

## SSSCC June Club Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2006

Meeting commenced at 6:00pm by Lynn Rogers, President. 12 members present.

### Old Business

- The club has had two 2 day events since last meeting. Attendance was in the mid 50's each day with one event having 61 cars. Both events were accomplished very efficiently and smoothly largely due to the great work of the chiefs. No major problems are occurring at events.
- Prior to June event, the club purchased an additional label printer, now both are being utilized at registration with only minor difficulties.
- The course designer for May event was Mitch Lewis and for June event was Stan Crow. Two really good weekends of course design.
- North Country sweeping swept the Dust Devil's lot to an invoice total of a little more than \$300 and it was at best a minimal improvement. The sweeper said that the lot is so rough that it collects and holds much more sand and debris in it than higher grade asphalt. He agreed that sweeping to our expectation would be in excess of \$500 each month we use that lot. All members present were in agreement that the benefit was not great enough to advocate that amount of money.
- Hastings Night, held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, was not well attended and there were no street racers there. The news crew from KVEW 42 came and did a story on the club which provided us with excellent exposure to the community.
- KONA AM radio ran our PSA announcement often during the week prior to June events. Lynn received several e-mails from people inquiring about the sport and talked to several others personally. Very good publicity for close to free and hopefully generates new participants.
- Treasurer's Report- The club grossed \$2,300 at May event with expense of \$550. June event grossed \$2,000 with expenses reaching 1,100. Check book total \$7,800 and total fixed assets remains at \$20,000.
- VP Report- Norm brought up an issue with our insurance account balance. Bob will call and make sure they have the same balance and allocation of monies as his records.
- Mitch brought up concern from June event at TCR with cars driving over the timing cables which were running across the gravel. Cones had been placed to discourage drivers from driving over them but repeatedly the cones were moved so cars could pass over any way. It is a big expense to the club if a cable is broken or damaged as the event would basically have to shut down. One suggested remedy was placing a sign board over the cable directing cars to find alternate route. Also suggested feeding cable through a conduit pipe that would preserve the cable if driven over. Final decision will be made before next event at TCR which is in September.
- Mitch proposed a fun idea the club could do for one event to bring something different into the mix. His suggestion is to combine each driver's best time from the morning session with their best time from afternoon session for a combined total which would become their result time. This idea was favorably received by all present.

## New Business

- Looking ahead, Lynn has laid out and analyzed his vision of where the club is and where he thinks it should go in the near and not too distant future.
  - ❖ The primary goal is for a new timing and administration trailer. This would improve work flow and event smoothness from registration through timing. It would contribute greatly to a more professional public image for the club. A new trailer would provide more reliability than existing trailer and would be much more tamper resistant. The estimated cost of trailer and all components to be event ready is over \$15,000. Based on current operating costs and revenues, purchase would be feasible mid to late 2007 season.
  - ❖ A few details need to be on agenda to optimize the club van. Included in plan is modifying the passenger area to accommodate a work station for announcer duties. Also eliminating the cables and cords to all the peripherals being pinched in van doors on their way to power sources. Possible options are to provide in cab power connections and ability to pass cables/cords out of van via pass through or gas door, etc. Suggestion has been made to purchase or fabricate a fixed mount on the roof of the van to place the display board for improved visibility. It would mount above the side doors and near that side for easy mount and removal. Mount should be able to rotate 360 degrees and lock in at desired angle. Prefer tool free mounting and rotation. Idea was met with general approval, however there was great concern regarding safety of hoisting display board up onto mount without accidental dropping or impact with side of van. Lynn will develop the idea further to see if a feasible solution can be found. A mount will be fabricated on the van roof for the FM antenna.
  - ❖ Looking back at last event at TCR there were reports of speakers not extending far enough for announcing to be heard in grid. Discussion ensued on purchase of 100 foot cable for extension when needed and possibility of placing a radio at far end of grid if needed.
  - ❖ Bar code scanner and timing software upgrades would benefit the club's functional ability from registration all the way through timing. Returning members and drivers have only to be scanned and make payment to be registered leaving only new drivers to be input in computer and given bar code label. Cars are scanned by grid as they pull up to the line which stages them in timing software, eliminating time card problems. Timing then adds penalties and reacts to technical difficulties. Estimated cost of industrial grade, wireless bar code scanner with key pad for manual entry of labels that won't scan is about \$1,500. This includes cost of software upgrades and related expenses. Actual cost of scanner is \$1,000. Wired versions have 20 foot coverage and wireless allows up to 100 feet of coverage. Axware, our current timing software, strongly encourages the Symbol brand scanner based on their success with those scanners and several other clubs agree. This proposal was voted in unanimously for immediate implementation.
  - ❖ The next item to be considered is season technical inspections for club members. Cars can be inspected at the beginning of the season and carry that approval through the entire season so long as they adhere to a set of guidelines. Chiefs of tech will have fewer cars to inspect on event mornings which will make their job easier, faster and smoother. Other clubs annual tech stickers will be honored at the discretion of our tech officials. Lawrence Danton, chief of safety, raised concerns that these pre-teched cars would not be looked at on event mornings. He felt at least a cursory check should be completed before getting on course to look for loose items in car or anything that could be a safety issue for the driver. This could be accomplished by grid as cars pull up to line for first runs of the morning. This subject will continue on agenda with target date to start being beginning of 2007 season.
  - ❖ Another concept to be considered for 2007 season is membership cards. The cards would show membership status in SSSCC, adhered bar code for members to present at registration

and Annual tech sticker to present at tech. Membership cards will provide a way to prove to our sponsors that our members support their business. To realize this goal it is proposed that a chief of membership be created. This person will be present at registration to process new memberships removing the burden from registration and creating a more reliable method for tracking membership and dues. They will also work directly with the club treasurer for accounting of membership dues.

