

April General Membership Meeting, 4/5/17

Called to order at 6:55 pm. The treasurer's report was not available, but will be posted as soon as Doug has a chance to run our financials, he's very busy this time of year.

Solo:

John Evans reported some expenditures that were necessary for the van: a new tire, new valve stems in all the tires, and a new hood release cable. They were together less than \$500.

John is looking at some possible additional sites at Stead, smaller but useable.

Stead has given us the green light for having solo events on April 22nd and 23rd, so John is going to get a sanction and move ahead on setting it up. John will chair the event, but is open to getting some help if anyone is interested. These two events will take the place of the Sacramento weekend on April 8-9 so there will still be 15 total points events.

Due to gaining the weekend at Stead on 4/22-23/17 it was determined to not make the Sacramento events on 4/8-9/17 points paying events for Reno Region, also, the weather will prohibit many Reno drivers from making it over the hill.

A proposal to compensate workers who train and work in certain skilled worker positions was brought forward by Don Smith; the proposal would give those drivers who actually work a run group as a Safety Steward, in Timing & Scoring, Tech, or registration - after being trained for those positions by current Chiefs (safety stewards must be licensed by SCCA) a discount on their entrance fee. There currently is a severe shortage of people qualified to work these positions and that threatens our ability to put on events.

Matt Roy suggests we try to compact the way we run our events - since we often have 2-3 very small run groups out of the 4 each day, which makes the shortage of qualified workers worse. He suggests we try going to just 2 run groups - with one group running in the morning, taking a short break, and then having the second run group in the early afternoon. This would double the number of available workers for both run groups, allow as many if not more runs, and allow us to finish a bit earlier in the day. The proposal is approved and we will try it at the April 22-23 events.

Track:

Dave Deborde went over a few minor tweaks to the Trial supps, they are approved and will be posted.

Dave explained the pricing for track events: \$225 for single car/single driver; and extra \$75 for dual entry. There's a new Split Entry cost: \$350 for single car with dual drivers driving in separate run groups (PDX and TT, or TT1 and TT2 for instance). There is an additional \$25 late registration/walk on fee. Transponder rental is \$25.

Dave had some of our transponders repaired and we now have 21 working units.

Although both TT and CT will run together in the new run groups on track, they will compete in separate trophy classes, with trophies going to both CT winners and TT winners of each class.

There will be new end-of-year awards for both Most Improved and Novice drivers in time trials (TT and CT) as well as PDX (similar to those in Solo).

SCCA National has changed the nomenclature of events yet again: Solo is once again "Autocross", and PDX is now "Track Day". Also, Track Trials is now "Time Trials".

Old Business:

Bryan Nelson brought up ways to increase our attendance at Autocross events; some things, like just being friendly and helpful to novices and newbies, can go a long way towards retaining these drivers and encouraging them to return. Marketing ideas were discussed, many of which we have tried in the past with little or no success: tv ads, newspaper ads, posters, discount coupons, etc. Dave Deborde found out at the National Convention that the most successful means of getting the word out is through mass emails, which we will try to emphasize this year, along with an increased emphasis on Facebook.

Carol declared Street Survival a success. Lee Mitchell passed around some comments from the students, they will be posted.

Attendance: Don Smith, John Evans, Leon Borden, Roger Jacobson, John Rice, Tupper Robinson, Jason Copper, Bryan Nelson, Matt Roy, Dave Deborde, Carol Deborde, Lee Mitchell, Mark Bergland, Scott Knauff, Bob Williamson, Cory Davis