

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes  
4/30/10  
Sheraton Westport Conference Center  
St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting Open Session began at 6:30 p.m. CST. Present were VPC Jack Wilson plus 13 RCDs and one proxy representing all 15 Regions, which were CA Johnny Haskell, EO Chuck Stephens, ER/NE Brian Gallagher, FL Manny Montgomery, IN Mike Godfrey, MI David Johnson, MW Paul Haack, RR Paul Hamersly, SE Don Parks, SW Joe Reese, WR Jerry Koraleski, WC Joe Orrico, WO George Cramer (proxy), and RM Rik Noring Jr.

**Introductions:**

RCD introductions were made and a welcome was extended to George Cramer as proxy RCD for WO. There was also a gallery of members present to witness the meeting.

**VPC Comments:**

Jack distributed all the 2009 Regional & WR #1 Club National patches.

High Speed and Novice cards were made available for distribution.

Jack reminded everyone that helmet expiration is based on the manufacturer's date identified inside the helmet, i.e. 9/00 means the helmet **expires** at the end of Sept. 2010 **not** at the end of the year. Those helmets **which only have** the manufactured year identified in them, i.e. 2000 will **expire** at the end of 2010.

The helmet manufactures, i.e. Simpson, Bell, etc. have stated the 2010 Snell Rated helmets will not be manufactured until October of 2010.

The issue with Impact Racing SFI rated products was discussed, and it does not impact Snell Rated helmets. It only affects suits, belts, shoes, gloves, etc. that are SFI rated.

There were seven (7) RCDs who identified they are planning on making it to the Florida Convention. All RCDs attending are asked to support the Florida Competition Program by working the Technical Inspection area. Denny Murphy is the Florida Chairperson in charge of Technical Inspection. Contact Denny as soon as you get there so you know where to go and what to do.

**Meeting Minutes Approval:**

Chuck Stephens made a motion to approve the Feb. 26, 2010 meeting minutes. Joe Orrico seconded. Motion carried.

**2010 Sanctioned Event Status Review:**

The 2010 Point Standings has been published 4/27/10 and put on the NCCC Website. Jack will identify the Top 5 Men, Ladies, and Clubs only at the Sat. Govs. Mtg. instead of the Top 15 since results has just started coming in.

Jack asked the RCDs to review their sanction log to ensure everything you think I should have received is entered. I have posted everything I have received.

Jack wanted to thank the RCDs for sending Sanction Requests & Flyers separately. This really helps to expedite entering them into the correct file when

downloading. Also, it is greatly appreciated that you stopped entering the Region into the Sanction Number Column on Sanction Requests, i.e. **MW-167-052**. **Only enter** club and sanction number, i.e. 167-052. This has saved much time from having to delete the region from each line when loading into the Sanction Log.

**2010 High Speed Driving Schools Approved:**

- 5/7 WR at Tulsa, OK in conjunction with 13 H/S at Hallett
- 5/24 & 25 at Pocono Raceway, Pocono, PA.
- 6/26 at Summit Point, WV.
- 7/23 at Summit Point, WV.

**Drag Records:**

There are four scheduled 2010 Record Drags Scheduled so far:

1. SW 5/30/10 Thunder Valley Raceway Park, Noble, OK.
2. FL 7/29/10 Nat'l Convention, Palm Beach Gardens, FL.
3. WR 10/9 Kearney Dragway, Kearney, NE.
4. SW 10/17/10 Thunder Valley Raceway Park, Noble, OK.

Teardown equipment status was confirmed as all good and ready.

Manny Montgomery identified only NCCC helmet and seatbelt age requirements would be required at the Florida Convention. Those of you running in classes requiring chutes and/or safety equipment by NHRA know what is required by their rules. Long pants, long sleeve shirts, and closed toed shoes are required for the drags by everyone.

**Clarification(s):**

There were no clarifications submitted.

**Old Business:**

It was identified that the east coast group setting up the Teen Driving School has run into a legal issue with a person claiming they are copywriting her material and has put a stop on it. They are trying to work out the issues in hope to provide this valuable tool to our teens across the country.

The rulebook language re-write on Page 12.1 that was identified as missing to coincide with the 2010 Rulebook changes discussed at the Feb. meeting will be corrected by Jack in May.

Manny Montgomery identified they only have two people entered for Overall Competitor at the Florida Convention. They are husband and wife. Hopefully, more will enter.

Manny also identified only 249 have entered and need approximately 320 to break even. Everyone is asked to get as many people from your regions to the Florida Convention.

**New Business:**

Jack passed out his proposed 2011 Competition Budget. Although there are not many places to cut costs, it is obvious every organization will have to bite the bullet and make some serious cuts in 2011 in support of the diminishing NCCC Budget. The E-

Board will be having some serious discussion on potential actions everyone will need to take to balance our future diminishing income and rising expenses. Any ideas are to be funneled to Jack ASAP.

