

Houston SCCA Solo Committee meeting minutes 7JUN 2017

Tech Report:

- Nothing to report this month

Fastrack:

- Subaru Forrester XT is no longer allowed in street class or touring class (too tall vs width)
- STF is being dissolved and STH will likely replace it in 2018
- BMW i8 in SS
- Out for member comment:
 - Lotus Exige and some other models on the exclusion list move to SS, Regular Elise move from SS to AS
 - They are proposing to put a bunch of cars in SSR next year, some highlights below:
 - Alfa 4C, Cadillac XLR, BMW M3 & M4, 2017 Boxster Cayman GT4, certain Mustangs, certain Camaros
 - Prepared rules on shocks and suspension
 - Focus RS added to ASP
 - Fuel cell mounting rules
 - 93 octane (+/- 0.9) proposed to be the legal max for street and ST classes, max 15% alcohol
 - Without a method of validating the software in an ECU, it becomes impossible to determine the result of some protests. The proposed rule changes bunch the turbo cars together. 14648 (ECU), 21049 (octane), and 21408 (Making ST Hot again) attempt to keep classes competitive while allowing common ECU tuning.
 - Propose various Boxster and Cayman move from STU to STR

April 2nd Event

- Nothing to report

April 22nd practice and 23rd Event at Riverside

- Even though our people seem to like the Riverside course, there was a general sense of frustration with how the event was run and managed. Since this was basically a TAMSCC event, they ran it based on how they have run their events in the past. Suggestions were made on several things in the planning stage, which they agreed would be good ideas at the time, were not necessarily implemented at the events. The practice session on Saturday was especially frustrating to some since there seemed to be no assigned persons to handle the duties of set-up. Other comments from committee members were; (1) difficulty in obtaining results, (2) the overall flow of how it was run could have been improved (3) even though the Saturday morning started off fairly well, there was noticeably less structure in the afternoon.
- There was discussion as to whether we would want to co-host an event again next year and some on the committee felt that they probably would not do it again. It was suggested that we take an informal poll on FB to determine the level of interest for next year. Lynn was assigned the action item of posting that question on FB.
- Roger suggested that if we do participate next year that someone on the committee be appointed SCCA chief to work with the A&M group to insure that we incorporate proven procedures into the event.

June 10th and 11th Event

- Gates open at 7:00 a.m for set-up
- **Safety:** Larry Peak
- **Tech:** Saturday-Drew Kim; Sunday Peter Lindbergh
- **Timing:** Adam both days
- **Worker Chief:** Jennifer (Peak) both days until 1:00p.m.
- **Food Truck:** Confirmed for Sunday only; Robert to check into possibly one for Saturday

SCCA Social Media Program

- The Houston SCCA social media person contacted Robert about working with the Solo group for 3-6 months to suggest ways to grow our program through a social media campaign. Robert has accepted invitation and is waiting to hear back from them on how to proceed.

Safety Steward

- Lee Trusty & Donna Trusty have taken a leave from the Committee for health reasons. Robert will contact Larry Peak and Roger Claeys to see if they will be willing to assume the Safety Steward role in Donna's absence.

Worker Chief

- Raymond Tuquero has resigned for work related reasons. Jennifer Peek has agreed to work Saturday and Sundays events and serve in the interim. Robert will put out FB post to ask for a volunteer for this position.

Search Committee for Event Sites

- Roger volunteered to work on this committee since he is familiar with site requirements. He suggested that Doug Wille might also be interested since they have already spent some time searching potential sites. Robert will email Doug to confirm. Other participants are desired.

Other Business

- We have not been presenting proposed course designs far enough in advance, Roger stressed importance of requesting course designs two months in advance of events. Robert is to do FB post and email to communicate this and to ask for designs now for July and August events.