

## SSSCC July Club Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2006

Meeting commenced at 6:00pm by Lynn Rogers, President. 15 members present.

### Old Business

- The club has not held an event since last meeting. Big three day event coming up.
- On June 30<sup>th</sup> the club held a social event for Mike Parker's deployment to Iraq. Many in attendance wishing Mike and his family well. Mike very surprised and appreciative. Club will definitely miss his presence at our events.
- An ad for the Driving School was run in the Tri-City Herald in Sunday's paper. Not sure any interest was raised directly due to ad.
- Treasurer's Report- The club grossed \$2,000 at June event with expense of \$1,100. Check book total \$8,500 and total fixed assets remains at \$20,000. \$200 spent on computer equipment. Bob reports that the issue with our insurance account balance has been reconciled and balanced down to the penny. Great job, Bob.
- Van insurance is still an on-going effort of Lynn's. Nothing new to report at this time.

### New Business

- 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 . 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
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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. 31 paid students as of this meeting

Timing will be conducted on timing boxes at each start where timer will record times on cards and hand to driver/instructor who will review the cards and hand back to timing before next run.

Discussion started about the possibility of the course becoming boring to drivers with so many runs on identical courses. Decision was made to evaluate this during lunch break and if needed some adjustments to course could be made.

- ❖ 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.
- August Event
  - ❖ Gimmick Rally- Lost in Paradise, Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>- This is a non speed event for anyone who wants a few hours of fun solving riddles to navigate approximately 50 miles around the Tri-Cities. Directions are given out at the start and the object is to arrive at the designated ending place with the perfect mileage. The 1<sup>st</sup> place prize is \$30, 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize is \$20 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prize is \$10. The entry fee is \$20. This will be a fun family event with no restriction on any type vehicle entered. Mitch suggested we run a voice ad on radio to promote event.
- 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.

- ❖ Lynn presented a proposal of purchasing a wireless timing light system which would eliminate running timing cables from trailer to lights and eliminates risk of damage to timing cables. The wireless capabilities have up to a 7 mile range with a clear line of sight. They carry the same accuracy rate of .001 seconds just like our current system. The purchase of this system would allow freedom to design more creative courses without concern for how to get the lights to work. We would also have the freedom to hold events on less accommodating sites that require unique course layouts. Enables the club to have all the necessary equipment to host hill climb or rally events if desired. Signal boosters are being developed to accommodate long distances with terrain issues. Our current wired system with JA Circuits box would become a completely functional backup system or second system for events requiring multiple timing systems such as driving school, etc. The drawbacks to this system are there are more batteries to charge between events and it makes our current system obsolete except when using as a complete second system.
  
- ❖ 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.
  
- ❖ Much debate about justification of purchasing a wireless timing system versus bar code scanner or timing trailer. Most discussion was an attempt to discover which process would save the most individuals the most time and energy during set up/tear down and use during events. In the end the vote was unanimous to purchase the bar code scanner at this time. This leaves us finishing the season with our current timing system which gives the new wireless timing system a chance to be tested by other clubs before we would make this purchase.
  
- ❖ 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.
  
- ❖ Kathy Orr brought a drawing from a printer to show the proposed design of a club T-shirt. Very bright bold colors with 3 sports cars, SSSCC logo. Very well accepted by members present. Agreed to design and orders taken. Kathy will be presenting sign up sheets at all events so she can place order. Awesome job Kathy, great design.

- 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.

