

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Reno Region of the SCCA June 4, 2008

Attendees:

Debbie Kerswill, Robin McCullough, Carol Deborde, Dave Deborde, Phil Hollenbeck, Scott Perry, Nick Hansen, Dean Benz, Jim Gandy, Don Smith, Eric Johnson, Rick Martini, Gary Starr, Jim Uchtyl, Tiffany Reichley, Ed Reichley, Lee Mitchell, Randy Jones, Larry Savage, Leon Borden, Chuck Johnson, Chuck Raggio, Pat Housel, Erwin Stedromsky

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

Introduction of 'New Faces'

Chuck Raggio is a Formula E driver, visiting from SFR.

Gary Starr is a frequent Solo and Track events participant, and will serve as Chief of Medical Services for the Race to Reno.

William Gordon is a 10-year member, joining the monthly meeting for the first time.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

Don Smith motioned for approval of the May 6, 2008 General Meeting minutes, Dave Deborde seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Treasurers Report:

It was reported that the club's finances are in good shape, despite some financial loss with the Hawthorne Solo event (discussed later in the meeting). Dean Benz motioned for approval of the Treasurers Report, Scott Perry seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Past Events:

Jim Gandy and Don Smith reported that Reno Region won the North-South Challenge Solo event for the tenth year in a row. National Solo Safety Committee member Cal Craner provided safety oversight for the event, and with no serious off-course incidents, Cal recommended to the National Office that this event be approved to continue. Following tradition, Las Vegas Region changed Sunday's course, limited to the inner pad area in order to steer clear of wet runways. Financially, the event lost around \$600 due to a lower number of entries and a low-entry fee (in order to help participants offset high gas prices to travel to the event). On Sunday, the region bus suffered a transmission leak, and was towed to Reno after the event. The transmission has since been rebuilt by C&C Automotive.

Jim Gandy reported on the Spring Tour held on Saturday May 30. The ride started with a visit to Classic Car Storage in Stead, continued on to Sierra City and Sierra Valley, Loyalton, and Nevada City, then returned via Truckee. Jim invites others to think about joining the next Tour event.

Out of Region Events:

Lee Mitchell attended a NORPAC Vintage race in Portland, also attended by Reno Region members Larry Capen and Doug Driver. Despite racing on non-race tires in the rain on Sunday, Lee finished 4th overall, and is now tied for first place in the series, with 5 races to go.

Chuck Johnson attended a Double National race held at Miller Motorsports Park, and remarked about the quality of the facility. Chuck reported on Donna Gilio's results; Donna had several podium finishes, and finished 10th or 11th overall.

Dave Deborde drove the full course at a double regional race at Thunderhill. Dave shared some of his adventures at that event, including an off at Turn 1.

Eric Johnson attended the Grand Am race at Monterey.

Upcoming Events:

Solo events #6 and #7 on June 7-8 are chaired by John Burns and Jay Williams. They will be doing course setup on Friday June 6th, starting around 3pm.

Dave Deborde reported that Reno-Fernley Raceway is open for Friday testing, prior to the Charles Schwab Race to Reno on June 14-15. More volunteers are sought to help with Flagging at corner stations, Timing and Scoring, hot pits, and with the Saturday night barbecue. SCCA members can attend for free, with a \$15 fee for non-member visitors and guests. Chuck Johnson asked whether there would be showers for campers, and was advised no showers are on-site although pay showers were available at the Fernley truck stops.

Solo events #8 and #9 on June 28-29 are chaired by Pat Housel and Lexie Wallace. Pat remarked that a go-karter (Lexie) is doing the course design, and participants can expect the course to include transitions. Setup will be done Friday morning before it gets hot at the site.

Jim Gandy invited comments regarding the possibility of holding the August Solo events at Reno-Fernley Raceway. This will be further discussed in a Board meeting following the general meeting.

Jim advised that a late summer/early fall timeframe is being considered for a Street Survival school.

NEW BUSINESS

A guest speaker (representative from Sunoco/Allied Washoe) is slated to attend next month's (July) meeting, and they may bring product to give away.

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

WALK ON ITEMS

Solo Supplemental Rule changes are in-progress, these include:

- a) Allow substitute worker assignment(s); substitute will need to be qualified for the work assignment, and will need to be an SCCA member.
- b) Allow a chair/co-chair to have free entry to an alternative event, if they cannot participant in the event they are chairing.
- c) Verbiage change to clarify the driver of the bus is responsible for driving to and from an out-of-town event in order to receive free event entry.
- d) Verbiage change to exclude existing ST classes (STX, STS/2, STU) from the Street Tire class definition.

Jim Gandy asked the group to consider who in our membership may want to serve as a Safety Steward Instructor(s). Qualifications include 8-10 years of motorsports experience, with multi-year Safety Steward experience.

Jim brought extra copies of the June issue of Sportscar for anyone to take, as well as two books for loan, ("Autocrossing with Dick Turner", and "Racing in Rain"). Jim is looking for the return of a previously loaned out book, "Racing on the Cheap".

A question was raised regarding the recently purchased cones, and how the pylon material may be too hard on fiberglass body parts. It was recommended we take care with where we position these new cones in order to avoid vehicle damage if/when cones are hit.

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

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Kerswill, Secretary.