

SSSCC November 2007 Club Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2007

Club President, Lynn Rogers, called meeting to order at 6:00pm with a total of 23 present.

Old Business

- Season event #13 – Tri-City Nationals was a great event with new and interesting courses, thanks to Lawrence Danton. The two day combined time format was interesting. Everyone seemed to be okay with that format. A suggestion was made of using this format from AM and PM runs over the course of a single day rather than making it necessary to show up for both days to qualify.
- This event may have been the last one for the TCR site as it is closing but until it is completely torn down Lynn will continue to approach owner with possibility of using it.
- PAX special event was attended by 39 drivers. It was a common car event in a Smart Fortwo. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves despite the lack of abilities of the car and the fact that by the end of the day it had a mind of it's own regarding traction control. The tires we mounted were pretty well shot which is to be expected given the 100 miles of track use we put on them. Mark Rieb's team won! Lynn and Harold are already making preliminary plans for next years PAX event trying for a whole new challenge. In arranging for tires with Les Swabs, Lynn has brought them on as a 2008 sponsor and they seem eager to offer their support.
- Replacing the keyboard on the laptop with the problems did not solve the issue. The laptop still runs and operates fine and should be usable at our grid station if we can get the software to allow that. This would allow us to have grid anywhere and still use the scanner. The laptop would relay scanner data to the timing server via the network. This would result in lengthening the range of the scanner from the trailer.
- The company we paid to repair the other laptop said we could apply the cost of those repairs towards a new laptop so Lynn purchased a new Toshiba laptop that was used at event #13. It was programmed and used as the timing server for the first time at the PAX event and although it experienced a few problems, they were fewer and less severe than in past events.
- Treasurer's Report – Jodee proposed that the club cover Lynn's out of pocket expense for the PAX special event. Bruce made the motion and it was seconded by all. After that reimbursement the checking account balance is \$3,000 and the trailer fund remains at \$7,000.

New Business

- Upcoming events
 - ❖ 50th Anniversary Banquet – December 1st. The location for this years season end banquet is the Clarion Hotel in Richland. Banquet begins at 6:00pm. \$20 pre-payment is requested and pre-registration is desired as the hotel needs a head count. Jodee will be accepting money for the event. The Livengoods and the Riebs are working hard to make the event full of fun, prizes and awards.
 - ❖ Monthly meetings – it's that time of year when the club takes advantage of the between season meetings to addresses status quo issues to ensure everyone is happy with current agendas or if anyone has any suggestions for a change. One such item is the time and place of monthly meetings. If we stay at Round Table Pizza the books indicate we would need to raise the cost from \$6 for pizza and pop to \$7. Rex has introduced the idea of going to the American Legion where you can get an entire spaghetti dinner for \$5 and they have a huge meeting room that would easily hold our attendance. Will continue discussion and thoughts until January voting.

- 2008 Season discussion

Lynn has some tentative plans for next year depending on site availability and other variables. Suggestions welcome.

Winter Heat Series: 6 pre-season events all at Dust Devils including Saturday and Sunday events in January, February and March.

Season Points Events: 10 points events and 1 drivers school.

April 19-20th – Yakima. This event will be in conjunction with YVSCC and Bob Hall Mazda for the 2nd Annual car show/autocross weekend. Bob Hall is once again donating \$1,500 for site fee for the event. Norm is making contact with the Sundome to get things rolling. This will be the first weekend event in SSSCC/ASNW challenge series.

May – Dust Devils. Holiday weekend with driver's school on Saturday and events Sunday and Monday.

June – unknown. Saturday/ Sunday events

July – unknown. Possible second weekend event in SSSCC/ASNW series?

August – unknown

September – Dust Devils. Holiday weekend with events Saturday and Sunday

October – unknown

November – Top 50 PAX special. Tentative date of Saturday the 8th

- Race Sites Discussion

We need to begin discussions with people about new sites to race on.

