

## SSSCC December Club Meeting Minutes

Dec. 13, 2006

Meeting commenced at 6:00pm by Lynn Rogers, President. 13 members present.

### Old Business

- The 2006 season banquet in November was attended by over 60 people. The food was great and the fun, awards and prizes made the night memorable. Thanks to Victor and Vickie Livengood for all their hard work. Also thanks to Bob and Peggy Bromm and Mark and Jean Rieb for lending their talents and efforts to the banquet. That one will be hard to top!
- The club purchased 10 new loaner helmets at \$29.95 each. They are all white, open face, Snell 2000, size large. Lynn will purchase large trash containers for helmet storage in grid during events. Gene will get SSSCC marked on them like our existing helmets.
- Another purchase incurred was 20 professional grade 2 way radios. They are very user friendly with rechargeable battery packs. A new container was purchased and set up to store and charge all the radios at once. Also purchased 20 sets of headsets with microphones. The total price was approximately \$1300. The old radios and batteries will be kept on hand as backup system.
- New computer electronics were purchased including a new network router with longer range and faster speed for communication between laptops. This new system needs to be tested with existing network cards. Due to outgrowing the available ports on the laptop a new USB hub was purchased for connecting devices to primary laptop. Total price approximately \$100.
- It was decided at November meeting to establish two Kart classes for 2007. K1 will be an adult kart class with appropriate PAX indexes and K2 will be a junior kart class with appropriate PAX indexes.
- November's meeting also set in motion the enrollment in Axware Online Race Management Solution system. Lynn will be setting this up within next week and will have up and running for use with first winter heat in January. Stay tuned for further instructions on it's use.
- Vehicle liability insurance has been purchased through Progressive Insurance and the first year has been paid in full. The price for coverage is \$470 for \$100,000 total liability. No collision, comprehensive, uninsured motorist, personal injury, etc.
- Lynn is in process of obtaining a quote from Inland Marine Insurance for coverage of the clubs approximate \$23,000 in equipment.
- Treasurer's Report- The check book total is \$3,000 . Fixed assets remains at \$20,000. The insurance payment of \$2,800 for 2007 has been paid. The club spent \$2,350 for the Banquet.
- VP Report-Now is the time to recruit new members and for all members to renew their membership for 2007. There are still a couple chief positions open.

## New Business

- Upcoming

There has been a proposal for a couple of classing changes. After review and discussion there will be a vote in January. The first change proposed is splitting the Ladies class into L1, a class dedicated as a race tire class and L2 as a street tire class. In 2006 four ladies raced on race tires and placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the class. Three other ladies qualified for season points on street tires and they took 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in the class. The benefit would be more trophy places and the risk being that breaking up the class might break up the feel of the class. The other class change up for vote is to combine T1 and T2 and change the name to "T". Both classes have shrunk since NS4 has grown so much. There were 3 season trophy candidates in T1 in 2006 and none in T2. T1 is expected to remain about the same size and T2 has one known competitor for 2007.

Membership cards will be issued to club members when they pay their dues in 2007. The card will contain their name, primary car info including class, number, color and primary car bar code on one side and the SSSCC logo and event schedule on the reverse side. The cards will be produced on plastic badges which will be printed on a badge printer borrowed from Parsons this year. Non-members will not receive a card but will instead receive a bar code sticker to put on their windshield for that event. Members driving a different car than their card get a sticker for that event. Members who forget their cards will receive a sticker for that event as well. Members who wish to have multiple cards or need a replacement card can do so for a small fee to be determined after costs are established.

A club sponsorship packet has been created by none other than our industrious president, Lynn. These packets introduce the club and explain the levels of sponsorship available. All members are encouraged to participate in distributing them to potential sponsors. Autobahn is returning as a sponsor in trade for annual van maintenance. Kaizenspeed intends to continue sponsorship as well. Still waiting for response from Maniac.

