

SSSCC January Club Meeting

January 12, 2009

Meeting brought to order by Vickie Livengood with 24 members present.

Old Business

Recent club events

2008 Annual Banquet was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to Chad and Shannon for all their efforts.

Pax 50 Event was held the day after the banquet. About 30 members participated in a rally cross in Lynn's 1970 VW Bug and Chad's Demo Derby Mazda. Fun times.

Lease for TCR for 2009 has been signed with Port of Kennewick on a month by month term expected to last through 2009. Vickie strongly feels like we need to keep our finances headed towards purchase of a trailer so we can be mobile when we need to be.

Lynn and Mara went to TCR during last month and found that a valve had been left open in the concession stand which allowed a couple inches of water to flow onto the floor. It was swept up and Port notified.

Treasurer's Report

See attached budget analysis for current status. Vickie wants to look at areas of the budget that could be trimmed down in effort to assure purchase of trailer this year. One area that could have budget revisions is the annual banquet. Costs were considerably higher this year and there are cuts that could be made that would not be felt by the members themselves, however, would help the club.

New Business

Axware Update- Lynn started a thread on the forum requesting people to go into Axware and update their profiles and garages with current information. Please confirm information such as address, contact numbers, cars, car numbers, and classes. Please delete cars and numbers you do not intend to run with this year.

2009 Chiefs- Mark has filled almost all of the chief positions. Mark is planning a chief's meeting soon so the year starts out with a cohesive base. Discussion was held regarding the title and duties of a "Classing Sheriff". Mitch Lewis, the sheriff, suggested the position be encompassed into the novice chief position. It was the general opinion of members present that the title of sheriff gives off a negative connotation therefore it was determined we would refer to that person as the "Classing Chief" if needed.

2009 Rule Change Proposals- The following rule changes have been proposed and motioned to move to ballot for voting at February meeting.

Proposal: Merge the S2 and S3 classes into one S2 class due to low participation levels in both classes. S2 is B,C, E stock and S3 is G, F,D stock. Combining the classes would give more competition for the class but the Pax index could favor one over another with the design limitations of courses at TCR. Motion to carry to vote: Lynn. Seconded: Jodee.

Note: Question was raised if NS1 will end up with enough participants to be competitive this year. Opinion is that we can't change every class each year based on previous year's participation. Some classes show more of a need and will be addressed while others will have to prove the need more before combining will be considered.

Note: Question asked regarding the time a novice is allowed to remain in Novice class. Clarification was made that novice can be run for one full season and then drivers are encouraged to move to their proper class.

Proposal: Create a PRO class of upper level drivers where they can compete against each other regardless of car prep or class. This would be a Pax only class. Some views expressed that if the best drivers of existing classes move to PRO they would be giving up a Season Trophy just to be in the class. Vickie believes it may be a little elitist and may not support the community attitude of the club at present. Lynn voiced a concern that the PRO class could end up consisting of the hard core doers of the club making it difficult to cover worker positions as they would all be in same run group. This situation would also lead to the worker positions being covered by novices during the running of the PRO class. Mark is not confident we have enough workers to cover a PRO class. Motion to remove from voting: Rex. Seconded: Josue.

Note: From the Officers meeting held in December a rule was adopted to change the way the top Raw and top Pax time of day trophies are awarded in 2009. In the event that a K1 or K2 driver wins top Raw or top Pax for the day, an additional award will be given to the driver who has the top time of day in a car. Rex stated that he could agree with top Raw going to a car instead of a kart but he still believes the top Pax should go to a kart if they win it. Vickie reiterated that to end the contention of the Car vs. Kart issue this is the solution the officers have decided on. Rex wishes all the karts to be weighed to assure they are up to classing weights before the season starts. He will contact Lawrence and coordinate this with the karters.

Proposal: Since the rule has been changed to separate K1 & K2 kart top times of day from cars, this rule should extend to the women's class if they have a woman kart driver who wins top time of day. The women's class is run more like a PRO class as any classed car is allowed to run as long as driver is a woman so requires a vote to be determined. The contention is that if men are excluded from head's up competition with karts, then all cars should be excluded as well, whether is it women's class or any other. If the issue is to separate kart vs. car top times it should be across the board, not exclusive to one class. Motion to make all kart drivers run in K1 or K2 and not in a car class: Lynn. Seconded: Mitch.

