



Denise Williamson photo

Karl Coleman is on his way to winning Street Touring X at the Packwood ProSolo in August.

What a way to wrap up summer

August and September are insane months for Northwest Region Solo drivers, with Solo Week (National Tour, Pro Solo and Evolution School), NWR Event No. 7, Canadian West Coast Nationals, Montana Divisional and finally, the Pro Solo Finale and Solo Championships in Topeka, Kan.

Solo Week

One of the big highlights of the Solo calendar is Solo Week, which includes the National ProSolo, Evolution School and the National Tour, which were held at Hampton Mills facility in Packwood Aug. 17 to 26.

One hundred sixty entrants competed in the ProSolo, with NWR members dominating the trophy positions with six class wins, seven seconds, six thirds, two fourths and one fifth. In the Challenge, "Fast Mike" Lillejord finished second, with Ryan Otis (Oregon Region) in third. Kristi Brown took second-place honors in the Ladies Challenge, with Laura Molleker in second and Jodi Fordahl in third. Dieter Beldi placed second in the Bonus Challenge.

See below for a complete listing of trophy winners.

The Evolution School is taught by some of the best national drivers and

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features five separate classes based on driving level and subject. The "Evo" school is an excellent learning tool for intermediate and advanced drivers. This year's school was held on Monday through Thursday of Solo Week.

The National Tour began with Friday's Test-n-Tune, followed by competition on Saturday and Sunday. First-heat drivers on Sunday were "blessed" with "Washington sunshine," but the rest of the weekend was dry. Two hundred sixty three competitors enjoyed the mountain scenery only our Packwood site can provide, while attacking the challenging course designed by Scott Miller.

Fastest scratch time (109.289 sec) for the weekend was recorded by Glen Barnhouse (Lolo, Mont.), driving a 2005 Red Devil F500 in F Modified. Close on his heels were NWR F Prepared co-drivers, Greg Fordahl (109.713) and Leeds Gulick (109.942). Among Stock category drivers Kevin Dietz (Federal Way) was quickest (go figure!) in Jerry Lee's Corvette Z06, with a time of 111.451 seconds.

Many thanks to all of the many volunteers who made Solo Week a success. Special mention is due to the event chairs, course designers, and our Test-n-tune co-chairs:

Pro Solo co-chairs: Kristi and Keith Brown

Evolution School administrator: Keith Brown

Test-n-tune co-chairs: Jackie McInnis and Erika Cowen

National Tour co-chairs: Jess Lynch and Brian Norton

Pro Solo course designer: Karen Babb

National Tour course designer: Scott Miller

Packwood ProSolo trophy winners

Super Stock

1. Kevin Dietz, 2003 Chevrolet Corvette, 51.236
2. Christopher Cox, 2004 Porsche GT3, 51.575
3. Glen Hernandez, 2006 Lotus Elise,