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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Conference faithful! It is with some relief that we have completed our 2020 competition event schedule which could be compared to a difficult machete hacking slog through the dense forests and unexpected metaphorical quicksand traps as opposed to the well worn trails we normally follow. Through the valiant efforts of a few dedicated volunteers we were able to hold three sprint race weekends and an eight-hour enduro that averaged at least reasonably good support considering the conditions they were forced to be held under. To everyone who maintained their dedication to preserving Conference racing through these troubled times

I wish to convey my deepest thanks and respect. To those of you who wanted desperately to help but were denied that opportunity through danger to your health or government restriction my respect and sympathy is just as great as we look forward to renewing our friendship and dedication to our shared passion in the happier times that must inevitably come. My guesses as to when that may arrive have been ridiculously optimistic and recent experience would suggest that fear,

risk, and regulation are likely to still give us a few punishing kicks to sensitive areas as we crouch in a stance that is as defensive as we can muster. A quick review of my earlier writing would suggest that I felt we would have

trouble holding the first couple events of 2020 but likely return to some form of normalcy after that. I guess if I had made that same prediction but changed the expectation to that same period in 2021 I would have likely still been optimistic! As I am sure many have noticed I have some strong feelings on the subject but in the end we have to deal with the world as it is no matter how much we wish things were “different” or “better”. There continues to be a motivated group of people who work diligently and selflessly to preserve and advance Conference as the most successful club racing organization in the Northwest and for that I am proud and grateful.



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This year left little that was noteworthy on my personal racing resume and really felt less satisfying than any other of the two decades or so I have been involved with Conference. This spawned a decision to pull the first race



FROM THE PRESIDENT *cont'd*

car I had developed when I joined Conference 20 years ago out of a 13 year old pile of mouse poop and prep it for the enduro. I got commitments from two drivers who's company I appreciate even after I gave them the "although you are two very competitively motivated drivers I can assure you the car will be wildly uncompetitive and this is just for fun" speech. With the assistance of several friends, an engine swap and resulting fabrication two days before the event, and the Steward coming through with an engine ready to plug in with full intake and properly jetted carb, distributor set to proper timing, and clutch and flywheel installed and ready to go, we made it almost seven hours before something in the rear end gave up noisily. We operated in an absolutely bare bones fashion with one of our three drivers getting in, one getting out, and one fueling the car at every stop with a volunteer holding the fire bottle to keep us safe. It was just about the fun of getting on track and figuring out how to drive around the idiosyncrasies of what was a minimally refined race car with some substantial flaws. It really reminded me of my early days racing when it was just fun to get in the car and go play with friends. If you didn't attend, you missed a nice event that left me with a much more positive feeling about what has been a difficult year.

We are going into Fall Meeting territory and it appears more and more that we are probably going to have to hold a virtual meeting which will require some prep work. The Canadian Border will definitely still be closed and it is a long drive from Spokane to attend a masked-up one day meeting so both of those are pretty much in the virtual meeting column. It seems a no-brainer for the ROD and Contest Board meetings to be virtual. If you have something that you want your club to submit as an agenda item now is the time to contact your E-Board representative. In addition I would like to thank Steve Clinton for his immense contribution as License Director and Zack George for his work as Points keeper. Both will be relinquishing those jobs for next year so I am calling for people who have an interest and want to step up for consideration or nominations from others who think they know someone who would be good for those positions. Conference operates on the energy and experience of volunteers so no volunteers, no Conference!

Hope you are all staying safe and remaining successful in your chosen fields while waiting for the day that we are free to play again. Looking forward to seeing you all.



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RACE STEWARD'S CORNER

We have now completed the Conference race season with the Cascade Enduro held on October 17th. I decided to get on the road early and left the house around 4:30 am and headed to Portland. This might have been the best drive to Portland in a long time. I set the cruise control and the traffic was light, no construction and I also got to watch the sun rise. After getting to the track and checking in with the race chairman Chris Heinrich I performed a track inspection and it was a little damp but in great shape. Following the morning worker meeting it was time for practice sessions. Other than one car that had an issue with the damp track it went well.

Now onto the enduro starting at 12:30. By now the weather was just about as perfect as it could be for racing. The sweatshirt came off and the sunglasses went on. We had a good turnout and start with Eric Krause's team getting out first once again. After watching for awhile from the hot pits I went down to the grassy knoll between T-10 and T-12. I was able to see great racing yet drivers were laying down laps after laps. We had a mix of

fast and slow cars along with open and closed wheeled cars. Then I heard on the radio a call come in from next year's race steward Rick Delamare about the excellent use of blue flags used by all turn stations. Rick had just completed the first two hours in a Hank Moore prepared BMW. He also wanted race control to let the turn workers know about their appreciated work. I definitely noticed this where I was stationed and could not agree more. It's difficult to maintained a big difference in speeds but it was handled all day long by our incredible volunteers.

Over all the enduro went quite well with only a few small infractions on speed in pit lane. A few cars had to drop out due to mechanicals but a good time was had by everyone I came in contact with.

Now I will close with a special thanks to Chris Heinrich and his team on all of their efforts to put on a fantastic event. Again, I would like to thank all of the volunteers and turn workers for a short but great season. I hope to see everyone next season.

