

The Wishbone Alley Gazette
February, 2007 **Rainier Auto Sports Club**

Rally News

* NorthWest Rally Council met January 6. The Friday Niter series lasts from March to October. Friday Niter entry fee goes to \$20, with \$5 discount for NWRC club members.

Dates for rallies were set.

Much discussion about attracting and retaining Friday Niter entrants. Tom Palidar presented a chart showing how attendance has dropped over the years.

Best idea is to assign a mentor to newbies, probably at Registration. The Mentor would try to make sure the newbie enjoys the event and understands the Generals and how things work.

Two items were referred to the Generals Committee: "BR, BL" are not defined in the Generals. RASC has submitted proposals for dealing with transgressions best termed "unsportsmanlike conduct".

* New club! Prince George, B.C.: "Team Get Real Rally started the year with the hopes of winning the P4 Championship. It came down to the last Stage Rally of the year but the team has accomplished it's goal and is proud to be the 2006 Western Canadian P4 Champions.

"Get Real Rally is going to hold a TSD Rally called Howl at the Moon May 19, 2007 and a practice day for Stage Rally on May 20th called the introduction to the Northern Explosion. The roads being used for the all night TSD Rally are the same roads we plan on using for a Stage Rally.

"Come on out and have a great time and check out just how incredible Northern British Columbia is to rally"- Get Real Rally President John Geelen

* Travis Pastrama will take his talents to 3 WRC events, courtesy of Subaru. He'll compete with the international guys at Mexico, Argentina, and Great Britain.

* 2008 Winter Alcan (Feb 18-26) is up to 31 entrants. <http://www.alcan5000.com/>

* BC's Thunderbird Rally (Feb 17-18) lists 34 entrants, roughly half from south of the border. Four RASC teams are entered. Also notable is Tom Burgess, who's been running since the 70's.

Club News

* Dues are \$25USD for an individual and \$30USD for a family membership. Checks may be mailed to the club address:

Rainier Auto Sports Club,
P.O. Box 852,
Kirkland, WA 98134

Or handed to Treasurer Steve Willey at the February club meeting.

Since RASC's NWRC dues are based on membership numbers, this has to be settled by March.

Trivia

* Vince Plancich was awarded the "Eddie Vanetti" award as the "SOVREN Crewman of the Year for 2006". This was presented to him at the SOVREN awards banquet.

Although Vince has been around racing for decades, he has been crewing for Ed Millman (Cortina #55) for 10+ years. Pit crewmen tend to stay close to their car; getting recognition from the rest of the racers is really something. Congratulations!

* Mike Jones put a lighter (14# vs 23#) flywheel on his Subaru 2.5 RS. He reports no hp gain, just "nicely different". He didn't expect more drivetrain noise, but that was a result, requiring turning up the radio one notch. He says that Subaru deals with complaints of drivetrain noise by fitting a 27# flywheel!

* The December 14 windstorm has yielded some stories. Surrounded by tall trees, the Jones' stayed at a motel (power out for 5 days). Mark Nolte was out of power for 5 days, but delighted to discover that the gas range would still work with matches to light it up. Steve Richards was out for 18 hours, but found comfort in a sleeping bag in his car, in the garage.

From high on the Kirkland hill, Jerry Hines watched the power come on, one north-south "strip" at a time.

* The Mike & Key HAM club has announced March 10 for their annual Electronic's show and Flea market. Same place- the Puyallup Fairgrounds (and probably some of the same stuff).

For Sale

* Wheels: Two Audi 4000 (circa '87?), no rubber. \$75 (clear out the garage price) Four Audi Quattro/V8, 15x7-1/2" \$160. Pearl white from about 1993) Jerry Hines 425-823-6343

* Wine Merchant: Colleen Hines is working at Village Wines in downtown Woodinville at 14545 148th Ave. NE, #211. Phone her at 425-485-3536 if you are looking for wine.

