

Houston Solo Committee Meeting 27Jan2015

Fastrack

- Track width must be greater than height to prevent rollover. We will add a tape measure to the tech box in case cars show up that look like rollover risks.
- New Mustangs will be in ESP except GT 350

Treasurer Report

- Took in \$3781 for last event, expenses \$2329, \$1550 profit minus long run items.
- Party/Town hall meeting cost was \$413.

Event Review

- Some safety issues were a concern:
 - Path to bathroom was within 75' of course, corrected in first heat.
 - One corner was too close to the grass/ditch. Let's not do that next time.
- Lots of cone calls in the section prior to the 180 before the finish. Design was trying to balance power (big car) vs nimble (small car). No agreement on what we would do differently.
- Setup went pretty fast by putting all the cones into a truck instead of using the carts and multiple trips.
- The course did not get set up exactly like the setup map, partly because it was done in the dark.
- We need to put a simple text file with notes in the drop box with a file name that matches the filename of the map, containing comments/notes about setup changes, impressions of the course, things to remember for the next time.
- Event efficiency:
 - Lots of rookies.
 - Crossover made overlap long. Average by heat was 29, 26, 27 seconds. Axware does not calculate these correctly in the report. See handout.
 - Goal is between 20-25 seconds overlap on average.
 - Finished by 2:18 on regular runs and decided to allow fun runs.
- Grid had to be emptied before it could be filled. Heat interval average was > 20 minutes, goal is 15 minutes between heats. Probably difficult to reach without dual grid like we run at GGP.
- 3rd heat had more runs than the other two.
- Double drivers cannot run DBs
 - Need to scan driver list to ensure this does not happen.
 - Daniel is going to put the rules for DB on the new web site.
 - Sober ran DB without paying perhaps?
 - DB drivers leaving without helping out with tear down.
- Registration: We need signs for walkups and pre-registered lines.
- Remove the RT classes from the walkup form.
- X class needs to have base class on the car.
- Walkup form is often missing the base class so it does not get into the computer correctly.
 - XSTR and NSTR
- Action to Jason talk to Donovan about changes for DLB
- Changes s/b on change form not walk up form
- Form for change form needs to have driver name
- Committee members don't wait in line at reg, grab sticker and get to work
- New version of axware not tested yet. Action item.
- Year end points not working, may have to contact Vitek

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- Adult karts have to be run with like modified cars M cars.
 - We will wait for a double overlap (40 seconds) before sending him, and wait till he finishes to send the next car.

GGP Course Review

- Saturday set up for GGP at 9 AM. Hope to be done by Noon.
- Move the cone in the "river" to be further towards center so it does not sit in what will be a large puddle. Event is very likely to be raining.
- Wayne will deliver truck/trailer on Friday.
- Wayne will gas up before the event.
- There is plenty of Ivory soap for marking cones if it is wet.
- Robert will bring S2000 for course set up.
- Daniel has the porta potties being delivered Friday. Has insurance waiver.

Flow analyzed for March course

- Entry to sweeper is an adjustment point when we test drive. If it is waggy at all, move the wall inwards.
- Move gate near corner 4 arrow as adjustment for the next turn if needed
- Move apex cone inward, don't move wall at 84' radius turn if that area turns out to be too aggressive during course test.

Late march map

- Add pointer at 70R
- Update the blank map on the web site with the one on dropbox. The web site has a distorted map.
- Remote grid, 3 people for grid instead of 2, separate radio freq for controlling cars in line.
- We need a grid setup map for HPA, Rogers going to do a new drawing, will add to the legalise in the dropbox.

Grand sport speedway

- 35' wide pavement with a center line on the setup map.
- Flow analysis of proposed course shows a higher average speed than usual for us, max speed is no different of course.
- Fastest turn is 240' R near finish.
- Last time we ran at Grand Sport Speedway there was a really long slalom on the straight that people would get behind and a few cars spun into the dirt.
- Race America timing only tracks time for 4 cars on course at a time.
- As long as 20 second overlap and course is less than 70 seconds we should be ok.
 - When we perform the safety runs, time the car to see if run length will be an issue.
- We should make sure that slow cars get the extra time before the next car is started.
- We get to use the site from 9 am to 6 pm according to the contract. We pay extra if we arrive early or run after 6 pm.
- Roger will name the corners.

May event

Would like to Sober to design.

Roger's party town hall meeting:

- See handout, also in dropbox in the RE folder

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- Fun runs need to be more organized if we do them.
- Driver meeting for fun runs
- Fun runs only if we end before 2:30 and not raining, not super bowl, etc.
- Roger has a railroad whistle that he is donating to the club. We can use it to make a noise for important announcements on PA.

Misc. Items

- Starting line school is day before March 1st (Feb 28th) We have to provide truck, timing and represent the club. They pay the sanction fee for the weekend.
- We are planning to hold a practice event on 28th of March. Practice course will be smaller than the map for the regional.
- Updates to the Houston Solo Operations Manual (forwarded to and approved by committee)

The Classic American Muscle category will be offered as a single class. Any car eligible for CAM-T, CAM-C, or CAM-S will eligible to compete in CAM. Vehicles must adhere to all restrictions listed in the national rules set, including any class-specific restrictions. The PAX value for CAM-C will be used for all CAM competitors.

There is a regional waiver for the 2015 season only. Drivers may use DOT street tires of 140 tread wear rating or greater instead of the 200 tread wear rating mandated by National rules. The intent of this waiver is to allow drivers to use up tires remaining from 2014. It should be noted that any car participating in national level events using 140 tread wear tires will be subject to protest.

For all events held at The Houston Police Academy, the minimum gate width shall be 12 feet. This will allow course designs which are better able to control vehicle speed.