

March 2nd, 2023



Opening

- The meeting of the Tennessee Region SCCA was called to order at 7:02 PM by MD
- 20 Participants
- Meeting was virtual

Regional Executive's Report [Mike Donovan]

- TNiA @ Nashville SuperSpeedway
 - Please let us know if there are any volunteers
 - SCCA willing to train up flaggers
 - 4 events at NSS (May, July, August, October)
 - Keeps us in front of NSS reps, SCCA National
 - Need flaggers/transponders/appropriate tech/fire & rescue. Andrew to talk with NASA to get some info.
- KY scheduled a track day at NCM, desire to partner with them, CKY, to learn how to run a track day
- Tri Lakes will be running with us this year as they've lost their primary venue (Motlow) for the entire year due to repaving
- Smyrna Airport sent to SCCA Nat'l office to help book location
 - National contacted Airport manager but haven't heard back yet

Solo Event Chair Report [Logan Altmeyer]

- In discussions with NSS for next year, pricing has jumped \$500 per event but we're pushing back
- If the events need to change locations we'll keep it in the same month, not planning to drop events
- Test 'n Tune on Sunday
 - Ron Barnes as chair
 - Capped at 80 people, already at ~60 so get signed up ASAP
 - 1 Hour work shifts assigned at check-in and will be posted on trailer
 - Preference selection through MSR
 - Any changes to work assignment should be through Ron or Eli only
 - Course map will be shared online
 - Any work that requires tools or getting under vehicle should be handled out of grid
- If you don't know your class you can ask or register for event under "I Don't Know My Class"
 - Logan will reach out and help sort it out for you
- "N" for Novice goes ahead of class, such as "N STR" or "N ES"
- DOT helmets not enough, helmets need to include SA or MA rating
 - Helmets newer than and including **SA2010, EA2016, K2015, M2010** are eligible
 - Season-long helmet tech stickers will be used again this year

Track Event Chair Report [Andrew Lewis]

- No report (see TNiA and KY event)

RallyCross Event Chair [Eli Drennan]

- Location scouting ongoing, no success yet
 - Looking for locations 8-10 acres
 - Proposing sharing on FB group as a feeler for potential locations

Treasurer's Report [Mike Donovan]

Account	Last Month	This Month	Difference
Checking	\$19,026.01	\$19,486.66	+\$460.65

Savings	\$30,190.22	\$30,190.75	+\$0.53
Sum	\$49,216.53	\$49,677.41	

- Main income/costs from Banquet
- Ag Center prices raised from \$1,200 → \$1,500
- 2023 fees for SCCA raising for sanctioning/insurance, our new rates will be as follows:
 - \$45/member (for most events, excl. NSS)
 - \$65/non-member
 - NSS events will charge \$85 M / \$100 NM due to high reservation costs

Webmaster's Report [Matt Phillips]

- Facebook: 2,430 followers on main page (+19 MoM), 1,410 members in group (+11 MoM)
- Total TN Region SCCA Members: 396 (Large region is 400+) (+8 MoM) (+19 CY)
 - No major changes operationally if we jump to large region
- Working on website updates for 2023, for AutoX, RallyX, Track Events
 - Current website only structured for Solo, adding RallyX/Track will complicate
- MSR Event page for TnT open, Event #1 already built and ready to publish
- Matt Gordon shared event photos for header images (thanks Matt!)

Old Business (Previous meeting items, not removed until resolved)

- TRSCCA 75th anniversary (1948-2023)
 - Matt working with SCCA Foundation to get some History of TRSCCA
 - 75th year is the diamond anniversary logo
 - Matt tweaked logo for Chop Shop to produce stickers, they are now ordered
 - Stickers will be \$2/ea (up from \$1 due to increase material costs)
 - New Trucker Hats in Charcoal (Logo spells TRSCCA as acronym)
 - Shirts will also be Charcoal in color (Logo spells out full TRSCCA, not acronym)
 - Stickers and TShirts will be at Test 'n Tune
 - Hats slight delay, but will have by Event #1
 - Pricing TBD after we receive invoice
- SCCA 2023 Annual Waivers Available on my.scca.com [Online Store→License & Waivers→Annual Waiver Adult]
 - Minors must sign waivers on line or on site
 - Minors and pets must remain outside of hot grid area
 - National sent out a memo regarding strict management of minors, pets in hot grid and comp areas
- Cars n' Coffee March 4th at NSS, tent setup at 6:30am sharp
 - CnC back to the outside of the stadium rather than infield
 - Brady has requested collecting video footage to compile for CnC advertising
- Looking to sell Suburban. Will post at \$3500 internally, \$4000 externally.
 - Eli had truck detailed, replaced the battery, now diagnosing hard to start issue and clearing out mice
- We are supporting C10 Nationals at end of September
- Street Survival on October 8th at the Ag Center
 - Will need coaches to volunteer (requires an online course to certify)
 - Teaching how to practice safe driving in a controlled environment (not autoX)
- How to focus on Novices?
 - Also proposing Novice winners get a free entry to a future event
 - Novice shootout at Oktoberfest should continue as priority
 - Cover year-long winner/shootout winner an SCCA membership
 - Novice Walkthrough should have a rotating 2-3 folks who can support to give different perspectives

