

Wastegate Chirps

Since the last newsletter we have had a few changes occur. The name of the national club has changed to Audi Car Club of North America and in turn we needed to change our name. The Northwest Region Audi Quattro Club is now Audis Northwest! A chapter of the Audi Car Club of North America. Audis Northwest! will be our functional name. Due to some time issues we did not have time to solicit suggestions and take a vote but that does not mean the issue is closed. I think we will give the name a few months test drive and see how it works. But, I would still like any suggestions you may have in the event we want to change it to something different after the test drive. Email me at mardkins@msn.com and I will keep a file of them. I would also like to hear a yea or nay vote on whether or not the new name works for you.

A few events are coming up that everyone should be aware of and more information will be forthcoming in this newsletter. By the time you get this newsletter the 2nd annual Seattle area tour has happened and I am sure fun was had by all. If you missed it please remember to check the website and sign up for the email list. Those can both be found at www.audisnorthwest.org or the old site www.nwquattroclub.org. I am happy to announce we have secured a date at Pacific Raceway (formerly Seattle International Raceway) June 26th. This is very exciting for us and improvements made to the track have really helped to make it happen. Right before that date is the 2nd annual Bison Creek pizza feed June 22nd. We are expecting upwards of 100 people so contact Brian soon so he can plan properly. Feel free to bring the family or friends as this is a great way

to meet new people and see old friends. Our annual picnic is scheduled for August 11th and is going to be held at Lid Park on Mercer Island. There are several Bremerton track events scheduled as well. Bremerton offers some great cheap lapping and more track time than you can handle.

As you may have noticed by the existing calendar there is a lack of activities planned in the Portland area. I would like to have more events in the Portland region but as of yet I have not had any proposals for events there. Please contact me if you would like to run any kind of event in the Portland area and I will do everything I can to help it happen.

This club is run by its members and if anyone wants to make an event happen just let me know. I would like to make the call out to anyone who is interested in taking a leadership role in our club. There will be 2 board positions open on August 11th the date of our annual picnic. The future of our club is in the hands of those willing to take a little time out of their busy schedule to help with the working of this club. It really is very little time. Generally we do most of our business via email and board meeting are always short and seldom cantankerous. Plus we need some new blood, I am getting tired of seeing the same old faces and hearing the same hot air ;-). So please throw your name in the hat and show up for the picnic.

Thanks for listening.

Pat Martin
President Audis Northwest

Audis Northwest is pleased to announce a track day at Pacific Raceways

(formally Seattle International Raceway)

Proformance is hosting for us, an in depth drivers training day focusing on high performance driving. Pacific Raceways offers a challenging track as well as professional instruction in a safe controlled environment. Pacific Raceways has undergone significant safety enhancements and has some new twists thrown in to keep things interesting.

The action starts at 8:00 with a drivers meeting and breakfast will be provided. Lapping will be started soon after and run through the day. Lunch will also be included.

Cost will be \$199 for the day. This is a bit higher than our other events but keep in mind that this is an actual racing school putting it on. Most of our events are tuned for drivers safety and less so for performance. The school has assured me that this event is for those who want to wring out all the performance they can out of their Audis. In my opinion this is the best \$199 you can spend on your car and probably the cheapest and most effective way to make it go faster.

Intermediate and advanced drivers only for this event please. Call Pat at 425-844-9609 if you have any questions regarding this.

Registration will be handled by Proformance <http://www.proformanceraceschool.com> .

Fill out this form and send to

Fax # 425-271-7232 or mail to: PO Box 791 Bellevue, WA 98009

Once enrolled, you will receive a two-page confirmation letter stating all the details including directions, what to bring, car preparation, and schedule. This letter will be sent out 2 weeks prior to your event. All programs conducted rain or shine.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home # _____ Work # _____

Cell # _____

E-mail address _____

Drivers License # _____

State Issued _____ EXP Date _____ Age _____

Car you will be driving,

Make _____ Model _____

Modifications _____

Open top cars require roll over hoop or factory option pop up bar.

Amount Owed \$199
Enclosed Check # _____

VISA OR M/C # _____

Exp Date _____

Make checks payable to Proformance Inc. Cancellations: We require 14 days notice of cancellation. Failure to notify our office, either by telephone or writing, prior to 14 days of your reserved school date will result in forfeiture of your payment.

Signature _____

The Annual Spring Tour

This years Spring was held on Saturday April 20th and started at Barrier Audi in Bellevue.

Barrier again had a great send off prepared for us with pastries and coffee set up in Service. I would like to say thanks to Lisa Cooney and her staff, Jeff got everything set up and once again Admiral blocked traffic and got us out of the lot in one group just after 9:30.

Our destination this year was Karttrak in Mt Vernon so we headed north on I-405 and I-5 and then east on highway 2, and then out toward Granite Falls. Along the way we passed a group of Corvettes that looked like they were on a tour of there own, we had a much larger group and zipped right by.

The first stop was a fruit stand just out side of Granite Falls. We were too large a group to fit in the parking lot so we just pulled up along the side of Highway 92. The 20 Audis lined up along the side of the highway was quite a sight and had traffic moving quite slow going past. We even had the attention of the local constable, blue lights and all. Everything was well once we told him we were ok.

From there we went to River Meadows Park just south of Arlington and about filled a camping area parking lot. We stayed here about 40 minutes just visiting and looking at a very diverse group of cars form the older 90 to the new S6 Avant.

The third and last leg was from the park through Arlington up highway 9 and out to Mt Vernon and Karttrak.

We arrived there around 12:30, right on time for our reservations and Mike and Jason promptly signed up for some racing sessions and were treated to a track walk from Scott

Correa, a friend I used to work with that spends way to much time at the track. 😊

While the first group took to the track the rest of the bunch took over a room over looking the track and had a great time laughing at us racer wannabe's and ordered some pizza's for lunch. As the second group went out the first group was upstairs critiquing there lines. (like we had a clue).

Scott proved to be the one to chase on the track with Rich Letsinger being very fast also. Us heavy guys were at a distinct disadvantage due to the power to weight ratio. Hey, I'm writing the article so that's the story I'm sticking with! 😊

I was really struggling with the track and was hovering around 26th fastest for the day when one change in how I entered the corners in the third session jumped me up to 9th for the day. It really pays to talk to more experienced people when you are struggling.

More driving, more Audi Chat and we all took off at our own time for the drive back to town. Another successful Audi gathering comes to a close. I hope to see you at the next tour.



Some of the cars lined up at the fruit stand stop.