

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

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Rainier Auto Sports Club

Rally News



This weekend RASC presents what used to be a standard- the Sunday Afternoon Rally. In the '70's there seemed to be two every month from February through November.

Checked by a few RASC experts, Richard and Delores Ranhofer have put together a "nice little rally". It's nice to see new territory, even mountains if the weather cooperates. It worked out to 158 miles.

Registration for non-preregistered cars opens at 9 am, with first car out at 10:01. We've used the Kit Carson restaurant a few times, although no one seems to have a menu favorite. Breakfast is good, then we return at 3-ish for food, post-rally lies, and trophies for four classes.

<http://www.rainierautosports.com/events/2017/raindrop/default.htm>

* The Olympus is the following weekend, May 13-14. Probably recce on the 12th. All of it is east of Shelton, with stage names familiar from events over the years. Marcus Hansen is a stage captain.

The 24-mile version of Nahwatzel always gets everyone giddy. Ten stages for the weekend, including a 2-mile stage at The Ridge concluding the Sunday activities.

* The Nor'Wester update. From Diamond Jim, Rallymaster. "The thrilling saga of a small group of dedicated people embarking on an epic adventure. Chapter 4. "

Along with the blossoming of spring, rally season has begun. Oregon Trail stage rally gave reason for car prep and was a solid warm up for the crew. Next up, the Raindrop Rally, which provides the mindset of TSD and gets us warmed up for the 1st course survey in mid- May. Ron and I are excited to have Steve Perret & Kathryn Hansen join us. We work well as a team and have measured several other rallies together. Armed with a good strategy, 4 people, 2 Timewise computers and checklists we should have a productive run.

Registration has been open for a bit now and we are up to 22 entries. Social Media continues to have a strong presence and club members have been doing a swell job in handing out flyers at the food lines, shouting from the stage and handing out business cards at multiple events. Thank You.

The Trophy Master (Andy Newell) sent us choices for final wording and he is apparently warming up on Raindrop trophies. Another artistic outburst from the man with a new machine to explore.

Sponsorship efforts are beginning to pay off. We have cash money in hand from our rally friends with more coming. Whatever we're doing seems to be working. Gentle readers don't be shy, you too can give them the "Aw shucks, we're celebrating 50 years and didja wanna pitch in for the party?" line. It has been working for me so far. It is never too late to volunteer to do stuff.

My club history lesson from Mr. Nolte confirmed he is neck deep in sorting through stuff for the program portion of the route book. His dedication is heroic.

I'm sticking with last month's closer. Will the survey crews slither through the mud and sweat the mileage measurements or will Mother Nature treat them to fair skies and maybe some dust? Come back next month and hear the tales from the Nor'Wester survey.

* The Oregon Trail Rally (OTR) April 21-23 was another ambitious effort by Oregon Rally Group (ORG), arranging use of farming roads over the somewhat treeless landscape on both sides of the Columbia River at The Dalles. The weekend is immensely popular with fans, as well as attracting 62 entrants.

The weather cooperated fabulously with the rains taking a break just for the rally. That left some mud holes.... Andy Newell's big truck even tugged one car out twice.

RASC members abounded. Beside Andy doing Ham stuff, Renee Damm co-drove with Steve Perret in the "000" car. Kathryn Hansen was co-driving for Mark Tabor in #232. Ron Sorem/Jim Breazeale were in the "00" pace car. Despite the usual challenges, the rally ran on schedule.

Marcus Hansen and Cristy Breazeale worked the stages; Matt Tabor had challenges in #271, but finished.

The ARA folk were genial and helpful. It's going to be a good rally season.

The wide open rolling hills were green. Tons of great photos were posted to Facebook.

* The first NWRC Friday Nighter found RASC manning the first route control and last checkpoint. Ron Sorem, Jim Breazeale, and Nolte seemed to know what they were doing, despite the long winter hiatus. The rally ended at Farrelli's Pizza at 4-Corners in Maple Valley. Charles Aggenbach and Matt Tabor entered, placing 3rd in their classes.

22 entrants! Four checkpoints plus 2 route controls.

Club News

* Minutes for April 10, 2017 meeting as recorded by Diamond Jim Breazeale

Meeting called to Order at 19:32 by HRH Charles with 13.5 members in attendance.

The March minutes were accepted as read.

Madam Treasurer reports a balance of \$10,583.25, which reflects a payment transfer from PayPal. She also thanked the membership for the short membership dues drive.

RALLY REPORTS-

Alcan 5000 Rally- 2018 - Summer Edition- No real update. The Internet discussion group remains lively.

No Alibi Rally- Remains on hiatus until 2018. In the background, the quest begins for a Rally Master.

Friday Niter Rally- Steve Richards volunteered to be the Rally Master. He began the plea for help and was rewarded with several volunteers including Troy, who said he would do trophies.

Nor'Wester Rally- 21 entries so far. Work continues on our sponsorship proposals. Expanded social media exposure is well received. Plans for promotion at all the upcoming events are covered. Spring survey is planned for mid -May.

Raindrop Rally- 15 entries so far, 5 confirmed checkpoint crews. The rally Masters are looking for more CP crews and would welcome all with open arms. Marvin is providing guidance and his usual mojo. Rainier has some CP clocks and has access to Chuckanut Sports Car Club's clocks if needed. McNamara Signs did the Dash Plaque stickers. Supplemental & General instructions will be online soon. "Otis", the Ranhofers celebrity Porsche has been working social media along with Richard contacting the local car clubs.

