

Rally News



A rental SUV is a fine way to "do" No Alibi

* No Alibi (June 2-3) 20 entries as of early-May.

Saturday: Start in Kennewick, first break in beautiful downtown Touchet, late lunch break in Pendleton, Afternoon break in Stanfield and return to Kennewick.

Both morning and afternoon breaks are trucker spots that offer showers, you know just in case the workers get really dirty ...

Sunday: Start in Kennewick, short morning and afternoon breaks both in Prosser. Finish in downtown Kennewick at the lusciously green Keewaydin Park.

Checkout crews make the "proof run" over the May 19-20 weekend.

* The No Alibi measurement run, May 5th-6th by Marinus Damm

The No Alibi measurement run began a week before last Saturday, with a torrent of e-mail messages from Routemaster Marvin.



Steve Perret/Marinus Damm won Equipped class in 2011.

Writing a major rally is a long process, with distinct phases and states. Sometimes the route seems a smooth continuous path over hill and dale (even if some areas are out of focus). At other times, it seems full of discordant jumps and edges. By late March, during the final survey run, the route was a painting of beautiful vignettes, separated by splotches of blank canvas or -- worse -- bland color.

But Marvin's messages signaled the start of the last phase... all the notions of September and notes from

November and the debates from March were crystallizing, settling, taking on the form of a routebook.

Once this phase starts, it's self-catalyzing, and one must hurry to finish the details before the piece hardens. This is no artificial deadline - by T-minus two weeks, a candidate routebook must be printed, ready to head east with the checkout crews. The routemaster hopes that said crews will have nothing to correct on their return, and bolsters that hope with hours of labor beforehand. Our working materials for the measuring run were in our hands early - and in quite good shape, too. I left for the Tri-Cities full of confidence.

Our plan was to double-up on writers, with both Marvin and Marinus taking notes and collecting data, while Dan (da man) drove the measuring instrument and drove stakes. Befitting his seniority, Marvin took the shotgun seat, and this sent apprentice Marinus to the back.

We started around 9 a.m. on Saturday, and saw twilight over the river on our return to Richland. We'd made tough calls on transits, and chortled over CP locations, and mused a while at the right place for pauses. That first day's die was cast.

Sunday started ... with coffee.

Precious coffee. And they had to put a blindfold on me to get me into the back seat of the Saab again. It's really not that roomy, ya know? When the fuel pump relay flapped after breakfast, and the turbo four wouldn't fire, I had a momentary fantasy about being the driving dude for Sunday in the backup car. Driving dude gets full legroom, you know. Anyhow, I digress.

No Alibi is coming soon, first weekend of June.



Stories and BBQ while hoping for a trophy in 2011,

* Oregon Trail (May 4-6) There is no such thing as a "typical" stage rally. Being the first of the year in the NW, there were many, many DNF's for glitches and teething problems. Most cars were running well-enough to drive onto their trailers the hamlet of Dufur, Oregon.

RASC had a good representation. The Damm's donned worker vests on the Friday night Portland raceway stages (4). They got to witness some sort of in-car failure that had an Audi up to the floorboards in water!



#247 McMillen/Hansen on Stage 15

Ron Sorem was joined by Jim Breazeale in the "00" car. Jeff McMillen borrowed Kathryn Hansen for his first foray in the #247 Subaru RX, so Steve Perret's co-driver in the "000" car was Bruce Parker. Nolte joined Jace Tuttle's Oregon team. The other three stage crews were captained by John Nispel, La'Kea Siverts, and Brandon Harer. Ed Rachner worked the Service MTC with Gloria Hale.

After the four evening stages at Portland International Raceway, the serious dirt centered in The Dalles area. A cool and blustery Saturday featured stages 5 through 11; Sunday stages 12 through 16 were run under bright sunshine. The first run of each day was delayed about 20 minutes, then ran on the revised schedule just fine.

As for the competitors, the lone "factory" Subaru dominated the top time listings. Two Nissan Silvia's from Australia were quick (and right hand-drive). Jeff McMillan has fodder for a long WAG article, mostly of the "What I learned" content.

It was good to see old friends, and hear the traditional grumbling replayed. The organizers (Tabors et al) had enough volunteers to make it all happen, although the "National" aspect seemed to be less present. Yes, there were video crews all over the place, even a helicopter. The local folks seemed bemused by the interruption of their quiet lives. -MN

Club News

*April meeting notes ,by MN - Eric got through the March minutes with no objections. The Treasurer reported something over \$3000 in the bank, although I don't know if that was for both accounts as the club transitions to BECU. Between clubs dues and sanction fees, the check to NWRC totaled \$1077. (We have 24 members.)

Rally reports: Raindrop was regretfully mentioned, although with 13 members pooped from Alcan, we got 'excuses. Then some more Alcan talk highlighted by announcement of 4 entries for the ... 2014 summer Alcan. The Nor'Wester report mentioned trolling for Canadian entries. And informing police of the pending tour. Years ago Gary Diebolt commissioned belt buckles in the Haida-like logo, and there may be some made for this year's anniversary.

No Alibi is coming along, with Marinus and Renee Damm setting up some of the route. The Red Lion will be the location of the Saturday night feast. No mention of entertainment...

