

Houston SCCA Solo Committee meeting minutes 27Sep2016

Tech Report:

- No helmets or cars failed tech in the morning but during the last heat we noticed that an Audi had only 4 lug studs remaining and he had somehow lost a lug stud out on course. The driver said that he had changed tires the night before and torqued the lug studs. He borrowed a jack and tightened the studs down and made it home on 4 studs.

Fastrack:

- Out for comments:
 - Subaru WRX (09-14) and Mitsubishi Lancer Raliart (08-10) from STU to STX
 - Neon from STS into STF
 - Brake backing plates and dirt shields may be modified or removed.
 - Caymans and Boxsters from ASP to BSP
 - Mustang V6 (94-04) move from GS to HS
 - Kia Forte move from GS to HS
 - Proposed new wording for SP spoiler rule
- Nissan Leaf does not meet the rollover requirements.
- Next fastrack will be the big one that changes class assignments for next year.
- Reworded bump stop rule for Street classes
- 99-03 Galant non-turbo in EP

Treasurer

- 132 drivers for August not including the DBs.
- Average attendance increased from 100 to 155 in two years.

Last event (HPA in August)

- We had a lot of trouble with the finish trips and ended up stopping the event in order to run wires. After we switched to wires we had no issue. Cops told us that the police radios have issues due to the airport EM. We should look up the output of the wireless devices, can find it on Race America. During teardown we noticed that the line of sight for the wifi signal of the Display and the finish light were closely aligned; possibly they interfered. We will play with on Saturday and see if we have the same issue since the configuration is similar.
- We started about 15 minutes late, not due to setup, probably due to the rookie walkthrough.
- Removed the DB results due to them not assist with tear down. This is considered their standard work assignment unless arranged otherwise with the worker chief. Raymond will be paying more attention to this.
- We forgot to turn off the truck lights and ran the battery down. Thank goodness for Roger Claeys staying to jump the truck which took about 40 minutes.
- Need to buy longer jumper cables; very large ones.
- No complaints other than how hot it was.

Next event (October 2nd at HPA)

- Someone (Zack) told people that Rookie Skool participants get Sunday for free. Since it got out there we will honor it. Not next year.
- Course designed by Levitz and Roger analysis showed a few issues. Levitz addressed the issues and someone (Andy) was making the course layout and handouts.
- We attempted to move the course design to email over the last year, but it has been a bit of a struggle on occasion. The course design school was the source of the email list used to manage this.

- National office started offering the safety steward class online which has reduced the pressure to have the course design and safety steward class. We did not have the classes this year.

Rookie School (October 1st at HPA)

- Instructor and Worker emails have been sent out.
- Did we give Zack a budget? Nope. Last year we got subway and it was very reasonable.
- 25-30% conversion of rookies attend enough events to transition to a regular class.
- Starting Line last year about 50% showed up at an event.

Misc.

- Todd Farris has our line machine. We will need it back for the November event.
- It is anticipated that since he was on the ballot unopposed we will be replacing Daniel as RE with Robert Horton starting after the October event. The committee thanks Daniel for his service. He and Robert will be sharing the load until Robert is up to speed. And of course Roger will be there to offer advice.
- **Tech, Safety, Rookie chiefs and Secretary need to be replaced.**
- Tech: Chris Levitz, Levitz dad, Raga, Chris, Drew might volunteer.
- Rookie: Chris, Johnathon, a few others that Zack has been training may volunteer.
- Safety: In theory for the near term Robert can remain the Safety Steward as the committee position but during an event Safety Stewards cannot work as anything other than Safety Steward. We know that event chair is a full day job so he would not be able to work any heats as SSS. Lynn is thinking about it. Robert talked to some of the current SSS at the last event but has not found a volunteer yet.
- Secretary: Robert has been acting as secretary for the last 9 years but it is not advisable to run the meetings and take notes at the same time. We will look for a volunteer but we don't want to add a full committee member just for Secretary so we want a committee member to volunteer. Ricardo will think about it. Besides the committee meeting Robert spends about 2-3 hours a month on this task.
- Since we would like members to feel the committee is their committee and not some select group making decisions for them, we will take **nominations in October** for **election in November**. We will throw it out on the Facebook group, the drivers meeting, and the forum for nominations. Hopefully the vote will be set up on survey monkey in November.
- National Office sent us an email about hosting a **Solo Match Tour** 2 day event. 6 runs on Saturday and then a bracket challenge on Sunday. Catered to a Regional driver so they get more runs and is friendly format. Everyone runs on Sat., everyone that did not qualify on Sat, gets another chance Sunday morning to get in the runoff. Proposal is to use RPR. Lots of discussions left to have via email. They need 120 entries minimum or they cancel the event, they would prefer 150. We can make it a regional event also.
- We will probably have another Starting Line in the spring.
- We need to start work on next year's schedule. Porsche club and drifters are gobbling up dates at HPA. BMW is almost always third weekend of the month.