

Reno Region Officers

Reno Region Officers

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE – JIM GANDY

1541 Stephanie Way Minden, NV 89423
(775) 267-1183 jrgandy@peoplepc.com

ASST. R.E. – JOHN TOWNLEY

735 Aesop Ct, Reno, NV 89412
(775) 348-7896 bajanewlyweds@yahoo.com

SECRETARY – PATTY EVANS

2796 Starr Meadows Loop Reno, NV 89509
(775) 828-0608 peracer@nynell.net

TREASURER – DOUG DRIVER

P.O. Box 3654, Incline, NV 89450
(775) 831-4027 ddriver@fortifiber.com

TRACK EVENTS ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR/NORPAC TIME TRIALS PGM MGR

DAVE DEBORDE

2910 Santa Inez, Minden, NV 89423
(775) 267-4845 (775) 450-1394 d_deborde@charter.net

SOLO & RALLY ACTIVITIES - MATT ROY

(775) 787-0122 mroynv@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – CAROL DEBORDE

2910 Santa Inez, Minden, NV 89423
(775) 267-4845 d_deborde@charter.net

DIRECTOR – DON SMITH

1264 Mark Twain Avenue, Reno, NV 89509
(775) 329-1780 donsmith@totalcrew.com

DIRECTOR – JOHN EVANS

4959 Talbot Lane, Reno, NV 89509
(775) 828-0608 jeracer@nynell.net

DIRECTOR/ WEBMASTER – SCOTT PERRY

1670 Crater Court Reno, NV 89521
(775) 742-8004 sperry@seccs.org

Points of Contact

Registration: Kevin McDaniel 707-430-3430
kevinjmcDaniel@gmail.com

Tech: Wes Friesen 775-530-0591
friwes@sbcglobal.net

Timing and Scoring: Mike Khamis 775-412-8810
Scca.egdbf@9ox.net

www.renoscca.com

www.scca.org



Hello racers and enthusiasts,

I'm sure that we are all stoked about the upcoming months. Our Board has come up with an exciting series of races and lots of cool off-season events too--I for one feel lucky to know the club is in such capable hands.

I was at Reno Fernley for a track cert class at the same time the SCCA track day was held--recognized quite a few cars and drivers--our club drew lots of attention from everyone else out there--it was a great-looking group with vehicles ranging from scary-fast to very cute.

Of course I remained true to form and managed my usual and customary screwing up in class, earning a couple of um, nicknames from the unfortunate instructors who had to educate me.

I have to say though that Fernley is a blast and ridiculous fun. Even for those of us whose enthusiasm considerably exceeds our skill. I plan to go back--if it's this much fun when you don't know what you're doing I can only imagine how awesome it is when you do. And if I can do it for sure anyone else can. So enough about Fernley--for more info, contact Dave Deborde and see how you can up the ante and add some extra zip to your autocross fun.

I swear that this is the LAST time that Road and Tach will be late--my life has been kinda upside down, okay, really screwed up but I have my footing now and hope to get back into your good graces very soon.

Did manage a snarky FunRun this month so things are looking up. Hope to see you all out there very soon in April.

g/p



Regional Accent

Words from Reno's Regional Executive

by Jim Gandy

Are you getting the itch yet? I am, and I think I'm not the only one. Judging from the turnout for the Winter Tour last month, and from the amazing number of folks who are coming to our monthly meetings (Waiter, more tables and chairs, please!), people in our area are ready to pull on their helmets and hit the gas.

It's only a few short weeks until our competition season starts, and then it'll be non-stop all the way to October. We've updated our rules, checked the region's equipment, and laid out ambitious plans for the year. In the pages of this month's *Road & Tach* you'll find an announcement of another chance to get a look at Reno-Fernley Raceway's road course on March 31st, as well as an article detailing plans for our Solo season-opening Drivers' School and Points Event #1 April 14-15. So get the information, then buckle up and come along for the ride!

A New Competition Opportunity in Solo

One thing about Solo in Reno Region, we're not afraid to try a new twist. Some of the off-season tweaks to our Solo Supplemental Regulations were formalities, minor changes meant to bring the rules into conformance with actual practice, to streamline procedures, or to cover uncommon situations. But one new rule brings a whole new kind of competition to our Solo events.

