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Forespring's efforts worthy of applause

The first order of business is to thank John Forespring for his many years, hours and financial contributions he has provided to Northwest Region, SCCA. I first met John assisting on the first Olympus Rally in the 1980s. He'd been there long before I was. It was very evident that he is magnificent leader when the local timber company pulled the rug out from under rally two times this past year and left rally without roads. He made it happen in other places, along with dedicated crew workers. When banquets and competitions fell short of funds to pay the bills, he stepped up and found the money.

If you didn't recall, John has been the Regional Executive since 2001, serving several terms.

I have appointed him Assistant Regional Executive for Rally (ARE) so he doesn't get away from us (actually, he volunteered). You may find him out there racing on stages again. He's still a steward all over the North American continent.

I want to thank all of you who supported me in a hard-fought campaign for Regional Executive. It was tough.... Well honestly, no one ran against me. I do want to thank you for your support anyway.

I will try to get out to as many events as possible during my term of office. What I have discovered is that two or more venues will have competitions on the same weekend. One has to just flip a coin to decide which location it will be.

I believe in the open-door policy. You are welcome to contact me at any time. (E-mail is best. I am gone sometimes and I will answer your inquiries as soon as possible.) I prefer that you go through your Assistant Regional Executive. If there is a serious burning issue and one needs to address the Board of Directors (BOD), the best path would be to have your ARE get you on the agenda.

If you are online and if you pulled up the Northwest Sport Car News newsletter, you would have seen how well it

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**FRANK HAMILTON,
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE**

turned out. If you know of someone who does not have access to the computer version of NSCN, let us know and we will send any members in good standing a hard copy by snail mail (you want to know why I'd say that online? Well, if you know someone who needs the hard copy, let us know and share the copy you have.) We did send out postcards to all Northwest Region members at the time of conversion.

The Web site has been remodeled and is still undergoing more modifications. It is greatly improved. We will have the annual calendar up to date very soon. The calendar is on the Web page.

Our treasurer, Kim Craddock, has submitted the 2006 annual activity report to the national SCCA office. Between REs Joy and John, we won the national award seven consecutive years for most-active region in the nation. What some of you may not know, most regions only have one or two venues. We have five.

We missed getting that award last year as we were trying to regroup from the loss of Pro Rally activities. That means that we lost more than 25 percent of our membership and activities when SCCA chose not to include the Pro Rally element in their sanctioning program. The good news is that we as a region are gradually swinging back in the resilient way that we always do.

This is going to be a good year forthcoming! We have more events, more sites to run events, and I think more members to both compete and work these events. The financial forecast is looking better than the last couple of years.

Hope you and yours had great holidays. I did.

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