

# The Wishbone Alley Gazette

November, 2014

Rainier Auto Sports Club

## Rally News

\* RASC Friday Niter (October 10) drew 12 cars. Rallymaster Eric Horst wrote a three-checkpoint course that reused one location for CP's 1 & 2.



Eric's dash plaque design was inspired by a July, 1970 all-night TSD put on by the defunct Olympia South Sound Race and Rally (SSRR) club.

\*Oregon 1000 (October 11-12) – 17 entrants, 20 CP's on Saturday, 24 on Sunday. The Damm's won with 34 pts., Teresa Davenport/Marvin Crippen 4<sup>th</sup> (89 pts.), and Steve Richards / Dave Weiman 9<sup>th</sup> O/A, 6<sup>th</sup> in class E.

\*Mt Hood (October 18) – 16 entrants. Forest Road 17 run up-down 6 times. No DNF's!

\* The 2016 Alcan Winter rally may seem a long way off. Jerry is planning a route survey in February to coincide with the Iditarod.

## Club News

\*Rainier Auto Sports Club Meeting Minutes for October 2014 Recorded by Secretary, Diamond Jim Breazeale

Call to Order by The Honorable Overlord Marvin Crippen at 8:03 PDST with 10 members attending.

The reading of the September meeting minutes, recorded by MN, were accepted as read.

The Treasurer reported that we had roughly the same amount of money minus some for Friday Niter expenses.

(Secretary's note: upon readings the minutes as written, I have submitted them in some what better order as opposed to when they occurred during the meeting.)

## RALLY REPORTS-

Friday Niter Rally - The NWRC's Grand Finale, season ending event continues to be the most attended event of the season with 12 cars showing up. Highlights included Eric claiming a new record for least amount of effort expended in writing a rally, coming in at 7 days from maps to FCO. An arbitrary time close to WWV was inadvertently chosen and all the checkpoint clocks were synched to that. An accident along the rally route forced a re-route that resulted in only a 40 second delay. 2 loops made the best of workers and convenient checkpoint locations finishing with pizza at 4 Corners. A

reported loss of \$14.80 on the event after all the dust had settled. Old Timers remarked the Dash Plaques reminded them of the Jabber Wockey events of the 1970s. Eric finished with a big Thank You to all who helped.

The Oregon 1000 rally- Oregon Rally Group's classic event lived up to its reputation with a good mix of twisty paved ribbons and gravel roads, brisk CASTs, with lots of work for the Navigators, up and over the Coast Range, down to the over night in Coos Bay. 16 cars started and finished with the Stokes Rally Team missing the Saturday start due to the preventative replacement of the old fuel pump on the rally Datsun 510 with a new one which promptly failed, necessitating the re-installation of the trusty old one. They arrived in Coos Bay in time for join the group for a lively dinner. Tales from the entrants included missed turns and recoveries, cascading time decs, one minor "off" requiring the cool heads of the cat herding Sweep Crew (Ron Sorem & Jim Breazeale) to engineer the speedy recovery of a rental rally car with the aid of one of the competitor's winch equipped Jeep and a sling through the alloy wheel. Sunday morning's tire warm up drive took them out to the coast allowing enough time to enjoy the crisp air and watch the huge waves crash upon the rocks and listen to the sea lions barking before torturing our necks with more hairpin turns at brisk CASTs for the return to Albany, finishing at the tasty Hungarian Restaurant whose name I have forgotten. Scoring was long and torturous, showing one weakness of the run/ work concept used during the event. Trophies were awarded to the remaining faithful. The Damm's won with a final score of 33 wrung out of time decs.

The Global Rally Cross event- Rainier members Charles and Troy gave a less than charitable review of the event. Lack of enthusiasm from the organizers led to last minutes course construction and an overall less than expected show. Lots of local rally folks staffed the event allowing for some visiting and comparisons. To be re-broadcast on NBC. Charles also notes that Root Sports NW also broadcasts WRC events.

