

SSSCC May Club Meeting

May 14, 2008

Meeting called to order by president, Lynn Rogers at 6:30pm with 13 members present.

Old Business

Winter Heats #5 and #6 were held at Dust Devils with good attendance of 70 plus participants each day. The weather was good and the courses were good. There were some overlap issues that slowed the day.

Season Events #1 and #2 were held at the Yakima Sun Dome with great attendance of 100 plus participants each day. Saturday was cool and damp with a few wet runs but Sunday the weather cooperated and gave us a good day. Again thanks to Lynn for great course design. Still experienced some issues with overlap. Safety and course work was excellent. The new station chief idea worked well and station buckets helped organize the necessary items needed. The one porta-pottie was used heavily so raises the question of should we have spent the money for more or should we not have any? We would probably need three for the size of crowd we had. The expense is approximately \$200 for three of them for the weekend, which amounts to seven entry fees.

The officers got together during the last week for a photo shoot of their cars to be used on this season's promo cards. Mitch will take the photos and work up a card in the near future and get printed so they become available.

Worker chief, Dan Best, raised an issue about drivers who make their afternoon runs and then leave the event before working their position for the afternoon. Dan suggested that they owe the club a service such as worker session at next event, help with tear down, clean up at the site, etc. This would be potentially hard to manage. The first line of defense should be for workers to try and replace themselves if they have to leave early. Communication with the chief of workers is of utmost importance so arrangements can be made without disrupting event flow. Dan already puts emphasis on finding out at beginning of each day who needs to leave early and does not put them at key positions. Mark will mention this issue in the daily drivers meeting to raise awareness of protocol for workers. Issues at Yakima were contributed to having new people who took advantage of the fact that the club didn't know them well enough to notice if they left without fulfilling their worker obligations. If we run late, people may have to leave who didn't expect to be there that late. If attendance is really high, do we cut runs to avoid this issue? Dan also reported a problem with workers checking in but not going directly to their worker position. Dan has offered to make rounds at the stations to account for all assigned workers. The worker hot swap over did not go well at Yakima. If possible it could speed swap over if the station chiefs could swap out first but that has the potential for creating grid and run group issues that might not be manageable. Also it could help if dual drivers swapped out first so they can get to grid as they are the first out on course. It was suggested that Dan wear a florescent hunter vest as worker chief so he is identifiable and can be found easily.

Treasurer's Report – Jodee Penner. The club did come out of the Yakima event approximately 600-\$700 in the black. The check book balance is \$1,000.

New Business

Upcoming events:

Season events #3, #4, and #5 – May 24th, 25th, and 26th – Pasco Dust Devils (Gesa Stadium)

Friday Setup will start at 3:00pm. The sweeper is scheduled for 4:30pm. There will be anticipated baseball activity in Stadium, maybe some soccer activity, Softball field activity and TRAC activity, but no complications expected.

Discussion:

Discussion opened regarding the use of porta-potties at Dust Devils. The club officers have discussed and would prefer to continue not providing porta-potties at Dust Devils events due to the adequate bathroom facilities on site which the club is already paying for. However, the distance to the bathrooms has been mentioned as a hindrance to event flow as well as a complication to event safety. Porta-potties cost approximately \$50 each for a weekend. If we have any, they will get used heavily. People won't walk to the others except for sink use. It would take a minimum of 3 if we do this. Dan informed us that he has seen many porta-potties in that lot tipped over at night by kids in the nearby neighborhood. This convinced the majority that this is not something we want to do at this time.

TCR update:

The Port of Kennewick signs the closing papers for TCR on May 15th. All the environmental and related concerns have been resolved. Lynn will proceed with lease talks Monday, May 19th. The expected outcome is that we will be charged a small fee for 2008 year with an agreement to maintain the oval track and immediate surrounding area to a satisfactory level for autocross event use. The next port commission meeting is May 27th at which we expect to obtain full commissioner approval to proceed with above lease agreement.

Lynn has scheduled a work party for Saturday, July 12th. He and possibly others will visit the site before the work date and create a list of things to complete on work day. One list will consist of must do's for the event the following weekend and another list will consist of secondary needs that will need attention over time. Follow-up work parties will be scheduled as needed to maintain a safe and functional race facility.

2008 Schedule

Events #1 and #2 – May 3rd & 4th at Yakima Sun Dome -Saturday / Sunday
Events #3, #4, and #5 – May 24th, 25th, and 26th at Dust Devils -Saturday / Sunday / Monday
SSSCC Drivers School - June 28 at Dust Devils - Saturday
Event #6 – June 29th at Dust Devils-Sunday
TCR Work Party – July 12th at TCR - Saturday (Lots of help needed)
TCR Event Setup - July 18th at TCR - Friday
Events #7 and #8 - July 19th and 20th at TCR – Saturday/ Sunday
TCR Event setup - September 5th at TCR - Friday
Events #6 and #7 - September 6th and #7at TCR – Saturday/Sunday
TCR Event setup - September 26th at TCR - Friday
Events #11 and #12 - September 27th and 28th at TCR – Saturday/Sunday

Yakima – Fall event weekend

Continued attempts are being made for Bob Hall Mazda and SSSCC to co-host a 2nd annual Yakima Car Show and autocross weekend. If this becomes a reality, the above schedule will be adjusted to accommodate. This will most likely happen in late September or early October.