

Long Packwood autocross course creates new winners

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PACKWOOD — In the first rain-free event of the Northwest Region SCCA Fordahl Motorsports 2007 Solo Series, a season-record 186 entrants found their way around a three-quarter-mile long course designed by Brett Wilson July 15 at Hampton Mills in Packwood.

"The event ran like clockwork and the weather was absolutely beautiful," co-chair Amy Coleman said. "There's nothing like hanging out with friends and racing your car with Mount Rainier as a backdrop!"

"It was a challenging course. I wish I'd driven it better," said veteran course designer Scott Miller.

The long and technically complex course produced several first-time wins this season, including:

Annie Bauer in PAX Ladies, beating Jodi Fordahl by an indexed 0.433 seconds in a 2006 Pontiac Solstice;

Anthony Capri in NS2, stealing the win from an undefeated Denny LaPlante by 0.059 seconds;

Jerry Lamb, taking S3 in his last run by 0.19 seconds in a 2003 BMW 330ci;

and **Doug Mikko**, who switched from NS4 to the popular Street Tire class, in a Subaru Impreza 2.5RS.

Ron Bauer won for the fourth time this season in the 35-competitor Open PAX class. Driving a 2007 Mazda MX-5,

Autocross Sunday in Bremerton

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The Northwest Region's Solo Event No. 6 is at Bremerton Motorsports Park on Sunday, July 22. Don't forget to bring cash for the Tacoma Narrows Toll Bridge.

Registration is open at www.autocrossscorekeeper.com/register/nwr-scca.

Find more event information online at <http://nwr-scca.org/solo/nextevent.htm>.

Until then, the run order is:

AM Run 1, Work 2: NS1, NS2, NS3, NS4L, SML, SM2, NSPAXL

AM Run 2, Work 1: NS1L, NS2L, NS3L, NS4, SM, SM2L, NSPAX

PM Run 1, Work 2: S1, S2, S3L, TL, OPAX

PM Run 2, Work 1: S1L, S2L, S3, T, OPAXL

he also took top indexed time of day, and top time of day among competition runs. Fastmike Lillejord took second and Kevin Dietz took third, with Greg Fordahl trailing him by a mere 0.051 seconds.

Nathan Provo and James Winstead have been battling it out all season in the Corvette-dominated S1 class, with two wins each so far. Sunday was Nathan's day, with Bob Sagara finishing in second place, and James finishing in third. Navid Kahangi, who relocated recently from the San Francisco Region, won the popular S2 class in a 2007 Mazda RX8, beating prior class winners Mike Leuty, John Leuty and Glenn Austin.

In another close victory, Mark Snell, driving a 2006 Lotus Exige, continued his winning streak in NS1 beating Stacey Molleker's 2006 Viper by .083. Event co-chairs Karl and Amy Coleman took their third and fifth respective wins in NS4 and NS4 Ladies in their 2002 Subaru WRX.

Course designer Wilson had his third win in SM2, beating Jared Floyd by 0.121 seconds. Tony Lemon had his fourth win in SM driving a '96 Honda Civic.

Gary Milligan drew spectator attention in his blazing-fast, purpose-built, A Mod car, dubbed the Vancouver Special, taking top time of day with a raw time of 58.600 — the only time to break the 60-second barrier.

"The national caliber course and having to 'get it done' in three runs provided good practice for the upcoming Packwood National Tour and ProSolo events in August," said co-chair Karl Coleman.

National Tour, ProSolo schedule for 2007

National Tour

March 17 and 18, San Diego, Calif., Jack Murphy Stadium

April 14 and 15, Atwater, Calif., Castle AFB

April 28 and 29, Walnut Ridge, Ark., Walnut Ridge Airport

May 19 and 20, Houston, Texas, Gulf Greyhound

June 2 and 3, Huntsville, Ala., Milton Frank Stadium

June 9 and 10, Devens, Mass., Moore Airfield

June 30 and July 1, TBA, Great Lakes area

July 7 and 8, Milwaukee, Wisc., Miller Park

Aug. 11 and 12, Salt Lake City, Utah, Miller Motorsports Park

Aug. 18 and 19, Packwood, Wash., Hampton Mills

ProSolo

March 24 and 25, El Toro, Calif., El Toro airfield

May 5 and 6, TBA, Southeast Texas, Mineral Wells, Texas, Mineral Wells Airport

June 23 and 24, Washington D.C., FedEx Field

July 21 and 22, TBA, Great Lakes area

Aug. 25 and 26, Packwood