



Dave Conover puts in some hot laps at the wheel of a simulator at the Northwest Region convention.

# NWR knows how to throw a party

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After the NorPac board of directors decided not to have an annual division convention in 2009, past Regional Executive Frank Hamilton decided to ask the region's board of directors to consider holding our own convention. With an overwhelming yes, it was agreed to do just that on Jan. 30 through Feb 1.

It would be NWR's 55th anniversary

with the annual banquet and would be expanded to include training. Invitations were extended to all NorPac regions to join in, and they did! Five of the seven regions in Area 13 attended. A big thank you goes to Big Sky, Montana and Snake River for their effort to trek across the mountains.

The convention was held at the Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport and offered a multitude of choices from a full package to being able to attend individual sessions and/or social

events. Since NWR is known as the "Friendly Region" the event started with a welcome reception and the famous bartending of John Forespring. Steve Danton provided a salmon pate that was quickly consumed by the attendees. The party lasted much longer than scheduled but was a great time for networking and bench racing.

NWR members led training sessions and presentations in many areas. Solo course design session was conducted by the talented Karen