Proposal: Return Vintage back to a Season Trophy earning class. The original reason this class was taken out of trophy event was an effort to conserve monies going out for trophies in lowly attended classes. This last year Shannon was able to minimize our trophy costs and it seems a void issue to try to save money on trophies. Vickie is of the opinion that it should go back to trophy class. Motion to bring Vintage class back as trophy earning class: Mitch. Seconded: Mark.

Proposal: Open Vintage class to any car 25 years or older in any SCCA class with class appropriate tires. Motion to carry to vote by Mark. Second by Lynn.

Proposal: Season trophy qualifications specified as one half plus one season events. Last year to qualify a driver had to participate in one half plus two season events. Motion to change season trophy qualification to one half plus one season event: Vic. Seconded: Ken.

2009 Promotional Events

*Course design school – Special design instructor, Karen Babb. Classroom session will be held in morning and out on the track in afternoon. Karen will set up a course on Saturday night that will be run on Sunday. This class is by invitation only.

*Novice driving school – Victor and Lynn are still debating whether this should be for novices (we use instructors from within the club) or intermediate school (we use instructors from NW Region). Course design is the most difficult for this type event. More detail will be given as date is closer.

*Ladies night – We really need a venue other than TCR for this event as it needs exposure. Mitch suggested Walker's Furniture lot.

*Informal promotional gatherings - Hastings Night or something similar. Jo Bolin-Johnson volunteered to spear head this.

*Road trip-Lynn and Harold will design a trip again, as between them they know every winding road between here and who knows where.

*Media Day

*CBC promo night

*Cool Desert Nights

*Parades - 4th of July, Fair, Veteran's Day

*Gimmick Rally

*Key Chase-Chad has agreed to do another key chase this year. Last year promotion was not good enough and members didn't know what it was or that it was going on. Chad will hide a key in the Tri-City vicinity and give cryptic clues to its location each day until someone finds it. This year the clues will be given out every day, at the same time, on the forum. The first to decipher his hints and find the key wins. Last year four prizes were awarded. We will need to obtain prizes from our sponsors for this year.

Website-Mitch who is our webmaster, wants to change to iWeb so he can change things on the website as needed. We would incur a cost of \$100 per year to switch. Officers will need to decide if the cost is worth to advantages.

Miscellaneous-Kathy Orr inquired how much interest there is in having a new club T-shirt made. Vickie, Shannon and Kathy will meet and discuss. Rex informed the club that he will organize a trip to Grass Valley for anyone interested in doing a Road Course. Contact him if interested. Meeting adjourned by Vickie at 7:30pm.

2009 Event Schedule

JANUARY	12 th	Club Meeting
FEBRUARY	9 th	Club Meeting
	21 st	Winter Heat #1
	22 nd	Winter Heat #2
	28 th /1st	Fall back date if needed for poor weather
MARCH	9 th	Club Meeting
	21 st	Winter Heat #3
	22 nd	Winter Heat #4
	28 th	Design School
	29 th	Design School
APRIL	13 th	Club Meeting
	18 th	Event #1
	19 th	Event #2
MAY	9 th	Driver School
	11 th	Club Meeting
	30 th	Event #3
	31 st	Event #4
JUNE	8 th	Club Meeting
	27 th	Event #5
	28 th	Event #6
JULY	13 th	Club Meeting
AUGUST	8 th	Event #7
	9 th	Event #8
	10 th	Club Meeting
SEPTEMBER	14 th	Club Meeting
	19 th	Event #9
	20 th	Event #10
OCTOBER	10 th	Event #11
	11 th	Event #12
	12 th	Club Meeting
NOVEMBER	9 th	Club Meeting
	21 st	Annual Banquet-Tentative

Post Meeting minute changes: New Business, 2009 Chiefs-Strike "Mark is still looking for an assistant registration assistant."
2009 Schedule- Add "Tentative" to November 21st Annual Banquet

Signed: Mara Walkup/Secretary