

Houston SCCA Solo Committee meeting minutes 22Dec2015

Tech Report:

- Two helmets were confiscated and one battery had to be tied down.
- Chris Levitz will handle Tech for Annual Tech and regular tech for the next event.
- \$20 for a pair of numbers. Just numbers, no class letters.

Fastrack:

- Miata 2016 (ND chassis) in STR.
- Street class rules does not allow the use of diagnostic tools to defeat stability control.
- Chevrolet Camaro (2016) in FS.
- Porsche 944 Turbo (1985-1991) in FSP.
- Modified class roll bar rules reworded.

Treasurer:

- \$29K in the bank with obligations due of about \$5K. RPR has not sent us a bill yet for rental of the site.
- Paid the portacan bill.
- Ricardo is working on the year end reports with Tony. We are in good shape. We have not heard anything about the Road Race folks wanting a transfer of Autocross money to them this year. We need to maintain at least \$20K in the bank so that we can cover 3 event costs.

Last Month:

- 96 drivers on Saturday and 142 for Sunday counting the DB runs.
- We had some issues on the timing lights (sensor test fail). Race America says this is a light alignment issue such as the cord pulling on the light.
- The issue with the lights was not due to the compressor running on the same generator. Also we discovered the little generator is not large enough to run the compressor.
- We finished about 3:45 which is about 30-45 minutes past what we estimated so not too far off our normal time. We made the decision during the driver meeting based on the spreadsheet to have 5 runs. The extra time in large part was due to the incident with the Miata that nosed into the ditch.
- There was a fairly long discussion of the incident with the Miata that slid through the timing light next to the finish and slid into the ditch at the edge of the pavement. There is some similarity with the length of the slide we saw earlier in the year when Sober was driving Ricardo's Boxster. In both cases the tires on each car were very near the end of the life for the tires. In both cases a driver unfamiliar with the car was driving. In the case of the Boxster the car slid further than we expected after the finish. At the time we attributed this to the dirt that was deposited along the grass by dump trucks traversing the area in weeks prior. We blew off the dirt and dust and resumed the event. In last month's incident since there was some damage to the Miata we submitted an incident to the SCCA. Measurements after the event showed we the course was set up in the finish area that matched the Saturday map. The finish section was not changed for Sunday's event. We will remind drivers at the drivers meeting that the blacktop pavement at RPR is not as grippy as our other event sites, particularly with tires at the end of their life.

Next event

- We will not have portacans for the January event due to the delivery day landing on New Year's day.
- We will be setting up the course on Sunday morning. Make sure we put out the 100' marker cones on the painted marks to help the course setup.
- Raymond (workers) and Andy (tech) will not be there.
- Annual tech will be handled at this event. Talk to Chris Levitz.

Misc items

- The banquet on on the 30th of January.
- Next event is January 31st.
- Jackets and trophies will be handed out at both the banquet and the autocross.

Course Review for January

- The finish cones are too close to the grass. We will straighten that section a little and then offset the post finish section so that we maintain the 75' distance from the other part of the course.
- We also want to widen the 29 MPH corner a little to make it a little less painful.
- The truck will be next to the start. Since the course is close to that edge then we need to ensure that the cone wall is put up for spectators at 75' from the edge.

Event Schedule

- We are working with Tod to set up a regional at Texas A&M in the spring that we can do before the National Tour. We will be advertising this event throughout the Texas & Louisiana area.