

Notes from the RCD Meeting on April 26, 2013

These are my notes and thoughts for the RCD meeting on 04/26/2013.

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 – grabbed a few.
 - d. E-Board Updates - Hal Bellamy doing better. C7 logo, still don't use for anything. Jack Wilson working with insurance company.
5. Top 5 men - SW men. Top 5 women – SW women. Top 5 clubs – 4 are SW Region.
6. 2013 event review - 992 events in competition database, 67 results in database.
7. Record Drag index – updates anticipated after Memorial day weekend.
8. Record Drag events – Memorial Day weekend and October in Oklahoma at Thunder Valley.
9. Convention discussion for 2013 – LS limit raised. LS, HS and drags still open. 70 signed up for HS, LS 116. Autocrosses at old Nashville speedway. Ralleye has 72 signed up.
10. Las Vegas –west coast group had a good turnout.
11. Clarification – None.
12. Safety language to be added. In one of the regions a competitor had demonstrated unsafe practices in other sanctioning bodies. We are adding language to allow the chairperson, club governor, RCD or NCCC VP to give flex ability to remove the individual or place them on notice that that type of behavior is not permitted in our events. Further discussion if necessary at June Governors meeting. For safety reasons, please add the following to flyers:

The host club event Chairperson, Club Governor, host region RCD, or NCCC VPC at the event may deny or remove any person demonstrating unsafe performance or actions at that event from participating in any events for the balance of that day or weekend. Further, if a person has previously been formally documented as behaving in an unsafe manner which could endanger them or anyone else at the event/s, that person may be denied participation.

13. Novice passengers – passed this to go for vote in the fall, would allow an experienced driver to ride with a novice or allow novice to ride with an experienced driver.
14. Reduce passenger minimum age – passed this to go for vote in the fall, minimum reduced to 12 years old. Passenger below 16 must be a relative. This would still depend on if club/event wants to allow passengers during their event. Concern that helmet should fit properly.
15. Take maps off of flyers - passed this to go for vote in the fall, this is to allow some simplification of the flyer, either a map or written directions to event site.
16. Revisions to classes – passed this to go for vote in the fall, classes recommended for restructure, go from 43 to 22 classes. Removes Group 1, combines C4s into one class,

- C6 classes changed. Would allow some additional updating and backdating of class.
Will send this table of changes when the Competition Committee Minutes are provided.
17. Bumping up classes –removed.
 18. Ladies going into mens class. This one was removed.
 19. High Speed certification process – Group decided to recommend raising requirement for new certifications to 40 events over 5 weekends. Taking a school is preferred method.
 20. Competition database - New database has rolled out. There are some lessons being learned. Results for example:
 - a. Only one event per file. File name should be similar to sanction number SW-200-001.xls. Can have anything after the 10th position.
 - b. Names must match membership database.
 - c. Event times must be in seconds only, no minutes.
 - d. Ladies category is L first, for example RPL should be shown as LRP.
 - e. A fix is in work, but system does not like DNF or DNR (text in a number field).
During validation, DNF and or DNR may have to be repeatedly retyped in.
 21. Adjourned around midnight. We had a break for hospitality around 8:00 pm.

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