

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Reno Region of the SCCA September 3, 2008

Attendees:

Gina Pogol, Gary Sorge, Kelly Sorge, Court Cardinal, Marianne Cardinal, John Townley, Dave Deborde, Carol Deborde, Matt Roy, Dean Benz, Jim Gandy, Larry Savage, Eric Johnson, Debbie Kerswill, Randy Jones

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

New Faces:

Gary introduced himself as an old/new member – with previous racing experience in a Saleen, and in Formula V Racing, and now driving a 911 Targa. Court also introduced himself as an old/new member, with previous racing experience in a Trans Am and Corvette. Now that he has more time available, he will be bringing out his Lotus Elise.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the August general meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Of note is the Club's net worth is in the upper \$30,000's. We continue to make a profit this year, while continuing to have expenses as well. The Treasurers Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Past Events:

Dave reported that the August 9 Trials/PDX at RFR had a lighter than normal turnout, but still managed a profit. The weather was not unreasonable, there were no incidents, and comments were very positive. PDX drivers commented on the quality of instruction, "better than higher priced events". The Track program continues to grow and there are now a good number of trained volunteers.

Matt Roy reported on Solo Events #14 and 15 at Reno-Fernley Raceway. He indicated there were a number of logistical challenges, and there was need for more than 2 event chair roles for this venue. Reno-Fernley Raceway and staff were a huge help and their loan of a grid kart was extremely appreciated.

Out of Region Events:

Debbie Kerswill attended the ProSolo event at Packwood Washington. Larry Savage attended the SuperMoto event at Reno-Fernley Raceway, and commented that it was amazingly organized and the racing was awesome.

Upcoming Events:

Randy Jones and Jim Uchtyl are co-chairs for Solo events on Sept 6/7 at Derby Field in Lovelock. Setup will be done on Friday afternoon. A Chili feed is planned for Saturday night, and Randy invited participants to bring an appetizer. Randy advised that participants should plan to be there all day, as run/work group assignments are usually set to cover the entire day.

Dave Deborde informed the group that there will be 2 days of Time Trials and PDX during the Divisional Track event on Sept 27/28, at \$175 for 1 day or \$250 for both days. Configuration H will be used for PDX and Club Trials. Call for volunteers was made, both for the track events as well as instructors for PDX participants. Reminder was made that volunteers receive a voucher good for a future event entry.

Online registration is open for the Street Survival School (teen drivers) at Stead Airport on Sunday, October 19. A call for volunteers and instructors was made. An instructor orientation session is tentatively planned for Friday, October 17.

Peggy Jones will chair the annual Awards Banquet on November 15 at the Tamarack Junction. Make plans to set aside this date to join fellow participants in celebration, and let the organizers know if you can help provide raffle prizes.

The Fall Tour is scheduled for October 11, and the itinerary is not finalized.

C&C Automotive serviced the Club's bus, and the steering / handling problems have been improved.

Dave informed the group that expenditures for the Track program are underway. \$2,940 was approved to purchase the Orbitz Timing and Scoring software, which will take care of the Track Trials/Club Trials program. Additional radios and accessories were purchased, along with batteries donated by Mike Jenkins. We will not be taking a truck donation due to high insurance costs.

NEW BUSINESS

Some racing-related videos were shown, including 'trailer dragster', 'international burnouts', and the 'Precision Driving Team'.

News was shared regarding the Racers' Expo scheduled November 14-16 at the Grand Sierra Resort. They hope to have 500 booths, to provide opportunities for drivers/teams to look over racing products on the market. A demo drive at Reno-Fernley Raceway may be held in conjunction with the expo. Reno SCCA was asked if we would be interested in helping to put together a demo autocross course. Since we would need to participate as an SCCA organization, with subsequent sanction requirements, the Club will not formally participate.

The door prize raffle for a \$50 Solo or Track event entry fee was won by Matt Roy. Several region event t-shirts were handed out as well.

WALK ON ITEMS

Larry Savage talked to a member of the Ferrari Club regarding the Virginia City Hill Climb on Sept. 20/21. Larry shared that they need corner workers, and it is a paid position, including lunch.

With no further business before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Kerswill, Secretary.