

**SOUTHWEST DIVISION - SCCA**  
**Round Table Meeting**  
**San Marcos, Texas**  
**January 22, 2011**

It is acknowledged that this document provides the highlights of each discussion topic and is not intended to be a complete transcript. Additional notes will remain on file with the division records. Also, it is not intended to be chronological.

The meeting was hosted by the Lone Star Region and held at the Harris Hill Road, 2840 Harris Hill Road, San Marcos, Texas, 78666. The format was to simultaneously conduct the Annual (Corporate) Meeting and the Round Table Meeting. Discussions without motions, and in some cases, discussions prior to motions are documented here as Roundtable discussions.

Tom Brown, corporation president, called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

Area 7 Director R. David Jones discussed the following topics:

- SCCA is still losing members (down from 60,000 to 42,000).
- Southwest Division is doing better than other Regions
  - #5 in National entries
  - #7 in Regional entries
  - #6 in combined entries
  - Average 118 entries per National event
  - Average 81 entries per Regional event
  - Membership is only down 5% (down 119 members)
- There are opportunities that we don't capitalize on, such as:
  - Offering Driver's Schools (other organizations offer them regularly)
  - Involvement with the Military
  - Rallies
  - Solo (we have too many classes, and a thick rulebook)
  - Track access (other sanctioning bodies getting time)
  - Vintage
  - Drifting
  - Regions splitting, not working together
  - Too many committees, too many rules
  - Costs going up, membership going down, track conflicts
- Possible solutions (Participation/Membership)
  - Help weaker Regions (they send workers and participate in our events, but they are fading away)
  - Go after kids and the Military
  - Make events fun and provide opportunities
- Austin Formula One Race is moving along
- Motor Sports Registration is now the program used by National Registration

### Committee Reports

#### Solo

Todd Farris gave a report on Solo. Solo had 4 Divisional events in 2010. One was lost due to lack of size and 1 was cancelled by the Region without notice. The Houston Region event had

130 cars and Texas Region event had 137 cars. Todd is developing his personal list of guidelines for 2011.

Tire Rack gives the Division program \$2,000 per series. Todd is looking for a sponsor other than Tire Rack. He is also trying to address dwindling participation. Some ideas he is considering are discounts for rookies and students.

Some of the issues Solo is facing are too many classes, the high cost of tires (change tire standards?), site availability, overall cost, and last minute entries (add \$20 within 2 weeks of the race?)

Solo has 3 events scheduled for 2011: San Antonio (July 18-19), a new site in Paris, TX (May 15-16) and a July date in Houston. Two new classes have been added.

### Club Racing

Mike Rogers gave an update for Club Racing. The track in New Orleans has changed ownership and had a change in philosophy. The track will open on June 9, 2011 and have an open track day on their Opening Day. The Delta Region is still trying to reassemble itself after Hurricane Katrina. The Delta and Central Louisiana Regions are still eating the problems with No Problem Racetrack.

### Rally

No Report

### Super Touring

James Rogerson gave a report for Super Touring Auto. Vipers are no longer legal for the STO class (has to run a different restriction). World Challenge cars are no longer legal for Super Touring.

### SRO

Vince Hummer gave a report for SRO. Jake has resigned from the committee. Jim Lowe volunteered to become a member of the committee to fill Jake's position. Vince has taken over fulfilling SRO point redemptions until someone is appointed.

The SRO committee has historically been comprised of 2 people from each racing region. Mary Hummer will research the approved structure of the SRO Committee from past Annual Meeting minutes and report back to the Board.

In 2010, 1500-1700 SRO cards were redeemed. Last weekend, 150 cards were distributed. Vince will make a determination as to whether the number of points being redeemed for every race entry is reasonable prior to fulfilling the redemption.

Break for lunch 12:05 PM

Reconvene 12:55 PM

Other topics discussed during the meeting are noted below

- More drivers are working the races since SRO points may be redeemed at a higher value for race entry fees.

- Issues recently came to light regarding drivers wanting to purchase SRO points from workers because drivers may redeem SRO points at a higher value for entry fees. SRO points are not transferrable.
- Discussion regarding incorporating a Driver Education event into a race weekend. Would it be possible to cut down to 4 race groups to accommodate it when we must have 5 race groups for a National Race (get waiver)? The concept might be tested at the May race.
- Concerns regarding the lack of volunteers were discussed. The regular volunteers are tired, and the bulk of the membership doesn't want to help. There is no time to do things for new people. We have to do something different.
- The Division had no Driver's Schools in 2010, and nothing is planned for 2011. In 2008 and 2009, the Division averaged 16 participants/school and we typically lose money. Several options were discussed such as mentoring, loosening up licensing requirements, and novice waivers.
- The topic of hotel reimbursement for the Chair SOM was discussed. The decision to reimburse or not is up to the Region.
- Various members let the Board know they would like the Division to be as active as possible in the Austin Formula One Race.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hummer  
Secretary