

# 2010 South Bend Region Solo Planning Meeting

## February 6, 2010

### Minutes

#### 1. Introduction- Sign-in

#### 2. Trends?

- Participation 2007- 475 entries
- Participation 2008- 409 entries (14% drop, 15% drop in net income)
- Participation 2009- 404 entries (1% drop, 19% drop in net income)
- Member participation steady at 350/ year '80-'09, drop was in guest participation.

#### 3. SBR Solo Series Rules 2010

- Revised Points Calculation proposal. Proposal was accepted to revise the SBR Championship points system. In lieu of the current 900 value in the calculation, revised calculation value of 400 showing greater resolution for the lower tier positions instead of the 20 point minimum previously calculated. Bill Loring to confirm final revised value and amend the 2010 season rules with Lloyd.
- Street Mod Street Tire Class. This proposal was rejected and it was felt to be a much to narrow application for any benefit.

An alternate proposal was adopted forming a new Street Tire Index Class for single event and season championship trophy recognition. This class will only be applicable to National classes that currently allow R compound tires. Street Touring based classes are not eligible for this index class. This class will run with their respective National classes in the event run groups but be recognized at the end of the event as a separate trophy class.

- Xpert Class for Regional Trophies. Not accepted.
- SS Graduate Index Class Regional Trophy in addition to Novice Class Index. Too narrow of application therefore not accepted.

#### 4. New Event Sites for 2011?

- St. Joseph Airport? Sizable location. This will be investigated for 2011 season.
- K-Mart South Bend? Sizable location. This will be investigated for 2011 season.
- More Events at TTR? Future solo events will likely be limited to 2 or 3 a year in the future. An attempt will be made to not schedule these back to back late in the season.

#### 5. Schedule (see Schedule page) Schedule was reviewed. Some correction of dates will be made and schedule will be published via link on the SBR website. Additional dates fore other regions will be added as they become available.

#### 6. Novice Program

- School for 2010? Not this year. Emphasis on Mentoring at events.
- Novice Solo Vouchers for SS Graduates & Parents? This will be implemented and monitored as to cost impact on the region.
- Novices will be offered to sign-up on a list a registration. This list will be issued to the Grid Chief allowing a more organized mentoring effort in the grid area. Experienced and willing participants will offer their knowledge and drive-a-longs to aid the new competitor. This will be organized through the Grid Chief and mentioned at the Driver's Meeting.

#### 7. Event Operations

- Event Schedule— any changes?
  1. Think # of runs and value to participants.No changes to the operation schedule necessary.  
New venue at LMC should allow more efficient run cycle allowing more runs this year. Goal is 5-6 runs average.

#### 2009 Event Schedule

Registration:	8:30 – 9:30a
Tech:	8:30 – 10:00a
Novice Mtg	9:30a
Drivers Mtg	10:15a (more like 10:30)
First Car Off	10:30a (more like 11:00)

- **Entry Fees & Registration**
  - Late Fee \$10 after 9:30a . **No late entries accepted after 9:30 am = more runs for all.**
  - Pre-registration Changes?
    - Possible change to upgraded program at higher cost thru existing service. Also possibility of changing to AX Ware system to match Divisional registration program if proved for free or heavily discounted. Bill Loring to investigate and report.**
  - Entry Fees?
    - 2009 was Member \$26/\$31, Non-SCCA \$36/\$41 Grissom was \$40/50 1day and \$50/60 2days w/ cheaper trophies.
    - 2010 Adjustments, last increases 2007? (Sanction going up \$.50 or \$10 total Nat'l fee per entry, Rentals at LMC, Grissom?) **Fees will be increased \$1 across all levels to cover increased National Sanction fees and possible additional registration, event costs at new LMC venue like Port-O-Johns, etc.. Grissom GLDiv solo event fees are TBD after rental costs are confirmed.**
  
