

# The Wishbone Alley Gazette

January, 2012 **Rainier Auto Sports Club**

## Rally News

\* 2012 Alcan (Feb. 23>March 2). February 23 - March 2, "Dawson, Tuktoyaktuk and Valdez!" Entry closes on January 10, the same day that the motels want hard money to reserve rooms (which, after all, are important) for the rally. The list will settle at 25 entrants, says Jerry. For the latest: <http://www.alcan5000.com/>

## Club News

\* Thanks to Dan and Louise Comdem for opening their home to the members and families it was a good party.  
\* The 2012 Board has met and divvied up the assignments: President: Marvin Crippen; Vice-President: Steve Richards; Secretary: Eric Horst; Treasurer: Cristy Breazeale; Members at large: Jim Breazeale; and Stephen Mats Mats.

## Trivia

\* Jerry bought a Volvo CX70 to replace the Volvo CX70 that remained in Alaska. You may know that he kept a Volvo CX70 at the Las Vegas house, but that was sold (by telephone!) last fall. He replaced that with an Isuzu Amigo recently. The Amigo is more comfortable off-road.

Needing a ride to pace the Alcan Rally, he caught a good deal on a rally prepped Subaru WRX. That may stay in Alaska. Your reporter didn't even try to keep track of what colors all these new cars are.

\* Steve Richards needed eye surgery, and had to get it done before Alcan. He reports that besides making it now possible to drive at night and in the rain, he thinks he sees colors better.

\* The upper radiator hose on Nolte's WRX wore through where the fan rubbed. No reason was found during a visit to the Renton dealer. Normally the fan clearance is more than 1/2 inch. Its one thing to have something break, quite another not to know why and how.

\* Steven R. Perret didn't get a cast on his broken leg, since the damage was at the joint. He's been known to drive with it.

## For Sale/Wanted

\* Two 15" wheels, steel, fits Subaru OBS. Bolt pattern is 110mm (Subaru) and 112mm (fits ?). Make Offer (which will be accepted...) 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**

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](mailto:ronsorem(at)gmail.com)

## RASC Calendar

*The newsletter editor wanted to have a paragraph on the 2012 schedule and if there were any major conflicts.*

So far, with most of our northwest rallies firmly in place – except the Friday Nighter series in Bellevue and Portland – and nothing from BC, or WA, or OR or AB with regard to RallyCross (Portland and Calgary lost their venues), there aren't any firm "problems".

April 15<sup>th</sup> weekend, we have Raindrop, but there's the Lexus Copperstate 1000 and a bit closer to home, the Northern Loon.

Oregon Trail competes with the Mexican 1000, or does it? But also the AROO Alfa Club Series, that might conflict on worker points.

June is busy, with No Alibi on first weekend, then Idaho International second weekend, then Mountain Trials third weekend, and Columbia Gorge Classic on the fourth weekend. Mountains to the Sea hasn't panned in their July 21 date, but it's close to the Monte Shelton Classic.

August's Road Not Taken hasn't declared yet, after a roads issue the last two years, and Heart of Darkness has not committed.

September gets busy again, starting with Rally Against Parkinson's, then Targa Newfoundland on top of our Nor'Wester and Calgary's The Loop, both on 9/15-9/16. A week later, Olympus vies with Maryhill for the weekend, and then Wild West (which has cancelled the last two years).

Night on Bald Mountain's first weekend in October misses the Pacific Forest's second weekend, but the October Friday Nighter overlaps, and Oregon 1000 had planned an October event this time around (on top of PFR), followed by Mt Hood... Monster's Revenge will likely take a year off as planned, then Totem. The rest of the year is spread out nicely with BC, NV, AB, and CA playing nice!

The 2012 FIA Full Sporting Calendar was finally published December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Good luck figuring this all out,

--Ron Sorem

## Washington and British Columbia

The NWRC meeting is late January; no word on Oregon's plethora of possible events yet. February 11>12 - Thunderbird, Merritt, B.C. (*This is Paul Westwick's 25th!*)

## RASC Dates:

**Feb 23>March 2- Alcan 5000, Kirkland to Anchorage**

**April 15 - Raindrop**

**June 2>3 - No Alibi, Kennewick**

**September 15>16 - Nor'Wester (Lewiston)**

## Stage events in Pacific NW

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

June 9>10 - Idaho Rally

June 15>16 - Mountain Trials, B.C

Sept 22>23 - Olympus, Ocean Shores, WA

October 12>13 - Pacific Forest Rally, B.C.

Other (national)

May 5>12 - One Lap of America

June 23>July 1 - Great Race

**Rainier Auto Sports Club** will meet this coming Monday, January 9, at 7:30 PM at Café Veloce at the Totem Lake shopping center. Best way I can think of to get there via north on I-405, take the "NE 124th" exit, then keep right under NE 124th and Straight at the signal. This puts you on Totem Lake Blvd, not whatever the frontage road is next to I-405. Then right first pass, with the Café on your right at that point.

Monthly meetings are *usually* the second Monday of each month. Past Members, visitors, and spectators are welcomed.

**Agenda: Dan can recount the pleasures of having a mob at his home, and having to arrange food and beverage, too.**

**The Treasurer will start collecting:** Membership dues remain \$30 for family and \$25 for single.

**2012 Board Members:**

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