

SSCC September Club Meeting Minutes

Sept. 13, 2006

Meeting commenced at 6:00pm by Lynn Rogers, President. 17 members present.

Old Business

- Early September event was largest Dust Devils event ever. Saturday we had 79 cars and 70 on Sunday. Registration went very well and only minor issues on Sunday. Problems with label printers continue to baffle timing crew, will continue to resolve these issues before next event. The new grid concept used worked better than anyone could have hoped. As much as possible this will become our normal grid. Thanks to Victor Livingood for his input.
- Quality Seal swept the racing line Friday afternoon after set up. Two full hoppers of sand and gravel were removed and piled in the back. The club paid \$100 for this service. We plan to use this service for every Dust Devil event in the future. The City of Pasco is considering having Dust Devils lot sealed early next year. A sealed coat will dramatically slow the deterioration of the lot. It will be less abrasive on our tires which will promote more normal tire wear. The other side is that it will provide less grip and will feel slicker. The reason we were forced to stop holding events at the coliseum years ago was directly due to the seal coat company threatening to void the warranty with the city if we continued to race on the surface. Lynn mentioned to Dan at Quality Seal that he should recommend that the center curbing be removed as a part of the sealing and maintenance project. He said he would suggest that in his proposal to them.
- New bar code scanner is here. Lynn has been attempting to get it set up and running. Expectation is to have it up and running at late September event but no promises.
- Student participation rate was implemented at the early September events. The price is \$15/day or \$30/weekend.
- Club shirts arrived before last event. There are a few left for sale. Contact Kathy Orr at the next event if interested in purchasing a club shirt.
- Treasurer's Report- The check book total \$8,000 . Fixed assets remains at \$20,000. Insurance is paid through the rest of the year. The next insurance payment will be due in January 2007. The club made \$2,700 at Sept. Dust Devils events.

New Business

- Upcoming Events
 - ❖ Season events #9 and #10 at Tri-City Raceway on Sept. 23-24th. Course designer is Lynn Rogers. This will be a slightly faster track than previous. BBQ lunch will be provide by BBQ Bob as usual. The cost is \$1 for a Coke and the burger is free.
 - ❖ SSCC Season Events 11 & 12 at Tri-City Raceway on October 14-15. Course designer will be Allen Hare. On Saturday the event will feature the 2nd Enduro format which proved to be very popular last year. Sunday will be a traditional event.
 - ❖ Season ending Awards Banquet . Plans are being started for this event that will occur in November. Victor and Vickie Livengood are chairing this event and would welcome any suggestions or help from members who want to get involved.

- ❖ Suggestion was made by Vickie Livengood to donate some of the clubs profit to charities. Everyone was in agreement and was proposed that Vickie compose a list of viable charities to be considered by the club.
- ❖ The issue of having the remote terminal back in use at events was raised. This will be available at next event. There may be a need to have a worker position at first few events to help people learn to use.
- ❖ Axware, our current autocross software, is developing an event registration component that would allow registration through them instead of My Auto Events. The cost for this service is \$35 per event or 15% discount if bought annually.
- ❖ A few issues were brought to table regarding last event. One being the difficulty experienced by course control and timing with the start being directly in front of the trailer. The loud cars made it impossible for course control to hear penalties over the radio. Some concern about the sound decibels. Also a few complaints about the appropriateness of some of the announcing. It was mentioned that a few children were spotted walking around grid which is not allowed.
- 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.
 - ❖ Purchase of 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. The estimated price for a T-LINK wireless configuration, 3 sensors, 3 long range emitters, cables, accessories is \$4,000. This has been tabled until after 2006 season.
 - ❖ 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. The club is actively looking for someone to accept this position. 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. Topic tabled until after 2006 season.
- Schedule and event planning posted on website.
 - Course Design Volunteers
 - September - Mike Parker/Lynn Rogers TCR
 - October - Allen Hare - TCR

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

