

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes
11/7/08
Sheraton Westport Conference Center
St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting Open Session began at 6:30 p.m. CST. VPC Jack Wilson plus 14 RCDs including CA Pete Dawley, EO Chuck Stephens, ER Brian Gallagher, FL Manny Montgomery, IN Mike Godfrey, MI Ray Meeseman, MW Paul Haack, RM Larry Morrison, RR Paul Hamersly, SE Don Parks, SW Bob Pattillo, WR Jerry Koraleski, WC Joe Orrico, WO Jim Asbury were present. NE RCD John Backman was absent. Also present were two of the three incoming RCDs, Johnny Haskell CA & Joe Reese SW. Curt Ingram RM will be joining the committee in Feb. 2009.

Introductions:

RCD introductions were made. Jack welcomed the new RCDs Johnny Haskell CA (replacing Pete Dawley), Joe Reese SW (replacing Bob Pattillo), and Curt Ingram RM (replacing Larry Morrison).

Welcome was also extended to the gallery of members present to witness the meeting.

VPC Comments:

Jack asked the Competition Committee if they would agree to leave the meeting open through the discussion of the 2009 Rulebook as it was sent to the Governors and members to review and provide feedback for us to discuss prior to Saturdays vote at the Governors meeting. The Committee agreed.

The 2008 Competition Program and Point System are working well. Another point standings update was sent and put on the NCCC Website 11/6/08. There have been 1087 events posted. Another 137 events have been held waiting results to post, and 73 events are yet to be completed by the end of the competition year 12/15/08. This will bring our 2008 total sanctioned events to 1297. Approximately half a million points have been posted so far.

Jack extended his appreciation to everyone throughout the regions who have hosted and provided the event information in a timely manner.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Jack identified our approving the May minutes in September, but we missed approving the June 21, 2008 Tulsa Convention Mtg. minutes. Joe Orrico made a motion to accept those minutes, Paul Hamersly seconded. Motion passed.

The September 12, 2008 meeting minutes need to be approved at this meeting also. Two corrections were recommended:

1. Identify the Region RCDs present, absent, and proxies on the Sept. minutes.
 2. Page 2, item 2. under **Closed Session** second would should be "was" vs. "as".
- Bob Pattillo mad a motion to accept the minutes with the two corrections being made. Paul Haack seconded. Motion passed. (Corrected minutes attached)

Point Standings:

1. Nov. 6, 2008 was the eight Point Standings published for this year which fulfilled our commitment to the membership to provide monthly updates.
2. To date 1087 (84%) events where received and posted.
3. Jack will announce the Top 15 Clubs, Men, & Ladies at Sat. Gov's mtg.

Sanction Log:

Jack asked all RCDs to review the sanction log for any of their un-posted events to date and verify if they have sent them in. For the most part we are in good shape, but there are a few missing events to catch up.

Results Format and input for 2009:

Jack distributed the attached punch list of items all Regions are asked to comply with for 2009 to further enhance the efficiency of our Points Tabulation Program. There was a review and discussion on each item. Anyone having a question about what is required is to contact Jack for clarification.

Drag Records:

Two new drag records were set on September 20.2008 at Kearney Raceway Park, Kearney, NE. in the West Region.

1. L1A Liz Bockerman from WR Cornhusker Corvette Club set a new record @ sea level of 12.75 vs. old record of 13.65.
2. 1A Rod Bockerman from WR Cornhusker Corvette Club set a new record @ sea level of 12.43 vs. old record of 13.48.

Jack will update the listing of NCCC Official Drag Records to include these two and those index adjustments required by the rulebook. (Attached)

Clarification(s):

None

Old Business:

Since we are no longer printing Rulebooks or providing CDs of the Rulebook starting 1/1/09, it was decided to provide all members in their membership packets a piece of paper with the instructions on how to access & print the Competition Manuel (Rulebook), along with the Standing Rules and Bylaws. Jack passed out a draft of what the instructions would say. The Committee provided input and Jack would give that to Rhonda Higgins to develop into the final instructions for the packet.

It was asked if one could highlight and print a paragraph from a page and then forward that on in response to a question. The current setup only allows the page to be printed and not a portion of the page. However, Jack and Paul Haack would look into what it would take to do a specific part of a page.

New Business:

1. There was discussion over the intent of the 150 mile rule when it came to one Region having an event(s) in another Region. Mike Godfrey explained when and the intent of the language, which in summary of the discussion is as follows; The Host Region has all the rights prior to the Jan. deadline per the rulebook except if the event is over 150 miles. After the Jan. deadline both Regions can put on events and don't have to get permission.