Dust Devils – Our relationships with soccer and baseball remain good. We should be able to hold events for winter heats there as well as events on holiday weekends. Is an option to hold one day events on Sundays as well.

TCR – TCR has been dismantled and closed as a race track, however, the pavement is still there. The water and electricity has been turned off and mowing and all maintenance have ceased. Lynn will contact Paul Alderman and discuss any options we have for future use.

Vista Field – The recent news says that Vista field will be closing. Mitch will approach them with a proposal to use the facility as an event site.

State Patrol Training Facility at Horn Rapids (Hammer area) - All previous attempts to get on this site have failed. Lynn will pursue options there. If anyone has any helpful ties, please see Lynn.

Yakima Sun Dome – It is possible to hold more than one event at this location. The surface is great but it is expensive to rent (\$1500 for the weekend) and it is a good distance from our core members home. John Jobin suggested that the novelty of the site might wear off if we use it more often which would cause attendance to drop.

Sunnyside Airport – Lynn will pursue this option as he has ties to city council and community.

Ellensburg Airport – Lawrence has checked on this site and it looks possible to host an event without the airport having to shut down. The question is, would an event at Ellensburg draw enough people?

Walla Walla Community College lot – Autocrosses have been held here by other clubs. Recent attempts to access the lot have been denied due to increasing use of the lot for school functions. Plan is to approach the school with a specific date in mind see what happens. The town has a car enthusiasts event on a weekend somewhere around September that we could tie into.

Boardman, OR Race Track – Ground has broken for this site and is expected to be running by late 2008 or early 2009. The multi-use pad is scheduled to be completed first. We will continue contact with them as things develop.

King City Square Mile – This is a viable location but it would require some work to prepare the site before it would be race ready. We would want to ensure it would be available enough events to justify investing significant money into the site prep. No contacts have been made yet.

Rural Concrete Road – Dodd Road is a good wide surface suitable for racing. It is behind Iowa Beef and runs to the Simplot Plant. It would be a long course start at one end and finish at the other. Possibly have to parade lap back at end of runs similar to a hill climb. We would need Walla Walla county approval and would need to work with farm at the end of the road to plan around their busy time when they have trucks running in and out on that road.

Other suggestions? – If you known of any viable sites please contact Lynn or one of the officers. Please do not approach potential sites on your own. Site acquisition is very difficult and we usually have only one change.

- SSSC/ASNW Series Discussion

The ASNW would like us to join them in a club competition series. There would be a total of 4 weekend events, two SSSCC events and two ASNW events. Participants would have to attend three of the weekend events to qualify. Participants would also have to claim one club or the other as their home club. This would probably be achieved through some kind of geographic range requirement. Both clubs will use a fixed points method for series points. Example: 10 pts for 1st, 8 pts for 2nd, etc. Both clubs will run their own classing structures.

ASNW has removed their roll bar and arm restraint requirement permanently as of 2008. They have agreed to begin designing courses more consistent with the speed and safety guidelines put forth by the SCCA.

It has been proposed that ASNW and SSSCC members pay the same member rate at these series events. You must be a member of the home club if you want to compete for a season championship. This will result in many people choosing to join both clubs.

- 2008 Season Classing Changes Discussion

The Ladies class has been running as an open class allowing street and race tires to compete together. It has been suggested that the class be split into L and LT. L would consist of race tire clad cars and cars running an ST index. LT would consist of street tire clad cars running with an SCCA PAX index. The alternative could be to exclude race tires from Ladies class. Discussion included views that splitting the class is catering to a very low number of members. This will be discussed again until it comes to vote in January.

NS5 class proposed to split back into SM and SM2. Is there a need to make this split?

NS4 class another question of whether to split into STS/STS2? New NS5 to become STX/STU only? Is the class going to stay large enough to warrant the split? The new PAX is expected out soon and a change is expected for STU. Decision was to wait for the new PAX and decide it's effects on the class before making a decision.

