

NorthWest Autosports Association Does Oregon Raceway Park 2014!

Who is [NWAA](#)? We are a small group that loves to play with cars! So, we have something in common with [Team Continental](#), we now two things in common, we love ORP! NWAA is a group that originated in Astoria, Oregon and now includes Southwest Washington and Northwest Oregon. The club is over ten years old and throughout those years has hosted hundred plus, Autocross Events at Ilwaco, WA., Astoria, Airport, Tillamook, Seaside, Packwood, WA., Deep River, WA. and more recently Aberdeen, WA. and Oregon Raceway Park. We are also involved in Hillclimbs with our sister club [Willamette Motor Club](#). We have provided workers at the Bible Creek Hillclimb and Co-Sponsors of the Maryhill Loops Road Hillclimb. We also have put on a Teen Driving school for the last eight years teach defensive driving and car control.

What is this all about? The Love of driving and sport driving! A few years back a video was made at your home track by [ICON Motorsports](#). They used ORP and the local area plus, Maryhill Loops Road (only about 30 minutes due north). Well that give me an idea and thanks to Paul Evers, it now has come true! At the March 2014 TC School and Rat Race Weekend, Paul told me we should go for my idea this year. What idea? How about NWAA putting together an "after" event? After the Hillclimb at Maryhill Loops Road, we have a track day at ORP. I told Paul no...he persisted and so I agreed that if



he would take care of all the paperwork I would co-chair the event with him. Guess what? Yep, he went right down and talked with Brenda and the date was reserved for NWAA! I still did not think would ever come about. He took the information to the next NWAA meeting and was greeted by enthusiasm, so here we go with another event on the schedule. This was easy date.

My goal for [2012](#) was to run all of the events sanctioned by the [Northwest Hillclimb Association](#). I started my quest by doing some track days and attending Team Continentals school in 2012. My coach/instructor was Mr. Bill Murray. I think ORP is a great place to train for Hillclimbs. During that season I met and talk with like minded drivers and encourage them to come to ORP. Late in 2012, my wife Lisa and I talked about racing and she urged me to go for the longtime dream. Could I be out there with "those guys and gals"?? The TC gang of



Peter Belfanti, Mitch Lea, Bill Murray and a few others worked on me that school day to race in the novice race in 2012! I was very close jumping in....road racing or Hillclimbs. Hillclimbs won that day. That day stayed with me all year and how much fun we had that weekend! So, my novice year was 2013 with Team Continental as my club. Dream year 2013!! In 2012 while Hillclimbing, I made many new friends I met at the seven different hills we visited and we stayed in touch. One thing I tried to do was to get them to come to ORP!

Paul put the plan in motion and it all came tighter! The [Maryhill](#) event with WMC and NWAA has had a full grid of 60 cars the last three years! There is always a waiting list. We put the word out to the Hillclimb drivers. We had over half the grid show up on Monday, September the 8th. About 38 drivers had never been to ORP. We set a maximum of 50 drivers for our event and we hit the maximum plus a wait list. About 8 had never been on a road race track. Thanks to Motorsportreg.com, I could see what



we had for driver talent. Still we had a small problem. We did not want to be a school; just a track day. So how does one get these new drivers up to speed in an efficient manner? Paul and I contact our very own TC Driving Master, Jim Larfield. Jim suggested a great idea of a lead-follow exercise for the first session, and then have instructors available to help those

that need it to keep things safe. Paul and I thought if any TC Instructor wanted to instruct, they could drive for free if they help instruct. Our instructors were: Jim Larfield, Morgan Smith, Tom Kotzian, Paul Evers and Brian Bogdon.

Things went very well. The ORP staff did their normal excellent job taking care of us on track and off including the famous ORP lunch! The cherry on the sundae!



We exceeded our expectations with the full grid of drivers from all over the Northwest. Participants came from Montana, Idaho, Washington, British Columbia, Oregon and California! Plus, a great group of cars to go with the drivers! Paul and I would like to thank Jim, Morgan, Tom, Bill, Brenda and All the

Corner/Safety Workers and [ORP](#) staff that made this an easy event to hold at ORP! This help make our event a big hit with all the drivers!

Paul and I believe we will see many return entrants as well as new drivers "*NWAA DOES ORP AGAIN*" on September 21st, 2015. The WMC/NWAA Maryhill Loops Road Hillclimb will be September 19th and 20th , 2015.

A warm Thank You to the TC membership that voted me (Brian Bogdon) as the TC Novice of the year 2014! Thank you all! As some know I did not race this year as I have been grounded from racing by my Doc. I hope to be back in 2015 racing with the TC colors!

Best Regards,

Paul Evers and Brian Bogdon

Members of Team Continental and NWAA

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