

Convention shows NWR is on the right track

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TUKWILA — Northwest Region's convention was held at the Best Western Riverside Inn in Tukwila, Jan. 8-10. Although the attendance was somewhat lower than last year, it was considered a success. Plans are already under way for next year with the date to be determined.

NWR extends a big thank you to Rick Myers of the National office and R.J. Gordy, outgoing chairman of the board, for their thought-provoking talks, extensive input and knowledge.

Eighty-minute sessions were held on the following subjects: Solo course design (Karen Babb); Solo safety steward training (Bob Forsberg); Solo Divisional, how to put on an event (Keith Brown); Solo open forum (Jackie Kmetz and Dick Willy); Time Trials, getting started with PDX (David Conover); 2010 membership programs (Rick Myers); RallyCross — open discussion about events, etc. (Tracy Manspeaker); Tire Track Street Survival — instructors and coach training (David Conover); Oregon Raceway Park (Todd Butler and Chuck Huffington); Web sites — needs of the region vs. needs of the members (Sherrri Masterson); the Energy of Engagement (R.J. Gordy); and Race/Time Trials open forum (Chuck Huffington and Tom Masterson).

Note of interest on the Oregon Raceway Park (ORP): This session was about the new track in Grass Valley, Ore. The raceway has been sanctioned by SCCA and will be the site of a co-sanctioned Oregon-Northwest Region race in October. There are a number of logistical items that are being worked on by the two clubs. Videos of the course are available by searching Google for "Oregon Raceway Park."

After a day of education, the NWR annual banquet ended the day. Both Regional and Race awards were pre-



Margie Swanson photo

Kristi and Keith Brown received the Mary Pang Unsung Hero Award.

sented along with a quick meeting of the membership. The annual auction was a huge success, defraying some of the cost of the convention.

Once again, NWR invited other regions of NorPac to participate. It is very beneficial to be able to discuss problems and successes with the other regions in the division. A Sunday morning informal chat made it possible to discuss and answer a varied round of questions and concerns with Gordy, Myers and other attend-

ing members.

Regional awards were given out at the banquet during the Northwest Region Convention on Jan. 9. A big thank you for work done and congratulations to the winners.

Mary Pang Unsung Hero Award

This couple has been active in the NWR Solo program for the past decade, always willing to take leader-