

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes
5/1/09
Sheraton Westport Conference Center
St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting Open Session began at 6:30 p.m. CST. VPC Jack Wilson plus 14 RCDs representing all 15 Regions including CA Johnny Haskell, EO Chuck Stephens, ER/NE Brian Gallagher, FL Manny Montgomery, IN Mike Godfrey, MI Ray Meesseman, MW Gary Kelly (Proxy), RR Paul Hamersly, SE Don Parks, SW Joe Reese, WR Jerry Koraleski, WC Joe Orrico, WO Jim Asbury, and RM Ralph Johnson (Proxy)

Introductions:

RCD introductions were made and a welcome was extended to the Gary Kelly & Ralph Johnson as proxy RCDs for MW & RM and the gallery of members present to witness the meeting.

VPC Comments:

Jack announce since it was requested at the Governors' mtg. in Feb. that there be some identification of what changed in the new rulebook, the 2009 Rulebook Summary of Changes were updated and on the NCCC Website. There are a couple of page numbers, etc. found still needed further updating. Jack will again revise in May.

The new revised 12.4 NCCC Tech Inspection/Classification Form has also been put on the NCCC Website. Jerry Koraleski identified a couple of spelling errors, adding "brakes and transmission" to Fluids to be checked, and Group 2 should say "shifters 1982 and newer". Paul Hamersly also identified a correction on ground effects. Jack will update and have reposted on NCCC Website in May.

High Speed and Novice cards were made available to any region needing them.

Jack asked that we all respect the person addressing the committee by withholding external discussions. It is difficult and confusing for the rest of the committee to understand what is being discussed and voted on with other side meetings going on. Besides it makes it very difficult to make sense of the recorded minutes.

Jack announced that this meeting structure will resume to a closed door meeting for the roundtable and 2010 Rulebook discussions following the break.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Corrections to the Feb. 27, 2009 minutes are as follows:

It was pointed out that so far *that one region has* turned in *a* new Rulebook Change Request Form. *Roadrunner Region submitted one official Rulebook change Request Form. It was submitted to the Roadrunner RCD by member Kim Kemper on January 31, 2009. The Roadrunner RCD submitted it to the VP of Competition with copies to all RCDs on Feb. 6, 2009. The Competition Committee subsequently discussed two changes.*

- 1. Passenger – change section to read that, a driver who is also a competitor can ride to provide Novice Instruction if all of the competitors runs on that course are completed (instead of that day). Add a caveat that clearly indicates*

that a host club can further restrict the passenger rules by announcement on the flyer or at the Drivers' Meeting.

a. Straw vote was fully in favor.

2. Passenger - reduce the age & qualification requirements from 16 with a valid drivers license to 12.

a. Straw vote had most in favor as long as the NCCC K&K insurance rates do not increase. Jack spoke out strongly against.

b. Paul Hamersly is to contact K&K when Kurt Briner returns from Guard duty in April to determine whether rates would be affected. Jack also indicated he would ask George Gallant to check on this.

Joe Orrico made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Paul Hamersly seconded, and motion passed. Approved revised 2/27/09 minutes **attached.**

2009 Sanctioned Event Status Review:

Jack asked if there have been any regional issues over the change in the point structure. With a fraction of events completed this year so far, no major issues were reported by the regions. Experience with future events and getting use to the new structure will come with time.

There were 1284 sanctioned events in 2008 and so far we have 933 (73% of 2008) already submitted. 51 events have been received and posted.

The year-to-date National Point Standings and Sanction Log were posted on 4/28/09.

2009 High Speed Driving Schools Approved:

There are (3) of the seven different driving schools approved left in 2009:

- WO- 5/23 & 5/24/09, Bluegrass Motorsports Park, Sparta, KY.
- ER – 5/25 & 5/26/09, Pocono Raceway, Pocono, PA.
- ER – 7/10/09, Summit Point Raceway, Winchester, VA.

Note: ER is still planning another Annual Teen Driving School this summer.

This event will be free and is another positive experience in educating our teens on vehicle handling and safety techniques.

Drag Records:

There were no records broken since last November 2008 meeting.

The 2009 Record Drag Event Schedule as of this date will be:

- SW - 5/23 & 5/24/09, with Mon. 5/25 as the rain date at Thunder Valley Raceway, Noble, OK.
- RM – 8/8-14/09, NCCC Convention, Colorado Springs, CO.
- WR – 9/19/09, Kearney Raceway, Kearney, NE.

It was decided the new “N” class would be added to the Drag Record Listing with the indexes as follows:

Group 1 Men “N” and Ladies “LN” = 11.00 sec.

Group 2 Men “N” and Ladies “LN” = 10.70 sec.

Group 3 Men “MN” and Ladies “LMN” = 10.20 sec.

The updated listing of NCCC Official Drag Records and indexes are **attached**.

Clarification(s):

There were two clarifications submitted:

1. SW – Page 2-25, Sec. 2.7.1.8.14: Can a larger capacity oil tank be installed on a 2006 Z06 to improve reliability. For 2009 GM did this to combat oiling issues. **Answer:** No. The current rulebook does not allow in Group 1 & 1S. No 13, Yes 1
2. FL – Chapter 11 Caravan, Parades – Since the current rulebook does not have a safety guideline for preparation for a NCCC club to participate in a parade, can interim safety requirements and tech inspection be implemented as proposed within the clarification? **Answer:** Clarification was withdrawn as a result of discussion this subject would be covered under rulebook change.