Last item was mention of CP timing lights - eventually... Oh, and a head count of who was going to Oregon Trail.

Trivia

* Pete Schneider couldn't make it to the Alcan this year. His heart was with it, to the extent that he got a count from Jerry and ordered 20 "Worker" trophies. Jerry handed out the nice awards at the March meeting.

*After cleaning, painting (thanks to Jim and Cristie (no H) Breazeale), the Hines Hotel went on the market in May.

For Sale/Wanted

* 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

* 2005 red **Forester XS**- manual tranny, Alcan "experienced", limited diff., 103K miles, 5 streets, 6 studded snows. Recent service (\$3000). \$10, 900. . Jerry Hines, cell: 206-227-6343

* Skidplate for Subaru WRX. Primitive; fits 2002-2005 models. \$100. Jerry Hines, cell: 206-227-6343

* Primitive skidplate for 2003-2005 Forester (retail is \$230), \$150. 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

* **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

* FOUR SAIL (Doncha love spell-check?): **4 Nokian WR radial tires, size 225/60-16.** Approximately 70% tread left. Very sticky, very quiet, and remarkably low rolling resistance. Never punneled on rally roads. Excellent in snow. Paid \$180 apiece originally, sell all 4 for \$100. I took these off because I didn't want to hammer them on No Alibi roads. The cheap tires lasted longer than I expected. So now the Nokians are taking up space. Roy Ward, 425-485-6225, roy.ward@frontier.com.



Washington & British Columbia TSD

- May 11 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC, Bellevue
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- June 2>3 - No Alibi, RASC, Kennewick**
- June 8 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA
- July 13 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC
- July 21 - SnoGit 9 by ORCA
- Aug 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA
- Sept 14 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC
- September 15>16 - Nor'Wester (Lewiston)**
- Oct 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA
- Nov 9 - NWRC Friday Niter by RASC, Bellevue**

Oregon TSD

- May 11- Friday Night Series, Milwaukie
- June 8 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie
- July 6 - Friday Night Series, Milwaukie
- Aug 3 - Friday Niter Series, Milwaukie
- Aug 11 - Mountains to the Sea, Portland
- Sept 8 -Rally Against Parkinson's, Portland
- Sept 14 - Friday Niter Series, Milwaukie
- Oct 5 - Friday Niter Series, Milwaukie
- Oct 6 - Oregon 1000, Wilsonville

Stage events in Pacific NW

- June 9>10 - Idaho Rally, Boise, ID
- June 15>16 - Mountain Trials, B.C
- September 21-23 - Olympus, Shelton

RASC Calendar

- * Make your plans:
- July 27-Aug 12 - The London Summer Olympics
- Aug 27- 30 - Republican National Convention
- Sept 3-7 - Democratic National Convention

Below: Results from the Oregon Friday Niter. Sorry, I couldn't get an article together- MN



Car#	Class	Driver / Navigator	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	RC: A	RC: B	RC: C	RC: D	Total:	Class Position:
3	UNL	Brandon Harer/Jason Webster	58	300	14	37	91	0	0	0	0	500	1
4	MAS	Steven Smith/John Masterman	39	300	300	6	98	0	0	0	0	743	1
13	SOP	Lance Lawton/Trevor Wells	300	300	4	66	101	0	0	0	0	771	1
1	SOP	Zack Grant/Keri Johnson	65	300	300	25	93	0	0	0	0	783	2
11	NOV	Jesse Butterfield/William Stinman	17	300	300	49	133	0	0	0	0	799	1
7	UNL	Marinus Damm/Renee Damm	0	300	300	300	36	0	0	0	0	936	2
15	SOP	John Lehman	291	300	294	5	90	0	0	0	0	980	3
16	NOV	Patrick Lundin	300	300	224	24	300	0	0	0	0	1148	2
2	UNL	Kevin Poinier/Chris Hale	3	300	300	300	300	0	0	0	0	1203	3
5	SOP	Ray Smith/Marcus Gattman	300	11	300	300	300	0	0	0	0	1211	4
9	SOP	Larry Lefebvre/Rick Vonk	300	24	300	300	300	0	0	0	0	1224	5
14	SOP	Blake Harer/Jered Brown	35	300	300	300	300	0	0	0	0	1235	6
12	NOV	Grace Webster/Angelina Butterfield	87	300	300	300	300	0	0	0	0	1287	3
6	LIM	Teresa Davenport/Yulia Smolyansky	209	300	300	300	300	0	0	0	0	1409	1
10	SOP	Greg Ferber/Bill Ferber	276	300	300	300	300	0	0	0	0	1476	7
8	SOP	Cory Piazzese/Rick Koehler	300	300	300	300	300	0	0	0	0	1500	8
17	SOP	Dave Haworth/Matt Jazkowiak	300	300	300	300	300	0	0	0	0	1500	9
18	SOP	Larry Anson/Annette Anson	300	300	300	300	300	0	0	0	0	1500	10

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, May 14, 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 poss, 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: No Alibi update, as well as worker recruitment. With Mountain Trials the week following, will anyone be going to the Idaho Rally? Maybe the stories not-fit-print about OTR.

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