

# The Wishbone Alley Gazette

December, 2011 *Rainier Auto Sports Club*

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Please RSVP via email: [dcomden@gmail.com](mailto:dcomden@gmail.com)

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20327 42nd Ave NE

Lake Forest Park

Directions available upon request

## Rally News

\* 2012 Alcan (Feb. 23>March 2). *February 23 - March 2, "Dawson, Tuktoyaktuk and Valdez!"*

The survey settled the route with some tweaks and fabulous scenery. Jerry reports that Whitehorse is a growing city. Besides bragging rights for getting to Inovik, a highlight will be both dinner and breakfast at Fast Eddy's. Valdez has something to offer besides seeing where your go-juice comes from.

<http://www.alcan5000.com/>

\* Totem Rally (November 12-13) Fears of a snowless Totem were resolved by rally weekend with steady snowfall the week preceding the rally. While the worker ranks were predominantly from stateside, the 23 entrants work out to 50/50 US/Canadians. Highway 5 was closed or blocked, so the Alberta entrants had a much longer trip than planned.

The route from Cache Creek to base of the Rockies at Clearwater (and back) wasn't treacherous except where the roadway was clear such that only polished ice provided scant traction, usually with a scary exposure on the driver-side. About 5" of the fluffy stuff covered the roads for the weekend. The exception came late Saturday when the combination of untrammelled snow (its hunting season) and twelve-inch snow over frozen ice scrapped the rest of the day in favor of a l-o-n-g transit/conga line to the overnight stop. That's what happens when the rallymaster gets high-centered trying to get over the plowed snow onto unplowed road.

The Glenn Wallace/R.Dale Kraushaar/Forester won with 26 points through the 35 controls.



RASC: Horst/Mats Mats 28 pts=1st Historic, 2nd O'all in the Damm's Quattro. Whether finding Paul Westwick's cell phone in the snow was good for a point -or two- is a secret.



The lone Oregon contingent, Marinus and Renee Damm scored 29 points, for 2nd Unlimited/3rd O'all.



Jeff's first winter outing in the RX, with Marvin Crippen yielded 104 points for 5th Unl/6 O'all. Even with Winter Scoring, the spread to 7th (Ward/Corbett /Volvo 242) at 365 points is interesting.



Tenth O'all went to Perret/Hansen, this time in Unlimited class.



While Dan Comden enjoyed (?) Colorado, Bill Walsh drove the trusty Saab, with Han Adomeit in his usual right-side seat.



Rallymaster Westwick delegated a lot of CP wrangling to Nicki Beverly. Here, Ron Sorem consults about a shortcut noted as "about 4 km",



With Ron able to time cars all by himself, Mark Nolte spent the weekend taking pictures.



\*Big White stage rally (December 3) 21 starters, 19 finishers (the snow was deep).

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\*November meeting notes -MN

No Secretary, No Treasurer. The lack of discussion speeded up the meeting.

Eric Horst graciously accepted congratulations for the October Friday Niter. He commented that the route, RI's, and finish location got him some compliments, many from experienced rallymasters.

The Nor'Wester report consisted of publicity efforts. Eric volunteered artwork, in the archives, from old Nor'Westers.

The No Alibi report recounted how a Kennewick-Kennewick-Kennewick scenario plays well with great scenery and some new roads.

Jerry recounted how he has a busy schedule for the Alcan survey. Besides actually scoping out the overnight stops, he has some new TSD's to explore.

Then on to the 2012 Board election, with 12 ballots counted. Avoiding the painful embarrassments in the other Washington, the winners were selected on the first round. Joining Past President Cristy Breazeale and Past Treasurer Steve Mats Mats will be Steve Richards, Eric Horst, Marvin Crippen, and Jim Breazeale. They'll meet and assign the Officer Positions to announce at the December meeting.

\* Ed Rachner volunteered to gather input for forming a RASC Time Declaration policy. You can submit your idea(s) to him at [e.rachner@comcast.net](mailto:e.rachner@comcast.net). An interesting tiebreaker was used at No Alibi: earliest entry!

**TRIVIA**

\* Kathryn Hansen: Steve Perret was involved in a head-on collision on November 16. He was traveling westbound on Hwy. 532/Mt. Baker Hwy at about 4:20pm. At the Everson-Goshen Rd, a 17 year-old turned left into the Chevy S10 pickup Steve was driving. The other driver was uninjured, though both vehicles were total losses.

Steve was transported to St. Joseph's hospital in Bellingham, where he was treated for a broken left arm and broken right leg, then was released.

