

SSSCC December 2007 Club Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2007

Old Business

- The Season Championship Banquet was held December 1st at the Clarion Hotel. From all accounts it was the best banquet yet. Thanks to all who helped make it possible. A special thanks to the trophy presenters and especially their trophy girls! No one will be able to forget that!
- Treasurer's Report – The checkbook balance is \$1600. Due to insurance payment of \$1500 due in January a transfer of \$1000 was made from the trailer fund. Winter heat events will put us back into the normal cash flow and circumvent any further depletion of the trailer fund.

New Business

- Upcoming events
 - Discussion started regarding the proposed location change of monthly club meetings from Round Table Pizza in Pasco to the American Legion located at 1029 W. Sylvester in Pasco. The American Legion currently has a Spaghetti night on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. It is provided buffet style and costs \$5 for spaghetti and salad and \$1 for soda. Payment is made to a legion cashier so the club would no longer be involved with taking payments. There is currently a vintage car club which has meetings there on both those nights. The legion has two banquet rooms, so double booking club meetings would be accommodated. Another option offered by the legion is adding a Spaghetti night to the 2nd Wednesday if we required them to.

A few members voiced concerns about having same menu each month. Rex suggested that the legion may be able to diversify the menu somewhat if requested. Lynn stated his inclination to make the move as it supports a local community service. After some discussion Mitch moved that we hold the January meeting at the legion as a trial and let it come to a vote after that meeting. The change of location will be posted on the forum and via email to members.

- Discussion
 - 2008 Season known events
 - April 19th-20th at Yakima – in conjunction with YVSCC and Bob Hall Mazda for 2nd annual car show / autocross weekend. Bob Hall will be giving out show trophies for race cars as well as show cars this year.
 - Winter Heat Proposed events- January 26th-27th & February 23rd-24th at Dust Devils. Winter Soccer Tournament schedule due out before 12/20. Availability of dates will be known then for January and February. Our dates will flex to fit their schedule with the least impact.

- Season championship series 2008

Propose to adjust minimum required events to be 2 events more than half of the total season point's events. Propose allowing 3 dropped events for point's race. Propose no double points events occur in season due to negative reaction this past year. Propose holding 2 events in one day with 3 morning runs becoming one event worth 100 points and 3 afternoon runs becoming a 2nd event worth 100 points. It was generally conveyed that 3 day events were acceptable if held once a year but anything more than that is not so favorable.

Lawrence brought up a proposal to enhance the value of each win by giving the winner of each class one extra bonus point. This would slightly increase the spread between first and second places in each class. Majority of members present brought up issues of this feeling unfair. One problem is if the class is not close it just makes the leader that much more ahead without doing anything else to earn it. Lynn explained the current point's formula and brought up that we can control the lowest possible points available. Currently the lowest points possible are 10. Lynn will work the numbers and experiment with higher points to see where the number could be with positive affect to award showing up and doing well.

- Sites discussion

We need to begin discussions with some people about new sites to race on.

- Dust Devils – Our relationship with Soccer and Baseball remains good and we should be able to do events during early winter there as well as events on holiday weekends. We could possibly hold single day Sunday events there sometimes if needed. Concern rose regarding public cars crossing onto course during events. Possible solutions are to add signs to the cones blocking soccer cars from coming onto course, making it a worker position to guard entrances, use of disposable caution tape to mark barriers.
- HAMMER Facility - Contacts have been made and a formal use proposal has been written and submitted to Fluor for consideration. Lynn will follow up with Norm for any further conversations with Hanford Patrol that may be required.
- TCR - Further contact with Paul Alderman on hold pending HAMMER proposal.
- Vista Field – This airfield is in current operation thru 2012 so will not be available.
- Yakima Sun Dome - We have the ability to use the lot more if desired. It is a great surface but it is very expensive to rent at \$1500 per weekend. It is a good distance from our core members' home.
- Sunnyside Airport - The Sunnyside City Manager has been fired so Lynn is researching appropriate channels to approach for use. Initial contact on hold pending outcome of HAMMER facility proposal.
- Walla Walla area - Initial contact made to organizers of "Wheelin Walla Walla" car show hoping they express interest in co-event concept.
- Ellensburg Airport – Has potential at block where Flight School exists. Lawrence will check the condition of the surface and area.

- Renegade – No new information. It is not clear if it has a decent surface. The pit area is the only viable place and it is not in good condition.
 - Mary Hill – Insurance constrictions make this a formidable proposition.
 - King City- Initial contact on hold pending outcome of HAMMER facility proposal.
- 2008 Season classing changes
 - Following are the proposed classing change ideas for 2008
 - Ladies class: Much discussion has occurred about this proposed split of the Ladies class into an "L" class for race tire clad cars and cars with an ST index and an "LT" class for street tire clad cars using the race tire index. From the opinions expressed on the forum and at this meeting it appears that the majority of women and members as well are in favor of this split. The contention is that this will allow the class to have a competitive place for those more driven drivers and still have a place for those not so serious or not on race tires. Much focus on this issue has been placed on the number of drivers in each class if the split was made but according to popular opinion that is not what it is about. The competitive women want a competitive class and the non race tire clad drivers want more opportunity to place. Another proposal is to split the class into stock and non-stock or into stock and non-stock and also add stock and non-stock street tire version.
 - NS5 class: Option is to split into separate SM and SM2 classes or leave current NS5 class alone.
 - NS4 class: Option 1 is to split the class into two classes. NS4 becomes STX and STU and NS6 becomes STS and STS2. Option 2 is to merge NS4 into other NS classes where NS1 becomes ASP, BSP, ESP, STX, STU and NS2 becomes CSP, DSP, FSP, STS, STS2. Option 3 is to leave current NS4 class alone.
 - T class: Option is to split T into separate stock and non-stock classes or leave current T class alone.
 - Vintage class: Option 1 is to allow race tire cars in Vintage. Option 2 is to eliminate the class altogether. Option 3 is to keep the class but eliminate it as a season points contending class. Option 4 is to leave current Vintage class alone.
 - Novice class: Option 1 is to eliminate PAX from Novice. Option 2 is to split novice into separate stock and non-stock classes and have PAX remain in both classes. Option 3 is to leave current novice class alone. A suggestion was made to drop handing out the big trophies as many are not picked up at event awards. Lawrence made note that no other car club has our rule of winning once in novice and being required to race in regular club class thereafter. It has occurred more than once over the past year that a novice driver has shown up to his first event and won due to low numbers in attendance or the fact that other novice drivers have poor runs that day. Thus they have been kicked out after their first event. Proposed that we allow drivers to participate in novice class for one season before being forced to enter appropriate class. This would be enforced by peer pressure or brought to attention of officers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

