

Northwest rally scene rising

After spending the last six years as the Regional Executive, I am now the Assistant RE for Rally and happy to have the job for one year. It is starting out as a great year. The Pacific Rally Group has been busy planning a full Rallycross season in addition to the usual rally events. Check the Web site for dates for the rallycrosses and come on out and have some fun.

The Doo Wop Rallies

The Pacific Rally Group (PRG) once again helped Ray Damitio organize the Doo Wop series. Ray has found and received permission to use some fine roads on Quinalt Indian Nation Land for the Saturday event and the Montesano, Grays Harbor and Pacific County roads for Sunday. The roads include the Brooklyn Tavern stage, which is rated as one of the best in the United States.

Forty-five cars started Saturday's event with the knowledge that the first two stages were cancelled due to too much snow. The plan was to add a stage on the lower roads near Taholah. The plan had to be changed when the damage to the lower roads was more than expected and time ran out. The second day went well but the road conditions prevented a new record for the Brooklyn Tavern stage. The rally ended at the Oakville Grange and a good amount of money was raised for the Oakville Food Bank.

The Oregon Trail

The PRG once again helped the Ore-

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gon Rally Group (ORG) with the Rally America Oregon Trail Rally. ORG and Rally America's promotion group did an excellent job of promoting the event and as a qualifier for the X Games the field was the largest seen in the recent past for a performance rally. Seventy-six cars, including 2006 RA Champion Travis Pastana, started the event at Portland International Raceway. Unfortunately Pastana blew his engine on the first stage.

The competition over Friday, Saturday and Sunday was fierce with every top competitor trying for one of the places at the X Games. New Zealander Andrew Pinker in his Jack Daniels Subaru repeated as the winner over the 32 national and regional cars that finished the event.

The All City Rally

Once again, the Northwest Region and Corvettes de Olympia held the All City Rally. The annual event is our fundraiser for an auto tech scholarship to South Sound Community College. This year's event had 56 starters and 44 teams found their way over the Thurston County roads looking for clues along the way. The theme was the movie "Corvette Summer" and the tiebreaker for cars that finished with same score was trivia question about the movie.

The Tim Furman-Debby Brown team, the Brian Craig-Brian Basara team and Patty McGallian-June Bolz team all tied with 980 points. Tim and Debby won with only 10 points missed on the tiebreaker.

The Olympus Rally

The next event on the schedule is the second revival of the Olympus Rally. The dates are May 17-20. PRG, in conjunction with Rally America and their promotions group, have great plans for this year event. The Olympus Rally is also a qualifier for the X Games so a large entry is expected.

In addition, Rally America's promotion group is making big plans for the Saturday night Olympus Rally reunion party. We are trying to locate as many of the folks from the World Championship days as possible to invite them to attend the party and tell the young ones the tales of the good old days. If you know someone who was part of that great time please have them contact me at rallyhq@juno.com or 800-605-2192 (my State Farm office) and leave contact information. We also would be happy to have them come and volunteer.

Finally

Rally is on the upswing thanks to the X Games. We would like to have a Road Rally or two other than the All City Rally so if you would like to help or know someone who would please contact me or any Northwest Region board member.

Oregon Rally Group seeks Olympus volunteers

The Oregon Rally Group stage crew needs volunteers to support the Pacific Rally Group at their next stage event, the Olympus Rally, scheduled for May 19 and 20 in and around Olympia.

All on-course crew positions need two to 44 people per location.

Timing personnel and stage marshals need no special equipment or training. Licensed amateur radio operators will need their own mobile equipment (2 meter).

ORG Stage Crew Captain Simon Levar will hold a crew rendezvous at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. He is currently assigned to man SS 5 and 8.

From Olympia, follow Highway 8 west

to Elma. On E. Main Street in Elma there is a large gravel area across the street from the Microtel Inn and the 76 station. Main Street is the "T" intersection if you are following U.S. 12 from Centralia-Grand Mound and you continue straight as you enter Elma instead of turning toward Montesano and Aberdeen.

Volunteer crew members who sign a waiver and get a wristband before working will have free entry to the mid-rally party Saturday from 8 p.m. to closing at the Little Creek Casino.

On Sunday, the ORG crew will man SS 12 and 15. They'll rendezvous at 7 a.m. at the spectator entrance, just past Mill 5

on Shelton-Matlock Road.

The free crew dinner will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. Sunday at the Subaru West Awards Banquet at the Little Creek Resort. The banquet is free to all volunteers with wristbands.

Interested? Contact volunteer coordinator Gloria Hale at volunteers@oregonrally.com, or call 503-635-6330 (home) 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. for voice messaging or 503-709-6240 (cell) 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information, ask for "Vol Positions" document.

New to volunteering? Ask for "Guidelines" document.