SSSCC August Club Meeting
August 10, 2009

Meeting brought to order at 6:25pm by Vickie Livengood with 20 present.

Old Business

Recent club events

Season events #7 and #8 held July 8th and 9th with good turn out. A large chunk of asphalt came loose on the back stretch of the oval which caused a mid-day course change. Lynn will be doing some cold pack work on that and other spots that are deteriorating around the oval before the next event.

Vickie inquired about event flow processes during the beginning of the events. Jodee reports her cashier line went well, however; it does have moments of time when it slows down. She believes this happens during a short period of time when there is a major influx of participants who show up to register at the same time. Rodd is helping with classing issues at registration as well as Scott and they seem to be keeping up for the most part. We are seeing more and more novices show up who require the most help with classing. Members hanging around also help when they can (thanks Jobin). There still seemed to be some confusion for new participants about which line they are supposed to go to first causing a number of people to need redirection to the proper line. It was suggested we move Jodee out of the middle and back to one end, which is a more logical starting point, and improve the flow from one line down the counter until worker assignment is reached. Another suggestion is to label the lines to make the process clearer and easier to follow. Jamie offered to help with signage as needed. It was noticed that a few drivers were trying to get their cars teched while drivers meeting was starting. We wonder if they were not using their pre-run time wisely and choosing to walk the course and chat instead of getting teched during proper time or showing up too late to complete the registration process timely. Again a suggestion was made to use signage to attract attention to tech area and be a visual reminder that tech is a required step in the process. Eric made a valid suggestion to post the steps of the registration/tech process on the course maps so participants are aware of everything required before they drive. Timing had no real issues, some technical difficulties with the reader board and false timing trips but nothing that affected the flow of the event. Harold has already determined that the reader board has no mechanical issues and Lynn verifies there are no computer issues so that leaves circuit board problems. Lynn will have to find someone to look at it and get an estimate on repairs.

Treasurer's Report

The check book balance is $20,700. We have no upcoming expected administrative expenses. The last event grossed $2,000 over weekend.

New Business

Upcoming Events

Packwood August 15th and 16th
Helena-Top Gun August 15th and 16th
ASNW August 29th and 30th
Nationals-Sept. 6th-13th
SSSCC Events Sept 19th and 20th

Trailer Purchase

The purchase of a new trailer for use as an event administration hub as well as a between event storage facility has been considered a future need for several years. Designs, plans, and estimates have been in process for more than three years, and funds have been earmarked for the purchase for approximately three years as well. The club is now in a financial position to make the initial purchase of the trailer in its basic form.

Phase One:
Purchase price is $9746 + taxes and fees which we have budgeted $11.000 for.
This phase includes a fully functional trailer with all exterior openings per our specifications. It will be a completely finished trailer shell with no interior amenities. It is an adapted version of a snowmobile trailer. The trailer will be approximately 28 feet long with a V-nose front. It will be 8 ½ feet wide and the cargo area will sit completely above the wheels with no interior wheel wells. There will be a standard heavy duty rear ramp door, along with medium duty ramp doors in each of the V-nose sections, and two more medium duty ramp doors on each side of the trailer, a total of seven ramp doors. It will have two crank open roof vents and comes equipped with electric trailer brakes and standard 12 volt interior lighting. The exterior shell will be insulated.

Phase Two:
Purchase price is budgeted at $7500
This phase includes all the necessary interior work needed to make the trailer ready for event use. Spending for this phase may happen in one lump, or may be spread out over a period of time. The trailer will not be used for any club purpose until phase two has been completed, unless we lose the use of TCR and are forced to take immediate action.

Phase two includes the following primary objectives:
Add an electronic brake controller to the club van, and modify towing wiring as required
Frame closed all front and side ramp openings leaving rough openings for windows
Frame in an interior partition wall creating an office area and storage area
Install a two door patio door in the partition
Install side by side double hung window in each front and side openings
Install a countertop work surface in a U-shape for the office area
Install adequate storage for club administrative needs in the office area
Install adequate electrical to each work station
Install adequate electrical for a future small portable air-conditioner/heater
Install adequate low voltage lighting for the office area
Install network wiring between workstations
Install storage shelving and other organizational aids in storage area
Install awning on registration side of trailer

Phase Three:
Purchase price unknown
The final phase of the trailer plan involves a number of things that will make the administration of a club event easier and more efficient. Spending for these things can be done on an “as possible” basis and will not prevent the club from using the trailer for event and storage use.

Anticipate enhancements include:
Small portable heater/AC unit
Radio dispatch module for in trailer course control
On trailer mounts for display board
On trailer mounts for PA speakers
On trailer mount for FM antenna
On trailer antenna for timing system
On trailer antenna for bar code scanning
Fixed mount computer monitors for work stations
Improved remote terminal function
Improved announcer function
Improved networking function for out of trailer devices

Lynn brought specs for new trailer and brought a trailer like the one we will purchase for show and tell. Once ordered we will take delivery in approximately 6-8 weeks. Upon delivery the trailer will be parked at Lynn's where he can arrange the upgrades as cash is available. Jaime suggested we take donations at registration for anyone inclined to help with our endeavor. Kathy suggested we make list of needed parts that people could donate to the club.

Vickie indicated she wants to put half the purchase price down at time of ordering and the remainder upon delivery. Vote for phase one trailer purchase carried with 18 in favor.

Banquet

Shannon reports the date for the annual banquet is set for November 21st at 7:00pm at the Clover Island Inn. The cost will be $25 per person for a buffet style dinner. You will be able to register for the banquet and pre-pay on-line.

TCR Maintenance

The far pit exit road transition from pits to the oval was repaired by Almond and Sons making the transition drivable. Course designs in the future will be able to use that part of the asphalt with no hesitation. Dan Almond is willing to use extra asphalt when available to fill in cracks in the oval. The Port still has no plans to develop the land for at least the next year.

Miscellaneous:

Vickie announced that the Worker Chief position will be open next year if anyone is interested in taking that job over from Ken.

Rex suggested we post signs at the gate to announce our events to the public. Jodee offered to post a free ad in the local newspaper to announce our events too.

The club wished Ricky Bang luck on his venture to Florida where he will be attending college. This is the last club related occasion Ricky will be attending before he leaves for the sunshine state. We will miss him greatly and all the willing help he gave the club at each event.

Next meeting is September 14th, 2009.

Meeting adjourned by Vickie at 7:30.

2009 Event Schedule

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