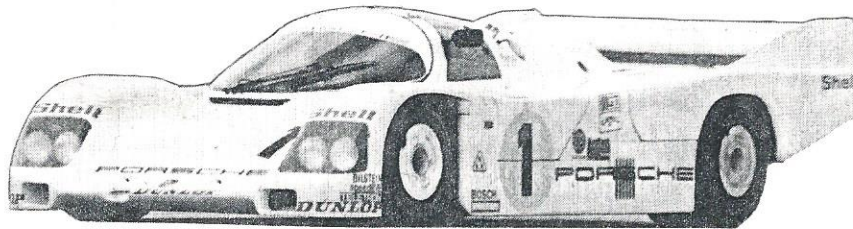


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EPR INVITATIONAL ENDURO

Al Blanchard's East Portland Raceway was the sight for the H.O.R.O.'s first ever team enduro. Tyco 440 X-2 cars were supplied by Al for the race. Each of the cars were fitted with silicone rear tires, and each car ran a Formula 1 type body. No other modifications were made to the cars. The race was scheduled to run for 3½ hours. Racing was broken down into 10 minute heats, with 1 minute between heats to allow teams to rotate drivers, and change lanes. During the first few changes between heats it appeared 1 minute would not be enough time. At the beginning of the race teams ran wild during the 1 minute lane changes accomplishing absolutely nothing! As the race progressed teams found themselves becoming more organized. By the end of the race, teams were changing pickup shoes, cleaning tires and shoes, and oiling their cars before the minute was up!

You know, the word **ENDURO** is really an inadequate word to describe the the type of racing we experienced at East Portland Raceway on March 17, 1985. The correct word is **ENDURANCE**! Yes, Endurance - a long, deliberate word. Not the abbreviated, prissy sounding version - enduro! After all a 3½ hour race is hardly abbreviated, and the intense competition was hardly prissy! Just ask Glenn Heath! During Glenn's 10 minute heats his nerves needle was pegged! I mean this guy was 5 grand over red line on his tension tach! Glenn was shaking so bad Al asked if he was mixing cement in his pockets!? Although Glenn was the most obvious shaker, I didn't hear of anybodies' pockets hardening! The 10 minute heats gave each driver a chance to settle down to some serious racing. Mike Sapiano ran an impressive heat with no crashes during the full 10 minutes. Every driver put in some impressive racing! The final results were:

- 1st place team- Glenn Heath, Steve Robinson, Mike Sapiano, Bill Bostic. 1202 laps
- 2nd place team- Al Blanchard, Larry Cockerham, Barry Blanchard, Randy Word. 1159 laps
- 3rd place team- Dave Smith, Kerrie Skinner, Steve Belk. 1122 laps
- 4th place team- Bart Currie, Lee Freitag, Albert Watson, Dennis Patterson. 1058 laps

The Tyco cars held up very well. The cars ran the full 3½ hours without major problems. Pickup shoes were the only parts requiring replacement. For our first try at an endurance race, it went very well!! Thanks Al, it was a great time!!

### H.O.R.O. POINT RACE NO.7

The final race of H.O.R.O. 1985 Point Series was held in North Plains on Dick Beardsley's 77 foot road course. Racing began with the Group 5, T-Jet class. Kerrie Skinner jumped out front in the early part of the race. Dave Smith, Bart Currie, and Albert Watson followed Kerrie into the final. Kerrie's Ford GT was running well, but Kerrie could not hold off Dave and Bart in the final. Dave Smith let out all the stops to take the final win by just over a lap. Bart aced out Kerrie by just one tenth of a lap for second place. Kerrie was third and Albert was fourth, only two laps behind Kerrie.