- ❖ New membership fee structure planned for the start of 2007 season:
 

Single Person membership	\$20
Couples membership	\$30
Family membership	\$30 + \$10 per child
Benefactor	\$50
  
- ❖ New event fee structure planned for the start of 2007 season:
 

Event morning registration-Non-Member	\$30/ \$50
Event morning registration-Member	\$25/ \$40
Pre-Registered- Non-member	\$25/ \$40
Pre-Registered- Member	\$20/ \$35
Student with HS or College ID	\$15/ \$30
  
- ❖ Season Passes for 2007 season will be available for purchase along with membership by paying membership dues plus the Student rate for every event. (\$175 for a 10 event season). Membership cards will be identified as season pass. No refunds for unused events and non-transferable. This makes a great gift too for the autocross fanatic in any family.
  
- ❖ Proposed that if a community of drifting, rally cross, hill climb, or similar motor sports approached the SSSCC with an interest in hosting an event that we work with those communities to help it occur. Administration of the pre-event details would be done by SSSCC (site agreements, insurance, etc.). The participants would be responsible for all event management (registration, timing, event rules, etc.)
  
- ❖ Half day event registrations. Allow half day entries as soon as we have the new trailer and are using it as intended. People wishing to run afternoon only would have to be onsite by 10:00. Lunch breaks would have to be long enough for course walking, probably 45 minutes minimum. Half day entrants can only work corner stations, not critical worker assignments. There would be no price break for half day entrants and they would get the runs given form that half day. No allowance given to get a full days runs in just half day unless pre-approved by the officers.

- July Events

- ❖ Ladies Night, Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> - Ladies drive a 35-40 second course with one car on course at a time using the EAST courses from Saturday School. Last year about 20 drivers showed and this year should be larger. Hoping for at least 6 runs completed in a fun run format with no trophies or awards. The entry fee is \$10 (unless you are a driving school student). Please encourage your wives, girlfriends, co-workers to come and have some fun. Volunteers needed for course workers, tech for all ladies cars plus all students and instructors cars for next day, approximately 70-80cars, need 4 volunteers to work timing (no computer) and at least 2 setup volunteers to blow off the courses before the event.
  
- ❖ Pre-school student and instructor drive, Friday July 14<sup>th</sup>. Students and instructors drive the course while other students work using the WEST course from Saturdays school. No instructor ride alongs, just observing for the next day. Hoping for at least 3 runs. Price is included in cost of school.

- ❖ Novice Driving School, Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 7:00 Registration, course walk
  - 7:30 Drivers Meeting
  - 7:45 Guided course walk- one instructor can walk all 20 students to save time
  - 8:15 First run
  - Run all 4 groups 6 runs (2 student/ 2 instructor/ 4 student)
  - Instructors swap courses
  - Run all 4 groups 6 runs (2 student/ 2 instructor/ 2 student)
  - Lunch (about 1 hour)
  - Instructed group drive (instructors with full cars of student)
  - Students swap courses after lunch
  - Run all 4 groups 6 runs (2 students/ 2 instructor/ 2 student)
  - Instructors swap courses
  - Run all 4 groups 6 runs (2 student/ 2 instructor/ 2 student)
  - End of day, Gather around and close

Instructors: (Friday pre-drive, Saturday lunch, Sunday paid by club)

  - Jens Darsell
  - Greg Swank
  - Duke Langley
  - Mitch Lewis
  - Lynn Rogers
  - Jim Walker
  - Stan Crow
  - Vickie Livengood
  - Mike Parker
  - Morris Green

Volunteers needed: (receive lunch and Sunday event paid by club)

  - 4 people all day in timing (no computer, easy assignment)
  - 2 volunteers to blow off courses before school begins

Students: 40 student limit. Paid students as of this meeting

  - Matt Weaver
  - Richard Weaver
  - Lyle Cornish
  - Fran Cornish
  - Rodd Tidd
  - Harold Walkup
  - Mara Walkup
  - JoAnn Hare
  
- ❖ SSSCC Season Event #6, Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> - Traditional event using one course made from modifying the school courses into one. Need two volunteers to blow off courses before event begins. Course blowing guarantees you a simple work assignment during event.
  
- ❖ Late June Officers and Chief meeting, time and location to be announced soon.
  
- Schedule and event planning posted on website.
- Course Design Volunteers
  - July - Victor Livengood DD (drivers school)
  - September - Mark Rieb DD
  - September - Mike Parker TCR
  - October - Allen Hare - TCR

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