There was a **Lessons Learned** discussion with a list of do's and don'ts that stimulated from an incident at a venue where an accident occurred (no injuries) a fence had to be replaced, the contract between the Host Club and the venue owner was not read or understood, finances were withheld by the Host Club without the venue owner approval, emergency equipment was not provided per the contractual agreement, and K&K Insurance or Hal Tumbleson (NCCC Bus. Manager) was not contacted for proper insurance coverage acceptable to the venue owner. It was identified that complacency sometimes sets in, and we assume everyone has done their job to ensure a venue is legally and safely complied with in advance of the venue. Unfortunately, the lack of attention to detail can put the Host Club, Chair-persons, and NCCC into an embarrassing, legal, and negative situation. Hal Tumbleson addressed the Competition Committee in support of this issue and answered questions regarding future handling of insurance specific items. Providing Lessons Learned as an agenda item in future meetings and the RCDs discussing those with their clubs can only help us remind one another what we must do to avoid these situations. The RCDs will begin discussing the **Lessons Learned** with their clubs effective immediately.

It was discussed the changing of an entrants class following the Drivers' Meeting and after Technical Inspection is closed is **not prohibited** if the car has not broken down. Any changing of classes during the period the Technical Inspection is open **will require** that car to be **re-technical inspected**.

Discussion over what classification "M" or "N" to put the 2011 Z06 Carbon Limited Edition occurred. It was decided since the car has not been built to a point of seeing testing results or autocross performance, this subject would be tabled and re-discussed at the Sept. 10, 2010 Competition Mtg.

There was a discussion over a sensitive but real issue with our entrants becoming older with health issues and/or past event incident/s. It has been asked if the Competition Committee would consider some sort of required physical examine certification for High Speed events such as done by other organizations, i.e. NASA, SCCA, etc. After much discussion, it was decided that we have had several individuals who have health/physical issues that have taken it on their own and stopped entering High Speed events. In some cases, individuals have decided to stop or suspend Low Speed events until their condition is such they believe they can compete safely. It is also believed that we all have a responsibility to ourselves; our family, event workers/participants/audience, and NCCC to ensure the maximum safe environment exist at all times. Therefore, if we witness someone who may be experiencing unusual tendencies at a venue, we have an obligation to them and everyone else to professionally approach them and/or the local event Chairperson/Regional Officer for resolution if necessary.

**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:**

Several general discussion items occurred to assist clarification for consistency and decisions within the various regions.

**2011 Rulebook Discussion Items:**

1. **Committee- Current Rulebook Bonus Program:** The current FTD Bonus Program implemented in 2009 is to be reviewed now after being in affect for one year. There are several options available:
  1. Leave it as is.
  2. Increase the number of entrants in a sub-group from 2 to 5 or some other number before the sub-group FTD kicks in.
  3. Leave or change the Overall Men & Ladies FTD at 11 or to 10 and eliminate the 10 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest and 9 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest.
  4. Eliminate sub-groups entirely and go back to individual classes for all classes.
  5. Other

**Action: The RCDs will take back to their region for input.**

2. **RM- Elimination of Fire Extinguisher Requirement:**

Should the requirement for having a fire extinguisher for “Low Speed events only” be eliminated except for RP & RPAF classes?

**Action: The RCDs will take back to their Region for input.**

3. **WC- New NCCC Time Trial Event Section 11:**

1. Should a new Time Trial and HPDE (Track Day) event be developed per the proposal and drafts submitted by WC & RR into our Competition Program?

**Action: The RCDs will take back to their Region for input.**

4. **MW- Sec. 2.7.1.8 Item 76 regarding exceptions for Prom and Prom programs.**

There was discussion as to pursue changing the current language of “Strictly stock computer, sensors, accessories and connections except that any Prom or Prom program is allowed.” to “Strictly stock computer, sensors, accessories, connections, PROM and other program memories.”

**Decision: Yes 0, No 14 not to pursue.**

5. **MI & FL- Sec. 1.2.2 Elimination of the 100 mile distance requirement between Non-Sanctioned and Sanctioned Events on the same day.**

**Decision: Yes 14 to eliminate, No 0**

**6. EO- Chapter 8, Sec. 8.1.2.5.1 who must be present at events to receive points.**

Propose adding a new #4 language: "4. Event Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Rallye Checker, Rallye Co-Checker, Concours Judges, and all other Workers MUST be at the event to receive points."

**Decision: Yes 11 to accept the proposed new language, No 3**

**7. RM- Sec. 1.3.10 reducing sanction request and flyer time to RCDs and VPC.**

Propose changing the current requirement for sanction requests to the RCD from 70 days to 45 days and to the VPC from 50 to 40 days.

Also, change the current requirement for flyers to the RCD from 50 days to 45 days and leave the VPC at 35 days.

**Decision: Yes 12 to accept the proposed change, No 2**

**8. WR- Sec. 2.7.1.8; Note 7 Intergenerational Switching**

**9. WR- Sec. 2.7.1.8; Note 19 Block Cylinder Head Bolt Pattern**

**10. WR- Sec. 2.7.1.8; Note 20 Block Bore Spacing**

**11. WR- Sec. 2.7.1.8; Note 28 Valve Layout**

**Decision for 8, 9, 10, & 11: Yes 0, No 12 not to pursue, Abstain 2**

**Note to RCDs: Provide your input on the above 2011 Rulebook changes you took back to your Region for input by 7/1/10.**

**Appeals:**

There were no appeals.

**Mtg. adjourned at 11:30 P.M.**

**Jack C. Wilson,  
Vice-Pres. Competition**