Reno Region now has a class called "National Prep," and the intent is to offer all drivers the chance to test themselves against a higher standard. No matter what class you normally run, you now have the option to compete in National Prep. If you choose that option, the only obvious thing that will happen is that you'll display the letter P in front of your usual class designation on the sides of your car. But that little letter P means, among other things, that you've agreed to abide by the full rules as spelled out in the national Solo rulebook.

Everyone choosing National Prep will be combined into one class; established PAX factors will be used to equalize the competition. And, *only the first three runs will count*. If everyone at an event gets five or six runs, National Prep drivers will get all those runs, too, but only the first three will be scored as official National Prep runs. Talk about increasing the pressure!

There are other restrictions, too, like no using a bicycle or skates during the walk-through, and no extra looks at a course by riding with someone else before your three scored runs are done. The intent is to help our drivers "up their game" by exposing them to the format they would face at a National Tour event, ProSolo or the Solo National Championship event.

If you think you've got what it takes, you should consider entering National Prep. Check out the rules in our 2007 Solo Supplemental Regulations posted on our website, or give Matt Roy, our Director of Solo Activities, a call.

Regional Accent, continued

Track Events Program Takes the Initiative

Start the countdown, T minus 15 months and counting!

By now, all Reno Region members know about the fantastic road racing facility we're incredibly lucky to have so close by. But where there's a race track, there ought to be wheel-to-wheel racing, right? That's the aim of a new initiative Reno Region is undertaking jointly with R-FR's management.

There are two big hurdles to overcome before we can have SCCA racing at R-FR: Reno Region needs to expand our participant and volunteer base, and R-FR needs to complete a number of modifications and upgrades to the facility. When will those goals be achieved? If you asked that question a month ago, the answer would have been, "Someday." Now, "someday" is a fixed point in time.

June 14-15, 2008. Write that down and stick it on your refrigerator door. That's the weekend Reno Region will host an SCCA Club Race at Reno-Fernley Raceway. Our region and R-FR's management are circling that date, and both organizations will now be working towards the same goal. The event is envisioned as a national points race combined with selected regional-level classes, and it would be open to spectators.

A plan is just that, a plan, and changes are possible, perhaps even likely. But the first steps have already been taken: all of the other SCCA regions west of the Rockies that hold racing events have been made aware of our intentions. Early feedback, both inside and outside the region, has been encouraging.

So, remember the date: Father's Day weekend 2008. With hard work and a little luck, it will mark the return of SCCA racing to Northern Nevada. There will be opportunities for every Reno Region member to participate in this effort, starting now and starting with something that's very easy to do: just spread the word. And if you have ideas you want to share, or if you want to be a part of the team working on this initiative, be sure to contact me or our Director of Track Events Dave Deborde.

CLASSIFIED

I've got a set of 205/50R15 Falken RT615s that I had on my Miata last year which I can no longer use. They have about a season's worth of tread on them still, and I'm asking \$150.

Kevin McDaniel

#19 TFSP Subaru Impreza wagon

kevinjmcDaniel@gmail.com



School Days, School Days, Dear Old Golden Rule Days
Reading & Writing & **Racing Cars** ...by Carol Deborde

Vic Chalk and Rich Fuller attended the San Francisco Driver School at Thunderhill Raceway, Willow, California the weekend of March 2-4, 2007. They had both gone to the book learning part of the school (called ground school) the Saturday before so when they arrived they were ready to RACE!

Well, that isn't quite the way it works. Each driver went to registration and then took his car to have Teched. On Friday they were introduced to their instructors and were divided into three groups according to their type of car. Rich Fuller was in group one and Vic Chalk was in group two. Their first challenge of the Driver School was Brake & Turn Exercise for the students who had attended off-site ground school. They both spent about two hours practicing these exercises then went back to have discussions with their instructor about how they had done and what needed to be improved upon. After lunch the groups went out for track practice sessions, each getting two full sessions. An evening social was planned and the exhausted drivers quit about 5:00pm

Saturday all the participants did a drive-around with their instructors in the morning. The announcer then called the first group of the day to start their first of four track session. Both Rich & Vic did very well with their track sessions and soon it was time to stop for the day for dinner with the volunteer workers and other participants.

