

finishing cars, did some other miscellaneous inspections, and my crew chief and I sat around waiting, and waiting, and more waiting. I finally got word that there were some protests filed because of the first-lap incident, I was called to give a witness statement and a copy of my video to the officials, and then more waiting.

I finally got word that the first two cars were free to leave Tech so positions one and two were final, but that the third-place car had to stay.

After heading out for lunch, packing up the transporter, watching a few races, I finally got a call at 4:33 p.m. (about six hours after the end of the race) that the cars were free to leave tech. At 5:10 p.m., the results were official, with no changes resulting from all the protests. So I stopped by Driver's Services, picked up the trophy and medal, and we all headed off for dinner, a well-earned beer and a good night's sleep.

So that's it for the 2007 SCCA season. There are a couple other races left, including the Illgen 4-hour Enduro at Laguna Seca On Oct. 27 and 28, where I'm the defending Production and overall winner (with co-driver Fordahl), but I'm not sure yet if I'll head there to run it.

Overall, including other series this year (SCCA Regional and Porsche Club), I've had 17 races, 14 poles, 13 wins and three second places. The only non-podium finish all year was a fourth place when I had contact with a (formerly) off-course car while leading the race, and I've had zero mechanical failures all year. It's hard to imagine a more successful season.



Jim Walsh credits crew chief Greg Fordahl (left) and Dave Welch (right) for preparing his Porsche for the Runoffs.

Find more online

The full race will be broadcast on Speed Channel at 10 a.m. PST Jan. 2. Find the full schedule at www.scca.com/eventitems.aspx?item=360&event=5643&hub=1.

Find race results at www.scca.com/documents/result-files/5643_GT2_RaceFinal.pdf, with a lapchart (positions after each lap) at www.scca.com/documents/result-files/5643_GT2_RaceChart.pdf and the official race writeup at www.scca.com/newsarticle.aspx?hub=1&news=3199.

New members join Northwest Region's ranks

New members joining us since the beginning of the third quarter of this year are:

First Gear members

Bill Mann, Sammamish
Sean Michael Elliott, Issaquah
Sam Bigelow, Lacey
Ian Davis, Lacey
John Kabigting, Kent
Collin Williams, Spanaway

Regular members

Steve Clinton, Renton
Blake Boyle, North Bend

Shawn David Kyes, Olympia
Burse Smith, Shelton
William McCarthy, Seattle
Ronald Dyck, Steinbach, Manitoba
Dan Jones, Everett
Brian Davis Sims, Edmonds
Shirley Smrz, Coeur d'Alene, ID
Jack Zarowny, North Vancouver, B.C.
Jens Darsell, Richland
Mark Uhlmann, Burnaby, B.C.
Peter Umino, Newcastle
Cale Galbreath, Everett
Stephen Light, Bellevue
Serge-Andre Meunier, Seattle
Jeff Horttor, Tacoma

Brandon Drew Davis, Olympia
Edward Allen, Olympia
Scott Harper, Bonney Lake
Brian Nash, Edmonds
Scot McKinley, Belmont, CA
Craig Shrontz, Seattle
Jeff Grant, Vancouver, B.C.
Michael Ainsworth, Vancouver, B.C.
Roland Nakahara, Snohomish
Thomas Campbell, Enumclaw
Ben Kurtz, Redmond

Spouse Members

Kirk Engle, Lynnwood
Betty Jo O'Sage, Tacoma