PAX for the Novice class is up for vote again. Should we continue to use the PAX index for the novice drivers. Raw time competition in novice could speed up registration. PAX in novice rewards the better novice driver over the better car. Point made that winners of novice class may be discouraged from going to their regular class if up against the STU index. Will continue discussion until January vote.

- Officers for 2008 Season
 - President – Lynn Rogers
 - Vice President of PR – Norm Powell
 - Vice President of Ops – Mark Rieb
 - Secretary – Mara Walkup
 - Treasurer – Jodee Penner

- Critical Chiefs for 2008 Season

These chiefs are crucial to the club putting on quality events. Their responsibilities involve recruiting workers for their needs, training those workers, and supervising those workers during events. If the chief listed can not attend an event, they must arrange for someone else to perform the duties. These chief jobs count as the event work assignment for the weekend.

Pre-event setup – Harold Walkup

Supervises the Friday afternoon course and grid setup. Makes sure the equipment will be there. Arranges for services like lot sweeping, etc. Coordinates with course designer, safety chief and officers to make sure course setup is acceptable to all involved.

Insurance waiver – Rex Ayers

Recruits, trains, and supervises the task of obtaining waiver signatures from all parties on the event site. The chief determines how many waiver workers are needed for each event, obtains volunteers for those positions, and reports to the chief of workers.

Event morning setup – John Jobin

Supervises the event morning equipment setup. PA system, display, etc. (registration and timing setup by Mara Walkup).

Membership – Jodee Penner

Works to accept club membership information from people wishing to join the club. Manages the membership portion of ORM. Reports club membership numbers and revenues to club Secretary and Treasurer.

Registration – Mikey Hall and Scott Bliler

Works in event registration. Checks people in. Assists in classing and number assignments.

Novice – Vickie and Victor Livengood

Help novice participants become comfortable and successful in the sport. Helps with classing in registration. Leads the guided course walk. Rides with novices.

Tech inspections – Mike Parker

Recruits, trains, and supervises the task of performing technical inspections on all participating vehicles. The chief determines how many tech workers are needed for each event, obtains volunteers for those positions, and reports to the chief of workers. The chief also arranges an annual tech inspection for club members before the first season event.

Worker assignment – Ken Wheeler and Dan Best

Assigns worker positions to all participants. Coordinates with chiefs of Waiver, Tech, and Timing to make sure their coverage is filled.

Karts – Dawn Danton

Supervises the Junior and Adult Karting programs. Educates the participants of the safety requirements and enforces the competition rules.

Safety – Lawrence Danton

Oversees all aspects of the clubs racing events pertaining to safety. Safety chief leads the safety portion of the drivers meeting and enforces the restriction on drifting.

Event Timing – Mitch Lewis

Recruits, trains and supervises the workers for timing, timing assistant, course control, grid, starter, and announcer. The chief obtains volunteers for those positions and reports to the chief of workers.

Post Event Teardown – Manny Bonilla

Supervises the job of packing up, cleaning and re-organizing the van and trailer for storage between events.

- Auxiliary Chiefs 2008

Pre-registration/Scoring/Computer Maintenance-Mara Walkup

Performs the task of printing registration and bar code labels before each event. Reconciles the results and points lists after each event. Performs software and operating system maintenance on the computers and arranges for repairs as needed.

Awards and Apparel – Shannon Parker

Obtains awards for event class placings 1-5. Obtains Novice trophies. Assists Social Chief in obtaining season awards. Arranges for creation and purchase of club apparel as desired.

Van/Trailer/Equipment Maintenance – Lynn Rogers

Performs van and trailer maintenance and arranges for repairs as needed. Charges batteries on timing equipment. Maintains radios and accessories as required.

Social Events – Chad Sulloway

Arranges for various club social events as desired.

Webmaster/Marketing – Mitch Lewis

Maintains club website. Performs marketing efforts as desired.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.