A potential new event site is under consideration, located at King City area on west side of Hwy 395 and just to north from I-182. The event would be a "Streets of Pasco" type of event site with lots of slaloms and offset elements. The road is a wide two lanes with no curbing or close "hard" obstacles. The roads are heavily lined with mature sagebrush and would require some clearing for safe spin out areas. Three of five possible 90 degree turns have ditches on outside edges and would require smoothing for safe slide off areas. Two businesses use road for access, neither appear to be high weekend traffic places. There are a total of five roads connecting for possible course use, approximately one mile of road. One business has ample paved pits and grid space. This site is close to fast food and other amenities. What we would need to consider this as event site is to gain property owner permission to host an event there; gain city and county permission to host event and to clear brush and move dirt; gain city, county and fire department permission to burn brush pile; gain permission from businesses to block off streets; gain permission from businesses to use their lot, address bathroom issues, power to trailer issue; hire business to do brush and dirt work or consider doing ourselves.

The greatest issue before the club is the consideration of purchasing a new timing and event administration trailer. The final designs are complete. The design is for a Pace 8.5' X 18' tandem axle cargo trailer. Two 7' awning windows on each side with glass behind, ramp rear door, roof mounted A/C and heat, ceiling mounted fluorescent lighting, pre-wired 110 volt outlets and circuit panel, integrated rear corner stabilizer jacks, white vinyl finished walls and ceiling, insulated walls and ceiling, black and white checkerboard vinyl floor. The quote from Pace is approximately \$17,000 and would be available for pickup in Walla Walla. The trailer would be functional but not optimized upon delivery. This means we could set up our tables and chairs inside and run an event with ease for as long as we needed. Optimization to fully realize the benefit of the trailer is estimated to cost between \$4000-\$5000 and would include:

- Rear patio door
- Glass side window and sliding glass door tinting to reduce glare and heat.
- Interior workstations and storage
- Honda EU2000I generator. 2000 Watt inverter style generator capable of supplying constant voltage power required for electronic devices. Can be hooked to an additional unit to generate 4000 watts if needed. Allows for future demands without discarding generator.
- Graphics

Lynn proposed a payment option for the purchase price of \$23,000 of making a down payment of \$1000 to place the order for the trailer after the Winter Heat series is complete. Obtain bank financing for 36 months not including the optimization piece so club could realize the benefits of the trailer sooner rather than later. The optimization process could be realized if \$5000 of club funds were reserved for this purpose. Selling sponsorships and bonds to club members would procure the down payment.

The issue of bond sales to club members induced much discussion. The club would sell up to 2500 individual \$10 bonds to club members that they would purchase back for the price of \$12.17 based on 60 month loan at 8%. The bonds would not be backed by anything other than the value of the trailer and other club possessions. In the event the club dissolves before the bonds are all bought back, the sale of club possessions would attempt to cover the costs of the remaining bonds. No early buyout option would be offered. Bonds would be purchased back in increments of four at a time, quarterly from each bond owner. This process was questioned as being fair across the board for members buying in smaller amounts and getting a faster return as opposed to those buying in for large amounts not getting their return at same rate. Lynn will research other businesses that have bond sales and consider replicating their process if desirable.

\*2007 Event dates have been tentatively set:

Winter Heat events -     January 27 & 28 at Dust Devils  
                                       February 17 & 18 at Dust Devils  
                                       March 31 & April 1 at Yakima

Season Championship events -     April 28 & 29 Events #1 and #2  
   May 26 SSSCC Driver's School (Challenge format)  
   May 27 & 28 Events #3 and #4 (Sunday/Monday)  
   June 16 & 17 Events #5 and #6  
   July 21 Event #7 under lights at TCR-Double pts event  
   August 11 SSSCC Gimmick Rally  
   Sept 2 & 3 Events #8 and #9 (Sunday/Monday)  
   Sept 29 & 30 Events #10 and #11  
   Oct 20 & 21 Event #12 -Two day combined time

event

\*2007 Drivers School new challenge format up for discussion and planning. This format has the instructor take a run in the students car to lay down an initial time, not a 10/10<sup>th</sup> run, but a good foundational run. Then the student takes runs until they beat the instructors time. The instructor takes another run and the process repeats. The goal is to have students put down times that instructors can't beat. This is a fun, competitive format that may help get more students to enroll. This would be one long course with one timer system which is not as novice biased but still fine for any driver.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.