



Northwest Region members peruse the items offered at the silent auction.

Babb; emergency services was handled by Frank Hamilton; flagging had longtime corner worker Dave Kentala; Solo safety steward training was headed up by Bob Forsberg. Solo also had an open session where exchange of ideas and concerns could be aired. Russell O'Connell conducted a drifting session.

Seminars on membership and one on communications were presented by Sherri Masterson. Two sessions on the Tire Rack Street Survival School were under the capable hands of Dean Benz of Reno Region. The stewards from NWR and Oregon decided to have their annual stewards training to accompany the convention. This training session was handled by Gary Meeker of SFR and Gary Van Horn of Oregon.

Saturday evening was the NWR 55th annual banquet, with about 60 people attending. The evening began with a no-host bar and the continuation of the silent auction. Dinner was

served by the great staff at the Doubletree and the presentations began. This year our Race venue also participated with the region to make this a special 55th celebration.

2008 Race awards were presented by outgoing Assistant RE-Race Tom Masterson. Even with a shortened season, the Race Committee found ways to give the racers an opportunity to collect points. Special annual race awards were also presented. See winners at end of this article.

Frank Hamilton, outgoing regional executive, presented gifts to his 2008 board members and thanked them for the time and energy they spent assisting him as regional executive for the past two years. He also presented the 2008 annual regional awards listed on Page 6.

Special speaker Martin Rudow showed slides and told us of the old tracks in our area that no longer exist. He is also the author of "Long Straights and Hairpin Turns," which

is sold out, and his newer book "Weekends of Glory," both about the history and legacy of the tracks in the Pacific Northwest.

The silent auction wrapped up with auctioneer John Forespring. After the close of the silent auction, Dennis Bainbridge offered a ride in his Fusion to be auctioned to the highest bidder. Final bid was \$200 and it was matched by the other bidder and both will get a ride at Double Nationals in May. Final auction proceeds exceeded \$2,000. Thank you to everyone who donated and bid on the items.

Membership recognition was given to those members who had been members in SCCA for five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years. The quarterly membership meeting part of the banquet was conducted by incoming Regional Executive Tom Masterson. With no new business to discuss it was adjourned and the banquet concluded.

On Sunday, an informal open dis-