

With the region's convention over, it's time to get busy

Well it is time to start a new season in all our venues. The board has completed the update of the bylaws which are now posted on the web so everyone can know what the region is obligated to do. We will finish our policy and procedure manual updates at the next meeting.

The region put on a convention that we invited the other regions in NorPac to attend. It was greatly appreciated by all who attended, especially the smaller regions as it is a good opportunity for them to get training and exchange ideas with others as well as talk to people from National office. See the full report beginning on Page 2 in this issue. A big thanks to Sherri and her helpers who put on the convention. It is very possible that we will need to do this again next year if we want training in NorPac as I strongly suspect that two other re-

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gions will veto it once again as a Divisional event.

As we go in to the new season, we will hold a Tire Rack Street Survival school on March 21 and 22. The first day is for teenagers and the second day is for adults. This is an opportunity for drivers to learn things like accident avoidance, braking distances, how to set mirrors properly — many of you adults may be in for a surprise there — and also to learn how to handle your daily driver when it is slick. Remember December? Yes, I said your daily driver.

This is not a school to teach high performance driving or how to handle a car at speed. It is a class that teach-

es people of all ages to handle the car they drive everyday and what it can and can't do. It is taught in a safe location and manner and all who have gone through the last two we have had have learned a lot as well as had a good time. Go to to register.

All our venues need help with getting new volunteers to help with the events, both on and off track. Everyone please pitch in and do your part and talk up SCCA at every opportunity. Remember they are not "nonmembers" out there, but "potential members"!

Please feel free to let the board know where you think the region needs improving. We will always listen, but we really like it if you can also suggest a solution to the problem you raise.

Have fun and play safe.

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Rally kicks off season with Doo Wop

A year of rallying is about to start. New roads, a few new faces, and in a few cases the addition of motorcycles. Planning meetings are taking place as often as twice a week now for the Doo Wop and Olympus rallies.

The Doo Wop Rally is the first of the year. It will occur on the Quinault Indian Reservation in Pacific and Grays Harbor counties the weekend of March 7. There will be a night stage. Headquarters will be at the Olympic Inn in Aberdeen. Service will be at City Hall in South Bend. This event will likely draw 22 to 25 competitors.

Rally has probably lost the famous Brooklyn Tavern Stage due to two large landslides. The smaller will probably be fixed by race day but the larger may require a road modification. Hopefully they will

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both be repaired by the Olympus Rally. Pacific Rally Group (PRG) is still negotiating with the state for roads in Capital Forest.

When the weather gets better here, there will be some rallycrosses too. Straddleline Park (formerly ORV) on the Aberdeen freeway (Highway 8) will be the site for these rallycrosses. Some pastures have been examined as possible sites but have proven too soft-surfaced to make them work well.

The Olympus Rally is scheduled for April 17-19. If you will recall, the Olympus is a larger event: more mileage, more competitors and more

spectator areas. Some of the road-use permits are in place and others are in the works.

During the summer months, there will be a rally sprint and the Brooklyn Bash (rallycross). In September, the Wild West will occur in the Pomeroy area in the southeast corner of Washington state. Wild West is also a well-attended event in all respects. The Garfield County Fair is usually the weekend before, which makes this event a fun week and lends itself to rallycross at the fair.

PRG has changed its meeting place to the Mayan Restaurant in Lacey. They meet every second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

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