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The covered grid offered relief from snow continuing flurries at Tight-N-Tidy event No. 1.

handed out trophies to the regular class winners, and suddenly, the snow stopped falling. By the time the Challenge began, there were several of us thinking "Gosh, if I'd known the weather was about to blow over, I might have decided to run after all!"

It did make for some interesting times in the Challenge running against your own best time, because for some people, weather had been a factor in all of their runs, and for others, only for a few of them and they'd had a run or two with somewhat drying conditions, "somewhat" meaning the difference between standing water and merely damp.

An extra shout-out goes to Enrique Garcia, Gretchen Everett, and Dick Willy, the three of them were willing to work out on course without even entering in the challenge. Under the supervision of Brett Wilson in timing, the Challenge took shape quickly, with defeated contenders heading out on course to help out. In the final battle, Drew Hanft defeated Rick Vomenici for the day's title.

Congratulations to all our class winners. What a fun event. If you've never done a Pro, our regional events are a fabulous lower-key introduction, and as well-run as the Nationals. The next

Tight-N-Tidy Regional Pro is June 28, and wild horses couldn't keep me away!

I also want to talk about the fun had the following day at the Fordahl Motorsports Championship Event No. 2. Brian Norton designed a tremendously fun, fast course, with the grid in the southeast corner in the former out-of-bounds area when the mill was still operating. This enabled the course to take advantage of nearly all the beautiful Packwood pavement, have some fairly quick sections, and yet remain technical. The weather was much more cooperative on Sunday, the snow flurries hit just north and south of Packwood, but never actually hit the site.

For those that were indeed stuck in the North Sound area and were not able to make it down for this event, you missed one of the great ones, so long as you stayed warm.

Many thanks to event chair Dick Willy and all of his chiefs. As of writing this article, I don't have the full results available to me, so I can't gush on and on about who won which classes, but that information is always available soon after the event at our region Web site, www.nwr-scca.org/solo.

See you in Bremerton on Memorial Day!