

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Reno Region of the SCCA May 7, 2008

Attendees:

Scott Perry, Matt Roy, Nick Hansen, Dean Benz, Ron Lewis, Lee Mitchell, Kevin McDaniel, Randy Jones, Don Smith, Jim Uchytel, Bob Williamson, Renee Fugazi, Wes Friesen, Jeff Pogol, Gina Pogol, Donna Gilio, Chuck Johnson, Ron Carroll, Larry Savage, Robin McCullough, Pat Housel, Debbie Kerswill, Dave Deborde, Carol Deborde, Dave Schnäbel

In Jim Gandy's absence, Randy Jones called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Introduction of 'New Faces'

Chuck Johnson introduced Donna Gilio and Ron Carroll to the group. Later in the meeting we circled back for an introduction of Dave Schnäbel.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Scott Perry motioned to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2008 meeting, Wes Friesen seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers Report for the four months ended April 30, 2008 was reviewed. Don Smith motioned to approve the Treasurers Report, Kevin McDaniel seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Past Events:

Dean Benz summarized the Solo School/Test & Tune, and Solo Event #1 on April 5-6, noting that there was a good turnout, and the weather was better than in prior years. Dean thanked the volunteer instructors for their efforts. Others in the meeting conveyed many positive first-hand and second-hand comments about the weekend's events.

Randy Jones described Solo Events #2 and #3, on April 19-20, as "The Chill-out". He shared his learnings about this event weekend, indicating that in future events he would be watching out for weather conditions, i.e. if it was too hot or too cold, before allowing a greater number of runs. (During Saturday's event, it was decided to allow 6 runs; however, rerun issues added to the length of run groups, causing worker discomfort in the cold conditions.) On a positive note, Randy and others affirmed that there were many comments about the good, fun courses.

Dave Deborde reviewed the PDX and Time Trials Track Event at Reno-Fernley Raceway on April 26. There were 15 PDX participants, with 1 dual participant, 11 drivers in Club Trials and 16 Track Trials entries. Including entry fees, transponder rentals, contributions to worker appreciation, shirt sales and purchased lunches, less track fees and volunteer vouchers, the event netted \$1,543. Scott Perry pointed out that the Start/Finish loop was not working well and asked about using a loop further up the track. Dave responded that a parallel loop system will be used for the June race.

Out of Region Events:

Chuck Johnson shared the successful outcome of a San Francisco Region event at Laguna Seca, where Donna Gilio set two new track records, won the race, and was selected as the 'Driver of the Weekend'.

Reno Region members, including Lee Mitchell and Pat Housel (corner station worker) attended the HMSA Historic Races at Reno-Fernley Raceway on May 3-4. Pat observed smooth racing and no known contact incidents.

Debbie Kerswill and Mark Sipe attended the first California Divisional series event at Golden Gate Fields. Mark finished in the third place trophy spot.

Upcoming Events:

Don Smith spoke about the North-South Challenge at Hawthorne on May 24-25. Only 5 entries have been received so far. The cut-off for early registration is May 16th, after which time there is a late fee. The pre-registration form is on the website, and participants can either mail a check with the form, or pay at the event. The banquet will be held at the El Capitan, with prime rib and chicken on the menu. The course will be similar to last year's course, pending on-site review by Solo Safety Committee member Cal Craner. A question was posed and remained open, regarding whether we cancel the event if there are not enough people signed up to attend. Don will pass along a message about registration to the Las Vegas Region Solo Chair.

A Spring Tour is on the Reno SCCA calendar, on May 31. Jim Gandy will have more details.

Solo Program Report:

Matt reported that the Corvette Club participation for July is a 'go'. Participation level will be down this year, to about 25 cars, and all will be pre-registered.

The August event site is still to be determined, and Matt may have an update at next month's meeting.

Track Events Program Report:

Dave Deborde reported that the National and Restricted Regional Road Race on June 14-15 has been approved by SCCA National. Event information is on the website, and motorsports.reg for online registration has been open for a week. The Debordes are preparing a mailing to licensed Road Race drivers in NorPac, SoPac and Rocky Mountain Divisions. Dave indicated it will be a full schedule, so there is a strong need to have the event run smoothly. Vintage class is part of the restricted regional race, and half of the entries so far are vintage. They are hoping for 150 entries to this event. There are some conditional items left from the April track inspection, with all having to be finished 1 week prior to the race. Dave will be gauging interest with Reno Region members to assist with hosting a Saturday night barbecue for the drivers and licensed volunteers.

Website/forum report:

Scott Perry reported that the website and forums seem to be working well. (The forums' spam filter was working particularly well for Randy Jones, who found the word 'cocktail' disallowed in a sentence.)

NEW BUSINESS

Dean Benz spoke about the topic "SCCA Wants You". Dean will be posting more information about this topic on the web forum as well as in a newsletter article. The intent is to encourage club members to learn how to set up the bus or the timing system, or to learn other work assignments so that these efforts aren't limited to a few people.

Related to learning work assignments, Matt Roy informed the group that National Solo Safety Committee member Cal Craner will be holding a Safety Steward training clinic at Hawthorne during the N-S Challenge event.

Dean will be posting 'wanted' items on the web forum, including a spare laptop or PC for timing system backup, deep cycle batteries, and 2-gauge wire.

The door prize raffle for a \$50 Solo or Track event entry fee was won by Randy Jones.

WALK ON ITEMS

Nick Hansen will be soliciting volunteer helpers for the North Nevada Rally on June 21st. More information about this event is available on website 'northnevadarally.com'.

With no further business before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Kerswill, Secretary.