#### Group 5 race results:

1st- Dave Smith 35.7 laps	8th- Bill Bostic 30.2 laps
2nd- Bart Currie 34.5	9th- Dennis Patterson 29.7
3rd- Kerrie Skinner 34.4	10th- Lee Freitag 29.4
4th- Albert Watson 32.3	11th- Steve Robinson 27.4
5th- Al Blanchard 31.2	12th- Mike Sapiano 22.3
6th- Larry Cockerham 30.6	13th- Steve Belk 20.9
7th- Glenn Heath 30.5	14th- Ron Arana 20.3

Next up were the Group 2, Magna-Traction cars. Bart Currie was the pre-race favorite. Bart won the first spot in the final by winning the preliminary round by four full laps! Taking on Bart in the final was, Dave Smith, Kerrie Skinner, and myself. In the final Bart again dominated the class, running even faster! Dave drove to second, I held third, and Kerrie finished in fourth place

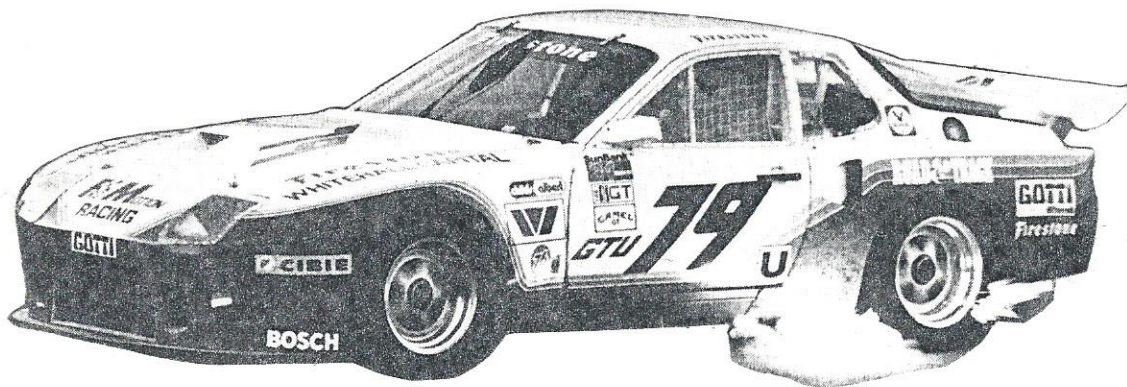
#### Group 2 race results:

1st- Bart Currie 50.2 laps	9th- Lee Freitag 36.7 laps
2nd- Dave Smith 45.8	10th- Dick Beardsley 36.5
3rd- Bill Bostic 44.3	11th- Steve Belk 36.1
4th- Kerrie Skinner 36.5	12th- Dennis Patterson 34.2
5th- Al Blanchard 41.1	13th- Albert Watson 32.6
6th- Larry Cockerham 40.2	14th- Mike Sapiano 32.3
7th- Glenn Heath 39.2	15th- Barry Blanchard 30.6
8th- George Durnford 38.5	16th- Steve Robinson 29.8
	17th- Ron Arana 25.2

The Group 1 class made up the field for the third race of the day. In round 1 Kerrie Skinner and I transferred to the final. The second round was a fierce battle for the remaining two spots in the final. Al Blanchard was the star of round 2. Al beat Dave Smith by two tenths of a lap. Al and Dave filled the two open spots in the final. The Group 1 final was very close! The race was not won until the last heat was finished! At the end of that last heat I was first, Dave was second, Kerrie third, and Al finished fourth. Group 1 race results:

1st- Bill Bostic 72.1 laps	9th- George Durnford 58.9 laps
2nd- Dave Smith 69.7	10th- Barry Blanchard 58.5
3rd- Kerrie Skinner 67.8	11th- Steve Belk 58.3
4th- Al Blanchard 65.7	12th- Steve Robinson 53.8
5th- Glenn Heath 64.5	13th- Ron Arana 53.7
6th- Bart Currie 63.3	14th- Mike Sapiano 53.7
7th- Dick Beardsley 61.4	15th- Dennis Patterson 50.4
8th- Larry Cockerham 59.5	16th- Lee Freitag 46.3
	17th- Albert Watson 43.0

The last race of the season brings with it different feelings for different people. To me it brings a feeling of relief, that the race pressure is off. But at the same time I immediately get a feeling of anxiousness for the start of the next season! This last race made it clear our organization and execution of races has improved! Running three classes at one points race proved that The performance of our cars has also been improved upon. Our T-Jet cars are running faster and harder than they were ever designed to And best of all, we're still having fun! That to me is our greatest accomplishment!! Thanks Dick for another great race!!!!



