

overall win. The Cascade Motorsports team sealed the deal with a blazing run on stage two of the abbreviated three-stage event, when they gained more than 20 seconds on the field. A slide into a dirt berm on the last corner of the last stage provided a little excitement for the winners, who also claimed the Production GT class honors.

Jay Woodard and Jason Grahn jumped into the early lead in the world's only 4WD Mazda Protégé. The Protégé was a Doo Wop winner in 1995 and Woodard has restored the car to better-than-new condition. Woodard and Grahn posted the fastest time on stage one but then Van Bogart and Barber turned it on in stage two. The Protégé team finished second overall, first in Open Class, 42 seconds behind the winners.

Tom and Don Burrese flew into third place in their Group 2 VW Rabbit. The rapid bunny finished just eight seconds behind the second place Mazda. A 10-second penalty assessed against the Burrese brothers for clipping one of the chicanes was the difference. The chicanes are used to slow speeds on the fastest sections of the Taholah stage.

Just five seconds behind the Rabbit were Mager and Dumaoal, fourth overall in a 1999 Subaru Legacy RSTi. The Group 5 class winners, Lane and Damitio were another five seconds back and fifth overall.

Mark Tabor and Ben Bradley were sixth overall, second in PGT, leading a pack of Subaru Impreza variants. Following the Tabor-Bradley WRX was Brian Svedin and Tracy Manspeaker in a PGT class 2.5RS in seventh. Mark Fox and Jake Blattner were eighth in an Open Class Impreza. Decker and Craig, ninth in their 2WD Impreza.

Bob Trinder and Andy White were 10th in a right-hand-drive WRX, but it was a long weekend for the Vancouver, B.C., team after their service truck broke at the border.

The pre-event favorites, Hintz and Ford fractured a header on stage one and missed the second pass while a fix was welded together. They came back to post the fastest time on stage three.

The only Production Class entry suffered a worse fate when Ian McPherson and Mark Nelson in a Toyota MR2 broke the suspension and rolled out of the event on stage three. The other six DNF's in the event were able to make repairs and continue on to the "fun stuff," the roads of Doo Wop 2.



**Tom Burrese and Don Burrese challenged the overall leaders with their 1977 Volkswagen Rabbit.**

## **Doo Wop 2**

An overnigher by the service crew replaced a broken rear strut bracket and put Hintz and Ford in position to take the win in Doo Wop 2. The Hintz Subaru fell behind on the Blue Slough pavement stages but put 30 seconds on the field on stage three to jump into the lead. They never trailed after that. Hintz and Ford posted fastest time on four of the six gravel stages including the fastest time (6:57) on the famous run from the Brooklyn Tavern to take the win with 1:34 to spare.

Lane and Damitio parlayed the fastest times on the Smith Creek stages into a second overall and first in Group 5. To the delight of the fans, the rear-wheel drive Volvo left trails of burnt rubber on the sunbaked portions of the Brooklyn stage. Lane says the turbocharged V6 could be even faster with a little more engine management work.

Mager and Dumaoal finished third overall, 20 seconds out of second with the Legacy. Van Bogart and Barber were another 45 seconds back, fourth overall and first in PGT. Tabor and Bradley were second in PGT, only 12 seconds behind the class leader. Van Bogart came from behind on the next to the last stage to grab the PGT win.

Trinder and White posted solid times moving up to sixth overall. The Group 2 winners, Decker and Craig, were seventh, just two seconds ahead of Svedin

and Manspeaker.

The PGT Subaru of Svedin and Manspeaker edged rally rookie Malcom Davies and Bruce Parker by one second on the last stage to take the ninth spot by that one second. Davies and Parker showed impressive speed in an Eagle Talon TSI.

Adam Crane and Britta Nielsen survived a wild spin off course just a mile from the finish on the last stage. Then they slid their rear-wheel-drive Toyota Corolla into 10th overall and second in Group 2.

The Burrese brothers rocketed into the lead on the first pass down the Blue Slough Road, and then backed it up with the fastest time on the second run, too. So after two stages, a 1977 Volkswagen Rabbit was in first overall. Unfortunately a malfunctioning fuel pump stalled their effort after stage three. Fortunately for the fans, the Rabbit was repaired and returned to set a new Group 2 record (7:02) on the run from Brooklyn to Oakville.

For 20 years the Doo Wop Series has been the traditional season opener for the northwest rally community. Organizers Ray and Janice Damitio throw a two-day party that is more than a great rally. The Doo Wop Series also serves as a fundraiser for food banks in the economically distressed timber towns of southwest Washington. Everyone has a great time and helps the rural communities in rally country at the same .