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Esther Sicks (left) cooked up all the food served in the luau line and Tracy Manspeker helps serve.

# NWR, Big Island of Hawaii mix in Trans-Pacific Exchange 2

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The second Trans-Pacific Exchange Regional Race was held in Bremerton on the 1.1-mile temporary road racing track at Bremerton Motorsport Park. The Trans-Pacific Exchange was a three-day event, Aug. 28-30.

Visiting officials from Hawaii included Ed Hollmann, RE of Hawaii SCCA. Dual members Steve Archer, Dan Mullin, Jay Bratton and Steve Danton all served as stewards for the event. Randi Miller-Graffy, a Big Island dual member and chief of timing and scoring for Oregon Region SCCA, also worked timing and scoring. Barbara Archer, RE of the Big Island of Hawaii Region SCCA, represented the Big Island Region and worked timing and scoring during the event. The Trans-Pacific Exchange gives the Big Island of Hawaii Region "Racing Region" status and is also a way we can involve our mainland

dual members in a region activity.

Trans-Pacific Exchange Friday, Aug. 28, included a PDX (performance driving experience), Time Trials and a Tune-and-Test session. Approximately 24 cars participated in the different events. The weather offered both wet-track and dry-track experiences for all. Some of the regional race competitors entered these events to get additional track time and practice before the regional races on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday, Aug. 29 featured the first regional race of the weekend. Fifty-two participants competed in seven race groups, which included a Track Trials Group and a Vintage Group in addition to the regular regional groups. Competitors from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and Canada took part in the event.

Friday's rain left the track "green" for the start of the day on Saturday. The green track, coupled with cool, cloudy weather in the morning, found

several drivers looking for lost traction! The result was some spectacular spins and other spectacular saves, which had workers and spectators cheering. As the weather improved and the sun came out, traction improved and competition became hot. By the afternoon races, the track was dry and fast. The Northwest 944 Porsche Cup Series featured six 944 entries in the event. Notable cars included a Porsche 993 RSCS and a Shelby Cobra.

Saturday evening featured a Hawaiian luau, and a feast it was! The meal featured all things Hawaiian including poi for those brave enough to try it. Hawaiian door prizes included the ever-favorite macadamia nuts, macadamia nut cookies, and Kona coffee. The setting included a "fire walk," a tiki hut, and leis for all. Some brave souls also sported aloha shirts. Many thanks to the Luau sponsors Hard Rock Inc. and Northwest 944 Cup Series