

Houston SCCA Solo Committee Meeting Minutes 01 May 2018

Attendees

- Ricardo Barnes, Chris Chrismon, Robert Horton, Chris Humphries, Lynn Ketcham, Shannon Saxby, Landon Thompson, Jeff Thomson
 - Gene and Barbara Beard joined by phone for a portion of the meeting
- Guests in attendance: Ho Cheung
- Committee members not in attendance included: Phillip Halek, Roger Johnson, Jon Mobley, Larry Peak, Wayne Stockel, Donna Trusty

Tech Report:

- Two helmets failed tech
- Two batteries failed tech; which were fixed on site and subsequently passed tech.
- One car failed the height/width requirement. They were refunded their registration fees.

FastTrack Review:

- Recommended Items
 - Prepared
 - Remove the following listings from EP
 - Ford & Mercury Escort & Link (1968-81)
 - Chevrolet Chevette (1975-87)
- Member Advisories
 - General
 - Approved addition of Mark Scroggs to the SEB
 - Street
 - M performance suspension packages are not available as factory ordered options except on the ZL9 equipped M2 performance package. On any other model this is not legal for Street category
- Out for comments
 - General
 - SEB and its Advisory Committees have been working on a project to standardize the Solo rule book Preamble section for each Solo Category
 - Street
 - Proposed move from exclusion list to SS)
 - Porsche
 - 911 Turbo (997 chassis)(exc S, GT2)(2006-12)
 - 911 Turbo (993 chassis)(1995-99)
 - Proposed move from BS to CS
 - Pontiac Solstice (non turbo)(exc z0K)(2007-10)
 - Saturn Sky (non turbo)(exc z0k)(2007-10)S
 - Street Touring
 - Drum to disk conversion allowance and the requirement for individual rotor plates to be at least as thick as the OEM rotor.
 - A single brake master cylinder brace may be added provided it is bolt-on and serves no other purpose.
 - A single clutch master cylinder brace may be added provided it is bolt-on and serves no other purpose
 - Allowance for 265 wide tires on STU 2WD mid and rear-engine cars
 - Modified

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- No fuel shall be added after the exhaust valve on a piston engine, or after the beginning of the exhaust port of a rotary engine
- Tech Bulletins
 - Street
 - Manufacturer options which are dealer installed must be specifically listed in Appendix A in order to be eligible
 - HS – Volkswagen Jetta (1.4T)(2016-18)
 - Street Touring
 - Newly classed X1 must meet the rollover requirements to be eligible for competition
 - STU – BMW X1 (2013-2015)
 - STH – Chevrolet Bolt
 - STU – Honda Civic Type R (2017-2018)

Treasurer's Report:

- February we had 131 entries and 11 DB entries

Trophy Report:

- All 2017 year end trophies have been handed out.
- A portion of event trophies from March and April were handed out, the remaining will be handed out May 6th at the end of the event.
- Announce at drivers meeting that trophies will be handed out at the end of the day.

April 7th HPA Dirt Spreading Review:

- Around twelve people showed up to assist in repairing HPA.
- 10 cubic yards of dirt for \$110. Ricardo is dirt cheap.
- The dirt looks good and can handle being driven on, we may need to do this again soon.
- The police officers were very happy that we did this for them.

April 8th Event Review:

- Worker chief did not come with pre-printed worker sign-up sheets causing the morning worker sign up to be hectic and late.
- 168 annual waivers this year. No more annual waiver sign-ups for this year.
- Conversation about getting a personal hot spot for the truck to make wifi for live timing more reliable. Costs about \$50 a month for 40-50mgb for data.
- No timing issues, not many reruns, we were out before 4pm.
- Course design issue: Pointer cones just before the finish line were laid down along the driving line.
 - There was conversation during the course walk and was thought to be okay.
 - Multiple heat 1 cars were hitting the cones so the cones were moved out of the way without stopping the heat to mark the new cone positions with chalk.
 - Heat 2 workers noticed the cones were outside of their chalk marks and moved them back.
 - Multiple cars broke parts.
 - If possible corner captains should make a note to the timing truck if an unusual amount of people are hitting lay down cones.

April 21, Triumph Club Event Review

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- Triumph club host their annual event in Houston once every six years. They paid us to run timing and use our cones.
- Very small parking lot, when they come back in six years we should try and talk them into a larger event space.
- Robert assisted with the course design during setup.
- They received two timed runs each and were given two parade laps. Unfortunately less than 1/3 of the entrants had clean runs.
- Everyone had a blast and they want to have us back next time the event is in Houston.
- Only took forty minutes for three of us to pack up.
- Volunteers were: Robert Horton, Lynn Ketcham, Robert Kortlang (morning setup), Shannon Saxby

April 21, Hobby Fest Review

- A more child oriented event to get children interested in aviation as a future career.
- We put up a SCCA tent to pass out information and try to drum up interest in our club.
- Tisha, Rosalie, and James brought out their track cars and let kids take pictures inside.
- Good community outreach and Hobby Fest really liked having SCCA out there and invited us to come back next year.
- 10am-4pm
- Chris Humphries was our spokesperson for autocross

May 6st Event Planning

- Set up 7am
- Specialty Worker Positions
 - Safety: Donna/Larry
 - Tech: Chris
 - Timing: Phil
- Food truck: D'Lish Curbside Bistro
- Course was approved with some changes

June 10th 2018 Course Review

- The committee will start reviewing courses further ahead in the future in order to stop using modified courses from previous events.
- A couple changes with much discussion. Sent back to course designer to add another element to slow down the course some in one particular spot.

2018 Autocross Dates/Locations

- July 1st event will be at Grand Sport Speedway (GSS)
 - Need a course design by the next committee meeting
- August 5th event will be at Gulf Greyhound Park (GGP)
 - Discussion on sweeping GGP. 6-10 people will be needed to sweep.

Website Update

- All regional results and course maps are uploaded to the new site
- A working group will be put together to work on website organization
- Each committee position has an official email address
 - Robert Horton autocross@houscca.com

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Mail Chimp

- Autocross now has their own Mail Chimp account separate from Houston Region SCCA
- We are going to start emailing reminders for upcoming autocross events
 - On the autocross home page there is a way to sign up for emails