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WELCOME TO THE 2011 ROAD RACING SEASON

A Short Season

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It looks like this will be a short road racing season for the NW Region. The *Trans Pacific Exchange 4* road races will be a combination SCCA/SOVREN race weekend with Vintage and Time Trials at Bremerton in about a month. This race and **Luau** is co-hosted with the Big Island of Hawaii Region. Drivers must attend these races in order to qualify for the championship. The *31st Annual Double "Rationals"* conclude the season Memorial Day weekend.

We'll need plenty of flaggers for these two events. A limited number of flaggers are needed for the rest of the events listed below.

The Rational

The Rational will be a combination National and Double Regional race on track at the same time. Drivers could be competing for National or Regional points for separate championships.

This could be an interesting race to flag. In general, blue flaggers will be flagging based on speed differential but there will be leaders in both classes to track. Prepare to blue flag slower cars as the leaders of either class approach to pass.

Refined Flagging Procedures

One of the lessons learned last year was the importance of black and red flags. It's fair to say that they were not requested by the corners (and I include myself) when the track was blocked or congested with safety workers. The stewards recognize the need for these flags and have promised to call for them when conditions warrant. It's up to us as corner workers to request that the session be stopped when it is impossible or unsafe for cars to continue (without using the words "black flag" or "red flag").

New To Flagging?

Go to <http://www.nwr-scca.org/race/> and scroll down to **Flaggers Newsletters**. These cover flags, hand-signals and more. Let me if you are interested in attending Flaggers training.

You can register to flag here or e-mail me at SilverSableDiner@aol.com. The morning meetings go faster if I know in advance you will attend.

Worker/Volunteer Credits

The SCCA rewards workers for their dedication to the sport. Each race day worked earns a credit toward membership.

Go to <http://ams.scca.org> to get days worked credited to the cost of your membership. Register if you haven't already. Then LOG IN → MEMBER HOME → VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION → ADD and select the weekend you worked. Then you will be able to select the track and number of days worked.

F & C Licenses

Does your license show an endorsement for F & C? If not, call the 800-770-2055 during the week or e-mail membership@scca.org and ask for a Regional F & C license. They are free.

2011 ROAD RACING SCHEDULE

APRIL 2-3: DOUBLE TIME TRIALS-BREMERTON

APRIL 30-MAY 1: TRANS PACIFIC-BREMERTON
(7:45 MORNING MEETING)

MAY 28-30: DOUBLE RATIONAL-PACIFIC
(8:00 MORNING MEETING)

JULY 15: CLUB AND TRACK TRIALS -PACIFIC

SEPT. 11: TIME TRIALS-BREMERTON