- **Solo Operations Improvements 2010-(review 2009 suggestions)**
  - Reviewed the 2009 season improvement suggestions. All seemed to be implemented well this past season. Suggested that radios be all set to same frequency.**
  
- **Tech/ Safety (Need 6) & Youth/Kart Stewards (Need 4)**
  1. Youth Steward- **Steve Bollinger**
  2. Youth Steward- **Kim Bollinger**
  3. Youth Steward- **Randy Easton**
  4. Youth Steward- **Bill Loring**
  5. Youth Steward- \_\_\_\_\_ ?
  6. Safety Steward- **George Williams. Confirmed**
  7. Safety Steward- **George Schmitt?**
  8. Safety Steward- **Patrick Ohmann?**
  9. Safety Steward- **Kim Bollinger. Confirmed**
  10. Safety Steward- **Dave Gushwa. Confirmed**
  11. Safety Steward- **Mark Manninen. In Process @ Topeka**
  12. Safety Steward- (trainee 2010) **Need trainee for 2010**
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**George Williams is to look into SSS certification for multi year for the regional safety stewards and what type of documentation/classes are required. Right now all stewards have only 1 year license.**

**The Snell 95 certification has been extended by SCCA for the entire 2010 calendar year. No changes**
  
- **Trailer Transport, Storage**
  1. Primary 2010 coordinated by Equipment/Set up chair.
    - This will be done by Mark M. & Bollinger's as needed. Mark M offered the tow vehicle but may need an additional driver due logistical issues this season if Mark M has no co-driver for his new car.**
  
- **Equipment and Supplies**
  - Equipment Chief to organize Trailer Prep Day minimum 2 weeks before first event!!!!
  - Needs? Need a current Inventory for 2010.
  - Forms, Waivers, Membership Applications, etc.-(solo chair MM to do.)
  - Helmet/Tech & Annual Tech stickers? **Stan J. to confirm supply.**
  - Trailer Maintenance & upgrades, Licensing? **MM to get with H.C. on new plates. Current arrangement of equipment worked well. We will replace tape with painted lines for the floor. New rack/shelf for PA system needs to be found to secure the amp and still allow access to cables.**
  - Generator, 12V plug adaptor or Inverter? **Not necessary with current equipment.**
  
- **Operations Manual**

1. Need updated operating instructions on T&S software?
2. P/A system, announcing?
3. Power generator systems?

Lloyd to send electronic versions of PA set up and instructions to Mark M. to assemble a "Flight Operations Manual" to be kept in trailer with all instructions and manuals for equipment and system.

- AX Ware and Timing equipment?
  1. Replacement Impulse unit from JA Circuits – We have everything back.
  2. Back up stuff. Good to go.
  3. Replacement main Timer unit for 2010. Bill Loring to investigate pricing/compatibility of main timer equipment available as of March. Present budget and unit options at the March Board meeting. This is a HIGH PRIORITY. This unit should be purchased prior to the first event April 25<sup>th</sup> at LMC.
  4. Timing display. Bill to check on various unit availability and compatibility. Bring info to the March Board meeting for presentation. Planned purchase for early this season and ready for the Grissom GLDiv and Lane solos.

## 8. Solo Chiefs 2010

- Chair.....Mark Manninen
- Asst Chair.....Open
- Grissom GLDiv/SBR Chair...Steve Bollinger
- Announcer.....Lloyd Loring
- Announcer Assist.....Gretchen Ohmann
- Course Design\*\* .....Dave Gushwa
- Equipment & Set-Up\*\* .....Steve Bollinger
- Novice Program.....Dave Gushwa
- Publicity & Photography.....Angie Johnson
- Registrars
  - Web.....Bill Loring
  - On-Site.....Kim Bollinger
- Results & Standings.....Bill Loring
- Chief Solo Safety Steward\*\*George Williams
- Jr Kart Steward.....Kim Bollinger
- Tech Inspection.....Stan Jones
- Timing & Scoring\*\* .....Sam Centellas
- Trophies\*\* .....Angie Johnson
- Workers.....Bill Loring

\*\* Receives **50%** local and national dues reimbursement

## 9. Lane Solo/Trackday

- Lane event solo and track day workers to get \$25 SBR Voucher for SBR apparel or *one free* SBR solo event! They feed us also.