Sunday again started with driving around the track with the instructor and at 8:00am the first group was called to Grid. Rich had his sons Jeff Denton and Rick Fuller there to help as needed (his crew). Vic came by himself not expecting any problems (he just bought a 'new' - to him -- race car) ... well, he started having some brake problems during his first session, and it really got bad during his second session. Carol and Dave Deborde were there working the event and Carol realized that Vic was having a problem. After an okay from the Grid Chief she took off to see if she could help Vic. He had discovered that one of the brakes was burned out and he was in need of a new one. The competitors are all so helpful - he was able to find a brake and got some fluid and in no time he and Carol had the car ready to go out on track. It was now time to actually run the first of two races scheduled for graduation.

Rich's position was about 19th for the first race of the day and he was able to finish in the 7th spot. Vic came to Grid and was placed in 16th position and completed his first race in 7th. Race two, Rich was in 12th and came in 7th. Vic was placed in 7th and came in 4th. At the end of the day the instructors gave out their certificates. They both did very well and graduated with big smiles and earned their Competition Novice Permits.

2007 Events Schedule

<i>date</i>	<i>event</i>	<i>site</i>	<i>chairperson(s)</i>
March 31 (Sat.)	Track Tour of Reno-Fernley Raceway <i>Meet at Alamo Travel Center in east Sparks at 11 am; more info: (775) 267-1183 or jrgandy@peoplepc.com</i>	Reno-Fernley Raceway	Jim Gandy
April 14-15	Solo School, Test&Tune; Event #1 <i>Registration opens at 8 a.m.; Solo run groupings TBA; more info: (775) 267-1183 or jrgandy@peoplepc.com</i>	Stead	Jim Gandy
April 28-29	Solo Events #2&3	Stead	Lucas Kunze
May 12-13	Solo Events #4&5	Stead	Matt Roy/Scott Perry
May 19 (Sat.)	PDX & Track Trial	Reno-Fernley Raceway	TBA
May 26-27	Solo Events #6&7	TBA	TBA
June 2 (Sat.)	Spring Tour	TBA	Jim Gandy
June 9-10	Solo Events #8&9	Stead	John Evans
June 30 (Sat.)	PDX & Track Trial	Reno-Fernley Raceway	TBA
July 14-15 McDaniel	Solo Events #10&11	Stead	Dean Benz/Kevin
July 21 (Sat.)	PDX & Track Trial	Reno-Fernley Raceway	TBA
August 4-5	Solo Events #12&13	Stead	Don & Sheri Smith
Aug 11 (Sat.)	PDX & Track Trial	Reno-Fernley Raceway	TBA
August 25-26	Solo Events #14&15	Squaw Valley	John Evans
Sept 15-16	Club & Track Trial Championships	Reno-Fernley Raceway	TBA
Sept 22-23	Solo Events #16&17	Lovelock	Randy Jones/John Perry
Oct 6-7	Solo Events #18&19	Stead	Randy Jones/John Perry
Oct 13 (Sat.)	Fall Tour	TBA	Jim Gandy

*This information is current as of the date above. For schedule updates and event entry information, go to renoscca.com. For general questions about Reno Region SCCA's programs, contact the program directors. For **Solo** events: Matt Roy, (775) 787-0122 or mroynv@yahoo.com. For **Track Events** (PDX and Trials): Dave Deborde, (775) 267-4845 or d_deborde@charter.net. For **Tours**: Jim Gandy, (775) 267-1183 or jrgandy@peoplepc.com.*

Event Descriptions: **Solo** is a competition featuring one car at a time on a course defined by traffic cones (pylons). Top speeds are generally 65 mph or lower. Entry is open to almost all cars that pass a safety inspection. **PDX** (Performance Driving Experience) is held on a road course. It is non-competitive. Speeds are unlimited, passing is controlled, and instruction is required for novices. Entry is open to most cars. **Track Trial** is a competition for best lap time on a road course. Speeds are unlimited, passing is controlled. Track Trials require significant driver and car safety equipment. A **Club Trial** is similar to a Track Trial, but with fewer safety items required and no racing tires allowed. **Tour** is a group "drive in the country."

Reno SCCA Solo will be holding a pre-season annual tech day at C&C Automotive Specialties- Saturday April 7th. This is a great opportunity to get annual tech requirements out of the way before the opening weekend of Solo Competition.

