

Conehead celebration

Autocrossers unite for 2009 awards ceremonies

It was that time of year again, time for the Northwest Region's annual solo racing Coneheads Award Banquet to honor SCCA and Western Washington Sports Car Council trophy winners. Eighty local racers gathered Jan 23 at F.X. McRory's in Seattle and enjoyed great company, tasty food and well-deserved congratulations for a fast paced and raced 2009 autocross season.

While the festivities involved many rounds of clapping and good laughs, the ceremonies opened with a heartfelt tribute to a much-adored fellow racer who recently passed, Craig Anderson. Craig will be missed by all and was a man who truly embodied the first-ever Heart of the Council Award, which he was awarded in 2007.

Many trophies were awarded in both clubs recognizing fastest times coupled with clean runs but others were recognized for their contributions and enthusiasm in front of and behind the scenes. The following SCCA 2009 Season Specialty Chiefs were recognized for their dedication to making our organization and events run smoothly:

2009 Specialty Chiefs

Course: Chris Kmetz
Waivers: Joel Ferguson
Timing: Kim & Drew Hanft and Ron Bauer
Scoring: Jodi Fordahl
Workers: Keith and Kristi Brown
Registration: Tasha and Doug Mikko and Jason and Brett Spore
Tech: Charles Aggenbach and Dieter Beldi
Grid: Jackie Kmetz and Karl Coleman
Novice Chair: James Wegge and Rick Vomenici
Trophy Chair: Amy Olson
Safety, Insurance, Sanctions: Gretchen Everett
Drift: Russel O'Connell
Assistant Regional Executive, Solo: Dick Willy
Co-Assistant Regional Executive, Solo:



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Autocrossers gathered at F.X. McRory's in Seattle on Jan. 23 to celebrate the achievements of 2009.

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**JACKIE KMETZ
ASSISTANT RE, SOLO**

Jackie Kmetz

2009 National Event Chairs

National Tour: Joel Ferguson
National ProSolo: Gretchen Everett and Jerry Lamb

The SCCA also recognized Alyson Bauer as Worker of the Year for her above and beyond efforts to tirelessly help the region at so many levels at both local and national events, and Matt Taggle as Novice of the Year. Congratulations to you both! Dick Willy was recognized and received a hearty thanks from all members for his three years serving as the region's Solo ARE. Thanks Mr. Willy. You've left some big shoes to fill!

The Western Washington Sports Car Council honored four members, including Worker of the Year Zane Kenney for his dedication to the club and willingness to help in so many areas, and newcomer Dennis Han-

nah as Rookie of the Year. The Dell Hines Sportsmanship Award was given to a well-deserved Des Toups for his continuous positive energy and willingness to help anyone in the sport. Don Gill was recognized for his years of participation and the most tenured member in the WW club with a newly established Western Washington Sports Car Council Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations to all winners!

The 2010 season is getting under way with new and returning chiefs filling in important roles, upcoming autocross dates filling calendars and cars being prepped as I type! The first events of the season begin with the WW Slush Series Feb. 7, 21 and March 7 at Sanderson Field in Shelton. SCCA's events get underway starting with the first event in the Championship Series on March 28 in Bremerton. Be sure to check www.wssc.org and www.nwr-scca.org/solo Web sites for online registration and most up-to-date event details. See you course and backside those cones!

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