

Rally News

* The survey for the 2016 Alcan will be completed by time you read this. The Volvo XC has been trouble-free -by Alcan standards. Jerry Hines and Paul Oskamp will fly home, while Steve Perret and Kathryn Hansen will stay on to help with the Iditarod.

* The February 7-8 Thunderbird rally garnered 37 entrants. Instead of the delightful ice- and snow-covered roads, most of the rally sections were covered in slippery, gloppy mud.

Old guys (and proud of it) Jim Bowie/ Tom Burgess won, with 28 points, in the splendid '96 "555" Subaru STi. Second overall was Marinus Damm/ Brandon Harer with 33 points over the 57 scored checkpoints.

Other RASC members didn't do so well. Brian Cary teamed up with William McRae for 30th. The teams of Teresa Davenport/ Marvin Crippen and Simon Levear/ Renee Damm DNF'd with engine troubles.

Rallymaster Paul Westwick welcomed experienced checkpoint workers from south-of-the-border, and had more worker teams than he had planned on.

* John Forespring passed away February 15. He was chairman of many stage rallies since the '80's, as well as mentoring organizers, rally teams and sponsors almost from the start of closed-road rallies. While a funeral is scheduled in Toledo for March 14, another memorial will be arranged for his huge "rally family" at a later date.

* First call for HAMs has gone out from Oregon Trail (April 24-25). brienmorris@yahoo.com is heading up the communications team.

Club News

* Rainier Auto Sports Club meeting minutes for February 9th, 2015

Called to Order by President Marvin Crippen at 8:08 pm, sparing the new Vice President the honor. 12 members attending, 10 veterans and 2 new. Introductions of new members: Richard and Dolores Ranhofer and their Porsche Cayenne "Otis", who joined electronically and paid successfully via Paypal.

The Clubs Secretary's reading of January's meeting minutes was accepted as read.

Madam Treasurer reports a current balance of \$4865.77 with the annual P.O. box renewal fee owing.

RALLY REPORTS-

Raindrop Rally- Dash plaques have been ordered, rain gauges purchased and enthusiastic approval of route by Jeanne Rachner was given. Registration details were bandied about. RM Cristy said the final survey run was next weekend.

No Alibi Rally- via the email of Dan Comden. The start and over night locations are in Kennewick, WA. with the finish in Lyle, WA. Look it up. The Grillmaster's BBQ is on the menu.

Friday Niter Rally- October 9th, first call for volunteers, both workers and Rally Master.

Alcan Winter Rally- Jerry and his veteran survey crew leaves next week to nail down details and preview route options. A strong and still growing entry list now stands at 27.

Nor'Wester 2017- Roy reported more fine tuning conversation with the marketing man. Clothing suggestions included embroidered Golf/Polo shirts and "Boonie" style sun/rain hats. The ladies in attendance approved. Ron's order of business cards and t-shirts have not yet arrived. Event flyers were being readied for distribution at the up-coming T-Bird. Information on the flyers included the Raindrop and No Alibi events and the Facebook and web links. Survey results were not announced. Logistical details were parsed with checkpoint workers time on site and road complaints adding to the possible limit of 60 entries.

NWRC report was rehashed with multiple announcements for worker crews for the March and June NWRC events. Suggestions received from club members for the new NWRC website RASC placeholder. The club will forward the details when the new webpage appears.

Old Business- None was brought forth.

New Business- 1st call for April's Raindrop Rally.

Thunderbird Rally- Marvin's report of last weekend's event started with "Summer ditches with Winter plowing" resulting in multiple offs. He and Teresa Davenport's event was cut short due to her BMW 320ix "Trixie" developing a plumbing problem. Well-seasoned, veteran competitors and multiple winners Jim Bowie and Tom Burgess won with a score of 28.

Ron reported a fun event with epic and heroic driving, nice weather and good competition. Many teams were wearing huge smiles. There were more worker teams (12) than entries at some events. Not all worker teams had radios and that along with a lack of worker car descriptions made keeping track of everyone challenging. Scoring went pretty quick with many check point crews transcribing scoring logs to USB memory sticks allowing for quicker data entry.

