

Upcoming Events

Solo 143/15 – September 22-23

Jim Uchytel and Randy Jones are the event chairs for Lovelock. A block of rooms is reserved at the Ramada Inn. A spaghetti feed is planned for Saturday and Matt received approximately 40 RSVP's for dinner. Dave will get the bus and trailer to Lovelock after the September track event. We will most likely not stick to our usual run groups due to a lower turnout. Members should plan on being on site all day. Jim will follow up with a group e-mail to alert the membership. Jim and Randy will be setting up on Friday afternoon so if anyone wants to come out and help it would be welcomed. Matt will get the airport managers number to Jim.

Track Events – Division Championship September 15 & 16

Deadline for sign-up is 9/8. So far 34 drivers are registered. 15 more participants would be desired. There will be a \$50 up charge for walk ons the day of the event. Dave has 6-7 verbal commitments that have not yet signed up and is expecting 45-50 entrants. Volunteer workers are needed. Two different tracks will be used. One for CT/TT and the other for PDX. This is a two day event but one day entrants are welcome. Region points will be given for each day.

Fall Tour – September 29

Jim will be conducting the fall tour on 9/29 and it will NOT include a tour of RFR. Meeting place will be the Tamarack Junction with a lunch stop planned.

Awards Banquet – Saturday November 17th Tamarack Junction

Doug Driver has volunteered to coordinate the banquet. The price will be the same as last year and volunteers are needed to coordinate the purchase of the awards for track and solo. Contact the event Directors if you are interested in helping choose what will be awarded this year.

The bus has a new windshield!!! It will get new shoes in the off season.

Club Race – June 14 & 15, 2008

Dave reported that these dates are firm and the track remains very much in support of the event. SFR will help with equipment and people, to the extent possible, but are not willing to make this an SFR point's event. We will need 150 entrants for the event to be successful. Dave is in the process of determining what types of venues will attract the number of drivers needed. It would be a National and Regional race with the possibility of adding Spec Miata, vintage or others. He will know more in the next 4-5 weeks. Questions or suggestions should be directed to Dave.

Nominating Committee for 2008 elections

Most of the board will be returning so we may not need a nominating committee this year. Dave suggested the possibility of creating assistant Solo and Race director positions to begin grooming people who would be interested in one day taking over these roles.

New Newsletter Editor – Don Smith

Jim thanked Gina for her work on the newsletter and announced that Don had taken over the duties. His first issue came out in August and the September newsletter is schedule to go out on Monday 9/10. Don has set up an e-mail address for newsletter items and would love to see submission to the new “soapbox” section as well as any articles, classified or other info you would like to see. All submissions are welcome and appreciated.

Jim reported that the newsletter hardcopy reduction program had taken the mailings from over 200 to around 40. Of the 40 that are being mailed each received a note that they needed to positively affirm they still wanted the paper copy mailed or they would be discontinued. As of this date 7 positive responses were received. This reduction saves much labor and cost for the newsletter editor.

Supplemental Regs for 2008

Altitude PAX factors, big horsepower cars, street tire handicap, PRO and novice classes are all hot topics that have been discussed (or complained about) during this season. Matt is putting together a sub committee to come up with suggestions for the board and members to chew on. Jim will co-chair this group with Matt. John Evans agreed to send a list of questions that could be sent to the membership via e-mail or newsletter to solicit input. Once we get some information from the membership the board will begin the discussion on supps at the October meeting. Dave is working on a similar process for Track programs.

Debbie asked how the new PRO class was doing. There have only been three active participants. The thought was that some of the Sacramento dual members would like to be in that class but did not take the opportunity. Registration informed people at the beginning of the year but communication about this class and how it would work could have been better. It will be a topic in the upcoming supplemental discussions.

Debbie also commented on the number of scheduling overlaps this year with other regions. Matt will speak with Brian Nemy the Division steward to see if better coordination can be done for the 2008 season.

Raffle winner

A tachometer and a toe gauge were raffled. Lee Mitchell won (again this month!) the tachometer and Rick Martini was the luck winner of the toe gauge. Thanks again to John Lefcourte for the donation of these items.

Walk-On Items

Carol thanked everyone for their support on her campaign to raise money for Parkinsons. She rode 12 miles in the Ride for a Reason event and raised over \$700.

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn by Doug Driver, seconded by John Perry and the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by Patty Evans, Secretary.