

# The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

## Rally News

\* No Alibi (June 4-5) – by Mark Nolte  
The annual two-day adventure was successful.



**Old and new along the Sunday route**

Saturday was 221 miles, 89 of them on the TSD' sections. Sunday was 183 miles, 115 on TSD's. For the weekend, that's 374 miles, with 54% of the twelve hours spent in scored sections. With 55 checkpoints, that works out to a checkpoint about every 6 minutes.

The entry of 20 cars was 10 Unlimited, 5 Equipped, 3 SOP and 2 Novices.

While Mark Nolte was "rallymaster" (RM), the help and advice (sometimes gently) of experienced people is where the power lay- Marvin Crippen composed the Sunday route out of past events; it was delivered with few changes. Then he and Eric Horst did the official checkout to verify the route instructions with useful adjustments. Then Marvin processed all that into checkpoint times that were more precise than the RM was capable of. Eric also did Registration, web stuff, and the worker maps.

Ron Sorem had barely recovered from Olympus duties when he took pity on the whimpering RM and accepted the onerous job of planning the checkpoint crew movement. The RM expected maybe 48 CP's; Ron orchestrated 55!

Where it went: Colville got ruled out early when the date was opposite high school graduation in the small town. The Dayton area was surveyed and new roads were under snow. Ignoring wise advise to just redo something from previous No Alibi's, the search led to revisiting roads SE of Waitsburg to cross Hwy 12 at Dixie. A combination of roads staying in the eastern foothills avoided Walla Walla to end up with a gas/lunch stop in Milton-Freewater (Oregon).

The most memorable drive followed, Linton Mountain. Rolling through treeless, green fields to end at Hwy 204. The route headed east, first to Weston, then an endless series of farming area

section line roads. That was a TSD that took about as long as a transit on paved roads.

The final TSD went "over the hill" with windmills, using the Hartle and Wallula roads of previous No Alibi's.

Saturday night's dinner once again used Grillmaster's venue. Perfect for us; not a sit-down dinner, but poolside where everyone roamed and chatted. Speaking of poolside, I noted a lot of sore feet soaking.

Sunday's route covered the Horse Heaven hills pretty thoroughly. The 9am start led to a long, somewhat section-line route north of Benton City. That led to rather early 20-minute stop near Prosser, and the only gas stations to be seen for the day.

Once on the high plain, more gravel section-line roads, with a few shallow gullies. The rally worked its way across toward Bickleton, with its power windmills becoming more and more prominent. Bickleton has long been famous for bluebirds, emphasized by birdhouses attached to fence posts.

The lunch stop at the Market Café seemed to be timed just right at 30-minutes. We expedited food delivery by setting up pre-ordering. The small store opened just for the rally. The Ranhofers received the requests, tabulated them, and the boxes were labeled with car number, driver or navigator.

Then northward for more of those long-distance views.

The rally finished at a Prosser City park, since there isn't much "of anyplace else". Well-traveled snacks and iced beverages seemed to be sufficient.



**The Breazeales tried hard to hide the red Volkswagen.**

The 16 reviews are helpful for future planning. The expected frustration with measurement, and the lack of hard references. Slowing, as the rally passed farms, with soft mileages, will never be

popular. Surprisingly, nearly all reviews judged the speeds "Just Right".

"We missed having hidden checkpoints", "No km for us Canadians", "Need a little more stops for bathroom break", "Rental car was not accurate with speed & mileage", "The Red Lion chain must be the only motel without a breakfast bar." "Too much radio chatter"

The rallymaster's biggest regret was not introducing the checkpoint crews at the dinner. There were 12 crews. Their universal, repeated, complaint? "We want to hide!". Even as I paced the rally, I couldn't help but look for likely hidden checkpoint locations.

Better Late than never:

Gary Webb/ &Pete Schneider – green Impreza  
Ken & Sue Lingbloom – black Prius  
Kim & Cristy Breazeale - red VW  
Ron Sorem – silver Impreza  
Rod & Phyllis Johnson – bronze Subaru Legacy  
Steve Perret & Kathryn Hansen – silver

Impreza

Steve Brown & Ben Bonkowski –mint Volvo  
Andy Newell & Jesse Hires –big black pickup  
Marvin Crippen & Jessica Fleener – mint

Forester

Eric Horst & Kevin Tower- black VW  
Richard & Delores Ranhofer – brown Porsche

Cayenne

Eric Hobbs & Ben Thompson – big white PU  
Thanks to Bill Walsh for rally checkout; not able to attend the rally.

