

2009 schedule set and officers named, Solo's ready to go

Tis the season of administrivia.... Not as much fun as thrashing cones, but nonetheless interesting, since the Solo Committee just finished its annual rules meetings and elected officers for 2009.

Rules proposals often inspire spirited online debate, and this year was no exception. The hot topic was a proposal to require "qualification" to compete in the Open PAX class. For once the online discussion seemed to lead to a consensus, with a minimum of "flaming," and the proposal was defeated in the committee meeting. Many creative solutions were offered for how to qualify Open PAX competitors, but in the end, the majority felt that we should continue to let anyone enter the class.

We created three new classes, none of which have championship status: Time-Only AM, Time-Only PM and a third time-only group (name TBD) comprised of drivers doing second runs for the day. The intent of creating all three groups was to create PAX index scores so that drivers could easily compare their indexed times with other drivers' scores. None of these groups will be trophy classes.

The final proposal was to remove language that would allow discretion by event chairs in assessing fines for driving into or over timing equipment. The revised rule aligns the language with our standard practice.

Most of this year's officers are continuing:

- Committee Chairman, Dick Willy
- Vice Chair, Jackie McInnes
- Secretary, Gretchen Everett

Our treasurer for many years, Lou Ann Christianson, has been elected to fill the Region Treasurer position.

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Kristi Brown will be taking Lou Ann's place as Solo Treasurer.

Thanks, Lou Ann, for your many years of work. And, thanks to Kristi for stepping up to the Solo position.

Also, I want to express my thanks to Jackie and Gretchen for all of their work on the committee, as well as for all of the other often unnoticed things they do for Solo.

Our 2009 schedule is nearly complete. So, keep checking the Northwest Region Web site (www.nwr-scca.org). We should have it set by the end of the month.

The Packwood National Tour and Pro Solo events will be July 11 and 12 and 18 and 19, respectively. We'll again be hosting the Evolution Driving School at Packwood during the week between. For more info on national events, especially the ones on the West Coast, check the SCCA National Web site (www.scca.org).

At the local level, the Western Washington Sports Car Council (WWSCC) has schedule the annual Slush events, all at Bremerton Motorsports Park:

Feb. 8, "Dawg Sled" hosted by UWFSAE

Feb. 22, hosted by Torque Steerers

March 8, hosted by ACE

The council is also considering whether to restore the Slush events as a trophy series. Member clubs will be voting on the question at their next meeting. Check their Web site for details (www.wwscc.org).

2009 Solo schedule

April 4, Novice School, Bremerton Motorsports Park

April 5, Event No. 1, Bremerton Motorsports Park

April 25, Core Workers Practice, Packwood, Hampton Mills

April 26, Event No. 2, Packwood, Hampton Mills

May 16, Regional Pro Solo No. 1, Packwood, Hampton Mills

May 17, Event No. 3, Packwood, Hampton Mills

May 24, Event No. 4, Bremerton Motorsports Park

June 20, Regional Pro Solo No. 2, Packwood, Hampton Mills

June 21, Event No. 5, Packwood, Hampton Mills

July 5, Event No. 6, Bremerton Motorsports Park

July 11 and 12, National Tour, Packwood, Hampton Mills

July 14-16, Evolution School, Packwood, Hampton Mills

July 18 and 19, National Pro Solo, Packwood, Hampton Mills

Aug. 15, open practice, Packwood, Hampton Mills

Aug. 16, Event No. 7, Packwood, Hampton Mills

Oct. 4, Event No. 8, Bremerton Motorsports Park

Finally, the Coneheads Banquet will be Saturday, Jan. 17 at F.X. McRory's in Seattle. Coneheads is the annual awards banquet for both NWR SCCA Solo and WWSCC. Check the WWSCC or NWR Web sites for details.

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