

Notes from the RCD Meeting on February 22, 2013

These are my notes and thoughts for the RCD meeting on 02/22/2013.

1. Welcome –Paul Haack , VP of Competition, presided over the meeting.
2. Introductions of RCDs.
3. Approval of November Meeting Minutes.
4. VP Comments –
 - a. Agenda Review
 - b. Meeting format and ground rules.
 - c. HS and Novice Cards – didn't grab any.
 - d. E-Board Updates - Hal Bellamy out recuperating and Paul will lead the Governors Meeting Saturday. Business manager resignation, Hal Tumbleson submitted his letter of resignation and needs to devote to time to health.
5. 2012 final Events – 1519 events occurred, results for 1500 submitted. Will name top 15 mens, ladies, and clubs at the Saturday governor's meeting. (Top 15 men, no SW men, top 15 women – Cathy Anthony, Top 15 clubs, CTV and OCCC)
6. 2013 event review - 570 events in competition database.
7. Record Drag index – updates anticipated in late May, September, and October.
8. Record Drag events – Memorial Day weekend and October in Oklahoma at Thunder Valley.
9. High Speed School – brought up Hallet school and it passed as an approved HS school. Successful completion would get the student their HS Certificate. Also east region school on May 4 & 5 and May 27.
10. Convention discussion for 2013 – Host Hotel almost full. LS full, taking waiting list. HS and drags still open. 49 signed up for HS, around 25(?) for Drags, and 88 for LS. Autocrosses at old Nashville speedway.
11. Las Vegas –west coast group have 220 signed up and will be out at Spring Mountain school.
12. Clarification – passengers must be 16 years old. Had a discussion on not sure of applicability of paragraphs. One paragraph for passengers calls out 1.7.1 when 1.7.1.1 is the paragraph that calls out driver age. Later rule discussion on age requirements for passengers.
13. Rule Book Change Request - Update 84 fuel injection to 1985-1991 unit request due to the problem of not getting working units from anyone. 2 people discussed that they have in their opinion significant fuel leaks in their fuel injection system and replacement parts can not be obtained. Most if not all places will sell parts but not guarantee how well the units will work. Group voted to allow this change as considered a safety issue.
14. Novice passengers – discussed allowing an experienced rider to ride with a novice or allow the novice to ride with an experienced rider. Some discussion on issue, but most thought it should be allowed.
15. Reduce passenger minimum age – discussed, RCD group to review, most agree the age could go down. Will review to see if it will effect insurance rates, and discuss further in April meeting.
16. Revisions to classes – discussed possibility of eliminating classes/combining classes. Discussion last awhile, some discussion on dropping group I for example.

17. Bumping up classes – some discussion to allow a single car class to move up one or two classes if they would like to compete against other cars. Would not be required but being discussed as an option for drivers.
18. Ladies going into mens class. Some discussion on women all ready compete against each other and some feel that some ladies would prefer to directly compete in Mens classes. Further discussion to continue.
19. Priorities for 2013:
 - a. High Speed certification process – several members feel the need to strengthen /improve the requirements for High Speed certification. Some feel new members should go to a school similar to Bondurant, Spring Mountain, and other well known schools. And some don't. CRAIG's OPINION - I believe our requirements should be raised to something like 20 or 25 events over 5 or 6 weekends. With the increased horsepower in the newer Corvettes, I think some additional seat time would good. My thoughts only, not a RCD committee thought. This was another long discussion.
 - b. Revise class structure to limit one car classes and improve competition – this has been discussed several times in the last few years I have been in the competition committee. Any thought accepted. RCDs were asked provide a suggestion prior to the next RCD meeting in April. While it would hurt me, the thought of removing group I is a thought. Some discussion if that happened was to allow minor modifications group IS such as air cleaners and exhaust. One thought also discussed was combining A, B and C in Group I.
 - c. Competition database - New database has rolled out and occasionally getting modifications as more people are using the system. Some discussions to simplify sanctions and flyer input. Event results can be input manually or by using the existing NCCC results form. But the form can only have one event on it, each event needs to be a separate file with sanction number as the first 10 positions in the file name. Such as SW-200-001.
20. Adjourned around midnight. We had a break for hospitality around 8:00 pm.

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