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Master mixologist John Forespring (right) prepares a cocktail while Mike Lawler (left) and Neil Swanson (center) wait at the bar.

NorPac convention chairman shares his view of good event

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If you didn't attend the 2007 NorPac convention, you really missed a good event. It was good, because I had a lot of superior help with years of experience. Our speakers are of the highest quality in their respective fields. The food and service at the Atlantis in Reno, Nev., was great and you can't beat the prices for a high-quality setting. There are lots of things for the rest of the family to do.

SCCA President and CEO Jim Julow arrived late Saturday and provided his perspective on the future of SCCA. He covered a host of topics but the major issues were the future financial condition of SCCA, his areas of responsibility, sanctioning, how he interacts with the SCCA

Board of Directors and his goals with the members and regions. He fielded a lot of concerns from REs and AREs.

One has to remember that NORPAC is not just for regional and divisional administrators. There are many good seminars that came about this year and in past years for all members of SCCA at all levels. Subjects included course setup, taxes, sound control, suspension, car classifications, tech inspection, volunteer recruitment and retention, risk management, spectator issues, safety, fuel and tire regulations, open forum panels, new programs, etc. It addresses five venues (types of competition) of SCCA activity. I love networking with folk from other regions.

The West Coast is a leader in SCCA. Two members of the national boards are

members from NORPAC. We have a track record of getting things done. Our regions find as many as 150 activities for our members per year per region, we build or acquire competitive sites, we run events, we have social gatherings, Web pages, we have a big bearing on rule making, awards, newsletters and so on. NORPAC represents 20 percent of SCCA.

I want to thank those who did come. I want to thank all those folks who helped me "get 'er done." I heard no negative comments from those who did attend the 2007 conference about the convention.

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