Cristy Breazeale noted 136° while sitting at a sunbaked spot, and open windows attracted flies. The car got cleaned with compressed air on Monday. Kathryn Hansen noted humidity was 14% at one spot. Asked how his weekend went, Steve Brown launched into praise of getting ice cream at Bickleton. Adding that a few teams had figured out that RASC has no balking penalty.

Glass bar glasses were etched by McNamara Signs when the "appropriate" wine glasses tested breakable. Trophy winners: Marinus & Renee Damm got just 36 points to win it all. Simon Levear/Brandon Harer were 2<sup>nd</sup> with 43 pts. Derek Mitchell/ Pat Biggar 3<sup>rd</sup> at 50 pts. 4<sup>th</sup> Unlimited to Paul Eklund /Yulia Smolyansky, 52 pts. The spread across the top 5 was 22 seconds.

In Equipped class, Larry LeFebvre / Bill Colisch won, with 82 points (8<sup>th</sup> Overall). Jason & Vanessa Stokes were 2<sup>nd</sup>, with 121 pts.

Seat-of-Pants (SOP) trophy to Alex Neely / Tiffany McDonald, 321 pts. 2<sup>nd</sup> place, with 615 pts. to Joel McLaughlin /Shawn Wilcox. In a rented SUV.

Top Novice was YZ & SD, 169 points, 12<sup>th</sup> overall.

Detail scores are at <http://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2016/noali/bi/default.htm>

It was a great weekend. -MN

\* Jerry is already has 35 entries for the 2018 Alcan Summer (August 20-28) rally.

\* Stage rallies: Olympus (May 14-15) went great, with new stages praised. A long, long stage had the teams weary and exhausted, but happy.

Two interesting incidents: a car rolled off the road into a water-filled ditch. The team struggled to exit before the car filled with water. Scary. Another incident ended with a car "parked" vertical against a tree. That one ended with the car lowered to the ground. After looking it over, they jumped in and continued.

RASC members were there: The Breazeales, Steve Perret/Kathryn Hansen, Troy Jorgensen, and Ron Sorem.

\* Instead of "Wild West", the "DooWop" name will be revived for the September 24 stage rally. Green Diamond allows road use just twice a year.

## **Club News**

\* RASC Meeting Minutes recorded May 9th, 2016 by substitute Secretary Diamond Jim Breazeale.

The Call to Order by Hizzoner Roy Ward at 19:39 with 12 members in attendance.

The previous month's minutes read by DJ were accepted with an amendment by RDS to change the wording of car numbers to route books.

Treasure's Report - Madam treasurer reported a balance of \$3,782.14. The NWRC annual insurance (\$1,099.00) was paid.

### **RALLY REPORTS -**

**RAINDROP RALLY** - Diamond Jim gave a long-winded recap of the rather nice Sunday drive. Competitor evaluations were 90% favorable.

**NO ALIBI RALLY** - RM Mark Nolte presented details on lunch costs and plans, wine grapes artwork on the logo, engraved glasses for trophies and an early finish on Saturday. 16 entries so far with the social media blitz to commence.

**GARMINA SHRUGS RALLY** - RM Steve Richards presented details on his GPS Rally. \$20 entry fee, 30 possible waypoints and no car numbers. Previous potential scheduling conflicts for the RM have been resolved.

**NOR' WESTER 2017**- No rally updates offered.

## OLD BUSINESS -

Nevada member Jerry Hines supports the RASC Board decisions on legal document record keeping.

Oregon Trail Rally report by Ron Sorem included nice reviews on the new roads (suitable for a TSD), classic OTR conditions, hot and dusty. 42 entries enjoying the lush spring countryside.

## NEW BUSINESS -

Cascade Classic Rally entrant looking for a driver. Arrive and drive, free entry on the weekend before No Alibi.

No Alibi entrant looking for a Navigator.

NWRC Friday Niter this weekend will be a Monte Carlo format.

Olympus Rally still needs HAM Radio operators. Rally HQ at the Little Creek Casino and Service at the Ridge Motorsports Park. Group B cars on display.

