

Rally News

*Raindrop (April 17) checkout went well on April 3. Well, there was excitement when a road was impassible with snow, but that is the last snow for the year.

Rallymaster Robert Gobright laid out a 6-hour rally when the calcs were done; he's saying 190 miles, so the averages will be more than the 35 mph of past years. That explains the 9:30 FCO. Ron Sorem and Robert started out longer, and have whittled the Centralia-Castle Rock course down to make it all fit.

The basic stuff is coming along, with dash plaques already arrived and Jim Breazeale volunteered to make trophies. RASC has a nicer record of smooth registration and scoring than when Nolte was doing it; too many people remember when it took longer to get the scores done than it took to run the rally!

<http://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2011/raindrop/default.htm>

This promises to be almost exciting since the Centralia area isn't as over-rallyed as our usual haunts. Damn convenient to start at Starbucks in Centralia!

The checkout crew tested the beer and pizza at the finish and approved.

*Changes- The "Rally America" name is being replaced by "RallyCar", mostly due to conflicts with that name.

Along with that comes the new U.S. Rallycross Championship. Six events featuring side-by-side slippin' and slidin' on un-paved (mostly) surfaces.

The second event "Twin Peaks" is at the Old Mill Rally Park on April 15-16. No specifics on what will happen, but the old Weyerhaeuser plywood mill site has a big building that could shield spectators from the Snoqualmie, Washington weather. NW stage rallyists will be bust prepping for Olympus, and RASC has Raindrop on the 16th.

*Forget the old "PRG" (Pacific Rally Group) ? The Olympus is being organized by the same faces, just under a different name: Olympusrally.

* Volunteer registration is now open at www.olympusrally.com <<http://www.olympusrally.com>>

Please go to the volunteer tab (or directly to www.rallydata.com <<http://www.rallydata.com>>) to register. Remember to put your favorite duty or captain you'd like to work with in the 'comments' section of the registration form and we'll do our best to accommodate your request! Without the dedication of our great volunteers in the PNW, none

our rallies could happen! Host hotel will again be the Best Western in Ocean Shores.

A complete listing of hotel accommodations is also on the website. Tentative schedule - Saturday; Brooklyn, Smith Creek & Palix. Sunday will be roads north of Ocean Shores. End-of-Rally banquet will be in Ocean Shores. -*Tracy Manspeaker*

The RallyCar event uses familiar roads: Saturday uses the Palix, Smith Creek, Brooklyn and Pico stages. Sunday heads north from Ocean Shores to Wreck Creek, Taholah, and Crane Creek stages. Crane Creek is under snow, and may have to be graded, for real \$, for rally weekend.

* Less than a year until the 2012 Alcan (Feb. 23>March 2). Entry is already up to about 15 entrants, including 3 RASC members not working. <http://www.alcan5000.com/>



Club News

* March Meeting notes: Played out very much a replay of the February meeting (without Dan Comden passing out the reflective "snowflake" stickers).

Fleshing out plans for a July, 2012 Nor'Wester revival seem to be headed toward only a two-day weekend. The all-important overnight would be in Lewiston, ID. Using the "run-work" method would eliminate the hassles of having dedicated workers.

Although a long, long way off, Rallymaster Jerry says he has 14-15 entrants for the winter event. He'll do a course survey in late-November. He's planning on 20-30 competitors, since lodging tends to get scarce that time of year.

No Alibi: still too early to do much course work, the budget is firmed up with no provisions to pay for worker rooms, just the dinner.

Raindrop: Its longish, but faster roads will keep it to reasonable time-frame. Some mention that Motel 6 is nearby. Preliminary plan is to use (?) 8 checkpoint crews.

RASC had 4 people to work the March Friday Nighter: Steve Richards and Mary Lee kept time and records, while Jim Breazeale (the RASC NWRC rep) greeted each arrival and passed the logs back and forth in between raindrops. Mark Nolte brought along 3 timing lights and the CP sign, but did nothing during the actual operation.

Ron Sorem reported that the Targa Canada-West was scheduled opposite Oregon Trail stage rally; he wouldn't be able to participate.

And- Jim Breazeale replaced the H4 bulbs in his Audi with aftermarket HID's. "Best investment so far".

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* Colleen Hines replaced her much-loved Audi for a silver Mini.