New Business

- Contacted by TVR for a local track day at NSS
 - We proposed combining with KYSCCA due to cost of NSS

- Tabled until we have some experience running an event
- Banquet was a success! Thanks to everyone for your support
 - Big thanks to Chop Shop for the awards (donated!)
- Novice Engagement (Brady Sutton)
 - First events can be scary for a Novice
 - Should we create a novice banner to create a point person for new people to get info
 - Ron mentioned patrolling the grid to reach out to Novices directly
 - Nametags for key people would be helpful
 - Proposed Novice Chair for each event, can help boost Novice engagement and support “ownership” of the experience by going back to ex-Novices or newer members
- How to focus on Novices? MD proposes a “Huntsville-style Novice Championship”
 - Also proposing Novice winners get a free entry to a future event
 - Novice shootout at Oktoberfest?
 - Cover year-long winner/shootout winner an SCCA membership
 - Maybe need to improve communication at Novice Walks
- Did the sound meter start working again? Last event it got water logged
 - We’ll test at TnT
- Some regions have considered splitting two-driver cars into their own heats or classes due to tire heat advantage
 - National Winners are often two-driver cars
 - Benefit is tire heat for 2nd driver
 - Con is extra wear and tear on vehicle
 - No changes needed for TRSCCA events
- Communication and Flags – do we have enough for track days?
 - We do not have flags or sufficient communication equipment
 - Do tracks like NCM offer to use their own equipment?
- Request to study a new data plan to allow streaming events online for spectating
 - \$15/m for 4GB
 - RB mentions 720p streaming is likely 1GB per hour

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM by MD

Tabled for later action

- Hans Henze attended to discuss HC (Heritage Classic) class
 - Desire to open up the class to more (currently foreign cars 1974 and older)
 - Advocating to push up to 1989
 - Push Wheel Width limit from 8" → 12"
 - Region agreed to adopt changes regionally for 2023 Competition Year
- Site acquisition
 - Williamson County Ag Center update
 - Good w/ street survival, but expensive. Initial cost is 500\$ for the parking lot, 1600\$ for meeting room
 - Trying to discuss about us being a non for profit club to get a discount. No need for cleanup
 - Investigating Smyrna Airport for a large paved area, asking help from National about working with airports (Lincoln Airport)
 - Polecat Training Center track in Fayetteville, TN
 - Looking to get pricing for hosting a track day or autox there for 2023
- "New Racer Incentive"
 - \$5 discount to the new racer and to the person who promoted them as an incentive program
 - Give out a secret discount code at C&C for first timers
- Cars 'n Coffee, idea to raffle 1 free race. Put name and email in a bucket. We get their email and name to advertise to for future events.
- Possibly have a shared photo album on our website, Matt looking into building it mid year
- License plate initiative on Facebook by Alcone. State rep to possibly help with getting it (through Alex H.) Minimum order will be needed, unknown quantity. Still following up with Alex.
- Once a Quarter have a TRSCCA Social Event (Car show, bowling, Mini Golf, Dinner, Sim Racing, MCIK, Axe Throwing, Escape Room [Court], Game Terminal [Tim], and other fun things
- Open Seat Time day AM/PM groups
 - 35 tickets available for AM and PM each
 - **PRO:** Reduces grid waiting time (halves grid size)
 - Don't have to use all day, just a half day commitment
 - **CON:** Two drivers meetings/registration check ins/techs
 - Could have confusion about cost being the same for a "half day" (but also half cars)
 - If PM fills and people don't want to run early, AM may be light crowd
 - Decision to stay with current method of single block reg to keep it simple
- Street Survival
 - Possible contact with Metro Nashville schools, awaiting follow-up from SD from SCCA. Jen working with Scott
- Trailer TBD items: Label cabinets for items that are inside them, get new tents and organize how to store safely, helmet storage improvement