

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Reno Region of the SCCA April 2, 2008

Attendees:

Jim Uchtyl, Vic Chalk, Chuck Johnson, Wes Friesen, John Townley, Jeff Pogol, Gina Pogol, Larry Savage, John Perry, Don Smith, Debbie Kerswill, Jim Gandy, Dean Benz, Matt Roy, Eric Johnson, Robin McCullough, Megan Whitaker, Dean Morton, Charles Quaglieri, Al Lockett, Shirley Lockett, Pat Housel, Eddy Quaglieri, Mike Bauer, Carol Deborde, Dave Deborde, Randy Jones, Bob Williamson, Nick Hansen

Jim Gandy called the meeting to order at 6:50pm.

Introduction of 'New Faces' - Dean Morton is rejoining Reno SCCA after an absence of a few years.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Gina Pogol motioned to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2008 meeting, Pat Housel seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers Report was reviewed, with one question regarding the Club Race funding. Dave Deborde explained that with cash sponsorship for the National Club Race, we have every reason to expect the event to at least break even. Additional concerns can be discussed with Dave or with Club Treasurer Doug Driver. Dean Benz motioned to approve the Treasurers Report, Randy Jones seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Past Events:

Carol Deborde thanked the volunteers who helped support the Reno SCCA booth at the Boat, Sport and RV Show. We had good exposure and 3 new memberships. Carol also thanked those who displayed vehicles (Lexie Wallace/Pat Housel's Formula Junior kart, Art Majors' corvette, and Chuck Johnson' Race Stock Car), as well as Al and Shirley Lockett, who donated the booth space.

Dave and Carol Deborde informed the group that 14 Reno Region volunteers attended the Double National Race at Thunderhill on March 14-16. Chuck Johnson added that much of the event was run under yellow flags; and his entrant finished 4th overall and 2nd in class.

At the Annual Tech Day on March 22nd, 26 cars received annual Solo tech inspections. In addition, Vic Chalk completed 9 annual tech inspections for Club Trials/PDX/Track Trials participants.

Out of Region Events:

Vic Chalk raced his Honda this past weekend at the Club Race at Infineon Raceway.

Randy and Peggy Jones and Jim Uchtyl participated in the Sacramento SCCA Solo event at Stockton, with podium finishes.

John Townley, Mark Sipe, and Debbie and Rachel Kerswill participated in the SCCA National Tour at San Diego. John enjoyed being able to compete at this event with national champions.

Debbie informed the group that several region members also participated in the El Toro Pro Solo, with one member earning a trophy.

Pat Housel has been keeping an open eye on secret 2009 vehicle testing at Reno-Fernley Raceway.

Al Lockett commented on the ARCA event at Thunderhill, where a Corvette made up of a 3-piece body, set an SCCA record.

Upcoming Events:

The Solo School and Test and Tune is set for Saturday April 5th. Dean Benz explained the layout of course elements, which includes a 30 second mini course, a straight and offset slalom, and a skid pad. Dean asked for interested volunteer instructors to contact him. Solo Event #1 is set for Sunday. Solo Events #2 and #3 are on April 19th and 20th.

Time Trials/Club Trials/PDX is scheduled April 26th at Reno-Fernley Raceway. Configuration B will be used for Time Trials and PDX, and the short course will be used for Club Trials. Online registration is at renoscca.motorsportsreg.com, or by mail-in form. Volunteers for this event will get credit towards working for their Race license, as well as credit in the form of a certificate. For each 4 days of volunteer work, at \$15 annual membership discount will apply.

Solo Program Report:

Matt reported on the resignation of the Hawthorne N-S Challenge event chair. Jim Gandy and Don Smith have volunteered to co-chair this event, but will need a substitute for the April 19th/20th event.

The August event site is to be determined, and an event chair is needed for this event.

Don Smith reminded the group that the shadow points series will be published in Road and Tach. This will be a trophy series, and the only place to see the results will be in the newsletter. Don also made a call for newsletter submissions.

Track Events Program Report:

Dave Deborde informed the group that work is in process at Reno-Fernley Raceway to get final track approval for the June 14-15 Charles Schwab Bank Club Race. An inspection is scheduled April 19th. With an expected good participant turnout, we will need plenty of licensed volunteers to help. See Carol Deborde for license forms.

Website/forum report:

The renoscca.org website has changed and a forum feature has been added. The forums are a good avenue for those who like to give feedback to the Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

A raffle was held for a door prize of a \$50 entry fee for a Solo or Track event, and was won by Wes Friesen.

A question was presented on how to find out available car numbers. Contact Kevin McDaniel for reserved Solo numbers.

Jim Gandy offered checkout of the region's book "Go Ahead – Take the Wheel". He also brought extra copies of the February issue of SportsCar magazine, which includes a 2008 calendar.

WALK ON ITEMS

Dave Deborde provided an update on the Infinity - Track Safety car. He explained that the mechanical repairs had been done, but needed suggestions on a source for new tires.

With no further business before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Kerswill, Secretary.