Wanted

* Portable generator capable of keeping the refrigerator and computer running during PSE power outages. Mark Nolte, 425-226-3155 or mnolte@blarg.net.

2007 RASC Calendar

Compiled courtesy of Ron Sorem as of 1/28/07.

Events more than one day's travel not included (Alberta and California, for instance). The road races at Bremerton and Kent are not listed.

Of note: Golden West isn't in northern Cal this year. A new club in Prince George, B.C. has two events. Ireland has it's own WRC rally. There's a shortage of the traditional Sunday afternoon rallies in Puget Sound.

Events listed as "to be named" all have a story, but none fit to print.

Other Events of Note:

May 5-12- One Lap of America, (Car & Driver)

Jun 7-10- Annie & Steve Norman Classic Motorcar Rally, Victoria. BC

Jun 22-24- Columbia Gorge Classic Rally by Columbia Gorge MGA Club, Portland OR

Jun 30-Jul 14- Great Race (Concord NC to Irving TX to Orange County CA)

Aug 9-12- Monte Shelton North West Classic Motorcar Rally, Portland OR

Aug 25-26- National ProSolo Tour, Hampton Mills, (worker info), Packwood WA

Sep 8-15- Targa Newfoundland, Tarmac Rally, St. John's Newfoundland

Sep 29-30- Maryhill Loops Hillclimb, (SOVREN invitational event), Goldendale WA

Nov 8-12- Laughlin Motorsport Festival, Laughlin NV (Laughlin Motorsports Festival is a multi-venue event with overlapping schedules)

World Rally Cup (FIA WRC) 16 events

Jan 18-21- Rallye Automobile Monte Carlo

Feb 9-11- Uddeholm Swedish Rally, Karlstad

Feb 16-18- Norway, Lillehammer

Mar 9-11- Corona Rally México, Leon/Guanajuato

Mar 30-Apr 1- Rally Portugal, Faro

May 4-6- Rally Argentina, Cordoba

May 18-20- Rally Italia - Sardinia,

Jun 1-3- Acropolis Rally of Greece, Athens

Aug 2-5 - Neste Rally Finland, Jyvaskyla

Aug 17-19- OMV ADAC Rallye Deutschland,

Aug 31-Sep 2- Rally New Zealand, Auckland

Oct 5-7 - Rallye de France, Tour de Corse, Ajaccio

Oct 12-14- Rally de España -- Catalunya, Salou

Oct 26-28- Rally Japan, Hokkaido

Nov 16-18- Rally Ireland, Enniskillen

Nov 30-Dec 2- Wales Rally Great Britain, Cardiff

Rally America National stage events

Jan 26-27- Sno*Drift, Atlanta MI

Feb 23-24- Rally in the 100 Acre Wood, Salem MO

Apr 20-22- Oregon Trail, Hillsboro OR

Jun 2-3- Susquehannoc Trail, Wellsboro PA

Jul 13-14- New England Forest Rally, Bethel ME

Aug 24-25- Ojibwe Forests Rally, Bemidji MN

Sep 22-23- Colorado Rally, Steamboat Springs CO

Oct 26-27- Lake Superior Rally, Houghton MI

Rally America on ESPN2 Television Schedule

May 11- 5:30EST Sno*Drift & 100 Acre Wood

May 31 6:00EST Oregon Trail & Olympus

Aug 2- 4:30EST STPR & X Games preview

Sept 6 - 6:00EST NE Forest & Ojibwe Forest

Nov 20 - 6:00EST Colorado & LSPR

NASA National stage events

Mar 16-17- Cherokee Trails, Chattanooga TN

Mar 30-31- Rally New York USA, Monticello NY

Apr 27-28- Rim of the World Rally, Lancaster CA

May 5- Rally Tennessee, Linden TN

Jun 16- (name TBA) Tarmac Stage Rally (Mountain Home) Bruneau ID

Sep 1-2- Rally Tennessee, Linden TN

Sep 7-8- Rally New York, Monticello NY

Oct 5-6- Prescott Rally, Prescott AZ

Nov 8-12- Laughlin Rally, Laughlin NV

NW Rallycrosses (rallycross has a class for everyone)

