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Something very special will be happening at Bremerton come July 28th and 29th. A double regional that will be a co-sanctioned by Northwest Region and Big Island Region of Hawaii! Not only is this the first racing event for the club's newest region, but Wyndi in the home office in Topeka is sure this is the first event co-sanctioned between two divisions. Big Island is a SOPAC member region. The Bremerton weekend will also feature a NORPAC vintage series event and a time trial event.

Attention club racers. As we all know this wis a new helmet year. How about donating that old lid to your local Solo group?

Interestingly, the NHRA recently introduced a business plan similar to the SCCA business plan. That is to "spin-off" their Pro side, and leave the core "bracket" racer / amateur side to stand alone. This may have been driven by a new pay-for-view HD TV package they have in the works, but it will bear watching to see how a club that is very similar to ours produces in the marketplace.

Speaking of Pro, it just keeps gaining momentum. With the addition of Tish Sheets, who came over from NASCAR, the Bob Wildberger lead group is on the rise. Year to date, the numbers are holding, and the budget is being exceeded in most areas. Pro is still on track to make a more than decent payment on the Inc. loan at the end of the year. It is too soon to say that Pro i out of the woods, but at least the light is on at the end of the tunnel. A huge tip-of-the-helmet goes out to fellow board member and Pro racing chairman Brian Holtz, whose consistent and tireless energy is the force making this turnaround happen.

Now, for some popping eye candy, set your browser to MySCCA.com. It is up and running and getting attention. This should mark the beginning of a new frontier and chapter for our fine club. Our partner, Haymarket Publishing, the same people that bring us SportsCar magazine, developed this project.

It is not a secret to say that the rain-soaked qualifying round of the MX-5 cup race at P.I.R produced some NORPAC pride. With Brad McAlister and Andrew Caddell on the front row, it looked to be a super event and it did not disappoint. With Andrew's first win backed up by a third place at the first Cleveland race, the NORPAC Driver of the Year is now in third position in points, just six markers out of second. Andrew also started the first Cleveland race from the pole; his first. Keep up the good work Andrew. As soon as I hear when the series will be televised, you will hear it here. It also heart warming to see two fellow SM racers listed as Andrew's sponsors.

While I was at registration on Champ Car Sunday, I ran into two of the power couples of the NW Solo scene: the Bauers and the Daniels. They were on their way to cheer on fellow Miata racers in the MX-5 Cup race. Ron, I did not get a chance to tell you that the wrong guy won on set-up, and you were indeed the class of that field. Thanks for shaving the beard; now I may be able to tell you apart from Jim.

As promised in last month's column, here are the details about the membership referral program: Beginning June 1, current SCCA members will receive a \$5 discount on their next National dues for each new member referral they generate. With National dues currently set at \$60, if a member refers 12 new members, their next year's dues would be free. SCCA President and CEO, Jim Julow, said, "The most important recruitment tool SCCA has is the members themselves." The top referring members from the period of June 1 through November 30, 2007 will also be in contention for one of several great prizes. The SCCA member with the most referrals during the contest will have their expenses to the 2008 SCCA National Championship Runoffs covered and be eligible for special pace car duties at the event. Second place will receive a certificate for an SCCA-accredited professional driving school, with third through fifth place receiving SCCA merchandise credits. Prize winners will be announced by December 31, 2007. In addition to the recruiting member receiving an incentive, new members activated through the program will receive a one-time discount of \$15 off their National dues for an individual or \$20 off a family membership. To qualify for the program, the new member may not have been an SCCA member in the previous 18 months. In order to receive

credit for referring a new member, the recruit must provide your name and membership number when they sign up. This may be done via SCCA.com (preferred), phone, fax or mail

There are currently 319 entries for the Run-Offs, which is slightly behind last year's count. Start making your plans for Solo Nationals and the Run-Offs now. These are both can't miss events where memories are made.

So until next month:

Director Duck-Out.