The specific issue in question came about due to the Host Club moving their event within the 70 day time limit identified in the rulebook which bumped up against another regional club putting on their scheduled event within 150 miles.

There was an obvious lack of communication between the regions and clubs which cause the issue. Both events were held as it was too late to make another change.

Jack asked, regardless of the intent of the after Jan. deadline not requiring permission, out of respect for each other make sure you communicate your intentions to all concerned parties at the time a change or scheduling conflict could draw entrants from each others event on the same day. The future economics for participants will dictate where they go and we need to maximize our efforts to provide the most event opportunities to participants while maximizing entries for each of our events.

2. The Rulebook requires us to use the Rand McNally "Quickest Route" on-line calculation for determining mileage for participants. In so doing, it has been found the calculation can be different if you put the information in five minutes apart or switch the-from-to locations. Switching locations should make no difference. However, it could show a different mileage e.g. 199 then switch and shows 202.

It was decided it would be better to error in favor of the larger number if that happens.

3. We started having a Competition Committee Representative on the NCCC Financial Committee in mid 2008. Manny Montgomery is our rep. and agreed to be our rep on that committee for 2009.

2009 Rulebook Proposal:

Jack asked each of the RCDs if they had any input from their regions over the proposal sent out. Responses ranged from none, generally satisfied, and concerned over the complexity and lack of understanding of the overall FTD points. For the most part the following items that were inputted from the various regions cover the bulk of the questions.

Items reviewed are:

- 8.1.2.1.3 Table of Sub Groups: Remove "J" from Sub Group in Group 3 Column since the "J" becomes "H" Class when they move to Group 3.

Decision passed unanimously, "J" would be removed from the Sub Group in Group 3. The chart below reflects the Sub Group and Group Structure with an explanation of what fits into each category:

10 Point bonus for Men's & Ladies FTD in each sub-group of each Group as shown below

	Group-1S	Group-1	Group-2	Group-3	Notes- groupings based upon national average entrants
Sub-Group	CL, A, B, C, D	CL, A, B, C, D	CL, A, B, C, D	CLM, A, B	All normally aspirated C1, C2, & C3 combined @ Group-3 level
Sub-Group	E, F, G	E, F, G	E, F, G		
Sub-Group	H, J, K	H, J, K	H, J, K	E, H, K	All normally aspirated C4, C5 & C6 combined @ Group-3 level
Sub-Group	M, N	M, N	M, N	N	All years turbo/super-charged Corvettes combined @ Group-3N
Sub-Group				RP, RPAF	All RP & RPAF (separate from Group-3 Modified)

- 8.1.2.1.3 & 4, paragraph 3 says “instead of entrants points (can only award one)” but under paragraph 4 states “instead of entrants points (can only award one)” is removed. Therefore, it could be construed that overall FTD could get 7 or 9 for winning his or her class plus 11 for FTD. Not the intent.

Decision passed 9 to 4 with 1 abstention, the language “Bonus points can only be awarded once” will be moved to the top of the matrix to cover all men’s and ladies classes and groups.

- 8.1.2.1.3. & 4, new language for 11, 10, 9 Point rule does not fix the one car class issue. Just gives Group 3 more points.

There were discussions and current examples used to show that is not the case. Several current cases showed one car classes in Groups 1S & 1 were the second and third fastest overall, but received 7 points. They would have received 10 & 9 respectively with the change. Therefore, this is an attempt to balance points more in a changing market of vehicle types being entered.

Decision passed 9 to 4 with 1 abstention, leave the proposed point structure for Overall FTD as 11, 10, & 9 points for top three overall fastest times.

- Page 2-18, 2.7.1.2 Matrix has confusing language regarding when a roll bar and roll cage are to be used.

Decision passed unanimously passed to add a new line so there would be two lines describing Roll bar & Roll cage requirements for classes in low speed and a line for Roll bar & Roll cage requirements for classes in high speed events.

- Since the roll bar has been eliminated, there is no provision for Group 3 Modified using stock seats to use stock seat belts in Low Speed ONLY events.

Decision passed unanimously, to further clarify the language on Page 2-35 and the Tech Sheet stating “Have to use stock seat belts with stock seats.”

- Since we proposed putting language back to the Chairperson identifying at the Drivers meeting if they are taking Chair Points or entrant points for their designated event, there is concern over a person who still runs the event as Chair as to how they show up on the front page of the results. There have been inconsistencies as how they show up and how others points are then counted in the same class.

