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Kyra Jenkins works the cones. She held on for an E Stock Ladies victory over Gretchen Everett.

Packwood: A family affair

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PACKWOOD — Teaming up with one of your own was the ticket for the most recent Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Tour event as Hampton Mills played host to the Packwood National Tour, July 11 and 12.

Always a crowd pleaser, the lumber yard at Hampton Mills provides an ideal location for a Solo Tour event, not to mention a view worthy of a tourism brochure. The spacious surroundings and local hospitality must have been deemed a perfect family vacation for numerous Solo enthusiasts, as husband and wife, and father and son teams found great success in Packwood.

In F Stock for example, it was Stacey Molleker of Granite Falls taking the open class win, while wife Laura captured the F Stock Ladies win in the couple's Air Testing & Design Ford Shelby GT. Similarly, in Super Street Modified, Duke Langley of Umatilla, Ore., earned the open class victory, sharing a Duke's Auto Chevrolet Corvette with wife Tonya, who was the Super Street Modified Ladies winner.

Jerry Jenkins of Vancouver, Wash., may have taken E Stock handily in an FCM/Americas Tire Vancouver Mazda Miata, but wife Kyra had to

really work for her E Stock Ladies win. Trailing Gretchen Everett of Kent and the Fordahl Motorsports-Taco Time Porsche 944 after day one, Kyra pushed a little too hard on day two. After coning her first two runs, Jenkins got it right on her final attempt, earning her ESL win by 0.583-second.

The story was reversed for Drew and Kim Hanft of Renton in Street Touring Sport. While Kim cruised to the STSL win in the couple's Mazda Miata, Drew struggled to catch his co-driver, and day one STS leader, Peter Umino of Newcastle. It ended in heartbreak for Umino, who spun after the finish on his final run, collecting three cones and handing the win to Hanft by 0.012-second.

Not every wife stuck to Ladies Class competition. Sharing a Lotus Elan in D Modified, Karen Babb of Renton snuck past husband Ronald on day two to take the win by 0.294-second.

E Prepared pit two families against each other, as father and son Tom and Matthew Ellam of Livermore, Calif., shared an Altamont Tech-Ankeny Racing Mazda RX3 and faced off against Perry Keller of Vancouver, Wash., his son James and wife Andrea in a Bob Brown Tires Honda Civic. In the final tally, the elder

Ellam prevailed over his son by more than 2 seconds, followed by Perry, James and Andrea Keller, respectively.

Family ties weren't a requirement for a good show, however. In H Stock, Jack Yeung of Coquitlam, B.C., came from behind on Sunday in his VCMC.ca Mini Cooper to overtake Saturday leader Tim Stake of Everett in a Honda Civic Si by a slim 0.330-second.

Closer still was the Street Touring Xtreme contest between Ron Bauer of Renton and Jon Pomrenke of Salt Lake City. Driving a cobbtuning.com-vorshlag.com Subaru STi, Pomrenke made a charge on Sunday after ending Saturday in third. He fell just short of catching Bauer and his Bauerspeed Racing-Tight n Tidy Subaru WRX, who held onto the win by only 0.088-second.

The cones are not being cleared from Hampton Mills just yet, as a Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo event is set to take place this weekend, July 18 and 19.

The Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Tour next heads to Eagle Airport for the Vail Valley Colorado National Tour. The event, held Aug. 1 and 2, is designated as the Western States Championship and counts as one part of the Solo Triad Award.