Requirement for 2007 annual tech:

You must have competed in over 50% of last years events (8 events)

You will also need a copy of the 2007 Solo Rule Book (Online printed version OK). A Limited number will be available at inspection day. Or pick one up and the general membership meeting on April 4.

Date and Time: Saturday-April 7th, 2007 from 9 am to 12 Noon

Location: C&C Automotive Specialties- 820 East Greg Street Sparks, NV 89431 (Phone 329-9974)
(From I-80 East to Sparks, Exit McCarran Blvd. and proceed South. Left at Greg St. C&C on the left hand side after Railroad tracks.)

First Come, First Served, please bring your car in competition condition, to be inspected as if it were ready to race, including numbers and class (street tires ok).

Don't forget your helmet.

Matt Roy
Reno SCCA
Solo Activities Director.

Racetech™

- SEATS
- HARNESSSES
- RACE ACCESSORIES

DRAG



KARTING



ROAD



4009WHRV

RALLY



- FIA Tested to the latest standards
- Passed 45g in sled crash test
- HANS Device Compatible
- Suitable for 6 to 7 point harnesses
- Chosen seat for the Dodge Viper Competition Coupe

775.351.2250



www.racetechseatsna.com

Fun Runs

What's in a Name?

By Gina Pogol

How do automotive manufacturers pick names for their new models? Is there some random name-generating algorithm out there? Do they perform extensive market research and still come up with names like Daihatsu *Charade* (is it just *pretending* to be a car?) Or does an auto executive occasionally just say, "screw the marketing department" and name a car after his / her favorite Muppet?

My top choice has got to be the Suzuki *Grand Vitara*. Apart from its rather close resemblance to the name of a certain little blue



At least someone loves it....Illustration by glp

pill (guys, there is no way in hell *this* car is going to um, *enhance* anything you'd like to enhance), it just sounds waaaay too nerdy. Like something only a Trekkie could love. "Glarbon, we found these intruders in the Troglyte mines. Shall I kill them?" "No, Narvios, don't kill them yet. I will take them to the *Grand Vitara* for questioning."

And the Asian automakers don't have the monopoly on dumbness--one of my old homegrown cars is a case in point. What's loud, garish, tacky, and cheap? You've got it--*Neon*. Dodge also came up with the *Swinger*--and that one writes its own punch line....

Mitsubishi has sent up a slew of models with dubious monikers--not all destined for the US market. *Mini Active Urban Sandal* is the real name of one of their vehicles and even the acronym sucks--do you pronounce MAUS "mouse" or "moss"?

In the US market, you've got to snicker a little at the Ford people who would name their tiny econobox the *Aspire*. *Aspire* (the word) has two meanings according to Merriam Webster--this auto either has some goal in mind (like becoming a car?) or it is breathing. I can visualize the unfortunate little thing gasping for air, trying to catch up to the real cars on the freeway, and getting really, really, tired. Poor baby.

And then there's the singular / plural controversy. Some cars are easy--one *Mustang*, two *Mustangs*, end of story. But what about the Ford *Focus*? Or any form of *Lexus*? I did extensive research and found this issue unresolved. Apparently, no one has ever been able to afford more than one *Lexus* at the same time, and no one who bought one *Focus* ever wanted another.....

So what makes a good car name? The same thing that makes a good drug name--lots of "S"s, "Z"s and "X"s. Fast-acting and effective. And I can see why guys like 'vettes--Corvette sounds kind of like a girlfriend, except for Randy and Peggy Jones' steroid-loaded sex-changed Beast. Animals are good too, as long as they are cool animals and not dorky animals. But who knows? Somewhere in Moldova or India, management may be pitching an SUV called the *Great Northern Owl*, or a sporty little number called a *Snail Darter*.

It's a matter of taste.

A bad wound may heal, but a bad name will kill--Scottish Proverb

Getting Schooled - 1st Solo Season Event

Reno Region of the Sports Car Club of America will start its 2007 competition season on April 14-15, at the region's "home base," Stead Airport, north of Reno. In keeping with recent tradition, the first event will be a Solo Drivers' School on Saturday, together with test and tune opportunities for those who want to shake off the winter cobwebs. On Sunday, our 2007 Solo Championship Series will begin with the first of 19 Solo competitions.