Roy's side conversation brainstormed an idea of going straight from the digital clock to USB stick. One sad note, several LED light bars were stolen and the hat was passed around to help ease the financial pains incurred.

With no other news, motion to Adjourn was seconded and the meeting closed at 8:52 pm.

Gossip and real news begins with a rehash of old jokes and ideas including event ads in other car club publications and even real magazines. Anecdotal evidence regarding event attendance increases with physical flyers being displayed in appropriate places.

The new members warmed to the group telling us stories and future plans out in the parking lot.

Trivia

* Rod and Phyllis Johnson escaped the cold Issaquah winter to fly to El Paso to look at property his Dad owned. Then through Arizona for another property. He wasn't impressed with either the weather or the properties.

* Costco featured LED shop lights in the February coupon book at \$32. Pallets of the lights were gone within hours of arriving at the warehouses.

For Sale

*2001 BMW 330ix. Silver, black interior. automatic transmission, 18" wheels. Recent head work and revamp to sell at \$4500. Car is near San Diego, CA. Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343

*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

* **Gotta get this gone – Now \$500!** –'91 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 **\$500** 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)

RonSorem @ gmail dot com. 206.954.3173

* **Diamond Jim's 1990 Audi 90 Quattro 20 valve.** Built for the 2014 Winter Alcan. You've seen it everywhere. ALL the major maintenance items have been done. Comes with a literal ton of spares including another complete engine, 2 more sets of tires and wheels, way too much to list. Buy it and drive anywhere. Sanity forces sale.

Exclusive RASC member price \$5000, all others \$3500 firm. blackholeracing@yahoo.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

* 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. Make offer. Roy Ward, (425) 485-6225.
roy.ward@frontier.com.

*Brian Cary bought snow tires for Thunderbird. They came on Ford Focus 15" (4x108 mm bolt pattern) **alloy wheels**. The wheels are for sale for \$200, or make-an-offer. 425-445-7195

RASC Calendar

No changes this month. The only date conflict was the MG Car Club's "Tulip" gimmick rally vs. the BC "Spring Thaw" classic rally vs. Oregon Trail stage rally, all over the April 25 weekend.

> Thanks to Ron Sorem for compiling a big list from which events of interest to RASC members are picked.

> Other Events:

March 7 –Mike & Key radio club HAM fest and flea market, Puyallup

April 12 – Mendocino Gold, TSD, Ukiah, CA

Classic Car Rallies

Apr 24-26 - Hagerty Spring Thaw Classic, Vancouver B.C.

May 15 -17 – Hagerty Silver Summit Classic, Denver, CO

May 29-31 – Rush to Gold Bridge, Vancouver B.C.

May 29-31 – Cascade Classic, Carson, WA

July 23-26 - Monte Shelton Classic

Oct. 12 – Sea to Sky, Vancouver, B.C.

Washington & British Columbia TSD

March 13 – NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC

April 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

April 18 – Spring Novice Rally, Mission, B.C.

April 19 – Raindrop, RASC, Rallymaster: Jim & Cristy Breazeale

May 8 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

Jun 6-7 – No Alibi, RASC

June 12 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

July 10 - NWRC Friday Niter by NWRC

Aug 14 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC

Sept 11 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, March 9, 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 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: By now, most dues have been collected. More Raindrop news, with assignments. Signup to work the RASC checkpoint on the Friday Niter this coming Friday.

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Oct. 9 - NWRC Friday Niter by RASC

Nov 14-15 – Totem, B.C.

Oregon TSD

March 6 – Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

April 3 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

May 1 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

June 12- Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

July 10- Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

Aug 1-2 - The Road Not Taken

Aug 7 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

Aug 15 – Mountains To The Sea, Portland

Sept 11 - Friday Night Road Rally, CSCC, Milwaukie

NW Stage rallies

April 24-26 – Oregon Trail, Hood River, OR

May 15-17 – Olympus, Shelton, WA

June 13-14 – Idaho Rally, Boise, MT

Oct 2-3 – Pacific Forest Rally, Merritt,