After recuperating on Camano Island for three weeks, Steve will travel to the islands of Hawaii and Oahu before returning to the Northwest on December 17.

Steve's injuries will prevent him from putting any weight on his right leg for three months, so he will be unable to work for some time. We welcome your ideas for recliner-centric activities!

Steve and Kathryn look forward to Alcan, provided Steve is well enough to make the journey. The trip may see a switch of seats, if Steve is unable to drive.

\* Jeff McMillen showed off a new toy at Totem. A little magnetic (!) tripod lamp with a super-bright (Cree) LED in the center, with red LEDs switchable. He volunteered a (Christmas gift?) source: Joby Gorillatorch Flare Adjustable and Flexible Tripod Flashlight

[http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B003NURHZ0/ref=pd\\_lpo\\_k2\\_dp\\_sr\\_2?pf\\_rd\\_p=486539851&pf\\_rd\\_s=lpo-top-stripe-1&pf\\_rd\\_t=201&pf\\_rd\\_i=B002IT5DIU&pf\\_rd\\_m=ATVPDKIKX0DER&pf\\_rd\\_r=0PZKMQTWA355MQDRHXHC](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B003NURHZ0/ref=pd_lpo_k2_dp_sr_2?pf_rd_p=486539851&pf_rd_s=lpo-top-stripe-1&pf_rd_t=201&pf_rd_i=B002IT5DIU&pf_rd_m=ATVPDKIKX0DER&pf_rd_r=0PZKMQTWA355MQDRHXHC)

**For Sale/Wanted**

\* **Sale:** Microsoft "Office 98" for Macintosh, Upgrade Gold Edition, still in shrinkwrap! \$80. Mark Nolte, [mnolte@blarg.net](mailto:mnolte@blarg.net).

\* **15" wheels**, steel, fits Subaru OBS. Bolt pattern is 110mm (Subaru) and 112mm (fits ?). Black \$40 for both, \$25 each. Steve Richards, 425-337-0232 (Everett)

\* Very special: **Chrysler 2.5 Turbo** motor w/ automatic transmission. The deal includes the Mopar ECU that is good for additional 30 horsepower. Make offer, and then bring a trailer. Jerry Hines, cell: 206-227-6343

\*HT 2-channel **radios**, used for Alcans, \$80 inc batteries/charger. Many available. Also **mobile Kenwoods** for \$100. Jerry Hines, cell 206-227-6343

**\* For Sale 1991 Subaru Legacy Sport Sedan 2.2 Turbo 5-speed**

\*"00" Car, you've seen this car at Pacific Forest Rally, Mountain Trials, Doo Wops, Oregon Trail, Olympus, Idaho International, and Totem, Thunderbird, Oregon 1000.

Sale will support a new build with cage. Car has all the wiring for lots of auxiliary lighting (lights vary and one set will be included); HAM and Business radios (radios not included); wiring and senders for rally computer (computer not included); includes 6 studded Hakkas on rims, 6 Silverstone gravels on rims, and 4 street tires on the car. Includes Primitive Enterprises underbody armor for engine and the LSD rear differential. There is a long list of spares that are negotiable, including drivetrain and hood and trunk.

This is a turnkey rally car NO CAGE. Serious inquiries at \$4000.

Email ronsorem (at) gmail.com

**RASC Calendar** Ron Sorem is gathering dates as the clubs set their dates. The PCC schedule depends on the Oregon events, for instance. The NWRC meeting is usually mid-January.

RASC dates:

April 15- Raindrop, Jeff McMillan, rallymaster

June 2-3 -No Alibi, Dan Comden, RM, Marvin Crippen, route meister

September 15-16 - Nor'Wester, Ron Sorem & Roy Ward

2012 Rally America Calendar (as of Sept 29, 2011)

Jan 27-28 - Sno\*Drift, Atlanta, MI

Feb 24-25 - Rally of 100 Acre Wood, Salem, MO

May 4-6 - Oregon Trail, The Dalles, OR

June 1-2 - Susquehannock Trail, Wellsboro, PA

July 13-14 - New England Forest, Newry, MA

Sept 22-23 - Olympus, Seattle, WA

 ***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year***   




***Rainier Auto Sports Club will Party this Sunday, December 11. Please RSVP. See inside for details.***

**Agenda:** It could be a video-fest. Louise dazzled us last year with appetizers that will be a tough act to follow. The new club officers will be presented.

**2011 Board Members:**

President, Cristy Breazeale, 360-318-3320  
Vice President, Marvin Crippen, mandos@gmail.com  
Secretary, Jeff McMillen, jeff@somepants.com  
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