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Road trip with the new MR2: by Dick Lang
Part 1. (see <http://dicknjane.spaces.live.com> for the whole story & pictures)

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Ready, Set, Go (well almost)

"My bags are packed . . ." and on the table awaiting last minute additions before we go out the door in a few hours. Sarah will drop us at PDX on her way north. Caleb has already taken Evin, our old MR2, to his new home. Leonardo is scheduled to pick us up at our motel in Albany, NY on Sunday morning. So why am I writing this rather than sleeping? Must be the Tillamook chocolate peanut butter ice cream I finished up so that it wouldn't go bad sitting in the freezer. Truth?: I'm too excited to sleep. - D

Albany New York

Saturday: Being dropped at the airport by Sarah was super convenient and the hand search because I can't go through the metal detector was uneventful. We changed planes in Chicago and a couple of the crew members chatted with us while we waited at the front of the plane to move to our seats. They seemed amazed that we would buy a car over the internet and drive it cross-country. Amazement has been almost universal when we answer the question of "What brings you to NY"?

The taxi ride from Albany County Airport to our motel was thankfully short. The trunk wouldn't open and we stacked our bags in the backseat next

to Jane. I rode up front with the driver, but the seatbelt didn't work in the front. His comment was "oh well, its a short ride".

Sunday: Leonardo and his son picked us up at the motel for the drive to his home. Our new MR2 was warmed up and waiting in the driveway. It is almost a twin to the MR2 it replaces. Same color, hardtop, and same options except for power steering. (see the first two pictures in the 4/10 photo album) Leonardo had just changed the oil and filter to ready the car for our trip west. This was just one example of his conscientious car of the car. He had done his homework when he purchased, modified, and maintained the MR2. It would be hard to find a better owner to purchase from.

Jane met Ronda and shared a cup of tea with her while Leonardo and I went for a test drive. They watched deer out of the kitchen window and talked about families and homes. Jane mentioned after that she thought she and Ronda could have become really good friends if we lived closer.

We explored a bit of Albany on our way back to our motel with lunch at an English themed pub (ate bangers and mash of course). The 4/10 photo album has several Albany pictures. Click on "Description" if the picture titles aren't already viewable.

Spring Fling Autocross: April Showers hold off for the 2nd WMC event of the season!

By Ripley Bryant

Coming up with creative ideas for using the Mission St. Les Schwab site isn't as easy as it looks. To make this year's event at this site even more of a challenge, we now have a couple of nice

large speed bumps to deal with in the pit/grid area and right where our normal start line is.

To get around these obstacles, we decided to try something different: Moving the start/finish lines over to the entrance by K-Mart.

First off, I'd like to thank everyone who helped set up the course the weekend prior and those that showed up early on Sunday to get the course set up and the event underway.

Overall, the event went smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy the course. Top time of day was set by Mark Johnson in his wickedly fast Rabbit.

A Weekend in Seaside by Ripley Bryant

This past weekend was the annual NWAA Driver's School and Autocross. This is a course put on as a senior 'Pacifica' project by High School students at Seaside High School and the NWAA club (<http://www.nwautosports.org/>).

On Friday, the students (Kids aged 15-21) had a classroom course on Driver safety, vehicle handling, and car dynamics.

Saturday morning, the students and their volunteer instructors met in Seaside at the Les Schwab parking lot for the caravan up to the site for the in-car course at Deep River, across the Columbia and about 20 minutes away near Nacelle, Wa.

The day started out cool, but quickly warmed up into the mid '70s. The students were nervous at first, but soon warmed up to the exercises.

The course consisted of Threshold braking in a straight line and around left and right hand corners, skidpads, lane change exercises, and navigating slaloms and offset slaloms. To make things interesting, the course was continually wet down by the local fire dept's water truck.

From an instructor's perspective, it was great to see the students progressing from their first runs through the course to their last. At first, we had them run through the elements to feel what their vehicle was doing. Between runs, we talked them through what was happening and why their cars were under steering or over steering through the cones rather than turning when they expected them to. By their final runs through, they were able to figure out how the cars would respond and compensate accordingly.