#### AWARDS DAY '85

The H.O.R.O. Breakfast was held on April 14 at COCO's on 113th and Halsey St. in Portland. Twelve members attended the breakfast. There were no deaths, no one suffered any illnesses, and we didn't tear the place up too bad! Actually the breakfast and service was very good! Kerrie Skinner couldn't finish his pancakes. Loosing that Number 1 trophy seemed to spoil his appetite! Either that or the pancakes were too soggy after he was done crying in them!! Although I won the Number 1 trophy for this season, it holds little value to me when compared to the plaque I was presented during the breakfast!!! I want to sincerely thank everyone for the plaque!! It is by far the best and most valued award I have ever received!! Thanks again!!

After the breakfast it was **RACE TIME!!**  
A Group 1 race was run at Alder Street Raceway. Round 1 heats served as qualifying for two main event races. The "B" main event line-up included, Hugh Beck, Jimmy (Straight-line) Watts, Steve Robinson, Dennis Patterson, Albert Watson, and Ron Arana. The racing in the "B" Main was very close. But in the last two heats Hugh Beck blasted into first place, running 60.9 laps! In second place with 58.5 laps was Steve Robinson. Jimmy Watts took the third place ribbon home to Puyallup by running 58.1 laps. Jimmy kept muttering, "What are those things in the middle of the straights?!" Hate to tell you Jimmy, but those "things" are called "curves"!! -And YES, your car will fly off the track if you don't slow down for them!! Sorry Jimmy- I just couldn't resist! Your third place finish was very impressive! Especially for a hard core drag racer! Albert Watson finished fourth in the "B" Main with 57.2 laps. The "B" Main runner-ups were Dennis Patterson 52.5

laps and Ron Arana with 51.5 laps.

In the "A" Main, Dick Beardsley and Mike Sapiano fought for the lead through all four heats! Steve Belk was out to stomp his arch rival George Durnford! At the end of the race, Dick Beardsley had secured first place with 66.5 laps. Mike Sapiano finished in second with 66.0 laps, just half a lap behind Dick. Steve Belk finished third, with an impressive 61.4 laps. George Durnford had to settle for fourth running 55.8 laps. These guys showed us some excellent close, competitive racing! Great job guys!!!

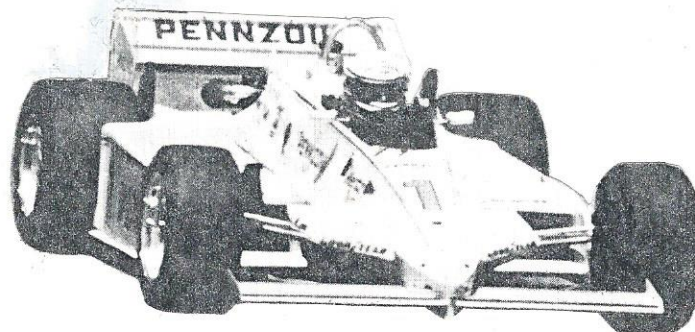
After the race a swap meet was held. The swap meet was a great success! It appeared just about everybody made a deal for something!

Well we've finished off another season. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did! Don't be alarmed if you don't hear from me much, or if the NEWSLETTERS don't arrive real regular like! I've got some H.O. plans in the works for the summer, but I NEED a vacation! At any rate, keep in touch, and get ready for next season! Because I guarantee I'll be ready! No excuses, No pity, No backin' off!!!

