

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Reno Region of the SCCA
February 7, 2007

Attendees:	Patty Evans	John Evans	John Perry
	Lucas Kunze	Mike Khamis	Scott Perry
	Carol DeBorde	John Townley	Matt Roy
	Dave DeBorde	Jim Gandy	Kevin McDaniel
	John Riggs Jr.	Lee Mitchell	John Tendeland
	Mark Sipe	Gina Pogol	Mark Austin
	Wes Friesen	Dean Benz	Jennifer Meukeu Austin
	Ed Reichley	Charles Marshall	Russ Carpenter
	Lin Manning	Lillian Manning	Cory Davis
	Bob Davis	Vic Chalk	
	Mari Riggs	John Riggs III	

The meeting was called to order by Jim Gandy at 6:45 p.m.

New faces were introduced and welcomed. Lin and Lillian Manning and John Tendeland introduced themselves. It was noted that Lin was mentioned last month in our 40th anniversary acknowledgement and instrumental in starting the club over 40 years ago.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

Minutes from the January meeting were moved for approval by Dave Deborde, seconded by John Riggs III and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Gandy distributed an income and expense statement and let the members know that revisions of the financial statements were still being worked on by a sub-committee of the board. Gina moved to approve the report, John Riggs III seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Old business

NorPac convention

Mark Sipe gave a personal account of the convention. A Solo car set up seminar was given by Andy Hollis a National Championship driver and instructor for the Evolution driving school. It appears that the Atwater National Tour and our first event will be on the same weekend. Boise indicated they might do a Solo divisional the week before Nationals. There was speculation on how well this would be attended. Mark was disappointed in the low number of Reno Region attendees.

Jim Gandy informed the members that Reno would be hosting the convention next year. He asked the members to consider what they would want the convention to look like and

to share their thoughts with the board. Mark Sipe volunteered himself and Debbie to help with the event organization.

2007 Event Schedule/Chairs –Solo event chairs were solicited for the remaining events. We added Mark Sipe as event chair for the May 26, 27 event

April 14/15 -	Jim Gandy	Stead
May 12/13 -	Scott and Matt	Stead
May 26/27-	Mark Sipe	TBD
June 9/10-	John and Patty Evans	Stead
August 4/5 -	Don and Sheri Smith	Stead
August 25/26	John and Patty Evans	Squaw Valley
Sept. 22/23-	Randy and Jim U.	Lovelock
Oct. 6/7 -	Randy and Jim U.	Stead

Solo event still needing a chair are:

April 28/29 - Stead

July 14/15 - Stead

All primary positions are filled for Solo but volunteers are still needed to help with tech and registration. Contact Kevin McDaniel if interested in helping with Registration or Wes Friesen if interested in helping with tech.

Track events

Dave Deborde also solicited for event chairs for track events. No volunteers were forthcoming. Please contact Dave if you are interested. Additionally, several chief positions are needed. Chief Steward, TT safety steward and tech as well as all types of track volunteers.

Reno Region will once again be participating in a double national event at Thunderhill on March 16-18. Eight Reno volunteers are needed and you will receive training. Positions include grid, tech, timing and scoring, flagging, communications, hospitality, course workers and emergency. If interested contact Dave Deborde.

Winter tour

The winter tour is scheduled for Saturday 2/10 weather permitting. It will include some time at the RFR track driving parade laps. The event will move forward one day, a weekend at a time until it is held or Jim gives it up. He will post the status on the yahoo newsgroup, so check your e-mail if the weather is iffy. Meet at Sierra Sid's at 9:45 with wheels up at 10:00. Should be back to Reno by 5:00 but participants can leave at any time if they need to get back to town. The tour is free and open to members and non-members. As of the processing of the minutes the event was officially moved to 2/17.

Autoexotica status (formerly Sports Cars and all that Jazz)

Charles Doyle called and spoke to John Evans about the June 8th proposed event. After much discussion it was determined we would not be able to adequately staff a Friday event. John E., John T. will work on proposing an alternative to have them join the event on 6/0. John E. will contact Charles Doyle.

WSSC

Matt has been working with the Western States Corvette Council to join us at our mid August event on Sunday. There will be approximately 50 cars with 75 drivers. They will have experienced people who will do tech inspection prior to the event and will provide a file of participants in advance to speed up registration. We will split the run groups and assign them like we do Novice class. They will be in a special class which will not be included in season points

Solo Supplementals

The board has been working with the members input from last meeting on the proposed supplemental changes. The following items will not be changed.