Decision passed with 10 Yes, 3 No, and 1 Abstention, to add language to say “A chairperson may run in the event they are chairing, but their timed runs will not count and they will not be identified on the front page of the results.

Following the break, the Committee went into Closed Session for Round Table Discussions:

- It was suggested that all RCDs names present and absent be included in the meeting minutes. It was agreed to do and go back to the 9/12/08 mtg. minutes and add them.
- An issue was brought up about an individual purchased new ZR1 wheels and tires for their M car as they saw in the minutes earlier in the year, that the committee was going to classify the new 2009 ZR1 as a new Class N and they would run together in the same group with the M cars. Therefore, by the rulebook a competitor can run the same size wheel and tire as others within their group. Now, it was decided to put the 2009 ZR1 into its own class and group, which now makes the M car with the ZR1 wheels and tires have to run Group 2. The individual is quite frustrated over this decision.

At the time the initial decision was made, the ZR1 was still not yet produced and released. The committee makes a judgment as to where new vehicles would likely fit when they come out. Once more specific information is obtained; the committee may make changes for the betterment and competitive fairness of the overall competition program. It was pointed out that the front page of the rulebook identifies changes that may be made to accommodate new design features. It was also suggested, with the expense for parts, there be a statement/caveat in our future monthly minutes advising members to be cautious in jumping into purchases related to vehicles not yet produced and experienced for competition class and group placement. The committee will discuss this in the future to decide if anything else needs to be done.

- It was identified we need to re-address the qualifications for High Speed Certification and licensing. With higher performance cars there should be another review for qualifications. Also, a discussion under what conditions a certification can be denied. This will be discussed at a future committee mtg.

- A question was raised as to what class a C4, C5, or C6 would be put into if someone removed part of the structure from their car. For example, the C4 "C" Channel ladder was removed between the trans and rear end. Then reattached to the cage area or a C5/C6 tunnel area removed and the trans moved from the rear to the front and a solid rear put under it. The committee concluded these types of modifications would clearly put the car in the DP (Drag Prepared) class in Drags. It would clearly be a RPAF altered frame for autocross, using the example that the Torque Tube is the integral structure of the car per GM. This is now intended technological structure for the integrity of this vehicle. Therefore, since there is no frame and the integral structure is what replaces the frame, any modification to that structure makes it an altered frame.

There were no Appeals to discuss.

It was decided not to discuss any items for a 2010 Rulebook at this time until we know if the 2009 Rulebook is approved at Saturdays Governors Mtg.

Mtg. adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

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

Check List

Sanction, Flyer, and Results Submission to VPC beginning 1/1/2009

- 1. Sanction Requests must be submitted on new 12.1 Event Sanction Request Form.**
- 2. Sanction Requests must be received prior to Flyer to be entered on the NCCC Sanction Log.**
- 3. Use only 1 or 2 Results Reporting Systems provided. (All Protections will be eliminated)**
- 4. Check results to ensure they are correct utilizing the below Results Check List prior to sending to VPC (don't rush it).**
- 5. Results corrections must include an updated corrected results attachment and a explanation within the email specifically stating what was changed.**
- 6. Ensure prior to your Regions season events beginning that all clubs hosting events have a system to accommodate the requirements and they are aware of all requirements per the below Results Check List.**
- 7. Each RCD is responsible to send the RCD of an out-of-region entrant a set of results in which they participated.**

Results Check List:

- 1. Sanction event numbers must be entered completely in the appropriate field i.e. MW-167-021.**
- 2. Event Date must be entered in the appropriate field.**
- 3. All Region letter designations must be in CAPS i.e. MW, ER, MI, etc.**
- 4. Entrant NCCC numbers must be correct.**
- 5. Entrant name must be correct. i.e. NOT "Pat" for Patrick or Patricia.**
- 6. "L" must be entered after all ladies NCCC numbers.**
- 7. NO extra spaces before or after any entrant or sanction numbers.**
- 8. DO NOT enter additional (0) zero's to any entrant or sanction numbers i.e. MW-167-0021, or ER-233-00417L.**
- 9. ONLY enter information in the designated field/column, NOT multiple fields/columns.**
- 10. In the Worker column below the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson, you must have at a minimum the word "Worker" in that space. It CANNOT be left blank. OK to put Judge, Parking, Registration, etc.**
- 11. If you have a new member signed up for that event and they have received their NCCC# but are not on the NCCC Master Listing, include a note in the email of the results letting me know they are a new member.**
- 12. Once all the lines have been filled on the form for workers, THAT'S IT. The system won't accommodate anymore. We don't need 100 to 200 workers for an event.**

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Jack Wilson

VPC

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