

## Houston Solo Committee Meeting 03Dec2014

### **Fastrack**

- There is a proposal to allow those vehicles with footwell hooks so we do not have to remove carpets
- HS Fiat 500 Abarth & Abarth Turbo (out for comment)
- RX-8 eligible for SM
- STX Integra
- SS Corvette 2015 Z06
- SS 2015 Alpha Romeo 4C
- Differential bushing replacement reworded

### **Timing**

- Map sent today for Feb/Mar events
- January map uploaded to the web site
- PAX updates for the new year are usually made the day of the event because of runoffs, but we don't have runoffs this year. AxWare is set up to run out of the dropbox folder. Jason will load the PAX file to dropbox. Daniel and Wayne have the 2 laptops and will need to turn on the laptops so that they can be updated. Jason will install the new PAX on Sunday.
- We had some issues with DBs. DBs had the wrong number or no DB magnet. Some drivers hopping in various cars but not changing numbers in some case.
- James McCelvey will be learning the timing job as a backup.
- Jason wants to set up another timing training event. He will find a date in Feb/Mar.
  - How to enter walk ups
  - How to audit at end of heat
  - Easy stuff
- Laptop in registration was not practical. Will continue with hand written list.

### **Treasurer**

- Last event \$3395 collected, \$2539, profit \$856 ignoring yearly costs.
- Sanctions and insurance now paid on-line.
- pending (Jan gets bill) Challenger storage bill \$1212

### **Event Review**

- Need to replace the helmet Rubbermaid bins. Wayne will swap some storage boxes from the trailer that are intact with the broken helmet boxes.
- Robert will check what is in storage.
- We need better communication between grid and start area. The remote grid has issues with keeping cars at the right amount. Police don't like when gas pumps are not accessible and when there are too many cars parked along that road. We can't have too many cars in line.
- Too much visual clutter in one or two places but a very good course overall.
- One driver bypassed crossing guard.

### **Next Event**

- January event at RPR
- Sunday setup. 6:30. Spoke to Seth. 2 workers to assist with setup that Zack has lined up.
- Jim H., Andrew, and Larry volunteered for safety.
- Junior kart and CP cannot be in same heat.
- We have enough chalk. We will need four 20 lb. bags of flour.
- We can leave the truck at RPR since next event is at GGP.

### **Course Map Review**

- Feb course review at GGP

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- 1st sweeper needs pointer on the wall so the driver has to be outside the wall.
- 3rd cone on slalom after the 1st sweeper needs a pointer.
- On the sharp elevation area near the trees, there is an area that we may need to adjust during setup to ensure that we don't have cars going across too fast at the elevation change.
- Whataburger sweeper needs pointer on the wall to force the driver to go outside the wall.
- Finish is ok, entry to the finish looks slow but scale is about 1.5 larger than RPR. Stop box is aimed at the grid but it is long. Suggest that we widen the entry of the stop box and narrow it down, that will cause the drivers to slow down sooner.
- Mar course review HPA
  - Lots of discussion about the 90 degree at the end of the first slalom. We should slow the cars a bit between the slalom and the 90.
  - We could put the truck on the gravel drive near the bottom of where the scale is located on the drawing.
  - Slalom walls (2) are suggested in the middle of the on camber turn right before the crossover which should slow the car enough. There is concern that the 50-55 MPH entry from on camber to off camber 90 degree turn. Raymond will do speed estimation/analysis of the map.

### **Misc.**

- We will use regional STO rules for the CAM class with the middle PAX value.
- Daniel will add a Facebook post about the CAM decision.
- There is a proposal that for the region we use the 140 tread wear rating, and not change to 200. National minimum is 200 for 2015. Federal tires will stay at 140, the other tire brands will be changed to 200. Hedderick and a couple of others have asked for a regional waiver. The concern is that new folks might be misled into buying the wrong tires for a National event. Decision is that for 2015 regionally you can run 140 so that drivers can use up old tires. We will announce the regional waiver at next driver meeting. Robert has updated the Houston Operations Manual.
- Party at Rogers house.
  - We will have a solo party where people can talk driving, solo, rules, whatever and have a beer. Roger picked the 17th of January. There will be an open invite on Facebook. Daniel will send words to Roger tomorrow and he will add them to the map for this weekend. Assuming 30-35 folks will attend. \$500 budget is approved, Roger and Ricardo will discuss it. Follow up with phone call to Roger after wording sent, he is on travel.
- Grand Sport Speedway cost will be \$5 more per driver.
- We will need porta potties rented for GGP.
- 8 people showed up at annual tech. Next two events will also have an area for annual tech to be performed.