

The Wishbone Alley Gazette

January, 2018

Rainier Auto Sports Club

Club News

December meeting notes, by President Charles Aggenbach:

Charles called the December RASC board meeting to order at 6:50 PM on December 2nd and immediately started taking questionably detailed notes on what he was saying. All 2018 board members, except Dolores, were in attendance (as well as the occasional Tavern on the Square server).

After much arm-twisting the 2018 board was decided:

President: Charles Aggenbach was somehow talked into repeating as president.

Vice President: Marvin Crippen narrowly avoided moving up to president. Maybe next year.

Secretary: Dolores Ranhofer wasn't present and was thus voted in as Secretary! (In reality, she had previously volunteered to fill the role of documenting our meeting madness.)

Treasurer: Cristy Breazeale continues on, providing some bit of sanity and sense to the board as well as keeping the checkbook balanced.

Members at Large: David Alspaugh and Matt Tabor are welcomed to the board and promptly taught the secret handshake.

With the formal business taken care of a few topics were discussed briefly.

- Meeting location is still being researched.

There are a few potential ideas for February. January has already been reserved at Mod Pizza.

- Time for members to renew for 2018. Also time to sort out the membership lists, etc. What lists should we have? Who should be on them?

Discussion to be continued at the January meeting.

- Need to make sure that we have webmaster, email list, and Facebook administration taken care of. David volunteered to help with Facebook. Need to review who the admins are for the various channels and make sure everyone is still on board with carrying out the associated duties.

While the rally reports weren't covered like they are at regular meetings, rumor was started that a Rallymaster has stepped forward for No Alibi 2018. To be announced in January...

The meeting was wrapped up at 7:02 PM. The board was announced to the membership present. Dessert was served shortly after.

(Then watched the world premier of David Fox's Nor'Wester video. He included some delicious drone video. Its pretty good, but as with all such things, not long enough. -MN)

From Jim Breazeale - Here are some thoughts and ideas for the upcoming year.

In an effort to increase membership and member participation perhaps the club could consider other types of events. A destination type drive with an interesting feature. Some examples could include drives or tours, what ever you want to call them to the Le May Museum and or the Collection in Tacoma, the Unlimited Hydroplane and Race boat museum in the Kent valley, The Museum of Flight at Boeing Field, Flying Heritage Collection at Paine Field. These could have RI type instructions to the destination and conclude with a social gathering / meal afterwards. One destination event per quarter is a reasonable goal to work toward. No cost to participate since most destinations have an admittance fee. These could be promoted on the Social Media platforms and be open to all interested folks and Marques. We could gain more Club exposure by attending the vintage races at Pacific Raceway, the Cars and Coffee type events, the auto/rally cross events, other car shows and related activities.

The club needs a physical handout to aid in promotion. I propose that the Club begin to solicit ideas from the members and work towards creating a Bi or Tri-fold type brochure that explains the club's Mission statement (do we even have one?), History and benefits of being a member. It should have some pictures and contact information. Lets see what we can come up with.

* The Club will need a new NWRC representative as Diamond Jim has done it long enough. The position doesn't require a lot of effort, attendance at the Annual Meeting in mid-January and several Friday Niter Rallies. The Club will assist in grooming the next representative. This is another area where RASC tends to be a leader. Rainier puts on the most popular and best-attended events. There is room for growth and improvement. The NWRC always asks for ideas and support. Please consider volunteering for this position.

Rally News

* Pacific Coast Challenge year-end results
From Russ Kraushaar, PCC Administrator
Congratulations to our first-time champions!
Paul Eklund and Yulia Smolyansky.

Second overall was the Equipped/Calculator team of Martin Kubala and Josef Antel. Had they run Nor'Wester it might have been a much closer race for the overall win. Excellent work gentlemen!

In third was Alex Neely and Tiffany MacDonald switching away from Calculator and running the entire year in Unlimited for, I believe, the first time. They won the tiebreaker and earn the trophy for third by virtue of running all three events. With apologies to Jim Bowie and Steve and Andrea Gunner the tiebreaker is really nothing more than a way to save money on trophies. Since we're not burdened by the needs of several sponsors – or their funding – we salute your efforts and wish you better luck next year. I also want to point out that Steve and Andrea are/were Novices in 2017, so their scores are really very good considering they get lumped in with more experienced Calculator entries for our scoring purposes. Great job!

Jim, of course, is not a novice. He's pretty good at this too ;^)

That wraps up our 20th season of the Pacific Coast Challenge! The Big Trophy will need to grow somehow to accommodate more names so I'll look into that with my friends at Bardy Trophy in Portland.

I recently contacted the usual suspects and can tell you the 2018 season will likely look something like this:

Thunderbird, Feb 10/11

No Alibi, June 2/3

Oregon 1000, date TBD (likely Sept. or Oct.)