Sunday, the NWAA put on an Autocross at the Seaside Convention center. This was a perfect place for the students to try out their new skills.

The course was challenging and fun. The weather cooperated and it was sunny and dry, if a bit cool and breezy.

March Madness: By Tad Davis

The 2007 WMC autocross season kicked off on March 25 at McKay High School. I suppose when you schedule any event outdoors in March, you shouldn't be too surprised when the day starts off rainy. When I woke up at 5am, there was a steady downpour, which continued through the set-up and the first group of competitors (which included myself). Setup went a bit easier than usual, as the club had purchased a Honda generator last fall. That meant fewer extension cords to lay out. We also had a few issues with the timing system, which meant no lights or lines to set up. We tried to put a positive spin on the problem by declaring it a 'nostalgic' event, using stop watches like they did in the good old days. McKay has a bigger parking lot than Les Schwab, so the courses can be longer. My co-chairman, Steve Rux, designed a great course (even with the dreaded although necessary spin cone). The morning group was relatively small, allowing lots of fun runs, but by the afternoon session quite a few more people showed up. Due to insurance restrictions, the club

has had to alter its policy on passengers, and this was the first event that they were implemented. We've also started handing out wrist bands at registration for both drivers and passengers. I don't recall having any problems with the new regulations. We have had several discussions in the past about how to get more volunteers to help at set-up and take-down. We started including a request on each of the event flyers. I'm happy to say it seems to be working. I usually arrive at an event at about 6 am. When I got to McKay, John Harris was already there, waiting to help. A short time later, Mark Crowell (sp.?) showed up. Thanks guys, I really appreciated your help! Then there are the regulars; Charles, who was nice enough to bring the club trailer, drop it off, and go back home for his car; Don, Barry, Ripley, Julie, Lisa, and everyone else who came and helped things run smoothly. Thanks to my co-chair, Steve Rux for his help (and for storing the club trailer at his business), and especially to Chris Davie for all of his hard work, we wouldn't have a club without him. Finally, thanks to everyone who attended this and all of our other events. We all put in a lot of hours, but it all seems worth it when we receive positive comments about our events. See you all at the next one! - Tad Davis

SCCA Rules for 2007

The SCCA rule book for 2007 can be downloaded at the following web URL:
<http://www.scca.org/FileLibrary/File/2007SoloRules.pdf>
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2007 EVENTS

OR-SCCA:

May 11-13 National, Regional

June 1-3 Rose Cup Regional, National

June 30-July 1 Regional

August 25-26 Regional

EESCC:

June 2-3 Event 3 & 4 VRC

July 14-15 Larison Rock Oakridge

August 4-5 Event 5 & 6

Sept 8-9 Event 7 & 8 and IROC

October 6 Fast Grass (Members Only)

SSCC:

May 11-13 Rogue Challenge Series #3

June 15-17 Rogue Challenge Series #4

July 20-22 Rogue Challenge Series #5

August 18-19 Rogue Challenge Series #6

September 21-23 Rogue Challenge Series #7

October 5-7 Fall Enduro

NWAA:

May 19-20 Car show, event 4 Tillamook

June 16-17 event 5, Location TBD

July 14-15 event 6, Location TBD

August 17-19 Summer Road Trip weekend

Sept 22-23 event 7, Deep River Naselle WA

ACCO:

May 19-20 practice & event 2, Redmond

June 23-24 events 3 & 4, Redmond

July 21-22 events 5 & 6, Hoodoo Ski Area

August 25-26 events 7 & 8, Redmond

September 15-16 events 9 & 10, Redmond

October 13-14 Oregon Shootout Invitational, Redmond

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WMC event Calendar:

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May 20th – Mayhem at the Fairgrounds, Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem

June 3rd – Rose Cup Autocross, Portland International Raceway, Portland

August 3rd, 4th, 5th – Bible Creek Hillclimb, Willamina

August 26th – McKay High School, Salem

September 30th – Albany Fairgrounds, Albany

October 13th & 14th – Oregon Shootout Invitational, Redmond