Duane Martinsen
2020 Race Steward



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ENDURO CORNER

The 2020 ICSCC racing season is complete as is the 2020 Northwest Mini Enduro Championship Series. Congratulations to the NWMECS Champions – Knut Grimsrud in MSR, Eric Krause in ME0, Zack George in ME1, Jeff McAffer in ME2, and Bret Bienerth and Bob Peters tied in ME3. 2020 once again saw champions in each of the five classes. ME1 and ME2 were the only classes however to have enough entries to award 2nd and 3rd place trophies. Congratulations to Simon Asselin who finished in second place in ME1 eight points behind Zack and two points ahead of third place finisher Eric Krause. Also, congratulations to Matt Lowell who finished in second place in ME2 just three points behind Jeff and to Andrew Michel who finished in third place just five points behind Matt.

Congratulations to the Cascade Festival of Endurance 8 Hour winners – Three Thieves Racing took the overall win and first in EU in their BMW M3. Hart Racing took the class win in E1 in a BMW 330 and finished second overall. Rounding out the podium with third overall and second in E1 was the Racer on Rails BMW 330. The E1 battle was hotly contested with the top two close the entire race. After eight hours of racing, they crossed the finish line on the same lap and just seconds apart! Other class winners were:

One More Lap in E0 in their BMW M240iR, Squirrels of Fury in E2 in a BMW 325, and Team Sputnik in E3 in an Acura Integra. A big thank you to the enduro gold sponsors: Skyline Scaffold, ACI (Alternative Cartage Inc.), and Retro Racing. This group have been strong supporters of the race for decades and their support is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, they are all from Canada and didn't even get the opportunity to participate in the race this year yet still

sponsored the event!

It was good to see attendance up this year for the Cascade year end enduro. Entries were close to double from what they were in 2019. The weather was perfect, there were quite a few cars still running at the finish, and there were a lot of new drivers at the event. The new ICSCC Enduro License allows easier access for more drivers to participate and from what I can tell they all did great.

As 2020 comes to a close, plans for 2021 will be getting underway in the next few months.

Have a great off season and look for news on what's happening in 2021 sometime after the first of the year.

Chris Heinrich

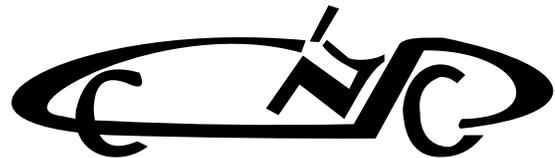


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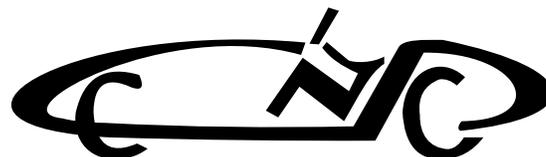
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Memo # 3	May 29	NWMS Race #5,#6 – June 5,6&7 CSCC Race #8	 – June 20/21
Memo # 4	July 10	IRDC Race #10 – July 18/19
Memo # 5	August 7	CSCC Race #12#13 – June 15/16 IRDC Race #14 – Aug 29/30
Memo # 6	Sept 18	SCCBC Race #16 – Sept 26/27
Memo # 7	October 9	CSCC Enduro – Oct 17 rule changes banquet & hotel info
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Memo # 9	December 4	approved rule changes Request bid for memo editor/officers

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2020 TENTATIVE ICSCC EVENT SCHEDULE

Championship Race Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>Club</u>
May 2/3 (rotn 5/6)	Portland International Raceway (double race)	CSCC
May 16/17 (rotn 1/2)	Pacific Raceways (double race)	IRDC
June 5/6/7 (rotn 3/4/5)	Spokane County Raceway (triple race)	NWMS
June 20/21 (rotn 6/1)	Portland International Raceway (double race)	CSCC
July 18/19 (rotn 2/3)	Pacific Raceways (double race)	IRDC
August 15/16 (rotn 4/5)	Portland International Raceway (double race)	CSCC
August 29/30 (rotn 6/1)	The Ridge (double race)	IRDC
Sept 26/27 (rotn 2/3)	Mission Raceway Park (double race)	SCCBC

Endurance Events

Oct 17	Portland International Raceway	CSCC
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Driving Schools / Test & Tune

March 28	Oregon Raceway Park	TC
April 26	Oregon Raceway Park	TC
May 1	Portland International Raceway	CSCC
May 15	Pacific Raceways	IRDC
June 4	Spokane County Raceway	NWMS
June 19	Portland International Raceway	CSCC
July 17	Pacific Raceways	IRDC
August 14	Portland International Raceway	CSCC
August 28	The Ridge	IRDC
Sept 25	Mission Raceway Park	SCCBC

ICSCC Awards Banquet, R.A.T's, Spring & Fall Meeting

Jan. 11	Hotel RL Olympia WA	ICSCC
Mar. 14	Race Administration Best Western, Dupont WA CANCELLED	ICSCC
Nov. 7	Fall Meeting & Awards Banquet, Hotel RL Olympia WA	ICSCC



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