Motion to Adjourn seconded by a chorus and gavelled to a close at 20:28. Gossip and hilarity ensues.

\* Preliminary budget review of No Alibi indicates the rally didn't lose money. Whatever profits will ensure sufficient funds for RASC activities. The hard part: getting people to report their expenses, "I'll donate that to the club".

## Trivia

\* "Otis", the Ranhofers Porsche Cayenne lit up its oil light on the way home from No Alibi. Lacking a dipstick, Richard added a quart of oil. Then it switched to an "oil overfilled" light.

\* Brian Cary, when asked how he carefully selected his rental car for No Alibi weekend, says he walked in and asked "Whatcha got?"

## For Sale/Wanted

\*New lower price! **2001 BMW 330ix**. Silver, black interior. automatic transmission, 18" wheels. Recent head work and revamp to sell at \$3600. Car is near San Diego, CA. Jerry Hines, 206-227-6343

\*FOR SAIL: TIRES! 4 Primewell (who?) Valera Sport AS tires, size 225/50R17. First \$10.00 takes. Or whatever. Roy Ward, [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com) (clever, huh?), 425-485-6225.

**FREE:** Besides the price, they are FREE RANGE! And Organic! Due to an unfortunate slip of the keyboard, I find I have a rather embarrassing surplus of....lug nuts. Chrome, Acorn style lugnuts. Brand new, in packages of 4 each, these are Dorman 711-309 12x1.5mm lug nuts. 9 (yes, nine!) packages of 4 each. Any takers? See Roy Ward, [roy.ward@frontier.com](mailto:roy.ward@frontier.com)

\* **1993 Legacy Super Sport** turbo sedan (Rare-maybe one of 25 imported). Burgundy, 5-speed, 153,000 miles. Set up for TSD with wiring and goodies. "Alcan proven". \$5000 (UPDATE: Steve said to change it to "Make me an insulting offer") Car is fine, just running out of parking spots. Steve Brown, 206-954-4267

\* 15" Subaru alloys with **Silverstone 185/65-15 S-525** tires. 4 tires (2xL and 2xR) have about 11/32 tread left on them. The other 2 are "spares", one has 6/32 and the other is 9/32. Make me a reasonable offer. The newer tires were \$150 new from Tabor Rally Team. Rims were \$50/each from Gundies. Max Vaysburd  
[max@angrykitten.com](mailto:max@angrykitten.com)

## RASC Calendar

*Not of the rally world: The Republican Convention is July 18>21 in Cleveland, followed by the Democratic Convention, July 25-28 in Philadelphia. August 5>21: Olympics from Rio.*

### Washington, Oregon, British Columbia TSD

The Oregon Friday Niters are the first Friday each month, except for June (not to conflict with No Alibi, and September to avoid the Labor Day holiday. The season is March to September.

The NWRC Friday Niters are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday night of each month, March to October. When a club doesn't volunteer to hold a rally, the NWRC chair puts it together, with volunteer workers supplied by each club- this year in March, June, and August.

June 10 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by NWRC

June 10 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter,

Milwaukie, OR (Moved away from No Alibi)

July 1 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter,

Milwaukie, OR

July 8 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by ORCA

**July 24 - "Garmina Shrugs: A GPS rally",**

**gimmick, Bellevue, WA, RASC**

Aug 5 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter,

Milwaukie, OR

Aug 6 - Mountains to the Sea, Portland, OR

Aug 12 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by NWRC

Sept 9 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by FOOTZ

Sept 9 - Cascade Sports Car Club Friday Niter,

Milwaukie, OR (Moved to avoid Labor Day)

**Oct 14 - NWRC Friday Niter, Bellevue, WA, by RASC**

Oct 22 - possible touring TSD by ORCA

November ? - Totem, B.C.

### NW Stage rallies

July 9-10 - Mendocino, Ukiah, CA

Sept 24 - Doo Wop, Montesano, WA

Sept 30-Oct 1 - Pacific Forest, Merritt, B.C.

Oct? - Hood River, Oregon

Nov 12-13 - Radium Hot Springs, Alberta

Dec - Big White, Kelowna, B.C.

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**Rainier Auto Sports Club** will meet this coming Monday, June 13 at 7:30 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: No Alibi stories. A lot of RASC people were at Olympus.

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