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NEXT META MEETING

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SHAKES PIZZA PARLOR - NEW WEST.

PORTLAND SIX HOUR ENDURO _____

: Anita Arnel _____

Pulling into Portland International Raceway for the first time proved to be a very interesting experience for me. There is the excitement of racing day, the line up of cars in the pits, and of course, you get a great big American Smile.

The first thing I wanted to do, was to drive around the track, and view it, in comparison to Westwood (Home Sweet Home). There is definitely a difference in the layout, but I was pretty confident the work would be about the same.

We arrived on the Saturday morning, and I received a crash course on the radio procedure - "heres your head set, your on your own." A short and effective course. Once you get straightened out, and know the difference between being hooked in backwards and forwards, you do get a pretty good description of other parts of the course, from other communicators, in the version of F I A curbs, escape roads etc.

The racing was interesting, and the only disappointment was that the two Canadian cars running, did not finish. As a matter of fact they both ended up parked on the only completely Canadian manned corner on the circuit.

When the day was over, we received a big thanks, and a very warm come again from all the American track workers.

I learned a great deal of interesting things from this weekend, the most notable being how to get Roger and Rick wiped out. I thought I heard them say that the checkered was out, so I told Roger and Rick. They went to the side of the track to cheer the finishers. Needless to say they were quite surprised to see the cars go by at full racing speed. I was two laps early with the checkered flag warning. Oh well. Such is life.



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HAPPY DAYS

