

**Pacific Northwest Historics  
At Seattle International Raceway  
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In 1993, I attended these vintage races and said to myself, where is the Volvo club to support our local Swedish Automotive, Inc. owner and racer, David Winters, in his red 1967 1800S and to show our classic Volvos?

Following a year of planning by phone, letters and applications our selected pre-1968 and 1970-1973 sport Volvos were displayed in the July 1994 show area of the car corral. Some Volvo Club members arrived very early to park on the green grassy field of the car corral, and one S.I.R. official commented, "Boy, the Volvo Club sure gets up early for these events". It was 7:00AM and our scheduled arrival time was 7:30-8:30AM at S.I.R.

Our club sign simply read "THE VOLVO CLUB", a name that was born on this Sunday and remains today to represent all local clubs at the racetrack.

Since there were over 20 local clubs competing for space and parade laps to be held at noon lunch break, S.I.R. officials were very busy organizing the car corral and races. I know everyone, including myself, was very nervous as we lined up in the pit lane starting area before our first Volvo parade lap. When we heard the S.I.R. announcer say the Volvo Club, we left the pit lane and entered the racetrack to proudly display our best Northwest Volvos for three parade laps before returning to the car corral.

The sunny afternoon brought out stopwatches, video cameras and cheers for the Volvo racers - David Winters in his 1967 1800S and Gil Stuart in his 1958 PV544.

This was the most difficult event I've ever organized but the most rewarding for the first year. This year, July 2, 1995, I hope to have the same 15 spaces to fill with last year's participants having seniority. Thanks to all of you who attended our great show of classy Volvos.