## 10. Grissom Solo

- Will be a **GLDiv Series event**. Verbal Confirm from Div Solo Chair Velma Boreen.
- Review participant input from 2009
- Need a Chairperson for this event with the usual planning meeting in April. Steve Bollinger
- Have all cost/vendor data and forms from 2009. Mark M. to get info to Steve B.
- Confirm registration requirements for GLDiv Series solos.

## 11. Marketing/PR

- FSAE Teams Invite. Kim B. to issue Invite Letter to teams. Free entry to all teams to join us at SBR regionals.
- Promotion materials from SCCA National. Mark M. to get this Media Kit stuff to P/R chief. We might order more posters to place at car parts places?
- SS Graduates. Coupon for free solo to Graduate student and Parent for one regional solo issued at SS school graduations. Lloyd to make up certificates to be ready for first SS school April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- George Williams suggested we post results from events w/photos to the newspapers in with other sport score info. Make sure car types are listed with class winner's names. This might generate some interest if people see their type of car listed. Also get us listed in events/activities section of the paper. Routine press notices might help.
- Lloyd to make up a post card or flyer to be mailed with Solo schedule, race, & Street Survival dates for the whole season. All date are set so we can get this out early March?

#### **Chiefs' Responsibilities:**

- Arranging for the duties of your specialty to be performed at EVERY event
- Recruiting a core team to help, learn the specialty
- Recruiting and training his/her assistant/stand-in/replacement
- Does NOT mean you have to do everything
- Does NOT mean you have to attend every event
- Does NOT mean you can simply not show up and hope that somehow the duties will magically happen

#### **SBR Members' Responsibilities:**

- **Work When, Where, HOWEVER MUCH IS NEEDED to Keep the Event Running**
- ***NOT JUST ONE ASSIGNMENT/SHIFT!!!!***

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February 21, 2009**

- SBR/ Events Schedule:
  - SBR Solo #1      April 25<sup>th</sup>    Lake Michigan College West Student Lot
  - SBR Solo #2      May 16<sup>nd</sup>     Lake Michigan College West Student Lot
  - SBR Solo #3 & #4    June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>    Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN
  - SBR Solo #5      June 19<sup>th</sup> Sat    Lake Michigan College East Mendel Ctr Lot
  - SBR Solo #6      August 1<sup>st</sup>     Lake Michigan College East Mendel Ctr Lot
  - SBR Solo #7      Sept 19<sup>th</sup>     Tire Rack
  - SBR Solo #8      Oct 10<sup>th</sup>      Tire Rack
  
- Solo National Events:
  - July 3-4            Tour - Grissom
  - Jul 17-18          ProSolo - Toledo
  - Sep 4-5            ProSolo Finale – Lincoln, NE
  - Sep 7-10          Solo National Championships- Lincoln, NE
  
- Solo 2010 GLDiv Events:
  - Mar 20            GLDiv Spring Training – Indianapolis, IN
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  - June 5&6          GLDiv Solo Series #?? - Grissom Aeroplex
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  - August 6-8        GLDiv Solo Championship -Grissom Aeroplex
  
- Other 2010 Auto Racing Events Nearby:
  - April 30          One Lap of America @ Tire Rack
  - May 8             One Lap of America @ Tire Rack
  - May 30            Indy 500 @ Indy
  - June 13            NASCAR @ Michigan
  - July 10            NASCAR @ Chicago, IL
  - July 25            NASCAR @ Indy
  - August 8          IndyCar @ Mid-Ohio
  - August 15         NASCAR @ Michigan
  - August 15         ALMS @ Mid-Ohio
  - August 22         ALMS @ Road America
  - August 28         IndyCar @ Chicago, IL