

Minutes of the May 02, 2007 General Membership Meeting

The General Membership meeting for May 2007, held at the Orchard Tavern, was called to order by Regional Executive Gene Tricozzi at approximately 7:36 PM.

Reports from Officers and Chairpersons

Treasurer's Report: no report

Solo: Russ Burckhard

Russ reported on the solo school and event held on April 28th and 29th at the Adirondack Community College.

A minor property damage incident was reported in the paddock when a competitor ran over a some personal property – sunglasses, an oil can and an umbrella - that was laying on the tarmac. Although the incident was not serious the next solo meeting will emphasize paddock and general safety and control at future events.

At the school two members filled out membership application forms and paid their yearly dues. Three others were given application forms and were planning to sign up.

(Membership Chairman's note: as of 06/20/07 at least eighteen new members have signed up as a direct result of the solo program – good work!)

A new vendor has been retained to provide portable toilets at a price that is less than what was previously being charged. The new vendor has provided facilities that are superior to those provided by the previous vendor.

Meetings are planned with both Adirondack and Fulton Montgomery Community Colleges to plan for future events. Plaques have been purchased that will be awarded to the colleges in appreciation for their support of the Solo Program over the last few years.

The new timing display is in with updated software. Problems were encountered getting the computer to communicate with the display. Russ had to experiment with the cable and eventually wired one up that worked. At the event, the display worked without any problem. The LED's were bright enough to be easily seen from a distance even in bright sunlight.

The van is being serviced; an oil change is required and a vehicle inspection needs to be done for renewal of the registration.

Attempts are being made to get some sponsorship for events. Several companies have been approached.

There are five sites being considered for new venues. The NYS Peripheral Parking Lot is also being considered again. Other venues being investigated include: Stratton National Guard base, Plattsburg airport and others.

Knock Off Report: No Report

Competition Report: Jack Hanifan

Mo-Hud Race

Thanks to all for helping at the tech party. Twenty cars were inspected.

A summery of Mo-Hud members race results was given.

Jack visited Roebbling Road in Bloomingdale, GA., reporting that the track has been freshly paved and has many amenities including showers. The last event there had over three hundred entrants but only one from NEDIV.

The nineteenth annual John Stim Memorial Race and the First annual Dave Riggi Memorial race is coming up. Tee shirts are being designed and will be available for

workers at the race and for purchase after the event. Mugs and trophies are being obtained. Officials for the race have been determined and the supplemental regulations are nearly complete. People are needed to work the race, particularly on Friday.

Bruce Kosakowski is Race Chairman.

Parties are planned for Friday and Saturday nights.

At the time of the meeting there were fifty three entries. Two hundred and two entries for the entire event are needed to break even.

Membership/Webmaster Report: Dave Wachtel

Please see the complete membership/web report printed elsewhere in this issue.

Old Business

Dave McClumpha mentioned that it is the fiftieth anniversary of Lie Rock Park. He had a program for the first race held at LRP which was passed around the meeting while he shared personal memories of the event.

New Business

Street Survival Course

There was some discussion regarding other events that could be conducted in case the economics make holding a race at Lime Rock unfeasible.

Harry Adalian described the "Street Survival" training course held recently for which he was an instructor. This program was started by the BMW foundation to train new drivers from sixteen to nineteen years of age. Approximately twenty four students can be trained at one event with an instructor assigned to each student. The program is currently sponsored by Tire Rack.

Participants are divided into two groups and trained in threshold breaking and car control, including accident avoidance and wet weather car control.

John Sheridan will check to see if such an event needs approval or other sanction from SCCA national.

A large parking lot is required for these events. Please notify Harry if you have a lead on such a beast.

Misc.

Dick Stewart has the 2006 runoff DVD's available for loan.

Tom Campbell reported on the History of Racing at the Glen program that was attended by several Mo-Hud members and was well worth the effort to attend.

Tom needs another two or three cars for the show scheduled for Sunday May 20 at the Saratoga Automobile Museum.

Gene reported that Moreen Harris is ending her tenure as NARRC points keeper as of July 1.

Jack Hanifan reported that Charlie Dart passed away at the age of eighty four. Jack shared many fond memories of Charlie and his boundless energy and enthusiasm. The region offers it's condolences to the Dart family.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Dave Wachtel

Membership Chair/Webmaster

(filling in for Secretary Geoff Stim)