Reno Region's Solo Drivers' School is a great chance for new competition drivers to shorten their learning curve. A classroom session will explain the basics of performance driving as well as the essentials of the sport of Solo. Many of the region's most experienced drivers will be on hand to offer instruction, both on and off the course. Each student will proceed at their own pace on a simplified version of a typical Solo course marked out by traffic cones and chalk lines.

Just about anyone can become a better, safer driver with the help of Reno Region's Solo Drivers' School. A good deal of what's covered is the same as the content of professional "car control clinics," especially those aimed at younger drivers. The school is also a great way to show young drivers that there is a local place where they can drive fast in a safe, controlled environment.

Like all Reno Region Solo events, the School and Test and Tune are open to all licensed drivers; membership is not required. Cost for these and most other Reno Region Solo events is \$35 for non-members, \$25 for members. Two students may share a car, however, they may not get as much behind-the-wheel time as those who are not sharing a car. No special equipment is required beyond regular seat belts and a helmet (a few loaner helmets are available, but students should make an effort to provide their own).

On Sunday, April 15th, celebrate filing your tax return by competing in Reno Region's first Solo competition of 2007. It's the beginning of a six-month-long quest to earn points toward an end-of-year trophy at the club's annual Awards Banquet. While many drivers contest the whole season, for some our local events are just a tune-up for higher-level events, including the Solo National Championships, held in September in Topeka, Kansas. Still other drivers use Solo as a stepping stone to other kinds of motorsports, including wheel-to-wheel racing.

While most of Reno Region's Solo events are held at Stead, there are also some set for Lovelock and for Squaw Valley. Solo courses – different for each event -- are serpentine paths that take 40-55 seconds to drive. There are 42 different car classifications open to male and female drivers; there's a parallel set of classes that women only may opt to enter. Also, novice Solo drivers may choose to run in a class exclusively for them. Drivers will get between three and six tries at the course, depending on how many people enter. Finishing order within a class is determined by the elapsed time of each driver's single best run; displacing a traffic cone incurs a time penalty.

Almost any sedan, sports car, or truck is allowed in Solo, as well as certain karts. Each vehicle will be inspected for safety prior to being allowed on the course; obvious mechanical issues, serious leaks, tires showing cord, unsecured batteries, and loose items in the trunk or interior are common reasons cars might fail to pass inspection. If a vehicle fails inspection, the entry fee will be refunded.

On-site registration and tech inspection for all Reno Region Solo events open at 8 a.m. the morning of the event. Especially for the school, early arrival is a must, due to the large number of cars to be inspected.

To get to the Stead Airport event site, drive north of Reno on U.S. 395, take the Stead Blvd. exit and turn right. Follow Stead Blvd. towards the airfield, then head for the control tower. Reno Region's event site is on the airfield's ramp area.

For more information about Reno Region SCCA, the Solo Drivers' School, and the Solo Championship Series, go to the region's web site, renoscca.com, or contact the region's Director of Solo Activities, Matt Roy, at (775) 787-0122 or mroynv@yahoo.com.

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Reno Region, SCCA
Meeting Date, 2007**

Patty Evans, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
Reno Region SCCA
March 7, 2007

Attendees: Jim Gandy, Carol & Dave Deborde, Scott Perry, John Evans, John Townley, Matt Roy, Doug Driver, Don Smith and Patty Evans

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 by Jim Gandy.

Minutes of February Meeting: Hearing no objections or corrections to the minutes, Dave moved and Matt seconded a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Doug reviewed the financial statements. A motion was made by Dave to approve and close 2006, Jim Gandy seconded. Motion carried. The allocation of expensed from Track Events and Solo remains under discussion. The sub-committee will continue to debate. It was recommended that each program accrue funds toward end of year trophies throughout the year and if the Solo or Race director wanted to increase the amount they would notify the treasurer to increase the accrual. The sub-committee will bring back further recommendations next month. A motion was made to reimburse Dave and Carol DeBorde \$1,000 for the National Convention by Jim Gandy and seconded by Scott Perry and unanimously approved.

Old Business

Tech Stickers

Matt reported they were ordered and would be he in time for the Solo annual tech day on 4/7.

Autoexotica status (formerly Sports Cars and all that Jazz)

John Evans left phone and e-mail messages for Charles Doyle informing him of our decision with no return calls or e-mails from Mr. Doyle. The board considers this item closed.

Western States Corvette Council

Matt continues to work with this group and they are pleased with the boards approach. Matt will have more complete details next month.

