

The state of Northeast Region

Awonderfully competitive year is now closing. It was fun! The thing I enjoy most about Northwest Region is all the great folks I meet along the way. The events were good, too. It was also a very busy year. I thought I would try to make it to all of the in-region events for each of our venues. Although I visited all venues, that didn't quite happen. There were just too many. That too is good — the number events you all pulled off.

Membership (paid members in good standing) has been holding at about 1,000. Not to long ago, we were at 1,800 members. This is an area that needs work. I have address that previously. Granted, this is the slow time of the year for membership, but it will take all of us working together to bring those numbers back up again. Remember, if each of us can bring one new member into the fold, we would double in size. Think about it.

If you do not save your Sports Car magazine copies after you are done with them, please save them. Bring them to your next NWR-SCCA event so they can be given to prospective members. Take them to registration or an information booth if your event has one. Give one each to the people standing around ogling your car.

One of main purposes this region is education. Educating future competitors, the general public, and a fairly new concept: "Street Survival." This program is targeted at the 16- to 18-year-old driving public and has little to do with competition except that we sponsor it. It puts our name in the bright lights one more time, serves our respective communities, targets a high crash segment of our nation, and provides another tax buffer from IRS. We will be looking for volunteer coaches to help out.

Those who think that motorsport is

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here forever need to think again. If NASCAR could not get their foot in the door in the Northwest because of the ultra-liberals, that could shut us down and has affected some of us already. So far we have held the "greeners" at bay. That was accomplished by a few us from most venues visiting legislators, staging demonstrations, etc. We may have won a few battles but the war is far from over. Let us know when groups or legislators in your neighborhood are getting ready to take another run at us. That is part of public education.

We have allies out there: Stump jumpers, mud racers, motorcycles, some spectators, dealers, and citizens in general, to name few groups out there. They have a good respect for us and we should continue to support them, too.

There are some great volunteers who make our events the successes that they are. One way to reward them is to nominate them for the various awards established by the region and by the venues. Nominations need to be accompanied with an explanation for nomination. If you don't know what the award categories are, do not worry about it, just send the nomination and Bill will figure it out. Nominations must be in soon. They should be sent to Bill Deoniesus, Assistant RE and NWR, Awards Chair: billd2006@comcast.net.

Frank and Joan Manley have offered up the collection of records, pictures, newsletters, etc. that have been collected since the beginning of SCCA in the region. This is a most precious contribution

that preserves the history of the region forever. The Board of Directors is looking at two locations to store those records. I for one, want to thank the Manleys very much. There was a lot of love and effort that went into that endeavor over more than a half century.

The electronic newsletter is working very well for most of us. Those members who do not have access to the Web that have been identified have been getting hard copy via snail-mail. This in itself was a great decrease in overhead. The Web page seems to working well, too. There are a couple of little glitches that are being corrected.

Generally speaking, the Region is in the black — that's good. We even have a few dollars to get it going again this coming year. With rising costs across the boards, we are going to have to rethink the way we do business this coming year. That process has started with Board of Director's retreat in November. Your Assistant Regional Executives can expand on that in each respective venue.

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New meeting locales for Race, Solo, Board

Race, Solo and the Board of Directors have all had to find new restaurants to hold their monthly meetings in 2008.

Solo and Race committees are now meeting at Goldies, 3927 Airport Way S., Seattle; 206-622-1119.

The Board of Directors is now meeting at The Poodle Dog Restaurant, 1522 54th Ave E. Fife; 253-922-6161.



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