

Portland International Writeup July 16th-18th

This past weekend SCRS attended the Portland International Raceway for the Camping World West Series race. We were a support race, but we only had 10 cars entered, so it made for a rather interesting weekend. Everyone arrived at the track on Friday morning, ready for move in at 7am. We were pitted on the inside of the raceway as last year. The year however the weather was perfect, just about 78 degrees the entire weekend.

SCRS had our first session on Friday afternoon, unfortunately Steve Schoellhorn had an off track incident (solo) and was not able to run the rest of the event. Steve was OK, however his car had damage to both ends.

This weekend, two of our SCRS members were entered in the NASCAR Camping World West race, Garland Self and Tom Klauer. This was Tom's first pro race, so you can imagine he was quite concerned about how he would do this weekend. Tom ran the Friday sessions with SCRS, but decided to concentrate fully on his CWW series car for the remainder of the weekend.

The SCRS drivers consisted of Dan Verstyuft, Steve Beck, Ardie Oji, Tom Klauer, Garland Self, Tim Smith, Wes McNay, Dick Young and our newest member John Burke. A big welcome to John, he has progressed very far in his racing skills compared to his first event early this year at Thunderhill.

Our qualify/practice on Saturday morning was really enjoyable. Almost everyone in our group would have qualified in the top 20 for the professional race. Good job everyone. Saturday afternoons race was probably the best race we have put together in a long time. Everyone in the group had the opportunity to lead the race, and did. Almost every lap someone different was leading, Wes McNay won the Saturday afternoon race and Ardie Oji won on Sunday.

Our members, Garland finished 16th and Tom Klauer finished 10th in the Camping World West Series race. Great job to both of you, fantastic seeing how well you both do against the professional race teams that do this alot more often than any of us.

We had a great dinner at the track on Saturday evening, a big bar-b-que and a night of having fun with everyone that attended. I certainly hope next year we can persuade many more of our racers to attend, This event

is really fun, the race track is beautiful and the Oregon people love to have the Stock Cars.