Feb 10-11- Snow Cross, Northwest RallyX on Snow, Deer Park, WA

Feb 11- Rally Cross on Ice #2, (Barnes Lake), Ashcroft / Cache Creek, BC

Feb 17- PRG RallyX North, Location TBA WA

Mar 17- PRG RallyX at the ORV, "St. Patty's Day RallyX" McCleary, WA

Mar 23-25- Performance & Rally School w/RallyX, Washington County Fairgrounds, Hillsboro OR

Mar 25- ORG Rally Cross #1, Washington County Fairgrounds, Hillsboro OR

Apr 14- Primitive Rallycross and School, Hoquiam WA

Apr 28-29- RallyX & Sprints at the ORV, "Dragonfly RallyX", McCleary WA

May 6- ORG RallyX #2,

Jun 10- ORG RallyX #3,

Jun 17- PRG RallyX North

Jun 30-Jul 1- RallyX and Sprints at the ORV, "Summer Fun RallyX", McCleary WA

Jul 1 or 15- ORG RallyX #4

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Jul 21-22- "Brooklyn Bash Rallycross" by Team Vanquish, Brooklyn WA

Aug 19- ORG RallyX #5

Aug 25- PRG RallyX at the ORV: "Whodunit RallyX" McCleary WA

Sep 16- ORG RallyX #6

Sep 21-23- Performance Rally Driving School w/RallyX, Portland, OR

Sep 23- "Churn and Turn" Primitive Rallycross

Sep 29- PRG RallyX at the ORV, "FallBack RallyX", McCleary WA

Oct 20- PRG RallyX at the ORV, "HarvestFest RallyX ", McCleary WA
Oct 28- ORG Rally Cross #7,
Nov 10- PRG RallyX

NW STAGE RALLY

Feb 24-25- "Doo Wop"s by Team Vanquish (PRG) Aberdeen, WA
April 20-22- Oregon Trail, Rally America Nat'l, Hillsboro, OR
May 18-20- Olympus International Rally (PRG) (X-Games Qualifier), Shelton, WA
Jun 8-10- Performance Rally Driving School Washington County Fairgrounds, Hillsboro OR
Jun 15-16- Mountain Trials, BC Regional Stage Rally, WCRA, Merritt, BC
Jul?? - "Unnamed new stage event" ORG, central Oregon
Aug 3-5- Performance Rally Driving School, Straddleline ORV Park, McCleary WA
Aug 4- Ray's Rambler Rally Sprint /PRG Rally Worker's Sprint Party, Montesano, WA
Aug 5- Janice's Jaunt Rally Sprint / PRG Worker's Sprint Party, Montesano, WA
Aug 19- Performance Driving School, Hood River, OR
Sep 1- Northern Explosion, Prince George Regional Stage Rally, by GRRS, Prince George, BC
Sep 28-30- Wild West Rally (PRG) Shelton, WA
Oct 13- Mt Hood Rally, (ORG) regional, Odell, OR
Oct 19-20- Pacific Forest Rally, CARS National Stage Rally, Merritt, BC
Dec 8 - Year End Rally Party and Awards, PRG

Hillclimbs, (yes there is a Northwest Hillclimb series)

May 18-20- Knox Mountain Hillclimb, Kelowna BC
Jun 23-24- Freezeout Hillclimb, Emmett ID
Jul 7-8- Cascade Lakes Hillclimb, Ashland OR
Jul 14-15- Larison Rock Hillclimb, Oakridge OR
Jul 21- Pikes Peak Int'l Hill Climb (with rally car class), Colorado Springs CO
Aug 4-5- Bible Creek Hillclimb, Wilemina OR
Aug 18-19- Black Otter Hillclimb, Billings MT
Sep 1-2 - Bogus Basin Hillclimb, Boise ID
Sep 8-9 - Teton Hillclimb, Teton WY
Sep 22-23- Whitebird Hillclimb, White Bird ID