### H.O.R.O. 1985 POINT SERIES FINAL STANDINGS

#### OVERALL

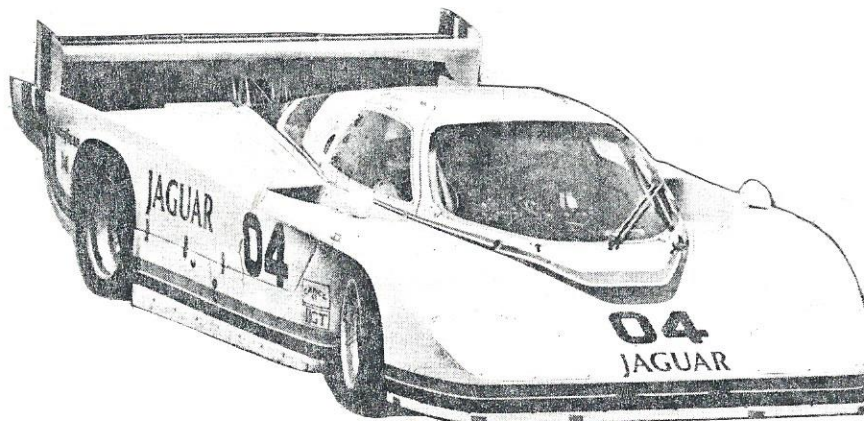
- No.1 Bill Bostic 1310 pts.
- No.2 Dave Smith 1285 pts.
- No.3 Bart Currie 1230 pts.
- No.4 Al Blanchard 1105 pts.
- No.5 Kerrie Skinner 1090 pts.
- No.6 Glenn Heath 1050 pts.
- No.7 Larry Cockerham 975 pts.
- No.8 Lee Freitag 815 pts.
- No.9 Steve Robinson 630 pts.
- No.10 Albert Watson 520 pts.
- No.11 George Durnford 485 pts.
- No.12 Rowan Nicklous 445 pts.
- No.13 Steve Belk 405 pts.
- No.14 Hugh Beck 365 pts.
- No.15 Ron Arana 325 pts.
- No.16 Barry Blanchard 290 pts.
- No.17 Steve Cox 260 pts.
- No.18 Dick Beardsley 240 pts.
- No.19 Mike Sapiano 210 pts.
- No.20 Dennis Patterson 175 pts.



- No.21 Chris Johnson 100
- No.22 Dave Nydigger 90 pts.
- No.23 Deneil Moore 90 pts.
- No.24 Randy Word 80 pts.
- No.25 Wayne Laird 25 pts.
- No.26 Alan Hollister 20 pts
- No.27 Dan Benedict 15 pts.

H.O.R.O. 1985 POINT SERIES  
FINAL CLASS STANDINGS

Group 1	Group 2	Group 5
Bill Bostic 635	Bart Currie 390	Bill Bostic 340
Dave Smith 610	Dave Smith 370	Bart Currie 340
Glenn Heath 535	Bill Bostic 335	Kerrie Skinner 335
Al Blanchard 510	Kerrie Skinner 310	Al Blanchard 315
Bart Currie 500	Al Blanchard 280	Dave Smith 305
Kerrie Skinner 445	Glenn Heath 245	Glenn Heath 270
Larry Cockerham 430	Larry Cockerham 240	Larry Cockerham 245
Lee Freitag 395	George Durnford 215	Albert Watson 220
Steve Robinson 305	Lee Freitag 210	Lee Freitag 210
George Durnford 250	Rowan Nicklous 150	Steve Robinson 200
Rowan Nicklous 230	Albert Watson 140	Hugh Beck 120
Steve Belk 180	Steve Robinson 125	Steve Belk 110
Barry Blanchard 175	Dick Beardsley 115	Steve Cox 90
Ron Arana 170	Steve Belk 115	Dennis Patterson 80
Hugh Beck 170	Mike Sapiano 80	Ron Arana 80
Albert Watson 160	Hugh Beck 75	Rowan Nicklous 65
Dick Beardsley 125	Ron Arana 75	Barry Blanchard 45
Steve Cox 115	Barry Blanchard 70	Mike Sapiano 40
Chris Johnson 100	Steve Cox 55	George Durnford 20
Dave Nydigger 90	Dennis Patterson 40	Alan Hollister 10
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## ISSUES