Hawthorne

Matt spoke with Allon from Las Vegas who indicated that North/South Challenge would proceed as planed for 2007. Glen Dunsing a national safety steward plans to be on-site for the event. He has requested that his travel and lodging be reimbursed, approximately \$300. The board agreed that this should be funded by the proceeds from the event. Allon is submitting the 2005 course with no changes. 40 rooms have been reserved at the El Captain. He further reported that Nye County would like us to move the event to Tonopah in 2008 and they are talking about resurfacing the airport to make it competition ready. Matt will continue to have discussion with Las Vegas until plans are firm. We will hold the Stead dates in the event something changes with Hawthorne.

Cone trailer

The pros and cons of obtaining the Corvette Club's equipment trailer were debated. A motion to purchase the trailer for \$900 was made by John Townley, seconded by Dave Deborde. The motion passed with 7 yea and 2 nay votes. The nay votes from the Evans'

Supplemental Regulations

All proposed supplemental regulations were approved with one clarification of the Nation Prep Class (referred to as PRO class in last month's minutes). A motion was made by Don Smith to have the National Prep Class total runs going toward overall PAX. Matt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 to hold the general membership meeting and reconvened at 8:00.

Information kiosks at Reno-Fernley

Road and Tach March 2007

Jim reported that this was on-time and under budget.

Solo safety steward rule books at half price

Patty motioned to continue the ½ price for safety stewards for 2007. Don seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.

Free entry to event for registration and tech positions

The board debated this issue and a motion was made by Patty and seconded by Dave to not provide free entry. The board unanimously agreed.

BMW teen safe driving

Dave had nothing new to report.

New Business

Run cards and event posters

John E. will work with Matt on the run groups and update the wallet schedule cards and posters so they can be distributed prior to the beginning of the season.

Chief of Waivers

This is a new position for Solo in 2007. The board reviewed the rule and discussed how best to handle this requirement. Our Chief of Registration fulfills most of these duties already. Matt will see that we amend the worker station sign up to ensure we have a designated waiver position manned at all times. Additionally there will need to be instruction for this position so it is done reliably at each event. Matt will work with Kevin to ensure all requirements are met.

NORPAC Convention

Jim reminded the board that the Reno Region is the next region to plan and conduct the NorPac convention. He asked the board for their input. Patty shared that she did not feel the convention was worth all the work that went into it, particularly since 2007 was at an all time low for attendance. If the club officials from the region need to meet they should, but a major convention is not warranted. Jim asked to board to share their views with him.

Club Race for 2008

Dave indicated that work is underway to hold a National Club race at Reno-Fernley (RFR) in 2008 and sought the board's approval to begin pursuing this. The board agreed. This type of event would be on a large scale and RFR is anxious to help us put this on. There are potential sponsorships in play and this event would allow drivers to earn points toward the run offs as well as helping our region to get more novice driver credentials. Jeremy Cable will be asked to attend the April board meeting to discuss what RFR can do to help support and minimize any financial risk.

Walk on

The current generator won't run the printer with other equipment running. Need a UPS, a bigger generator or a different printer to eliminate this issue. Scott has a UPS he can test to determine if this will solve the problem of the load the printer demands when it first fires up.

Web site

Scott is making progress on the new web site and has a new but temporary home page in place. He is attempting to locate the original paperwork from Network Solutions that will allow us to transfer the renoscca.com to a new domain. He has also registered the renoscca.org name in the event we want to use that and each will point to the correct site. Dave requested that Scott put a link to SFR's site for the double national. Scott agreed to take care of that ASAP.

Expenses

Patty reminded the board that we had expended about half of our cash in January and February and with the approval of the trailer and associated installation fees, initial site fees to Stead, equipment replacement, tech stickers and fire extinguisher checks that our beginning balance going into the new season will be very low. She requested the board be prudent with expenses until the season gets underway.