Oregon TSD

Feb 10- Geargrinders Rallymaster Seminar, Cascade Sports Car Club, Tigard OR
Mar 10- Geargrinders TSD Rally School-Cascade Sports Car Club-Tigard Water Building
Mar 16- Friday Night Road Rally, Cascade Friday Nighter Series, Portland OR
Apr 27- Friday Night Road Rally, Cascade Friday Nighter Series, Portland OR

May 25- Friday Night Road Rally, Cascade Friday Nighter Series, Portland OR
Jun 15- Friday Night Road Rally, Cascade Friday Nighter Series, Portland OR
Jun 30- Grand Prix Imports Rally Against Parkinson's SCCA Reg'l Tour, Portland OR
Jul 20- Friday Night Road Rally, Cascade Friday Nighter Series, Portland OR
Aug 25-26- Rose City Challenge, SCCA National Road Rally
Aug 17- Friday Night Road Rally, Cascade Friday Nighter Series, Portland OR
Aug 18- Mountains To Sea, Cascade Touring TSD
Sep 21- Friday Night Road Rally, Cascade Friday Nighter Series, Portland OR
Oct 19- Friday Night Road Rally, Cascade Friday Nighter Series, Portland OR
Oct 27- Ghouls Gambol 41, Cascade Halloween TSD, Portland OR

Washington & British Columbia TSD EVENTS

Feb 17-18- Thunderbird 2007, BC Regional TSD Winter Rally WCRA, Merritt, BC
Mar 9- Friday Nighter by PSRC, Bellevue WA
Apr 1- Flapdoodle Express, Chuckanut SCC, gimmick rally, Bellingham WA
Apr 13- Friday Nighter by ORCA, Bellevue WA
Apr 15- Raindrop by RASC, location TBA WA
Apr 22- City Rally XXVII by Corvettes de Olympia, SouthPugetSoundCC Olympia WA
Apr 28- Heart of Darkness by WCRA, B.C.
May 5- ORCA TSD Rally School, (Olympic Rally Competition Association), Location TBA WA
May 11- Friday Nighter by ORCA, Bellevue WA
May 12- Coast to Coast, Vancouver Island
May 20- "Howl at the Moon" (Travel Sat, Rally Sun, Travel Mon Holiday) GRRS, Prince George, BC

Jun 2-3- No Alibi by RASC, Wenatchee-Colville-Wenatchee WA

Jun 8- Friday Nighter by NWRC, Bellevue WA
Jul 13- Friday Nighter by ORCA, Bellevue WA
Jul 21- Sno-git, by ORCA, Marysville WA
Jul 29- gimmick rally, PSRC, location TBA WA
Aug 10- Friday Nighter by ORCA, Bellevue WA
Aug 18-19- Gold Digger by WCRA, B.C.
Sep 7-9 /or 14-16, Nor'Wester 2007 by RASC, Chehalis
Sep 14- Friday Nighter by NWRC, Bellevue WA
Sep 28-30- "The rally formerly known as Port Orford" SCCA Regional Tour, OR
Oct 6- Night on Bald Mountain by ORCA, WA
Oct 12- Friday Nighter by RASC, Bellevue WA
Oct 27- Midnight, Vancouver Island, B.C.
Nov 3- (un-named) TSD by Chuckanut SCC, Bellingham WA
Nov 17-18- Totem, by WCRA, Merritt, B.C.

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, February 12 at 7:30 PM at Café Veloce at the Totem Lake shopping center. Best way I can think of to get there is 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 the second Monday of each month. Past Members, visitors, and spectators are welcomed.

Agenda: Steve Willey may be naming names as he tries to collect dues. There are 5-6 cars making plans to journey into the wintry heart of British Columbia for the Thunderbird Rally. Time is running out for putting Raindrop together for April 15. Some Board decisions may be trotted out for approval by members present.

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