

SOUTHWEST DIVISION - SCCA
Round Table Meeting
Rosanky, Texas
January 12, 2008

It is acknowledged that this document provides the highlights of each discussion topic and is not intended to be a complete transcript. Additional notes will remain on file with the division records. Also it is not intended to be chronological.

The meeting was hosted by the Lonestar Region and held at the Central Texas Museum of Automotive History in Rosanky, Texas. The format was to simultaneously conduct the Annual (Corporate) Meeting and the Round Table Meeting. Discussions without motions, and in some cases, discussions prior to motions are documented here as Roundtable discussions.

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM by Tom Brown, corporation president.

Area 7 Director Mike Sauce addressed the members on the following topics.

- SCCA, Inc. was not profitable (-\$50,000) last year due to funds not received from Heartland Park. Other venues are being discussed for future run-offs. Entries have been steadily decreasing. In order to increase the income and make a profit, the run-offs need to attract more competitors.
- Proposed class grouping for the runoffs are:
 - Formula B and Formula Atlantic
 - D Prepared and GT3
 - B Prepared and GT1
- Other notes:
 - Do away with Touring Class at runoffs
 - Formula E becomes a National Class in 2008
- The SCCA National Convention will be held in San Antonio February 8 – 9. Generally, approximately 400 people attend. Mike encouraged attendance.
- Currently we have about 4,300 members, but are losing about 1,400 per year. Mike is concerned because members are not providing input. When asked about events for competitors, Mike stated participation was low in past events.

Other topics discussed during the meeting are noted below.

Solo Report

Todd Stewart gave a report for Solo. Solo has experienced a rebirth of the Divisional program and will have 4 events this year. Events averaged 140 competitors per event last year and it is anticipated that 130-140 competitors will participate in each event this year.

No reports from Rally or Club Racing.

Increasing number of classes

Concerns were voiced regarding the increasing number of classes. Questions were raised as to how new class designations are determined and why.

R. David Jones Fund

The R. David Jones Fund has been established for all workers nationally (Rally, Solo and Club) to send a worker to the race of their choice. Fund is \$5,000/yr for 20 years.

Radios

The division is experiencing many problems with its current radios due to age and frequency band. Batteries do not seem to last long and hinder communication. A taxicab company in Houston communicates on the same frequency and interferes with communication during races at MSR Houston. Joe Davis looked into the cost of 20 Radio Charger Headsets with 20 additional batteries and was quoted \$8,900. A Committee has been established to research the acquisition of new radios and look into the radio frequency issue (Joe Davis, Wayne Hill and Eddie Sinclair).

SRO Program

Some SRO coupons have expiration dates that are fast approaching. In order for workers not to lose the points, Vince Hummer will ask the flyers be posted at the next few races explaining how to redeem the points. He will ask that coupons be given to him, and he will forward them to Jake Davis for the workers. Gas cards seem to be the most popular item at this time.

Safety Equipment

Concerns were voiced about obtaining safety equipment. Dick Kantrud, Chief Steward for the upcoming race at MSR Houston, might be able to assist as he works for Pyrotech.

Access to Forum

Many members are having difficulty getting access to the forum. When requesting access, they do not receive their automated email with reply with access information. They then have to contact the webmaster. Colin Mason agreed to look into the matter.

Others requested a dedicated SRO Forum, separate from the SOWDIV Board. No action was taken on this request.

Tony Predock Award

Lon and Joyce McKinstry were awarded the Tony Predock award for their outstanding service to SOWDIV.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hummer
Secretary