Totem, Nov. date TBD

We'll get the website updated when all is confirmed. (pccrally.com)

* From Diamond Jim: We drove Esse's proposed Whidbey Island Raindrop route on Sunday. We took the Ferry just for the adventure and reconnaissance.

From our house the ferry route is just .2 of a mile longer to the start than driving down from the north end of the island. \$11.45 ferry fare and forty plus minutes longer due to the wait and crossing time. The fog lifted and we were treated to a nice Sunday drive.

The route is a mix of old and new roads and needs fine-tuning but has the promise of another fine Raindrop event. We enjoyed a nice dinner at the Anacortes Brewery's Rockfish Grill while exploring finish locations. While we enjoyed the venue, it probably is not suitable as a finish.

* Alcan 5000 (August 20-28, 2018) Jerry set January 6 as the date to withdraw entry for a refund of the reservation fee. Hopefully the oversubscribed rally will have the precise number of entrants so the workers don't have to camp in stables and sheds. The

entry list is amusing to look over -try it.

<https://www.alcan5000.com/2018entry.htm>

Trivia

* In the good old days, tires leaked. Modern tires don't. But cold temperatures result in low pressure. There is a formula relating temps to tire pressure, but who really cares?

* In mid-December, the Ranhofers joined a few friends for an adventure. They headed for Lonesome Lake, somewhat east of Crystal Mountain, via the Forest Service 75 road. A few of their companions had tags to cut Christmas trees.

Otis did fine on the studded tires. Predictably, they caught up with a Tundra driver who didn't have the right tires (by far). The guy and his family were extracted, and told to be very careful. The temperature was in the teens.

* Otis went to Bremerton for a few dynamiter pulls. The intent was to get a baseline before Porsche installs "fixes" to the diesel.

* Cristy is looking for a MK3 Golf to replace the well-aged 298K+ miles MK2 Golf that is on life \$\$\$upport.

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

* Radio For Sale: Icom IC-25A, ham 2 meter, \$40 Roy Ward, roy.ward@frontier.com , 425-485-6225



* **For Your Consideration:** Tow hooks. Yes, that's right, I have three brand new tow hooks that I am declaring surplus. These are not dainty little things, oh, no. These are heavy-duty items. Complete with 7/16" mounting hardware. Need someplace to hang that 800 lb. bathrobe? Have I got the solution for you. Free. roy.ward@frontier.com.

* **Subaru studded tires.** Four mounted Hankooks and 2 Hakkas. Probably 205/55-15. A really, really good price since the studs are worn, but tread is good. Steve Richards 425-337-0232 or smrdcatman@comcast.net

* **For Free:** Five-gallon buckets (multiple buckets) of semi-truck tire chains. Used, may be rusty. Mostly 295/75R22.5 Many alternative uses.... Probably 20# per chain. Will hold a lot of things down...

>> **More Free:** CABLE CHAINS small SUV or Jeep... #3027-WBTC NOS (New Old Stock) fits 11-15LT to 31x11.50-16.5 & 31x15.5-15LT.

>> **Yet more free:** CABLE CHAINS...And (more likely small car sizes) 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... >> ronsorem@gmail.com

* I was going through my inventory of headlight bulbs searching for H4s and I find I have five or six sets of various wattage **9004 halogens**. I presently have no car or truck using 9004. \$5 per pair?? ronsorem@gmail.com

* Ron's note made me think that I've got **several sets** of **9003's**, **9006's** and **H3 fogs** taking up space, also. Same deal as Mr. Sorem's.

If you want 'em or need 'em just send me an email.
Michael Jones codrvr@aol.com

RASC Calendar

Winter Olympics: Opening ceremony: February 9,
Closing ceremony: February 25 (curling fan heaven!)



RAINIER AUTO SPORTS CLUB

RASC usually meets on the second Monday of each month. We'll be back at the Overlake Mod Pizza the room is reserved for 7 PM, to start the meeting at 7:30 PM. In this format, its best to arrive early enough to order the meal for pick up in time for the meeting.

14309 NE 20th St
Bellevue, WA 98007
(425) 214-9903

<https://modpizza.com/locations/bellevue-overlake/>
<https://goo.gl/maps/F2zdS2jfMJp>

Agenda: Discussion of the upcoming 2018 RASC events. Need to start locking down Raindrop as well as get serious about the June event! Holiday party follow-up. The 2018 NWRC annual meeting on Saturday, February 3. We'll need a rep to attend on behalf of the club. The usual topic of a meeting place. Status of club email lists. (There is the WAG mailing list, the paid member list, and then another including past members and friends.) Then there is the Gmail list...

Bring dues money: single memberships are \$25 and family memberships are \$30. Cristy accepts checks and cash. No bitcoins?

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