competition driving. Since there was an army of video cameras

at last summer's Olympus, upcoming shows might include people we know.

For Sale/Wanted

* **1985 Saab 900E**, \$1100, the familiar green one that was built for TSD rallying by Dan Comden. Too many mods to list. Jerry is moving out of the Anderson Island house, hence the fire sale price. Comes with boxes and boxes of spares. Jerry Hines, alcan5000@gmail.com

* **HONDA H3011H riding mower** \$200 OBO Hydrostatic transmission, with bagger and mulching attachment. 30" cutting width. Great little machine and there is probably fewer than 100 hours on it. Needs new battery and carburetor cleanout. You haul, Note: dry weight is 400 lbs. Contact Steve Richards 425-337-0232 or email smrdocatman@comcast.net



RASC Calendar

October 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by RASC

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

December 7-8 - Big White stage rally, Kelowna, B.C.

RAINIER AUTO SPORTS CLUB

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

The October 8 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, on the south side of NE 124th. You can take the signal at 113th and turn in after that.

Agenda: Nominations “from the floor” for the November RASC election. Plans for the RASC Friday Niter, highlighted by imaginative pleas for volunteers (...as is traditional.)

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