

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Reno Region of the SCCA
June 6, 2007

Attendees:	Mike Bauer	Lee Mitchell	John Townley
	Erwin Nagl	Doug Driver	Mike Khamis
	Don Smith	John Evans	Patty Evans
	Jim Gandy	Matt Roy	Dave Deborde
	Carol Deborde	Bob Davidson	Patrick Smith
	John Riggs Jr.	Kevin McDaniel	Russ Carpenter
	Wes Friesen	Dean Benz	Gina Pogol
	Lucas Kunze	Mark Sipe	Nick Hansen

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

Jim welcomed everyone to the meeting. Patrick Smith, Bob Davidson and Erwin Nagl introduced themselves as first time meeting attendees and were welcomed by the group.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

Minutes from the May meeting were moved for approval by Dean Benz, seconded by Mike Khamis and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Doug reviewed the statement of income and expense. Don Smith moved to approve the report, Lee Mitchell seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Old business

Past Events

Solo Events 4/5– May 12 & 13

Matt reported that the first was very successful. One glitch is the number of cars in each run group. Matt presented a proposal for change in the run groups later in the meeting.

North-South Challenge Solo 6/7– May 26-27

Reno was victorious again despite only 24 drivers from Reno. Las Vegas had a showing of 42 drivers. It was a good, safe, event. The course was good and not too fast. It was recommended that we do the same course next year.

Track Event – May 19

Dave reported that 44 drivers participated in the event. 29 were PDX drivers and 15 for track trials. Comments were solicited from attendees of the event. Everyone liked the one day format. Lucas requested to look at having more time between qualifying and running. Russ Carpenter attended the PDX and had a blast!

Spring Tour – June 2

There were 14 participants for the spring tour but despite the tour master's car pooping out a good time was had by all.

Out of region event participation

Doug, Lee and Dave went to the Portland Rose Cup and reported a great event. Hot and humid and all cars came home in tact. There were many interesting vintage cars in Lee and Doug's group.

Chuck Johnson reported on an event at Thunderhill where Donna Gilio driving one of his cars had a great day coming in second.

Dean Benz and Sue Orvik went to an event at Miller Motorsport park which is located about 30 minutes from Salt Lake. He was there with the Audi club. He reported that it is an amazing facility and a fun track. It is about an 8 hour drive from Reno. On his way home he stopped at the Bonneville Speedway. He said that he just followed the signs until he arrived at the salt flat where there is a marker and some cones as mile markers. He got his STi (fully loaded) up to 152 mph.

Upcoming Events

Solo 8/9 at Stead June 9 & 10 Event chairs are John and Patty Evans

John will be setting up around noon. John Riggs was asked to organize a social event for Saturday afternoon/evening.

Track Trial and PDX at Reno-Fernley raceway June 30.

Dave shared that PDX drivers are scheduled to get 100 minutes of track time and TT participants 80 minutes at a minimum. Sign up on www.MyAutoEvents.com.

The course has not yet been decided. There was a request for the "outer loop".

Club Race for 2008 –

An official request has been made for a restricted regional/national event the weekend of June 14-15, 2008.

New Business

Erwin Nagl was invited to be our guest speaker. He is a high performance driving instructor for BMW in Europe and has opened a driving school at Reno Fernley Raceway. The Pro Control School provides track permit, teen car control, and instructed track sessions as well as custom one-on-one instruction. He spoke of his past experiences and how he came to be in Fernley. He was asked if the school will be providing cars in the future. He is working on bringing in BMW 1 series diesel cars, and to have 6 of them. He also anticipated having a DMV certified school in place within 8 weeks. Erwin donated a gift certificate for a day course car control clinic/track certification program for the evenings raffle prize.

Raffle winner

After Erwin's talk the raffle was held for his generous gift. The raffle was won by Patty Evans. (Yahoo for me ☺)

Solo run group changes

Matt reported that the run groups were grossly unbalanced with the yellow group averaging 8.6 participants and the green group over 30. The SM group will be moved to the yellow run group effective in July. The change will be announced at drivers meeting, on the web and in the newsletter. New schedule cards will be produced.

Newsletter discussion

Jim solicited input from members about continuing to provide hardcopy newsletters to those who request it, or don't provide an e-mail address versus all electronic. It cost approximately \$1.80 per copy to produce not counting the volunteer labor hours involved. Gina looked into outsourcing the entire production to Kinko's. Cost for this option would exceed \$700 per issue. Not a viable option. Through a show of hands 12 people indicated they read the newsletter on the computer while 4 indicated they printed it out before reading it. Several people said they sometimes printed the newsletter. It was mentioned that it probably was read more in hardcopy because it is tangible.

John Riggs suggested that we adopt a buddy system. The premise would be that a member would volunteer to print and mail a newsletter to another member who wanted to have a hard copy.

John Townley asked if perhaps the funds could be used for some other method to recruit new members as membership recruitment is one goal of the newsletter.

Gina suggested that a nice color brochure could be produced that highlighted the people and programs of the region.

Patrick Smith weighed in stating that since we don't e-mail the newsletter, we just post to the newsgroup that it is available on-line, that it would be less likely to be overlooked or viewed as spam. Prospects or members would be deliberately going to the web site to see it. He went on to suggest that perhaps other things like stickers or license plate frames could be given to new members as a passive way to get the word out about the club.

Jim Gandy thanked the members for their input and said the board would continue to work on this issue. Patty noted that the board had approved discontinuing the practice of sending newsletters to new attendees who have not become members.

Walk-On Items

John Riggs reported that the Celebration of Life for Mike Mulhall will be held on Sunday July 1st from 3:00 – 6:00 at the Hidden Valley Country Club. Please let John Riggs know if you plan to attend.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Don Smith to adjourn, seconded by Lee Mitchell and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Patty Evans, Secretary.