



Houston SCCA Solo Committee Meeting Minutes 5 DEC 2017

Tech Report:

- 3 helmets failed and confiscated. 1 returned at end of event, 2 were left in the truck.
- 1 battery failed tech which was fixed on site and subsequently passed tech

Fastrack:

- Fuel may not exceed 93 octane (variance up to + .9) and cannot contain more than 15% ethanol
- Maximum dBA is still 100. At 96 chief stewards will be notified. Rules have become more strict.
- Car classing:
 - Lotus Elise SC (supercharged) and Exige S (except s260, and club racer) moved from exclusion list to SS
 - Lotus Elise & Exige (non supercharged) move from SS to AS
 - Lexus IS (all except IS-F) models to be moved into DS
 - Check car class listings. SSR added 15-20 car models for 2018.
- Street Touring
 - All competitors should check tire sizes since they have been updated for 2018
 - Various Boxster & Cayman move from STU to STR
 - Nissan 370Z non Nismo move from STR to STU
- Street modified: Engine blocks must be a production unit sourced from a production automobile. If the eng does not come from same brand as vehicle, 150 lb weight penalty will be assessed.
- Street Touring- wording clarified in regards to after-market ECU's. You may run a proprietary tune that SCCA has no access to. Will allow ANY ECU including standalone computers and programmers. ECU must be plug and play (no splices) with the OBD2 port remaining functional. And only OE sensor equipped from factory may be used.
- Kart rules are going through big changes for 2018.
- Electronically controlled shocks may not be used on vehicles that did not have them as an option from the factory.
- 2018 will see the introduction of the new Street Touring Hot Hatch (STH) class.
- Out for comments:
 - Move S2000 (non CR) from BS to CS
 - Move Evora S from SS to AS
 - Move Evora from AS to BS
 - Move Audi S3 2.0T and TT Quattro from BS to DS
 - Move Focus RS from BS to DS
 - Move Lancer Evo 2003-15 from BS to DS
 - Move WRX STi 04-17 from BS to DS
 - Move Golf R from BS to DS
 - Move RX-8 from CS to DS
 - Move 350Z non Nismo from CS to DS

November 5, 2017 Event Review:

- 147 Entries 12 of which were DB's
- An incident cause the course to be modified during heat one.
- Event probably should have been restarted but would have resulted in losing too much time and running out of daylight.

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- The last ½ of the final heat was timed by hand
- The equipment was moved to the new trailer
- Food truck was well received and is invited back to next event
- The event ended late with pack up happening at sunset
- James Rogerson brought some helmets from MSRH that are still legal for SCCA Solo

December 10th Event Planning:

- Set-up at 7:00 am. Peter to arrange getting helpers for Wayne
- Specialty Worker Positions
 - Safety-Covered
 - Tech-Chris
 - Timing-Phillip
 - Food Truck- Peter
 - Porta-Potties-Lynn
- A course from a previous event was approved with slight modifications

Trophies For 2017:

- Lynn will review names for accuracy
- Roger is working on design for trophies
- Clarissa will work with Robert to compile spreadsheet of awards and order trophies and plaques to insure delivery before February awards banquet

New Worker Chief:

- Peter has accepted a new position in Dallas and will no longer with the club starting in January. He has announced this on Facebook and encouraged those who might be interested in taking over his position to shadow him at the December 10th event. Another prior worker chief will be available to help train at later events

Schedule of Events for 2018

- A calendar of events was distributed and possible conflicting dates were discussed specifically Easter Sunday, April 1st and June 3rd which is the Texas Pro Solo event in Mineral Wells. June 3rd was changed to June 10th.

Other Business:

- A proposal was brought to the committee by a long-standing club member to add additional classes on a trial basis in 2018 in an effort to attract and retain new members who are novices to the sport. Since this group may not want to spend money on specialty tires just be competitive with the hardcore members, it was suggested that new classes be added for this group. The goal is to retain those new members that attend a few events but find that to be competitive they would need an extra set of wheels and stickier tires. Even good tires that are installed on new sports cars will be 1-2 seconds slower than the 200 TW tires. To attract and retain new members to regional events by providing an affordable “run what ya brung” classes that specify a higher minimum treadwear rating, closer to that of original equipment tires, than SCCA Solo street tire classes currently allows. These tires are more likely to be found on the vehicles of car enthusiasts who daily drive their vehicles and are new to autocross.
 - The proposal as voted on and approved is to add, on a trial basis for the 2018 season, the following:



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- Houston Muscle (HM) and Street Touring 300 (ST3) classes
- This will be announced at the December 20th event.
- The 3 National CAM classes will be added to the Houston class list for 2018.
- The new National Street Tire Hot Hatch class (STH) will be added for 2018.
- The new National Spec class for the 2013-2016 Subaru BRZ and Scion FR-S named Solo Spec Coupe (SSC) will be added for 2018.
- There was also discussion on organizing a PCA, BMWCCA and HouSCCA Kart Day at the new Conroe Kart Track tentatively in late December. Robert will contact other clubs to inquire of interest. Ricardo will negotiate a deal with the track owner.