For Sale/Wanted

*Nokian Hakkapeliita 185/65R15 13/32 new, have 9/32 now and good studs, on dual pattern steel snow wheels 5on100(Subaru/Chrysler)/5on115(GM) --- 4 for \$250 ronsorem@gmail.com

*1960 Bugeye Sprite project car. The car is unassembled. Great project to restore or hot rod.

Many \$ spent restoring the sheet metal. New door posts, floors, rear spring pockets, etc. Interior surfaces and engine room in black. Exterior in gray primer.

Three engines. Two 948 cc and one 1275 cc. Numerous spares. Several conversion kits: Rear tube shocks, Panhard rod, front discs to MGB calipers, dual brake master cylinder, Datsun 210 5-speed adapter plate.

Best offer over \$2500. Bring a trailer!

Ken LIngbloom (360) 733-8897

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*For sale: 1997 Subaru Impreza with a newer 2.2 ltr. engine with only 60k on it. Very good condition, in fabulous teal green. \$2500 Co-worker at Glasair. Email Jim at Blackholeracing@gmail.com for more details.

*Microsoft "Office 98" for Macintosh, Upgrade Gold Edition, still in shrinkwrap! \$200. Mark Nolte, mnolte@blarg.net.

* **15" wheels**, steel, fits Subaru OBS. Bolt pattern is 110mm (Subaru) and 112mm (fits ?). Black \$40 for both, \$25 each. Steve Richards, 425-337-0232 (Everett)

*04 Volvo XC70, lightly used, 113K miles, \$9900 Jerry Hines, cell: 206-227-6343

*HT 2-channel radios, used for Alcans, \$80 inc batteries/charger. Many available. Also mobile Kenwoods

for \$100."these are the bigger ones". Jerry Hines, cell206-227-6343

RASC Calendar (The WAG staff includes TSD's and stage events; no rallycrosses, hillclimbs, Solo's, races, and restricts to somewhat reasonable driving distances)

Events of interest

April 16 - Spring Rally, Columbia Gorge MGA Club, Portland
Apr 23- 30th La Conner Tulip Daffodil Rallye, MGCC, gimmick rally
April 24-28 - Amici americani della Mille Miglia Pre-'57, 1000 miles, Northern California
April 29 - Spring Thaw Classic Car Adventure, Hope, BC to Squamish
April 30-May 7- One Lap of America, Indiana
Jun 26 - Columbia Gorge Classic Rally & Tour, MGA club, Portland
July 28-31- Monte Shelton Northwest Classic Rally XXIII, Portland
Sept 10-17 - Targa Newfoundland, St. John's, NF

Washington and British Columbia

April 8 - NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA
April 17- Raindrop TSD by RASC
May 13 -NWRC Friday Niter by FOOTZ
June 10 -NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA
June 4-5 - No Alibi by RASC
July 8 - NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC
July 16- Sno-Git VII TSD by ORCA
July 23 - Gold Digger, B.C.
August 12 -NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA
September 9 -NWRC Friday Niter by PSRC
October 1- Night on Bald Mountain by ORCA
October 14- NWRC Friday Niter by RASC
October 29- Monster's Revenge by Chuckanut SCC
November 11- NWRC Friday Niter by ORCA
November 12-13-Totem, B.C.

Oregon TSD

Apr 1- April Friday Niter Road Rally, Milwaukie
May 6- May Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie
June 10- June Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie
June 11 - Oregon 500/500 "2-day beater tour"
July 1- July Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie
July 23 - Mountains to the Sea, CascadeSCC
Aug 5 - August Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie
Aug 13 - The Road Not Taken, by TRRG, McMinnville
Sept 9- September Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie
Sept.10 - Rally Against Parkinson's (Rally Round PIR), Portland
Oct 7 - October Friday Night Road Rally, Milwaukie

Stage (Dates not firm: Hood River)

April 30-May 1- Olympus, RA/PRG, Ocean Shores
May 13-15 - Oregon Trail, RA/ORG, Portland/Dalles
June 10-11- Mountain Trials, Merritt, B.C.
Jun 18-19 - Idaho Rally, USRC/CRS, Boise
Aug 6 - Mendocino Rally, CRS, Ukiah, CA
Sept 30-Oct 1- Pacific Forest Rally, CARS Nat'l, Merritt, B.C.



Yes trucks "do" Rock Island Grade!



Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, April 11, 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: The Treasurer, worn out after the flurry of collecting membership dues, might be able to report just how big the check was that he cut to NWRC for insurance and membership.

Robert can fill us in on how Raindrop is going to work out, possibly fingering more CP workers from those present. Plus tidbits about No Alibi.

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