



John Lane and Ray Damitio took a 1976 Volvo 262 to first overall in the 20th anniversary edition of the Doo Wop Rally Series.

Fast Volvo tops Doo Wops

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ABERDEEN — John Lane and Ray Damitio claimed first overall in the 20th anniversary of the Doo Wop Rally Series based in the historic Washington seaport of Aberdeen.

It was a come-from-behind victory for Lynden resident Lane and Damitio, the proprietor of the historic Brooklyn Tavern. Driving a two-wheel drive 1976 Volvo 262, the popular duo shook of the rust from a six-year layoff and claimed a five second victory over Pete Van Bogart and Mike Barber in a new Cascade Motorsports 2007 Subaru WRX. The Open Class Subaru Legacy of Olympia's Mark Mager and Miller Dumaol from Everett finished third, another 10 sec-

onds back.

VanBogart and Barber topped the field on day one but the Production GT class Subaru suffered from restricted power on day two's fast stages. Pre-event favorites Dave Hintz and John Ford suffered a cracked header on day one but came back to win the second Doo Wop round with a 2002 Subaru WRX.

The flying Burress brothers, Tom from Lynnwood and Don from Seattle, challenged the leaders with the Demon Rally 1977 Volkswagen Rabbit until a malfunctioning fuel pump knocked them out of the running for the Group 2 title. Sophomore driver Carl Decker teamed with Adam Craig to claim the Group 2 win in a 1993 two-wheel-drive Subaru Impreza.

The Doo Wop Rally Series is sanc-

tioned by NASA Rally Sport, providing affordable events for competitors and volunteer rally organizers.

Doo Wop I

Doo Wop 1 was shortened by the loss of the Crane Creek stages. Crane Creek Road climbs dramatically on the western edge of the Olympic Mountains. The stage road was battered by winter storms that buried the start under several inches of snow while toppled trees littered the finish area. Without Crane Creek, Doo Wop 1 was limited to three rounds of the 10-mile Taholah loop road through the Quinalt Indian Reservation on the Pacific shoreline.

Van Bogart and Barber brought the brand-new Subaru WRX to the first round of the Doo Wop series and came through the break-in period with an