Raindrop Rally- Cristy Breazeale said she would rally master the 2015 event. It was put forth that the 2015 event would be the 2014 route run in reverse direction to honor Ed Rachner. Other members were gracious enough to offer assistance. Tentative date of April 19th being the best date so far, with the course survey done in the late December holidays and delegation of tasks to follow in the new year.

No Alibi Rally- Dan Comden & Marinus Damm have teamed up to Rally Master the 2015 event. June 6th and 7th. They have already been out exploring new roads. "If our city solutions work out, this means some fantastic roads new to the event. We are going to try and negotiate with the Yakima Nation to use Signal Peak Road that provides access to roads that are typically closed to the public. We have not finalized start, overnight, and finish points but cities under consideration include Kennewick, Goldendale, Toppenish, Lyle, Pendleton and the Dalles."

Alcan Winter Rally 2016- the Alcan website has been updated to reflect the details of the winter route to Yellow Knife and beyond. Final scores and stories from the summer event are up as well.

Nor'Wester Rally 2017- A query was proposed to help solidify plans for the choice of a 2 or 3-day event. Noting the history of the event, roads and scheduling are leaning towards more spherical pressure than a normal event. Addendums to the Supps with a nod to the Vogons was raised but hopefully will be forgotten.

Old Business- A new location for the Holiday party was discussed with several members volunteering to check out potential sites.

New Business- Mt Hood Rally next weekend (Oct 18th). Come on down for a nice, compact Saturday event. Should be fun, one road, turnaround stages with decent weather.

Nominations for the election of the RASC 2015 Board off Directors were submitted to President (for Life) Marvin who noted an astounding number of club members willing to be on the ballot. The historical cries of blackmail and violence were again swept under the rug and drowned out with a cough and a motion to adjourn, which was quickly seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM PDST.

Gossip begins promptly. One item of note, ingenious rally guy Curt Thompson is pondering a series of YouTube videos on rallying. He and his Wife/Navigator had a little extra time to discuss this when his new Odo app failed in the middle of wine country on Sunday's leg of the OR1K. They withdrew and went off to explore.

\* RASC Election : Ballots are marked and counted at the November meeting. (Buying votes is frowned upon at this point). The vote is for 4 Board members since the President and Treasurer carry over, to compose the 6-member Board.

The newly appointed Board meets at a secret location to fill the positions. That often includes picking an NWRC representative. Then gloriously announced at the December meeting.

### Trivia

\* Jim and Cristy Breazeale found an air-and-car museum in Hood River, Oregon.  
<http://www.waaamuseum.org>

\* Next checkup for Brian Cary's wrist is on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. He's getting used to being on disability. Not being able to "wrench" his toys has proven frustrating. He was hit by an uninsured motorist.

\* Rod Johnson has put down a deposit for delivery of a new Elio car. The 3-wheeler boasts 84 mpg from a specially designed 3-cylinder motor.  
<http://www.eliomotors.com/#why-elio>

Rod's 96-year-old father passed away on October 22.

\*Tim Chovanak and son Preston volunteered at the Canadian Rocky Mountain stage rally. They worked 6 stages! Tim said they were treated very well, with swag: umbrellas and gift cards good for gas.

Tim's WRX suffered sidewall damage to a tire. He found a tire store open at 8am on Sunday morning (!) and replaced all 4.

\* Frustrated with his '90's era ICOM handy-talkies, Nolte acquired a Yaesu FT-60. One thing may lead to another since punching in 80 memories with fat fingers and tiny buttons brings computerized software entry to mind. Except that it's all Window's based. Now shopping for a one of those, perhaps a used laptop.

### For Sale

\* Two Chronar TSD computers, make offer. (If you know what a Nixie tube is, you will like these-ed).

Make Jeanne an offer.

BMW limited slip rear diff, 3.91 ratio. Fits E36 (325I, 328I,M3). \$250.

