

It's been quite a ride

Well it has been a great two years as Regional Executive. I have gotten to work with some wonderful folks. It's now time to bow out and leave this project to a new board of directors. I will still be around as the Rally representative to NWR.

I want to thank the board members and committee chairs for all the hard work they have put into this past two years. Most of you do not know how much time and effort the board and committee folks put into making the region run. It is not just about showing up for meetings. Each committee chair and each member of the board has tasks that they must accomplish between meetings.

There are two shining stars that have come onto the board or served as a committee chair this past year.

Esther Sicks has not only been a master at chairing the membership committee but has analyzed the demographics of NWR membership to a fine hair. She has sent out birthday cards to members and created statistics we never had before.

The other is Lynne Smith as secretary, who stepped in mid-term and has sent out the best meeting minutes I've seen in a long time. Both should be congratulated for a lot of hard work.

Generally speaking, we did very well as a region. We had a couple of setbacks, but the books balanced and the region is on a roll. We remain the "Friendly Region." Membership stayed at about the same levels. I am looking forward to the coming years as growing years.

When Oregon and San Francisco Regions opted out of the NorPac convention, NWR stepped up to the challenge and invited the remaining re-

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gions to the party. In fact, we invited the membership from Oregon and San Francisco also (there were several folks that said they were coming from OR and SF, with or without their boards). Stay tuned to our Web page.

No grass got a chance to grow under our boots. Not only did we do a lot of racing, but we participated in Toys for Tots, Street Survival, litter pick-ups, cancer drives, scholarships, the Corvette Show, rallycrosses and autocrosses, drifting, First Gear and now motocrosses. I could go on. We have not only proven that we are the "Friendly Region" but are among the busiest of regions.

With this issue of the Northwest Sports Car News (NSCN), you should be seeing our new, shorter look. It is the new board's goal to get hard copies of NSCN out to locations where motorsports enthusiasts can grab a free copy. There are two reasons for that. Our mailers for those members who do not have Internet access will get a mailing that is less expensive to send and non-SCCA members will have a chance to read about our great works.

2009 will have lots of events. Our calendar should be on the Web page soon. It's a good thing to keep checking the Web page as sometimes event dates change. Track time is controlled in most cases by the property owners where we compete. Once in a while dates get changed. That's out of our control. The events usually still go on but on different dates. We try

to keep the schedule up to date as best we can.

The board is talking about establishing chapters throughout the region. The plan is to bring NWR-SCCA closer to our membership. We have members in British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon, Eastern Washington and overseas (mostly military) who need to be represented. Liaisons for those chapters would be a real asset to NWR.

Tom Masterson will be the new regional executive (a two-year term). I wish him the best and will support him wherever I can. Bill Deoneuseu remains as assistant RE. LouAnn Christensen will be the new treasurer. Sherri Masterson will take over as the new secretary. The two new members-at-large of the board are Neil Bryant and Val Korry (two-year terms each). Jay Shukla remains on the board for another year as a member-at-large. Tom will appoint the committee chairs after the first of the year.

At the time of this writing, we are missing a nominee for assistant regional executive (ARE) for Time Trials. I have worked Time Trials as a volunteer several times and enjoyed it very much. TT is a starting point for new drivers in both Race and Solo. Sometimes those events are accompanied with a drivers' school.

If you would step up to line and volunteer your assistance and help Tom and the region, it would be greatly appreciated. We all had to start somewhere. The board members will help you get going along with committee chairpersons.

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New NWR members

Joining the Northwest Region since October 2008 are:

First Gear

Bayley, Andy ; Tumwater
Caropepe, Joseph; Seattle

Regular

Bell, Josh; Olympia
Carlo, Peter; Silverdale
Crane, Benjamin; Seattle
Dailey, Jeffrey; Sumner

Faille, Christopher; Seattle
Harrison, Dean; Maple Valley
Nesbitt, William; Spokane
Schmid, Derek; Sandpoint, Idaho
Vernon, John; Seattle
Welch, Dustin; Bow