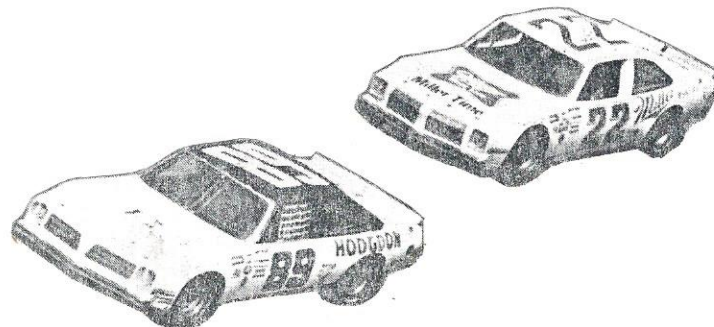
Larry Cockerham has completed his move to McMinnville. Carroll Shelby Raceway is no longer. Larry has rebuilt the track adding approximately 30 feet to the layout. The new layout features a front straight in excess of 18 feet! I had the opportunity to run on the new track, and I'll tell you I was impressed! The new layout is much faster and more exciting to race on! This track is READY for next season!!!

### -BIG NEWS!!!!-

The H.O.R.O. Promotional track is FINISHED!!! The track was completed with the use of Aurora A/FX track. Lap length is 30 feet including two 6 foot straights. The layout was kept fairly simple as to not discourage first time racers. The track features turn aprons made of masonite with the infield done in sheet rock covered with grass type scenery. The track is bordered by a 3½ inch wood side board. The track was built with portability being the number one consideration. The track stand is held together with 8 bolts and wing nuts. The control panel slips over the side board and connects to the track by a quick disconnect electrical plug. The power supply connects to the control panel by a similar plug. The track is wired for the BSRT lap counter. The lap counter also connects by plug. With the use of long leads all the tracks electrical equipment can be set up away from the track out of the racers way. Every measure was taken to make the track as dependable and easy to set up as possible. This track is also RACE READY

### -BIGGER NEWS!!!!-

The H.O.R.O. has MONEY! That's right, \$\$\$\$!!! The H.O.R.O. Promotional track made its debut at the Mustang Swap Meet in McMinnville on June 1st. The complete track set up time was less than 20 minutes! 25 cents was charged for each racer to run 2 minutes. Prizes were awarded each hour to the racer completing the most laps in 2 minutes of racing. A grand prize was also awarded at the end of the day for the most laps turned in 2 minutes. The only disappointing thing during the whole operation was the fact that more adults didn't race. It seems the adults were somewhat intimidated by the idea of racing "TOY" cars! Too bad! But hey, their kid's quarters were just as good as theirs!! And boy did we have the kids!! We were flat over-run by the critters!!! All in all it went over very well, the track worked perfectly (NO PROBLEMS), and we had a great time!!! This track presents a great opportunity for our club!!





-ISSUES-

H.O.R.O. finances have been an important and controversial issue for quite some time. The promotional track can serve as a partial solution to solving financial matters. It requires involvement and participation, but the results are well worth it! As of this NEWSLETTER a statement of H.O.R.O. current funds will be included in the NEWSLETTER. Next season ('86 Season) race entry fee will remain \$1.00 per class. Any funds gathered before the season will be used to cover any costs not covered by the races entry fee. For now I have opened a bank account for the club's funds.

- Current H.O.R.O. Financial Standings:

Promo Track proceeds	\$64.50 gross
less costs-	
Swap Meet space	\$10.00
Hourly prizes	donated
Grand prize	donated
Labor	donated
Net proceeds	\$54.50
Member Donation	\$10.00
H.O.R.O. Total Funds as of 6-5-85	\$64.50

I would like to thank Larry Cockerham, Lee Freitag, Kerrie Skinner, Al Blanchard, Hugh Beck, and Bart Currie for their effort in making the H.O.R.O. Promotional Track a reality! I REALLY APPRECIATE THE HELP!! I appologize for not getting the word out to everyone about the promo track, but I was extremely busy just trying to get it completed by the deadline!

Enclosed in this NEWSLETTER is a survey concerning next season Please fill it out and RETURN it to me! The key words here are- FILL OUT and RETURN!!! After the surveys are returned we will have a meeting to plan next season. Thanks! -Bill