Meeting was adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Patty Evans, Secretary

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Reno Region SCCA Meeting Date, 2007

Patty Evans, Secretary

Attendees: Patty Evans, John Evans, John Perry, Lucas Kunze, Mike Khamis, Scott Perry, Carol DeBorde, John Townley, Matt Roy, Dave DeBorde, Jim Gandy, Kevin McDaniel, John Riggs Jr., Dick Lewis, Anne Lewis, Mark Sipe, Fred Austin, John Benitez, Wes Friesen, Jeff Denson, Loren Enstad, Ed Reichley, Tiffany School, Rick J Fuller, Richard Fuller, Cory Davis, Derrick Delong, Scott Scharfenberg, Frank Fox, Willie Wemheuel, Kae Gurnee, Skip Gurnee, Jim Uchytel, Nick Hansen, Jim Kunze

The meeting was called to order by Jim Gandy at 6:45 p.m. New faces were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

Minutes of Prior Meeting Minutes from the February meeting were moved for approval by Dave Deborde, seconded by John Perry and were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report The treasurer's report was reviewed. Kevin McDaniel moved to approve the report, Matt Roy seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Old business

Past Events

Jim Gandy reported that the Winter Tour was a big hit with over 60 participants. He is working on a track tour for another look at the Reno-Fernley race track. Keep your eyes out on the RenoSCCA yahoo group for more details. He is planning this for some time in March.

March 2-4 was a school at Thunder Hill. There were 84 participants with several from Reno. Richard Fuller and Vic Chalk earned their novice permits.

Upcoming Events

April 14-15 will begin the Solo season with a school on the 14th and the first point's event on the 15th. Jim Gandy is the event chair. The next event will be held on April 28 & 29 and an event chair is still needed. If interested in chairing this event contact Matt Roy. A double national race event will be at Thunder Hill March 16-18. Reno cosponsors this event with SFR. Volunteers are still needed from the Reno Region. Positions in tech, flagging and communications, grid and timing and scoring are available. Contact Dave Deborde for details.

North/South Challenge update

Las Vegas is reporting that Hawthorne is a go for this year with a national safety steward in attendance. Rooms are blocked at the El Captain. Matt will continue to work with the Vegas region to finalize and firm up the details. Work is underway by Las Vegas to move the event to Tonopah in 2008. Nye County would like this event and is talking about repaving a section of the airport to accommodate the move.

Solo Safety Training

March 16th Dick Lewis will be conducting his annual safety training class. Anyone interested in becoming a safety steward must attend this instruction and work under a licensed safety steward for two events to get their license. Many safety stewards are needed and working as a safety steward fulfills your worker requirement. Carol will work on generating a list of all Reno Region safety stewards to have on hand at registration. **Track safety stewards** are trained on site at the track. If interested in becoming a safety official for track events see Dave Deborde.

Solo Supplemental Regulations

Draft Solo supplemental regulations were distributed to the membership. Changes were reviewed with emphasis on the new National Prep Class which was proposed at the last meeting. Lucas Kunze submitted a proposal; the board reviewed, debated and approved the class for 2007. The supplemental regulations were approved by the board and will be posted on the web site.

NorPac Convention for 2008

Jim Gandy requested that the members provide input on what they would like to see at the convention. The NorPac board created a questionnaire to solicit input. Attendance was down for 2007 and reasons why were discussed. Chuck Johnson felt that it was mostly for race officials and there wasn't much there for the average racer. He thought that longer ½ day seminars would be a bigger draw as opposed to one hour sessions. Give any feedback on the convention to Jim Gandy.

Road and Tach March 2007

Solo and GCR rulebooks

Solo rule books are now available. They are \$20. GCR's are available for \$30. The question of whether or not a hard copy rule book was needed for annual tech was discussed. It is not listed as a requirement in the rule book. Rules are available for download from the national website.

New Business

Jim held the raffle drawing for a free 2007 Reno SCCA T-shirt of the winners choosing. Jeff Denson won the shirt.

Thanks were given to Gina for another great addition of the Road and Tach. Scott Perry is working on the new web site and has a preliminary new home page in place. Stay tuned for more information and functionality on the web site.

2007 Reno SCCA shirts are in. They will be on sale for \$10 for short sleeve and \$15 for long sleeve.

Bus cleaning day will be March 10th at Carol and Dave DeBorde's house in Minden. A reminder with the address and contact information will go out to the Reno SCCA Yahoo newsgroup.

Solo annual tech

On April 7th from 9:00 to noon annual tech will be provided at C & C auto specialties on Greg Street. Bring your car race ready with numbers and your helmet to receive annual tech. Rule books will be available for purchase.

