

Houston SCCA Solo Committee meeting minutes 29Aug2015

Tech Report:

- Five helmets had to be rejected.

Fastrack:

- Move 2010-12 Genesis 2.0t from STU to STX
- Proposal to add Porsche 996 Turbo S (2001-2005) to SS
- Proposal to move BMW M3 (E36, non-LTW) (1995-1999) from STX to STR
- Mustang GT350 (2016) in AS
- Mustang GT350R (2016) in SS
- ND Miata in CS, not in ST class yet.

Treasurer:

- Income from Aug event total \$3834. This was the event we sold some magnetic numbers.
- 116 entries, expenses \$3364
- We bought a bunch of items we have been holding off on:
 - Generator \$3900
 - Mixing board \$244
 - Rack for generator \$151
- On Demand cash is \$22,992
- Warranty is due for extension on Race America for \$195. Repairs are about that from what we have seen. We need a couple lights fixed. We decided to sign up for warranty extension.

Last Month:

- 113 entries, last car recorded was 1:50, very hot and no one stuck around for trophies.
- Raising the antenna and painting the finish cones to prevent reflections appear to have solved our timing issues.
- Sober design had no comments, 7% DNFs compared to 20% in previous event.

Rookie Skool

- Sent out instructions to instructors, rookies, and helpers.
- Will order subway, some cokes, ice, donuts, coffee.
- Wayne has water already.
- Spreadsheet sent out with assignments
- Seth Lemke is event steward, deputy is Georgina
 - Seth will assign someone to waivers
- ZBarnes will be safety steward
- We have to pay each day so Ricardo will give check to ZBarnes
- 30 rookies (1 backed out)
- Everyone shows up at 7:30
- Everyone park in front paddock area. When we start setup or drive into the back area is when the police start the clock.
- Pay workers and instructors by getting some runs in the afternoon instead of DB entries.

- We gain some by setting up for Sunday by doing in on Saturday, but not if we are paying OT. Will make the decision in the afternoon.
- Gates open at 7:30

Next event

- Gates open at 7:00
- Raymond will be out of town, he will pre-assign workers and will send email to Johnathon and Jennifer to see if they can sub.
- Safety, Robert, Andrew, Larry
- Tech will not be there, Chris Levitz will be there.

Misc items

- Suggestion that the Novice walk through should have ideally 6 or less rookies. Right now we have 20-40 people which is too many for lots of people to be willing to ask questions. What we used to do is have the workers that are signed up as instructors, perform the rookie walk through.
- We have stragglers in tech that should be on rookie walk through. Andy says he could take a group on walk through after they shut down tech.
- Adam Claeys has volunteered to take over as Timing Chief.
- No other nominees were submitted so all positions were elected.

Course Review

- November double regional
- Lots of discussion about how big a cone looks at this resolution. Some of the gates are about 12' wide which needs to be about 20' to 25'.
- Raymond will do the flow analysis and based on the results will fix what appear to be some too tight sections if needed. Tweaking will happen via email.
- Needs corner stations laid out.

Rookie participation

- Some years back we used to have a set of Houston class that had street rules that have exclusion list of "DOT race tires" so that drivers that want to run competitively but not purchase really good tires that could not economically be run as the only tire a car has would have a place to run. The suggestion is to start with the SCCA Street Prepared rules (lots of mods allowed), but remove the ability to run certain tires. One suggestion is to mandate 221 or higher wear rating. That would eliminate the tires that the fast drivers in ST classes are using. Drivers interested in national competition would probably stay in the SCCA ST classes, drivers looking for some action locally without getting into classes that are real competitive.
- Building drivers that do want to race nationally is also a goal that the committee has.
- We used to allow novices to stay in novice class for 6 months which helped with this kind of thing.
- ZBarnes has action item is to come up with a proposed set of classes. markg@dipster.com if ZBarnes wants some suggestions.