

HouSCCA Board Meeting for 10Nov2021

Membership Event (Friendship Party)

We will have a **potluck dinner** that will on **November 20**. Instead of renting a site like we discussed previously, we are combining our event with a party that Chris Fletcher had already announced on our same date. He has a bunch of land near Baytown (east side of town). He has rented a band. The club will be providing drinks and main dish. Members will be bringing food and misc.

We had a very good time at our **Membership Gathering** an outdoor/indoor food and bar place near downtown. We had about 35 members show up just to talk cars and hang out together. We should do more of those membership gatherings.

We agreed that we want to have an **Awards Banquet** this year so we need to begin looking for a venue. Lonestar Flight Museum was popular but more challenging to organize. Shannon is encouraged to draft more of us to help in planning.

Autocross

Since our last meeting we had a **Regional** at HPA, 139 entries. We had to reschedule the **Rookie Skool** to Halloween due to storms on the original event. Next spring we will have Starting Line School. We hosted a **Pro Solo** at Beeville, kind of light on attendance which is about the norm for post Nationals events. They asked us to host a Pro Solo in the spring of 2022 and a Champ Tour later in 2022, both in Beeville. We are having discussions with divisional organizers about setting up a schedule of events for 2022. We are having our very last event this weekend at Gulf Greyhound before it closes forever. It will be a double header on Sat/Sun and weather will be excellent. We are also working on the regional schedule for our local events.

Election

We had a motion, a second, and a vote to accept the fall election results that were sent out via email. New members for this year are Randy Smart for Treasurer.

Road Race

We did not lose money on our last road race, despite paying a bit more in gas cards than what we had planned. We have our Labor Day and Memorial Day weekend events planned for 2022 as usual. These are both SCCA Majors events. We have contacted several people in the road race community and we are hearing nothing but positive feedback on the proposal for the Nola proposal.

Rallycross

We had a good event a few weeks ago, Saturday and Sunday at the Airpark. We are working on grading the event site with the tractor to improve drainage. We have another Rallycross scheduled for **Nov 20th**. There will be a points championship in 2022. The organizer has 4 cars

for rent starting at \$150/day. We need to do a better job of advertising the Rallycross events and the fact that we have vehicles to rent.

Time Trial

We cancelled one of the events since it conflicted with the schedule for Autocross. When that happens we have very light turnout. We had 8 entries for our last event at SpeedSports (kart track). We want to get more of the Friday afternoon events at MSRH.

We have no plans to change how the events are organized or classing. Dallas converted their Time Trial events over to the SCCA national classing structure. Some Dallas members we spoke to at the Pro Solo that do a lot of Time Trial with NASA and SCCA suggest that if Houston converts to the National classing, then we could see more cars making the trip down to our events and we could create a Divisional series eventually.

Earlier this year we sent out a list of proposed timing system with a \$2223 estimation for a Farmtek timing system including a display that was sent out to the committee previously. The committee recommended going with a larger display than was in the list but the larger display offered from Farmtek requires 120V so it can't run off a battery. The list includes the wireless interface for the display. The board voted to approve a \$2700 budget for Time Trial to purchase the timing system.

December 2022 Enduro

National office contacted us about organizing a December 2022 2 day (8 Hours each day) Enduro event at MSRH. Porsche club secured first weekend of 2022 at MSRH.

In conversation with the National folks the subject of licenses for the Enduro is a bit cumbersome as proposed currently, not the same as a Road Race Competition Licensing requires. They are working on this process now that Enduro is a separate discipline.

NOLA proposal for spring 2022

This would be a 4 day event (Thur-Sun) tentatively last weekend of Mardi Gras
2-day Autocross as a Divisional on the parking surface that SoWeLa uses for regional autocross.

2-day Enduro

2-day Road Race w/ practice on Fri

Thur-Sat Time Trial & Track Sprint

- The Rallycross site got ruined in the flood and is now a Motocross site
- Sydney Davis and the National SCCA folks would come down to help
- The operational team from COTA have moved to NOLA.
- Despite the proposed time being during Mardi Gras calls to local hotels said they could block off rooms.
- Discussed the idea of trying to make it a Road Race Major. National office says Houston can't have 3 Majors so we would have give up one of our current Majors. It was suggested that we see whether we could have the SoWeLa club run it as a Major with

our assistance. Sanction fees are less if we don't go for a Majors. A Majors would require a higher number of hours of track time.

- A spreadsheet model of the expenses and entry numbers was discussed with inputs from all the disciplines.
- With some promotion we could perhaps get 100 entries for the Road Race at \$500.
- For a divisional autocross getting 60-80 entries is a reasonable assumption for \$100-\$120 for an event. The autocross pad is what SoWeLa region uses for their regional but it is small and surrounded by concrete barriers so it requires short and lower speed courses. Our timing truck/trailer would not make it to NOLA so it would perhaps be better to have SoWeLa region run the event with help from us.
- If autocross is there, then we would probably have enough entries for Time Trials. An October 2021 TT at NOLA had 13 entries.
- We have to go to the site to certify the track for SCCA.
- The board approved discussions to be held with NOLA to negotiate numbers towards the goal of getting a contract.
- SoWeLa is enthusiastic about the idea of having the event.