

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes
2/25/11
Sheraton Westport Conference Center
St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting Open Session began at 6:30 p.m. CST. Present were VPC Jack Wilson plus 12 RCDs and one proxy representing 14 of the 15 Regions, which were EO Chuck Stephens, ER/NE Keith Stanley (proxy for Brian Gallagher), FL Manny Montgomery, IN Mike Godfrey, MW Paul Haack, RM Walt Jenkins, RR Paul Hamersly, SE Don Parks, SW Craig Kamradt, WR Jerry Koraleski, WC Joe Orrico, and WO Jim Asbury.

Introductions:

RCD introductions were made and a welcome was extended to the gallery of members present to witness the meeting.

VPC Comments:

High Speed and Novice cards were made available to the RCDs.

Jack confirmed the Sanction Request Form 12.1 was corrected and put on the NCCC Website eliminating item 1 regarding the 150 mile rule and changed to the 45 day requirement as was implemented 1/1/11 with the new Rulebook.

Jack distributed the 2010 Regional Rebates to all regions and confirmed the 2010 patches have been ordered and will be distributed at the April 29th Competition Mtg. The 2010 Top 15 Club Plaques, Mens & Ladies Jackets & Shirts, and the National Champion Rings have been ordered for presentation on June 18th at Convention Awards Night.

Jack announced that Debbie Lindsey will be joining the meeting later to discuss the potential for a Michelin Tire Challenge which would be somewhat similar to the former BFG Tire Challenge done years ago.

The hotel will be hosting an appreciation hospitality event from 8:00 to 10:00 in The View on the 12th floor.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Joe Orrico made a motion to accept the 11/12/10 STL Competition Minutes. Paul Hamersly seconded. Motion carried.

2010/2011 Sanctioned Event Status Review:

The Final 2010 Point Standings have been published. The Top 15 Ladies, Men, and Clubs will be read at the Govs' mtg.

The 2011 Sanction Log is being loaded. Many regional sanction requests and flyers have been turned in. RR has already turned in results for two events with two more done and coming.

Jack reminded everyone to please do not send Sanction Requests, Flyers, and/or Results in the same email as it poses an issue saving the file and then re-opening and splitting the file to another file.

Jack also reminded everyone to make sure to send Sanction Requests before Flyers as an approved Sanction Request must be in place before an approved Flyer can be done for an event.

2011 High Speed Driving Schools Approved:

There are three Driving Schools approved for 2011:

1. SW 4/15/11 at Hallett Race Track, Tulsa, Oklahoma
2. ER 4/16 & 4/17/11 at Pocono Raceway, Pocono, PA.
3. ER 5/30/11 at Pocono Raceway, Pocono, PA

Drag Records:

There were no Record Drags run since 2010.

The 2011 Record Drag Schedule at this time is:

- 5/29/11 SW at Thunder Valley Raceway Park, Noble, OK.
- 6/23/11 National Corvette Convention, at Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL.

Clarification(s):

There were four clarifications submitted.

1. RM – Page 2-2, Sec. 2.2.2.2.A Course Setup.

Clarification – A. Competitors who assist in course setup are specifically barred from driving any vehicle, including setup trucks or cars, through any portion of the actual course. This rule is mandatory to ensure that no one has an unfair course orientation advantage and that all competitors have an equal opportunity to learn the course through walking, official parade laps, etc. If, I were to use the exact same course setup in two autocrosses that were a month apart, does that constitute a violation? **Answer:** No.

What about the seven autocrosses on the same day and the course doesn't change? **Answer:** No.

What if the only people that set up the course are the people that are competing? **Answer:** Once the course is set up, they can not drive on any portion of the actual course. They can only drive on the perimeter of the course.

Who should run the course to verify that it meets the safety and other considerations for setting up an autocross in that case? **Answer:** Only non-entrants.

2. MW – Page 7-11, Section 7.9. Classification Sheet, Item 3, Alteration of Paint and Item 2, Non-original Body Components.

Clarification:

1. Item 7.9.3, Alteration of Paint, of the Concours Classification Sheet doesn't address the use of decals to alter painted areas. Should there be a points addition or not and if so how much? Decals could be considered under item 7.9.3.A. with each part of the Corvette that has a decal or part of a decal attached adding 1 point or they could be considered under item 7.9.3.C the same as painted scallops, flames, etc. **Answer:** Decals which we put under the term of "Applied

Graphics” are covered under Sec. 7.9.3.B Stripping (paint & tape). We will address more specific language for the 2012 Rulebook.

2. Item 7.9.2 addresses Etched Glass in 7.9.2.I but doesn't address the usage of decals on the glass. Should there be a points addition or not and if so how much? **Answer:** Applied graphics to glass are not addressed in the Rulebook and points cannot be deducted.
3. MW – Page 7-11, Section 7.9 Classification Sheet, Item 3, Alteration of Paint.
Clarification: Alteration of Paint, of the Concours Classification Sheet doesn't address the use of a clear vinyl protective coating to protect painted areas that are vulnerable to stone chips and other road damage. Should there be a points deduction or not and if so how much? **Answer:** Applied protection paint coating/coverings are not addressed in the Rulebook and points cannot be deducted.
4. WR – Page 2-27, Section 2.7.1.8, Item #59, States:
1953-82 – Any carburetor or mechanical Rochester FI unit that will fit stock manifold. **Spacer between manifold & carburetor not allowed. Class C limited to 600 CFM with Holley carburetor. Class D limited to Rochester Quadrajets only.**
This item is marked “Y” as it applies to **Group 2**
Clarification: Since “Y” means “Allowed but not required”, therefore..... Does this mean for Group 2C, “Any carburetor is allowed, but not required”, so therefore, one could use an 800 Holly? **Answer:** No.
Does this mean for Group 2D, “Any carburetor is allowed, but not required” so one could use a Holley? **Answer:** No.