Since this subject was brought forward verbally at the meeting from the WR as a current issue needing clarification, the Competition Committee felt it best to include it into the clarification discussions:

1. WR – There is a current tie situation within the region for a low speed event. Since the rulebook is silent on language on how to do tie-breakers, how should it be properly done? **Answer:** Yes 10, No 2, Abstain 2. The practice which has been used successfully in the past should continue by using the next fastest run time of those tied to break the tie. The Competition Committee will address proposed language to address this issue for the next rulebook.

Old Business:

Fire Extinguisher/Bracket and Strap – It was decided at the Feb. 27, 2009 Competition Committee Mtg. being this is a safety issue, that all fire extinguishers must have a gauge showing full charge and have a metal mounting bracket and strap, effective immediately. Due to the competition season starting in March and input expressing there was not enough time to get the word out so competitors can meet the change, Jack decided to extend the effective date until May 1, 2009. There has been additional input that May 1st is still not enough time since metal brackets and straps can not be found. The committee discussed and decided there have been numerous competitors able to obtain and meet the requirements. Therefore, the deadline of May 1st will remain and a listing of available sources would be listed on the NCCC website and a blast emailing of sources to all Governors would be sent by the NCCC Webmaster the first week in May.

New Business:

It was decided that Jack would ask George Gallant to contact K&K Ins. and ask them if they would have any problem covering 12 vs. 16 year olds riding in low speed events and if there would be any affect on NCCC insurance rate if this would be decided to go this way.

It was restated that shoulder harness assembly required and or used at the 2009 Convention Drags must be less than two years old per NHRA requirements.

It was identified that approximately 75% of the RCDs would be attending the 2009 Convention and therefore, we would have a competition meeting to discuss 2009 Rulebook proposed changes so they can be presented at the Sept. 12, 2009 St. Louis mtg.

Jack read a couple of articles to the committee from the Winter 2009 C5 Registry for everyone's awareness that GM has voided warranty coverage on corvettes that have installed aftermarket computer software or has made some other modification to the vehicle from its stock manufactured status. Today's computers will remember what has been changed electronically whether it has been changed back to stock or not. A word of caution for everyone to be aware and read these articles on pages 10 & 11.

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:

- There was discussion over what are the distinctions for classifying a DPA, DPB, or DPC into or out of RPAF. Further thought and discussion will be necessary to identify what specific distinctions would be.
- Should there be a correction to Chapter 2 Page 2-11 & 2-13 to show the 2006 with a 6.2 LS3? It was decided it was okay as is for Group 2.

2010 Rulebook Discussion Items:

Due to the time constraint left to adequately discuss and vote on the number of subjects listed, it was decided we would discuss as many as we can by our deadline, but now vote on any of them at this meeting. It was decided that Jack will develop a subject matrix as was done last year and email it to the RCDs. The RCDs would then have an opportunity to discuss with their region, have email discussion and vote on the subject between themselves. A formal confirmation vote on the subjects would be done at the Competition Committee mtg. in Colorado Springs in Aug. A formal presentation would then be readied for the Sept. 12th St. Louis Gobs mtg.

Topics for the Matrix are:

1. Should Sec. 1.2.2 regarding sanction and non-sanction events rule be changed so they can run concurrently at the same location on the same day?
2. Should Sec. 2.8.9.C.1.c wording of the blower being either in front or after the fuel source?
3. Sec. 2.2.8.2 should it be changed from 16 to 12 year olds be allowed to ride as passengers in low speed events?
4. Sec. 2.2.8.7 to accommodate events using multiple courses, should "event" be changed to "day" to allow experienced drivers to ride with and instruct Novice drivers?
5. Chapter 11 Caravan – this chapter does not require tech inspection or waiver form for a Caravan.

6. We have no language in the rulebook for Parades regarding tech inspection, etc.
7. It is also necessary to review and update Driving School Requirements and Hi-Speed Certification Requirements.
8. Add language covering the NCCC insurance program, coverage, requirements, and responsibilities.
9. Delete paragraph in Chapter 8 Section 1.2.1.4 Overall Bonus Points for Speed Events or go back to just one Group and Overall FTD for Men & Ladies.
10. Sec. 2.7.1.14 change current language for G1S to “safely fit a wheel that is the correct size for class & axle.”
11. Section 2.7.1.4 item #29 replace current language with “Any type shock (that does not have external reservoir) using stock or poly mounting G1 & G1S Yes in both columns of the matrix.
12. Should the rulebook cover the conduct of reruns?
13. Should the rulebook include something about the way cones are set when laying out an autocross course?
14. Should there be a more clear distinction as to what is a valid protest or resolution within the Protest Chapter that lists “Course” and “Course Operation”, but there are no rules that define limits or parameters for course design or layout, and there are no rules governing course operation?
15. Updating of Concours judging sheets are required.
16. Improve language regarding when riders are allowed, i.e. after finish course for that day and/or course change must be significant.
17. Change roll bar requirements in a Group 3/RP car to be required for low speed events.
18. Change RPAF to always require a roll cage.
19. What class will the new 2010 Grand Sport be in?

There were no Appeals to discuss.

Mtg. adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

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Vice-Pres. Competition**