\*1984 Subaru BRAT, no rust, mostly unmolested. Blue. \$4250 Jeanne Rachner (425) 481-0604

\* For Sale: Some of you know her as Rocket. She's a 2002 Subaru WRX. She's won most every TSD rally in the NW and she is for sale. The Good: lots of tweaks, spares. The Bad: Leakdown test on cylinder 3 shows a need for a valve job; slightly noisy bearing in the transmission (reported by Smart Service). Crack in the windscreen. Interested? Let's talk. Jeff McMillen:

[Jeff@somepants.com](mailto:Jeff@somepants.com)

**\* For Sale – Need Cash Now**

**1991 Subaru Legacy** 2.2 Turbo Sport Sedan (clone, shell is USA made “L” body, “sunroof delete”)

Five speed manual, Subaru competition clutch and Limited Slip Differential from original Turbo Sedan.

You’ve seen this car on stages at Pacific Forest Rally, Mountain Trials, Doo Wops, Oregon Trail, Olympus, Idaho International, and at TSDs like Raindrop, No Alibi, Totem, Thunderbird, Oregon 1000 and many others.

Car has developed a typical Subaru “old age knock”, most likely rod bearings. Bid on rebuild is over \$2000 installed, at a Subaru shop. DIY for a lot less – just not by me. Needs a new battery. “Might” jump start one more time. Tags expired, needs to be running for Seattle area emissions (passed fine last time). If you think you can undertake this project, offer me \$1000 for the car and second EJ22T motor (louder knock – needs bearings) and ALL the parts, and it’s yours. Bring a trailer...

There is a long list of spares included, from two 1991 and one 1993 Sport Sedans, including drive train components, brakes (ABS and non), axles, open diff, glass, and hood and trunk. (Just about everything that won't fit an Impreza)

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\*1982 Mercedes 300 SD. (Yes, the Turbo diesel). Nice chrome wheels, recent paint job- it’s “taupe”. \$1600, needs suspension work. The car is in Washington. Got 30 mpg from La Vegas to Vashon Island. Jerry Hines (206) 227-6343

\* For Sale: Kenwood TR7800 2-meter radio with installed Communications Specialist CTCSS tone box. Everything works, tones, memories, mic., power cord. Handsome mid-1980s radio, with LED display. Make Offer. Roy Ward 425-485-6225 [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com)

\* Uniden BCT-7 radio scanner. Pre-programmed for police, fire, state patrolies. NOT Trunking or P25. Includes DC power cord, mounting bracket, inside-the-windshield antenna. \$30.00 [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com)

For Sale: New-in Box Baofung dual-band 2 meter/440 handi-talkie, 5W output. Comes with wall charger and desk charger, so if your wall or desk need charging, well, here you go. Impulse buy from eBay for \$43.50, will sell for \$40.00. Roy Ward 425-485-6225 [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com)

Motorola Maratrac VHF 99 channel 100-watt trunk-mount two-way radio. Ham radio repeater frequencies programmed in for most of Washington State. Some WSP (receive only) frequencies. Complete with main body (trunk mount unit), control head, speaker, mic, and control cable. No valley too deep, this radio bores holes through mountains. \$100. Roy Ward, (425) 485-6225. [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com).

**RASC Calendar**

Ron Sorem is assembling his 2015 calendar. Issue 1 is out.

Washington & British Columbia TSD

Nov 22/23 – Totem, Cache Creek, B.C. \$160, Overnight at Williams Lake.

NW Stage rallies

Dec. 6/7 – Big White Winter rally, Kelowna, B.C

**Rainier Auto Sports Club** will meet this coming Monday, November 10 at 8 PM at Café Veloce (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: The Election. Plans for the December "event", too.

**2014 Board Members:**

President: Marvin Crippen, [mandos@gmail.com](mailto:mandos@gmail.com)

Vice-President: Steve Richards, [smrdatman@comcast.net](mailto:smrdatman@comcast.net)

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