Convention Steering Competition Representative Report:

Paul Haack reported the 2011 Midwest Region Convention in Tinley Park, IL is coming along well. On going conference calls with the Convention Director and Chairpersons continue for ensuring all action plans are being executed. There are approximately 440 entered and 107 in the valve cover races.

Jerry Koraleski reported the 2012 West Region Convention in Topeka, KS. is moving forward as Larry Beebe is coordinating everything at this point.

Old Business:

Manny Montgomery, reported as the Competition Committee Rep. on the Finance Committee, there will be two votes come to the Gobs on Sat. One will be for \$7K to update the NCCC advertisement signs on the tables in the NCM restaurant. The second one will be for \$5K to lock in the track for the 2012 Topeka, KS Convention.

Jack mentioned that several individuals have asked what the importance is of having to sign their entrants Tech Form. The consensus response is “This will confirm the entrant agrees they have no other changes done to their vehicle that would put them into another class. The intent is to ensure competitive fairness across the classes and groups.”

New Business:

Lessons Learned: There was a discussion if the question should be asked at the drivers meeting if anyone has a safety issue with the course. After discussion it was agreed this is unnecessary. If anyone has a safety concern, they should bring it up to the event Chairperson or the RCD to allow them the opportunity to resolve the concern as is done currently.

Walt Jenkins discussed the new online real-time membership system that went into affect 9/1/10. As the system developer, Walt Jenkins brought up the question if this should be developed in the Competition Program at the results entry level. After some discussion it was decided Jack, Walt, and others would look into this more as to the necessity and feasibility of doing this.

Debbie Lindsey joined the group to discuss the potential to utilize a Michelin Tire Challenge somewhat like the BFG Tire Challenge done years back. Debbie presented a concept the Michelin representative proposed, Jack and Debbie had previously reviewed and are bringing to the RCDs for further input. After much discussion, there was a list of suggestions Debbie was going to take back to Michelin to see if they would be willing to work something for the future.

Jim Tripolone, Executive VP, for Brown & Brown Insurance, which is our new insurance carrier in place of K&K Ins., came to the meeting with Hal Tumbleson, NCCC Business Mgr. to be introduced and answer questions regarding coverage, waivers, etc. One very important item stressed for the future is, if at any sanctioned event there is any property or personal potential liabilities due to an incident, the NCCC Business Mgr, the NCCC VP of Competition, and Brown & Brown **must be notified within 48 hours of the incident!** This will be critical to keep our future insurance rates controlled. Of course, the best control is not to have any incidents. There will be a FAQ from Jim provided on the NCCC Website in the near future.

Paul Haack asked if there were regions which place more or different sanctioning restrictions on their regions than was allowed in the Rulebook. Specifically, can a region impose disallowing the changing of their sanctions, due to the venue needing to cancel caused by no fault from the Host Club, to another weekend where there is another region's club 200+ miles away putting on a different event? After discussion, it was decided that although there was no specific language in the Rulebook that prevented a region from imposing such additional restrictions, the Region should take into consideration if there are no other events nearby within the Region of the same type that could cause a conflict with either event, it would seem unreasonable for a restriction to be imposed that would restrict an opportunity for a club, or entrants from having that event. It is difficult enough to find venues and coordinate workers to put on events. A common sense approach should be utilized when situations like this occur.

Keith Stanley, ER/NE Proxy RCD, presented a handout including a High Speed License Evaluation Form and a page of introduction about the form for the Competition Committee to consider. ER has used this type of evaluation which they believe has been most valuable in providing a more consistent evaluation review for each individual. It was decided the RCDs would review these documents and would discuss and decide at the April 29th mtg.

Following the break, the Committee went into Closed Session for Round Table Discussions:

Note: Due to the general notes included into the minutes from the Competition Committee Meeting, does not intend or represent any agreed upon changes to the Competition Manual (Rulebook). Discussion items are described general in nature for membership awareness only.

Roundtable Discussion:

Several general discussion items occurred to assist clarification for consistency and decisions within the various regions.

One specific item was mentioned needing correction in the 2012 Rulebook is: There seems to be a duplication of information on Page 2-27, Sec. 2.7.1.8 item 55 vs. item 95 on Page 2-29. #55 says “Y” for all groups as to “Oil cooler as reliability item for all groups. (01/09) vs. #95 says “N” for 1S & 1, & “Y” for the rest of the groups as to “Aftermarket engine oil cooler.” The question is if by allowing #55, should #95, have been eliminated? After discussion, it was agreed Jack would review the minutes from 2009 to see what the intent was and report at the April 29th mtg.

2012 Rulebook Discussion Items:

There were 16 Formal Rulebook Change Request Forms submitted that were placed on the Committee’s Discussion Matrix. Approximately half of them were discussed and it was decided, due to the late hour and a Protest/Appeal was yet to be covered before midnight, the RCDs would rather take the changes back to their regions, if they have not already done so and discuss and vote on them at the April 29 mtg. We were informed of one additional change had been recently sent and there may be several more coming before the April 1, 2011 deadline for submission to be considered for the 2012 Rulebook. Jack will update the matrix accordingly and send to the RCDs. The RCDs will input comments and their straw vote via email as in the past. Final formal discussion and vote on each change would be done at the April 29 mtg.

Protest & Appeals:

There was one protest/appeal to which five randomly selected RCDs heard, discussed and decided to support the protest. Since the appeal was regarding the same issue, the appeal was dissolved due to the protest support decision. The parties involved were notified by the VPC per the Rulebook. Issue resolved.

Mtg. adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

**Jack C. Wilson,
Vice-Pres. Competition**