

OK folks, that's a wrap

The 2008 season for rally, road rally and rallycross has ended. The Pacific Rally Group (PRG) helped on the Doo Wop, Olympus, Oregon Trail, Wild West and Hood River performance rallies. The rallies were all successful and fun. PRG and Northwest Region, in conjunction with Corvettes de Olympia, put on the All-City Rally. The gimmick road rally raised money for an auto tech scholarship at South Sound Community College. The rallycross program had a full schedule but weather caused the loss or delay of some events.

THE 2009 SEASON

The 2009 performance rally season schedule is full starting with the Doo Wop Rallies in March. They are held in the Aberdeen area.

The Olympus Rally is next on the schedule. The location is yet to be determined. Last year the rally was moved to Pomeroy in Eastern Washington after Green Diamond Resource decided to end a 30-plus-year relationship with the rally. This caused the loss of \$6 million of economic impact in Shelton and southwest Washington. We are currently in negotiations to find a site in southwest Washington. If we are not successful the rally will return to Pomeroy and give the economic impact to the Lewiston, Idaho, area.

The Oregon Trail is next on the schedule in May. The rally is organized by the Oregon Rally Group (ORG) and headquartered in Hillsboro, Ore. PRG provides a stage crew for the event.

RALLY REPORT

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The Wild West will again be held the last weekend in September in Pomeroy and Garfield County. PRG has signed a five-year contract to hold the Wild West in the area. The folks in Pomeroy and Garfield County really roll out the welcome mat and make the teams, the workers and the spectators have a great time.

The Mount Hood Rally is an October ORG event held in shadows of Mount Hood. The rally was the first event to hold a moto rally, which included motorcycles. The 2008 event was successful and the 2009 Doo Wops and the Mount Hood plan to be moto rallies.

ROAD RALLY

The Northwest Region does not have a full-scale road rally program but has been part of the All-City Rally for years. Corvettes de Olympia has asked the region and PRG to take the lead this year. That will be up to the new leadership of PRG, but hopefully they will not end the long tradition.

RALLYCROSS

The rallycross program is one of the easiest programs to get started in. All you need is a car that can take bouncing around orange cones in a field and go out and have some fun. The schedule is not yet com-

plete but you will find it on the Pacific Rally Group Web site. If you like to travel, the Oregon Rally Group also has a full rallycross schedule.

THE FUTURE

By the time you read this, the new administration will take over leadership of the Northwest Region and PRG. New Regional Executive Tom Masterson will appoint the new Assistant Regional Executive for Rally. The PRG committee has nominated outgoing RE Frank Hamilton to take the job. The region board and the new RE will approve Frank at the January Board of Directors meeting. I will continue organizing rallies, working sound control at the races when needed and helping out at other events.

The PRG has for years put on the Rallyworkers Banquet. The 2008 banquet was paid for by a loan from a member. Once again, there is no money for a banquet and PRG will be looking for a sponsor for the 2009 banquet. It has been proposed that for the 2009 season that the organizers of the five events add a \$20 per car charge to cover the expense of trophies and the banquet. I hope PRG, ORG and the Doo Wop organizer all add this item to their budgets.

Since you are reading this after the holidays, I hope they were great and 2009 is a good year.

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2009 NWR Race schedule

May 2 and 3, Double Regional, Bremerton Motorsports Park
May 23-25, Double National with Regional Group(s), Pacific Raceways

Aug. 28, Test & Tune, Bremerton Motorsports Park
Aug. 29 and 30, Double Regional w/Vintage and Sovren Grids, Bremerton

Motorsports Park
Oct. 17 and 18, Double Regional, Bremerton Motorsports Park