



IRDC Newsletter

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President's Message

Greetings from the President;

It's newsletter time so here I am again. It was very pleasing to see so many of you at our first race of the year. I thought it was a great event, even if the Sunday weather didn't quite make the grade. It was good to see Jack Scher back at the BBQ grill again.

The main thing that I'd like to bring to your attention is the size of our corner crews. Not, of course, the size of individual turnworkers, but their total numbers. I can't praise these people highly enough and they have my complete confidence, but as the season progresses there will be schedule conflicts and travel expenses (though our generosity to the Worker Fund helps that) and the need for enough workers at the corners will make this a Conference-wide concern.

Each of us knows someone who would like to help out at the races but just doesn't know it yet. It is up to us to help them out of the indoors and discover what fresh air, good companionship, and participation in one of the greatest of outdoor sports can do for them. Just ask around your family, your co-workers, your circle of friends – it's amazing what you can accomplish with just a little friendly conversation.

Your president,

Ron Johnson

In recent meetings, topics of discussion revolved around preparing for and then evaluating club events, including our Enduro, the drivers' school, the Bremerton playday, and the first race of the season. There has also been a lot of discussion about the absorption of Novice Open-wheel into Group 6 and what to do with the resulting extra track time. Andy Collins gave an entertaining presentation on the Performance Racing Industry Trade Show in Florida – complete with a new products review.

CLUB EVENTS IN 2008:

- March 8 – IRDC Drivers' School
- March 9 – NWERS Enduro
- May 10-11 – IRDC Race
- August 2-3 – IRDC Race
- Sept. 27-28 – IRDC Race

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

First Wednesday of Month
starting at 7:00 PM

Location:
Sizzler

16615 Southcenter Pkwy
Tukwila, WA 98188 - 3300
(206) 575-0427

Everyone Welcome at Meetings!

NEW COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM COMPLETED

IRDC's new communications system, started two years ago, is finally finished. It began in 2006 with the purchase of 43 new Motorola portable radios. Last year, we bought 5 additional portables and a repeater.

Due to brand differences, the first repeater didn't work according to plans. It functioned just fine but it emanated an annoying squeal after every transmission. It was difficult to trace down what was causing noise as most factory techs didn't know much about their own brand of radio.

We finally purchased 4 almost brand new Motorola radios from a police dept. in Alabama that was changing over to another band. Two of these were converted into a repeater, and these two are the new base radios for Racenet and Alternate. This leaves us with backups in case of a radio failure.

The new system had its inauguration at our first race May 10th and it worked great. What this means to IRDC is that every turn station can hear every other turn station, which reduces two people trying to talk at once. It also lets everybody on the net hear what's happening instead of just those close to the caller. This means greater safety for everyone, turn worker, and driver.

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