NWRC Friday Niter- 2017 series opener. Rainier will field a checkpoint crew. Nor'Wester flyers will be present and Rainier's President Charles will compete as a Torque Steer member.

OLD BUSINESS- The "X-mas in July" holiday party has been moved back to August 5/6th adding to the Sea Fair festivities in the neighborhood. Details are being hammered out.

The club's Post Office box proposed move was updated by Marvin. Details about accessibility after

hours and services available. General agreement by the membership and Marvin was instructed to proceed.

The club has more new business cards. Ron filled all requests.

NEW BUSINESS- The club has purchased 9-volt batteries for the checkpoint clocks. An inventory of car numbers revealed the shortage of 3s. The topic of using Marvin's scoring program was well received and a potential training session was bandied about. Andy Newell brought examples of potential Nor'Wester trophies for the club to vote on. Tough choices, all were very cool.

Announcements- Calendar of events included Rocky Mountain Rally May 27/28, always fun and needs workers. Rally Fest/ Rallycross at Dirtfish. The Oregon Trail Rally coming up needs workers as well as Olympus Rally in mid May.

The idea was put forth to perhaps re-create the famed Black Sheep stage marshal crew. The Club now has enough experienced members to staff all the key positions required. A great way to create interest in the sport and perhaps increase club membership.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and gavelled at 20:27. Gossip ensues.

* The 2017 membership drive resulted in 4 new members, for a total of 23. Welcome to Dave Alspaugh, Andy Newell, Marcus Hansen, and Matt Tabor.

Trivia

* Pete Schneider is looking for a driver for the Nor'Wester.

* New club in Kelowna, British Columbia, Interior Rally Sport Association (IRSA). Monthly TSD rallies! Add the web site to your bookmarks:

www.rallyinterior.ca

* If you want to get an inkling of motorsports happening in Eugene, Oregon, the Emerald Empire Sports Car Club has a website: www.eescc.org

* Jerry has obtained Jim Hogan's Subaru WRX, to be available as a rental for the 2018 Alcan.

For Sale/Wanted

* **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". \$4000 (*Dramatic price reduction!*) 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

*** Lights for sale:**

2 6" round KC Hi-Liter STYLE halogen, 55W H3 NIB \$20.00



One PAIR 8" ANZO brand halogen 55W Slimline fogs, clear fluted lens, NIB, similar to Hella Rally 2000 \$30.00 a pair



One pair LED conversion for halogen **H11** headlights NIB \$20.00

Roy Ward roy.ward@frontier.com 425-485-6225

For Sale: MPH Industries Python Series 2 radar set. Control head, two antennas, cables. Scare the heck out of neighborhood speeders. Works. \$100.00. Roy Ward roy.ward@frontier.com or 425-485-6225

For Sale: Collection of 20 rare and exotic Rock Auto refrigerator door magnets. Also work well on file cabinets and tool boxes. Plus a bonus of four Hemmings Motor News refrigerator door magnets. First \$300.00 takes, don't delay! Roy Ward roy.ward@frontier.com or 425-485-6225.

* Winter is only six months away! Offered by ronsorem@gmail.com

For Free: Five-gallon bucket of truck tire chains. Used, may be rusty. Many alternative uses....

More Free: #3027-WBTC NOS (New Old Stock) fits 11-15LT to 31x11.50-16.5 & 31x15.5-15LT.



And (more likely) Two sets NOS (New Old Stock) #1026 fits 175-13 to 205/60-14 and up to -390, but there aren't any of those tires around any more...



RASC Calendar

(Thanks to Ron Sorem for keeping track of just about all events west of the Rockies)

Other Events for 2017

May 13 – “Revival Rally II”, Emerald Empire SCC, Eugene, OR

Stage events

May 13-14 – Olympus, ARA, Olympia, WA

May 26-28 – Rocky Mountain, CRC, Invermere, BC

June 8-11 _ Idaho Rally, Placerville, ID

Sept 23 – Doo Wop, Matlock (one day)

Sept 29-30 – Pacific Forest, CRC, Merritt, BC

Oct 28 – Mendocino Rally, Willows, CA (one day event)

Dec 8-10 – Big White Winter, CRC, Kelowna, BC

Oregon TSD (Friday Nighters are 1st Friday)

May 5 –Friday Nighter, Milwaukie

May 7 – AROO Cup #3, Portland

June 9 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie (2nd Friday)

June 11 – AROO Cup #4. Portland

July 7 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie

Aug 4 – Friday Nighter, Milwaukie

Aug 26– Mountains to the Sea, Portland

Sept 9 – Friday Niter, Milwaukie (2nd Friday)

Washington TSD (Friday Nighters are 2nd Friday)

May 7 – Raindrop by RASC, Chehalis

May 12 - NWRC Friday Nighter by PSRC

June 9 - NWRC Friday Nighter by NWRC

July 14 - NWRC Friday Nighter by ORCA

Aug 11 - NWRC Friday Nighter by ORCA

Sept 8 - NWRC Friday Nighter by PSRC

Sept 15-17 – Nor’Wester, Clarkston> Idaho, by RASC

Oct 7 – Night on Bald Mountain by ORCA

Oct 13 - NWRC Friday Nighter by RASC

Rainier Auto Sports Club will meet this coming Monday, May 8, 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: The joys of Raindrop. It just might make money, too. Probably some talk of the stage rallies.

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