The Wishbone Alley Gazette

November, 2018 Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News

* Friday Nighter by RASC (October 12). By Charles Aggenbach

I wanted to send out a huge Thank You to the crew that made the Friday Niter happen for RASC. We had 17 entrants when all was said and done. There were a few semi-minor snafus with course (biggest issue being not adjusting for hitting a speed limit sign earlier after removing an NRI tied to a sign that's long gone) but when all was said and done we kept all the legs intact. Everybody made it to the finish.



Jim Breazeale created nice trophies

Thanks to all that made the rally happen including:

Eric Horst

Rod Johnson

Marvin Crippen

Jim Breazeale

Jeff & Zoe McMillen

Matt & Haley Tabor

Mark Nolte and the stash of timing lights and CP signs

and Mike Daily for navigating with me to open course.



Scoring and eating (Athens) pizza

- * Ghoul's Gambol (Portland) October 27, 4 legs, a few delicious traps, awards for best outfits and car decoration. 17 entrants 2 UnL, 9 SOP, 6 Novices.
- * Tour de Forest (October 6-7) 39 entrants, 22 finishers, including 2 UTV's. The UTV's weren't road legal, and had to be trailered between stages.

The ARA-sanctioned event used some really old roads, such that Saturday' session headed north from Montesano. Sunday was more familiar, including the Taylor Town stage.

Modern logging includes working Sunday's, since the work is done by contractors (non-union). Chain saws have given way to \$170,000 cutting machines that grab the tree while a blade does a low cut, and stacks the future lumber for quick pickup. The possible conflict got worked out and the stage ran on schedule.

RASC members were mixed in with the rest of the many, many volunteers. Dave Folker drove up from Reno to see old friends and be a road marshal.

Club News

* Rainier Auto Sports Club minutes for October 2018. Recorded by Diamond Jim for the still recovering Secretary.

Meeting called to Order at 1931 by Veep M.Crippen, with 8 members in attendance. President Charles is away at a Performance Driver's experience. The September meeting minutes were accepted as read. Madam Treasurer reported the Club was still fiscally solvent even after some expenses for the Friday Niter Rally.

RALLY REPORTS-

No Alibi 2020- Slated for June $6^{\rm th}$ and $7^{\rm th}$. No news to report. Suggestions for Rally Master drowned out by Crickets.

Alcan Winter Rally 2020- So far 30 plus potential entrants and Course Survey will be in February 2019.

Nor'Wester Rally 2019- No news to report.

Raindrop Rally 2019- Despite the crickets, conversations ranged around not having any gravel sections, folks enjoying the break at Long Beach and starting and finishing at the same location. After Ron Sorem agreed to be the Route Master, NOT the Rally Master, the crickets returned.

Friday Niter Rally- El Presidente Charles and Rod will do the final measurement; Eric has registration under control and will work a control with Marvin. Diamond Jim will give the Driver's meeting, contribute to the Trophy construction along Charles and work a checkpoint with WAG editor Mark Nolte. Jeff McMillan and daughter Zoey

volunteered to work a control and batting clean-up, Mr. President will take care of everything else.

OLD BUSINESS-

The Club By-Laws review was pushed of the table.

December's regular Club meeting at the Olive Garden will serve as the Holiday Gathering. The Club will pay for the food. Pay for your own adult Beverages. The recently elected Board will meet and decide who's who.

A full slate of RASC Board nominations submitted by smooth talking Mark Nolte.

Email voting was discussed and cussed. Final rulings at the November meeting. Dead Horses were brought out for beating.

NEW BUSINESS-

The Friday Niter is this Friday night! Be there. It'll be fun.

Ghouls Gambol, presented by Cascade Sports Car Club on 10/27 promises to be another great event.

The Totem Rally scheduled for November 17th and 18th. Another great Canadian TSD event. Registration opens soon. Don't miss this classic.

Big White Winter Rally scheduled for December 7th through 9th. Needs volunteers, especially HAMs. Free lodging! A great winter rally getaway.

Call to Adjourn and seconding at 2010. Gossip ensues with stolen Rally car details.

* **Election** We are going to do "online" voting again. Members have been e-mailed instructions with a list of candidates. Email your votes to Charles no later than Monday, November 12th at 5 PM.

He'll calculate the votes and bring a tally to that evening's meeting as well as a list of who has voted. Members present at the meeting that didn't email votes in will be able to vote by paper ballot. The totals will then be combined to determine the 2019 RASC board.

Note that Cristy (current Treasurer) and Charles (current President) are automatically included in the 2019 Board per the RASC by-laws. The six comprising the 2019 Board will sort out who holds what office at the December party/meeting (to be held 12/10 at Olive Garden in Kirkland at the normal meeting day and time).

Trivia

*CP Logger Update By Marvin Crippen

If you've worked a RASC rally in the last couple of years chances are you've either used CP-Logger,

or at the very least heard of it. Or perhaps you're a competitor who has heard about it and is wondering what all the fuss is about. Either way, I've just finished the first major update to the software and am looking for people to help beta test it!

If you're unfamiliar with the software or want to refresh your memory you can take a look at the training screencasts I made at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbX6Rco9q8 i-1xwcTQ18EOCZbBN8_Bgw6

The functionality of working a checkpoint is largely unchanged. The big new feature comes in the ability to download and upload data directly to a central server. As a worker you'll be able to download all the event data from the server directly to your laptop (or iPhone or iPad). After you've worked your checkpoint(s) you can upload the timing data directly to the server once you have a network connection (that might be Starbucks or Library wi-fi you pass by, or the hotel wifi at the finish or even tethered to your phone). No more fumbling around with USB drives or exporting/email excel files!

At this point I am only looking for beta testers using a laptop and/or desktop computer. Once I'm sure the code is rock solid (probably early 2019) I'll be updating the iPad/iPhone version and will probably be looking for some additional testers. If you're interested in participating in the beta test contact me at mandos@gmail.com and I'll provide you with a link to download the software, along with some directions for testing. Also you can bring your laptop to the November RASC meeting and I can help you with the setup.

- * From Kristen Tabor: Dad's rally car 1991 Nissan Sentra SE-R #222 Red with twin black stripes from nose to tail was stolen around 3:02AM Saturday (10/6/18) morning from the Hotel RL (Red Lion) in Olympia. ARA's EZ Track system pinged it in motion at that time on 101S, but has not pinged since.
- * Marcus Hansen left his (wrinkled) Durango in Idaho. The replacement is a black '93 Ford F-250 (big diesel) pickup.

For Sale/Wanted

* 1985 Saab 900E, \$1000 (New LOWER price), the familiar green one that was built for TSD rallying by Dan Comden. Too many mods to list. Comes with boxes and boxes of spares. Currently parked in Kirkland. Jerry Hines, alcan5000@gmail.com

* 7 inch round halogen **headlights**, H4 bulbs, NIB. Bought for no apparent reason. Make offer. roy.ward@frontier.com

RASC Calendar

(Ron Sorem is busy assembling his nice calendar for 2019. He's proposed some dates because friends don't schedule events opposite friends' events. Raindrop for either may 5 or 19, Nor'Wester September 7-8)

Nov 17-18 Totem TSD, Cache Creek-Coldwater – Cache Creek \$160USD,

http://www.rallybc.com/archives/2018/Totem/2018_ Totem_Regs.pdf

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



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

The November 12 (Veteran's Day) 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: Club election.

2018 Board Members:

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