

# Car counts drop, but season still successful

**W**e have reached the end of another race season. I won't say it was a great success as our car counts were even lower than usual for most events, but it was a good season. I do, however, have to give a big thank you to our Time Trial drivers as they supported us in fine fashion. Especially the last event, where thanks to Club Trials they outnumbered the racers, or at least came close to it.

We are always looking for ways to improve our program, so if you have any ideas please get me your suggestions as soon as possible. Please be aware that since we have to have our schedule done before December, suggestions may not take effect this year but they will be worked on for the following season.

A thanks to all our workers who turned out to help us this year and those

## Race Report

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drivers who helped with the teardown of Bremerton. This worked really well and we will be asking you for your help again next year as it makes everyone's life easier. We may also be willing to give a free entry to any driver who is willing to stay late and drive the forklift. It takes about 3 hours to get all the barricades put away.

We have the annual Race Awards Party coming up at 6 p.m. Nov. 17 at Bison Creek Pizza in Burien. (If people want it elsewhere, please get suggestions for next year to Sherri or I before June 2008.)

Awards will be presented to class champions, driver of the year, worker of the year, novice of the year, most improved driver, the Bernie Doud Sportsmanship Award and the Pat Pigott Award. We will also be giving awards to workers who attended every day of every event again this year and recognizing all of our specialty chiefs. Please plan to attend.

The annual supplementals meeting is scheduled for Oct. 22 at Andy's Diner in Seattle. If you have any changes, additions or questions about our supps, now is the time to ask. If you can't attend the meeting, please send me an e-mail or give me a call with your suggestions.

Play safe and have fun.

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# Root for the region at Runoffs

**A**s this is being written, I should be preparing for the Solo nationals and soon after the Runoffs but again this year I will be in Portland, Ore., tending to family business and I ask for your understanding.

Another column championed the 23 Oregon region racers who are going to the Runoffs, and here is where the 10 from the Northwest Region get the tip-of-the-helmet for attending the Runoffs this year.

Tune in to Speed this November and cheer for **Ryan Ennis** in the black No. 9 in E Production.

In Formula Ford, **Larry Bangert** will do the honors in his No. 18 along with one of "Jack's Boys" **Mark Keller** in his blue and orange No. 60. Formula Vee finds **Dennis Andrade** in his blue No. 87 hoping to crack the top 10.

FM has **Lucian Pancea** in the blue-white-yellow No. 78 while T-2 has **Ed Zabinski** looking to medal again in No. 79.

T-3 has **Jerold Lowe** in green No. 21 along with the irrepressible and humble **Scotty B. White** in his T-1 black and silver No. 35. GT-2 has "**Gentleman**" **Jim Walsh** in his blue and white

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Porsche No. 96.

Of course, all eyes will be on SM No. 30 with NORPAC driver of the year **Andrew Caddell**, who is the defending national champion, at the wheel. Caddell has been on the Pro-MX-5 circuit all year. He is fresh off another win at the season-ending round in Salt Lake City, which clinched second place in season points (and hopefully rookie of the year).

The TV package for the Runoffs is ready to be signed as this is written. It is not ideal, with the same broadcast times as this year, but it does allow Pro to go on in 2008.

The budget for Pro is tracking close, but President Jim Julow promised in the last BOD call, no funds from Inc. (the club side) will be used for Pro this year.

The budget for the club side is doing well. The bottom line will be impacted by Heartland Park not reaching the target for Run-Offs entries, but at year's

end, the budget should still finish in the black.

On the subject of Heartland Park and the Run-Offs, the gasoline vendor problem was not fixed as promised. Competitors won't have 93-octane fuel, so they'll have to run the higher priced 100-octane. The situation, along with another year of having no land-line for the Run-Offs, makes Heartland Park something less than the first-class facility the Run-Offs requires. Stay tuned as the Run-Offs bids go out in 2008.

A huge tip-of-the-helmet goes out to the Reno Region for hosting the second annual NORPAC Time Trials event in Mid-September. Carol and Dave Deborde and Jim Gandy, please take a bow for hosting this event for our division.

If you plan to attend the 2008 National convention in San Antonio, register soon as there is a shortage of rooms. This has led to moving the 2009 convention to a warmer desert-like setting closer to Area 13. Tune in next month, after the deal is signed, for the exact location, but trust me, everyone will want to attend.

It is not too soon to start thinking about Reno in January!

Until next month, Duck out.