



Central Pennsylvania Region Sports Car Club of America

Monthly Meeting Minutes

10 March, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order @ 7pm by Ron Dotts, (RE).

Members present: Ron Dotts (RE), Dan Warner (ARE), Steve Lower (Sec), ~~Gami Sanchez (Treas)~~, Dave Kraige, Charlie Faris, Steve Eastman, Paul Stinson, Gary Gurchik, Mike Cunningham, Rob Beck, Howard Henning, Ashley Henning, Jim Pahl, Charles Leighty, Lee Watson, Chris More, Aaron Eberhard, Guests Zoha Memari, Joel Anstrom, Teresa Maher, Bernie Betzema.

Report of the Regional Executive:

Ron opened the meeting with welcoming remarks and added special thanks to Don Wilson and Bryan Smith for their efforts with the Jaffa Mosque.

Report of the Secretary:

Steve presented the February 2009 meeting minutes for approval.

Motion by Lower, 2nd by Paul Stinson, Minutes approved.

Report of the Treasurer:

Gami presented the financial report. Current balance of \$9,164.18 less investments.

Paul S. asked if all financial documents and records have been turned over from the previous Treasurer. Ron explained that there may be some that haven't but that the treasurer will work with Lauren to remedy the situation.

At this time the floor was turned over to Dr. Joel Anstrom to present a proposal to the membership regarding the clubs participation with the 21st Century Automotive Challenge being held at PTI April 17-19, 2009. A copy of Dr. Anstrom's proposal is attached to these minutes.

Several items were discussed including, site preparation, timing equipment, liability, vehicle quantity and types, and course.

Formal noting within the minutes: This event is being sanctioned by Penn State University and all liability will be handled thru such. A donation to the club will be made for our member's assistance.

Mike C made a motion that the club rent our timing equipment to this event in light of the donation. No set figure was included. Paul S. seconded the motion. Approved

Members who volunteered to assist, Ron D., Steve L., Howard H., Jim P., Rob B.-tech, Dave K. –course design

Committees:

Membership: Steve reported 124 members.

Sponsorship: Ron reported for Gami that several past sponsors have given verbal commitment.

Rules: Steve reported Changes/Revisions forthcoming. Paul S. and Gary G. questioned what the bylaws changes are. Steve explained that they have not been totally addressed at this time but that proper notification to the membership is required and will take place.

Merchandising: Dan reported a Poll has posted on web site on Event awards. Awaiting results. Steve said that following the SSS class any remaining rule books purchased by the club will be turned over to the Merchandising committee for sale.

Web Site: Chris inquired about a possible Twitter account for the club. Ron asked Chris to work with Nate to somehow incorporate the yahoo group within the club web site.

Solo Report: Dave K. made a list of solo event job positions. See Dave if interested in helping.

Airport Status: Ron gave a brief summarization on the status of the airport stating that sanctioning paperwork was filed just in case but the outcome is in the hands of the FAA and PA Dept of Aviation.

It was again asked if the SCCA national office has been contacted. Ron explained that he has contacted Nancy Downing @ the national office and she asked that he submit a complete write up to her if CPR is refused by the FAA.

Site Searches: Sites that were discussed: Corvette America-workable area, good access, paddock area limited, poor asphalt but could be used as a last resort. Smith Transport-Good asphalt, but tractor trailers may present a problem. Former Corning plant-Good asphalt, good access, long and narrow, lights poles, possibly workable. CPAA – Dave Dix to contact Miller's. Jaffa Mosque – Nice site, club met with Jaffa representative and discussed tentative dates. Dates were discussed and 26 July was decided as 1st date. Ron to contact them and ask for more. Issue with cost. Jennerstown Speedway-little known about size and condition. Paul S to contact owner about availability. PTI- Paul S. to inquire. Rail removal and fees.

Ron D. again asked the membership to think about possible sites and contact him if they located a potential site.

Old Business:

Dan W. old timing equipment repaired and 2nd timing system purchased.

Van – Paul will coordinate the work on the van. He will contact those who have previously volunteered to provide labor.

Steve L. reported that the SSS class will be held at Damon's on 4/28 1-3pm. Room scheduled from noon -4pm if those attending wished to come for lunch and order from the menu.

New Business:

Year end awards committee chair Dave D. to schedule a meeting with Ron D., Steve L. and Barry D.

Steve L. reported that the Small games of chance license application has been received and will be looked into.

Steve L. reported on entry fees for Jr. kart drivers. The only region that offers a reduced rate is the Washington DC region if a full year subscription is purchased. Following some discussion a motion was made by Aaron Eberhard and seconded by Chris More to discount Jr. driver event fees \$5.00 per event.

Competition: Paul S. gave a run down on the upcoming SVRA race being held at Sebring International Raceway March 18-21. Paul will once again be competing in his 1963 Lotus Super Seven.

Chris More mentioned that he will be instructing a TDX at Nelsons Ledges April 17th.

Good of the Club: Ron again asked the membership to keep an eye out for potential sites.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn made by Mike C. Seconded by Dave K. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Lower, Secretary

Minutes approved as amended @ 14 April, 2009 meeting by removing Gami Sanchez from members present shown as a double strikethrough. Motion by S. Lower, Second by P. Stinson

April 17, 2009 Autocross Event at the 21st Century Automotive Challenge

A Proposal from Dr. Joel Anstrom to CPR SCCA, Larson Transportation Institute

Penn State is hosting a fuel efficiency competition April 17-19, 2009 called the 21st Century Automotive Challenge. Electric, hybrid, and alternative fueled conventional vehicles will compete in a range of events including technical inspection and an autocross. The technical inspection will be performed one vehicle at a time between 1:30-4:00 using a lift at the PTI test track. This inspection can include tech inspection for autocross if a qualified race volunteer is on site. In this same time period vehicles will complete a short acceleration, braking, and slalom event to demonstrate minimum performance to compete in these dynamic events. The autocross is scheduled to run from 4-7 pm. We expect between 15 and 30 cars. In this time frame we hope to achieve at least 3 runs. Most will be inexperienced autocross drivers running on street tires chosen for efficiency rather than handling. We would prefer a course which is tight and keeps speeds and braking effort down since some of these vehicles are prototypes or highly modified. Safety is our highest priority. The course can utilize both the skid pad area and adjacent long section since some crash test rails will be removed for the event. We plan to include \$25 in each entrance fee to cover the rental of your equipment for the autocross. Penn State insurance will cover the event. The \$25/car fee will be turned over to a designated volunteer from the CPR SCCA chapter. Below are outlines for the tech inspection and autocross event. Please ask your chapter members to consider volunteering for this event.

Inspection and Technical Testing

- Vehicle Categories: All
- Location: Bus Research and Test Center, 164 Test Track Road, Bellefonte, PA
- Time: 1:30-4:00 PM
- Station: Vehicle lift in Bus Test Building
- Scoring: 100-(n-1)x20 points for n attempts to pass
- Judging: HHVRL Staff, HHVRL Industry Expo and Penn College of Technology volunteers
- Comments: State inspection and insurance check, general vehicle inspection, high voltage inspection, mechanical and electrical inspection, controls inspection, **autocross inspection**, competition markings

Autocross Event

- Vehicle Categories: All
- Location: Bus Research and Test Center, 164 Test Track Road, Bellefonte, PA
- Time: 4:00-7:00 PM
- Station: LTI Handling Area
- Scoring: 200 Points Max per category, see rule book
- Judging: LTI Staff, local racing volunteers
- Comments: license, insurance, passing autocross inspection required. Racing volunteers have final authority on vehicle inspection, safety, and scoring matters.