

SSSCC June Club Meeting

June 11, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by president Lynn Rogers. 11 members present

Old Business

Season Events #3, 4, and 5 were held on Memorial Day Weekend at Dust Devils. There was a slightly smaller turnout than expected with participation in the mid 60's each day. There was good event flow and course work. Spread of the work load has greatly improved with people beginning to do their jobs and see where they can help without direction. Very good!!!

The City of Pasco made a decision to prohibit the use of Dust Devils parking lot. The city made no direct claims against the SSSCC. In fact they admitted we were a valuable community service which was providing the region with legal driving alternatives to street racing. Their bottom line is they have determined that the lot is deteriorating and must be dealt with. They don't want to commit the resources to re-paving it so their solution is to prohibit all non-soccer and baseball use of the lot in an attempt to prolong the life of the existing surface. They also stated a concern that they have no ability to have any city representative on site who can supervise non-soccer or baseball activities to ensure the City's interests and liability concerns are being upheld.

Announcement

Norm Lunt's son, Shaun, was killed in Alaska on Friday the 6th. The family is accepting donations to one of his charities in his memory. The club could contribute to this charity and possibly invite ASNW to join in that donation.

Treasurer's Report – Jodee Penner.

\$13,000. Only expenses expected are directly related to events. After drivers school will put around \$5,000 into trailer fund.

New Business

TCR update

The club had a very successful cleanup day on June 7th. All the weeds were cleared from the cracks in the track and a good portion of tumbleweeds were removed from the site. The water situation was partially resolved and the building was prepared for use as registration/announcer. All of the extra club materials that are not heavily used were stored. Final, pre-use, work party planned for Saturday, June 21st.

Lynn has reviewed and sent back preliminary lease agreement with Port of Kennewick. The agreement is expected to be finalized at Port of Kennewick commission meeting on Tuesday June 24th. The preliminary lease stipulates the following major points:

- a. Term of lease to terminate 12/31/2009. Cost for entire term: \$10
- b. The club is allowed to perform maintenance, including asphalt crack and hole repair, at our discretion. Any further improvements to the site must be approved by the Port.
- c. The club is allowed to use the building located in the pits for storage and bathrooms. The club is responsible for all cleaning, maintenance, and consumables. We also agree to fix any damages we cause. The water and power will be turned on to that building for our use.
- d. The club will be expected to use and maintain the irrigation system to keep the trees and grass area along the road alive and green. The Port has already contracted with a service to mow those areas, but not to manage the watering.
 - The existing system is controlled via an underground timer system. We will need to have someone become familiar with that system and then stop periodically to check that all is as it should be.
 - We are waiting for clarification from the Port on these details, but may be responsible for sprinkler head replacement and other issues as a part of our lease.
- e. The club is responsible for all of its own garbage removal. Event trash and other club debris must be removed regularly.
- f. The club is responsible for keeping the site in no worse condition than it is right now. That means weed control, debris control, and probably occasional mowing of the infield areas.
 - This only refers to the areas within the track fencing. The parking lot, RV park, and adjacent areas are not included in the maintenance agreement with the club.

Agenda for June 21st Work Party:

Relocate available concrete barricades to re-create wall between infield and pits. There are a few concrete barricades existing in place and about 60 feet of barricade we can pull from storage near the south fences. There are several barricades protecting the power poles in the old parking lot which we can pull and use. This will require the rental of some tools and equipment including a big all terrain forklift, a small bobcat and a cut off saw capable of cutting thru 3/8"-1/2" rebar. Chad has a contact for a forklift. Some other parts that will be needed are pipe or posts to sit concrete on for final positioning as the available barricades don't have fork holes, so we need to block them up and then remove the blocks in multiple steps. Figure 5000 lbs of down force. Supports must not crush. If we feel we need to tie the barricades together, we need some heavy steel rods to do so with.

Patch bad cracks in track with cold pack asphalt. This requires the rental of some tools and equipment including a gas powered lawn edger with wire wheel in place for crack cleanout and a gas powered leaf blower for loose debris blowout after edger is done. We can use the club blower for this. We need some way to transport the cold pack to the site and it is nasty, dirty, gooey stuff. The question is how much do we want to fill? Cold pack is only about \$70 per ton, so material costs are low. Rental of equipment is relatively inexpensive.

- Rent two or three edgers. (need eye protection.)
 - Buy the wire wheels.
 - Rent a couple additional weed blowers.
 - Probably need to rent a trailer for cold pack hauling.
 - Need to spray cracks with ground sterilant just before packing in the patch.
- There is about a mile of cracks in the track, and a lot more cracking in the pits. None of it is terribly large. One suggestion is we could get as much material as whatever trailer we rent can haul. Would need at least 10 people committed to this task on the 21st. Start with crack repair in turn two and fill each way down the back straights as material allows.

Remove remaining tumbleweeds and debris from track area. We could either burn, or haul to dump in trailer.

Need to pickup a few fire extinguishers with water to cover the possibility of fire in the infield.

2008 Schedule

Saturday / Sunday, May 3 / 4 – Events 1 & 2 – Yakima Sun Dome
Saturday / Sunday / Monday, May 24 / 25 / 26 – Events 3 & 4 & 5 – Dust Devils
Saturday, June 28 – SSSCC Drivers School – TCR
Sunday, June 29 – Event 6 – TCR
Saturday / Sunday, July 19-20 – Events 7 & 8 - TCR
Saturday / Sunday, September 6-7 – Events 9 & 10 - TCR
Saturday / Sunday, September 27-28 – Events 11 & 12 – TCR

Yakima – Fall event weekend

Continued attempts are being made for Bob Hall Mazda and SSSCC to co-host a 2nd annual Yakima car show and autocross weekend. If this becomes a reality, the above schedule will be adjusted to suit. The date will probably be late September or early October.

Additional New Business

The Pasco American Legion has discontinued its sponsor of Spaghetti Night so the club needs to find a new meeting place. Mitch has contacts with Richland Round Table Pizza so we could pursue that venue or others. Lynn will start a post on the Forum for possible options.