Track Tech

Plans are underway so stay tuned to the website and newsgroup for details. PDX tech is done at the track and could be done at the annual tech day too.

Vintage video

The latest addition of the Sports Car magazine had an article about Ghost Tracks. One of the tracks right here in Reno and ran around Virginia Lake. Jim Gandy managed to come up with a video from 1952 that showed cars racing around that track. It had been transferred to a DVD and was shown and enjoyed by all.

Walk-On Items

The World Motorsports Marketplace web site would like to publish our schedule. We will send it to them

A question was raised on whether we would have Solo event schedule posters like last year. The answer was yes and they are in the works as well as wallet sized schedule cards.

Jim Gandy reported that Reno-Fernley is working on their cart track and having it ready by mid June. He is talking to them about having a larger pad so Solo events could be held there. We will see what happens.

At the NorPac convention it was discussed to have track time earned at time trial events go toward a competition license. It is experimental at this point with no official approval but there is interest. Also discussed was the ability to have a novice permit without going to a school if the appropriate people could attest to the driver's capabilities. This would require those individuals to start at the back of the pack for the first 2 races. The scrutiny would be very thorough. It may also be possible for volunteers working at time trials, with a special sign off, to support receiving licenses in flagging and scoring, grid, paddock, etc. These changes would have a positive impact. Dave will continue to provide details as they are known.

Track Trial Supplemental Regulation

These regulations are on the web as well as the event flyers for the first 4 events.

Solo permanent numbers

If you were a novice or you want to change your numbers for this season, contact Kevin McDaniel who will be updating the number assignment book and assigning new numbers on a first come, first served basis.

Web Site Changes

Scott is working on updating the web site. A request was made to use PDF documents instead of Word since everyone may not have word.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Treasurer's Report
Reno Region SCCA
 For 2 Months Ended February 28, 2007

Doug Driver, Treasurer

Prepared February 22, 2007

Type	Date	Ref.	Name	For	Amount	Balance
	01/31/2007				Beginning balance	13,805.78
Check	01/11/2007	3468	Reno-Fernley Raceway	Deposits and prepaid expenses	-1,000.00	12,805.78
Check	01/15/2007	3469	Silverscreen Printing	-SPLIT-	-1,265.68	11,540.10
Check	01/15/2007	3470	James R. Gandy	Conventions	-90.00	11,450.10
Check	01/15/2007	3471	Lee Mitchell	Conventions	-40.00	11,410.10
Check	01/15/2007	3472	Mark Sipe	Conventions	-40.00	11,370.10
Check	01/15/2007	3473	Debbie Kerswill	Conventions	-40.00	11,330.10
Check	01/15/2007	3474	Dave DeBorde	-SPLIT-	-350.09	10,980.01
Check	01/15/2007	3475	SCCA	-SPLIT-	-1,600.00	9,380.01
Check	02/11/2007	3476	James R. Gandy	Conventions	-764.45	8,615.56
Check	02/15/2007	3477	Dave DeBorde	Conventions	-1,000.00	7,615.56
Check	02/15/2007	3478	SCCA	Accounts payable	-712.00	6,903.56
				-6,902.22	6,903.56	

Statement of income and expense

For the two months ended February 28, 2007

Prepared February 22, 2007

Solo	Track	General	Total
	Event income (loss)		
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership income			0.00
Total income	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Expenses		
Advertising & promotion			0.00
Banquet & awards			0.00
Conventions		2,104.45	2,104.45
Depreciation & amortization		334.00	334.00
General supplies			0.00
Merchandise purchases	654.40	611.28	1,265.68
Miscellaneous			0.00
Newsletter			0.00
Postage & shipping			0.00
654.40	611.28	2,438.45	3,704.13
Other income (expense)			0.00

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Track Tour March 31st (Saturday) See page

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 4th (Wednesday): Regular club meeting, bring friends! Non-members are welcome to attend; only Reno Region members may vote. At Austin's Restaurant, 7671 S. Virginia St., Reno. Meeting starts at 6:45. Ordering dinner? Be there at 6:15.

Annual Tech Date April 7th (Saturday) See page 7

Driving School / Test and Tune / Points Event # 1

April 14th and 15th (see page 9)

Road & Tach

Reno Region, SCCA

6155 Plumas St. #104

Reno, NV 89519

FIRST CLASS



Event Schedule: Page