No change items

- Change PAX – no change – deemphasize by awarding PAX trophy first
- Eliminate PAX drops
- Change number of drops
- Street tire handicap
- Require stock cars to run on street tires only
- Restrict ride along
- Posting time during run groups – software not capable to make it easy
- Eliminate use of bicycles
- Street tire tread wear to 200

Solo Supplemental Reg Changes

Changes items

- Novices can move to regular classes but not with points
- Revised sound meter placement
- Revised permanent number procedures
 - If a member hasn't raced in a specific time period they forfeit their number and if they move into another class and their number is taken in that class, they will have to choose a new number
- Points schedules for regular classes and for PAX
 - Class points will be 10,8,6,5,4,3,2,1
 - Pax points will start at 30 and go down by one from that point
- Change points for uncontested win; how many?
 - Points for an uncontested win will be the same as a contested win - 10
- Allow more than two drivers per car in a run group, at no time allowing 3 drivers or more in any one run group
 - The essence of this issue was to clear up that the event chair would make every attempt to get agreement from class participants for running out of class.

Scott will revise the supplemental regulations for board and membership review at the March meeting.

Lucas Kunze made a suggestion to have a “National Class” established that would run strictly by National Rules. This would allow those participants who wanted to compete under rules as National events to do so. In some regions, like the Northwest it is called the Pro class. They have only the first 3 runs count, do not allow ride along, bicycle course walks and so forth. If established participants would elect this class only and opt out of their normal class. A motion was made for Lucas and Mark Sipe to write a proposal to reflect this provision and how it would be administered. Motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

National Convention update

Dave and Carol Deborde and Jim Gandy attended the National Convention in San Antonio last weekend. Jim reported that the Reno Region received a Communication award honorable mention for our Newsletter and Website. There were only 5 awards presented out of the 113 SCCA Regions so this was great recognition for our club. Additionally, and in keeping with the tradition of having a great newsletter, Jim and the members present acknowledged Gina Pogol for a great first newsletter in January after she assumed the editor responsibilities from Jim Gandy.

Dave reported that through lobbying at the convention the PDX sanction fees were reduced from \$300 to \$50 if the PDX is run in conjunction with a trials event. Since this is the plan for all but one of our track events, this was good news for the program.

Rules for ration of instructions to students are to be as follows:

- 1:1 – Novices
- 1:2 – Intermediate
- 1:4- Advanced.

There were also changes to the sanction document that no longer requires us to name Chief Steward and Instructor Chief in our supplemental regulations.

A program that was started by BMW Car Club of America (BMWCC) has been picked up by the SCCA. It is Street Survival for Teens. BMW has a new chapter in Reno and Jim and Dave went to their meeting to promote join club activities. Dave moved that we offer our equipment and people to help the BMW club put on the Street Survival program on August 12. Mark Sipe seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Availability of the Stead site needs to be checked and Dave with follow up with the BMW club.

North/South Challenge Status

The annual Hawthorne event is in question. LV is researching Tonopah as an alternative location. Dean Benz reported that he stopped in Tonopah recently and said the asphalt/concrete is falling apart and he does not think it to be a viable option. Jim Gandy reported that Alon from LV also has Lone Pine on his list of sites to check out. We have reserved Stead for Memorial Day weekend and will wait to see what develops.

New Business

Dick Lewis will once again open his home on March 16th at 7:00 p. m for a Solo Safety Steward training program. It is important to have many licensed safety personnel in the region and the members are encouraged to attend this event and become licensed. Contact Dick Lewis at 775-852-3969. The address is 1265 High Chaparral Dr. Reno. It was also noted that John Riggs III will be taking over the divisional Solo Safety Steward responsibilities going forward.

John Perry knows of a 12' enclosed trailer for sale from the Reno Corvette club. It has cones and timing equipment in it. Dave Deborde will be checking it out.

Carol reported that rule books have gone up to \$30 and GCR to \$37.50. Scott and Dean volunteered to look up to see if a rule book was required for annual tech. Carol will order 30 Solo rules books to start the season.

Jim held the raffle drawing for a free solo entry and one for a friend. Two winning tickets were drawn. John Riggs Jr. and Lucas did rock, paper, scissors for the winner and John Riggs Jr. won, despite his unfamiliarity with the game. It was pretty fun to watch!

Walk-On Items

John Perry asked if solo safety stewards will continue to get rule books at half price. The board will take under advisement at their March meeting.

Lucas asked about a tech day for Solo and Track events. When? Where? Dave is working on February and March dates.

A bus cleaning day needs to be scheduled. Dave volunteered to do it at his home some time in March, which is a very busy month. He will propose some dates. The bus needs 2 new tires. This will be accomplished prior to the beginning of the season.

Dave gave a pitch to recruit and retain volunteers in our region. Volunteers are essential if we are to have a viable race program in our area. So, all of you members out there that don't participate in the events, how about volunteering? Contact Dave Deborde if interested. There are incentives for workers in the form of meals, gas cards, points toward merchandise, etc. Dave's contact information is on the web site. www.renoscca.com

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Patty Evans, Secretary.