

Cumberland Motor Club  
Cricket's Restaurant  
October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Meeting

**Attendees:**

Jason Neptune  
Melissa Hart  
John Miller  
Jane Mackey  
Chris Moberg  
Brian Sousa

Joe Grant  
Ara Mikaelian  
John Ryan  
Dan Morency  
Austin Brower  
Charlie Tompson

**Secretary's Report:**

Motion to accept the last meeting's minutes as published was made, seconded and Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Current balance is \$10,983.34, Includes insurance for fun rally. Does not include the donation for Glenn's event & prizes for same – check will be sent soon, as well as Dan's. Ran out of checks. Files lost for "money per event" info; he will redo manually.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made, seconded and Approved.

**Rally Report:**

No recent activity this year, but we will have one Sunday 11/5/06. Lem & Chris are putting on a Shortest Distance Rally in Cumberland. Details are on website. Each participant gets a set of questions (clue sheet) and a map. Goal is to answer all questions by traversing roads in shortest distance. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Good family event. Still working on restaurant to meet at in Windham.

Motion to accept the Rally report was made, seconded and Approved.

**Slalom Report:**

One event since our last meeting – the last event of the season. Had 2<sup>nd</sup> highest participant count at 105. Chris wants to get a feel for the number of events we want next year. Shouldn't be a problem venue-wise. General consensus is 14 or 15. Between Storyland & UMaine, there are 4, no problem with as many Crooker events as we want, also may get LL Bean and Idexx back, and Unum may let us run if we donate to their United Way program. May be competition with NER for lots.

Historically as a club, our adherence to the rules in the handbook has wavered, but we are now back on the swing where we are stricter. We are "by the book" regardless of age of vehicle, severity of mods, etc, and we are more competitive than in recent years, in part because we have a larger number of "good" drivers with potential to win a class. Everyone needs to look at their own vehicles to make sure they are in the right class, and we need to find someone to be a "class expert" - we should strive to get cars classed correctly on the day of the event, rather than after points have been posted. SM & SM2 were our "catch all" classes, but problem was that the cars in it were so different. Should we create a new "catch all" class? Bring up a November meeting.

John brought up creating "F125" class for adults driving karts in Autocross, to follow SCCA. Can be an issue when karts bump into cars. Potential problem is that that class' requirements would obsolete some of our current equipment. There has been only one event where a kart bumped into cars – doesn't happen often. With more people driving Rick's kart, there will be a full class, so that one shouldn't bump. Sometimes PAX seems inappropriate, but course design is also a factor – if course is very tight, then karts will do well compared to cars. PAX figures are calculated with a course with all types of corners, straights, etc. - so course build is important. Chris suggested they form a small group and put together a proposal to bring to meeting. He would like to hear from more people who are affected by proposed changes. Cannot assume that everyone cares how they are classed, and it's difficult to vote on decisions that only affect some.

Discussion of need to re-evaluate our kart PAX numbers. SCCA checks theirs, ours is 10 thousandths higher, but based on what? We don't have enough data to do a sample – too much variability.

Motion to accept Slalom Report was made, seconded and Approved.

#### **Kart Report:**

Dan made proposal that we require MIK license for kart school participants. He would like to only do a couple of kart schools – will be easier to get up to speed if they already have some experience. \$60 is cost to get license @ MIK.

Motion to change kart school requirements to reflect requirement of MIK license (or any similarly accredited organization) and proof of completion of a couple races was made, seconded and Approved.

Motion to accept Kart Report was made, seconded and Approved.

#### **Publicity Report:**

No publicity report.

#### **Old Business:**

- Dyno day still on for 10/28/06, should have good turnout, expecting 15 or 20 cars, including BMW & VW club members. It's a good deal, & no cost to club. Arrive around 9:45, then divide up types of cars for maximum efficiency when they open at 10.
- DJ will check into purchasing spare tire for trailer, as well as a 4-way jack. It's 150 miles to Orono – long way without a spare. Pended.
- Dan made 2 additional sets of trailer keys, with the exception of the side door key – cannot find a blank.
- Confirmed 11/12/06 date for MIK event. Have until 10/28/06 to sign up.
- Proposal & discussion of a "Most Improved Driver" award – Chris posted on website to solicit ideas.
- Trailer to stay at MIK for the winter?
- Jason has proposal for new number selection process. He will write it up & post it on the website.

#### **New Business:**

- Chris made motion to reimburse the 8 club members that represented us

in the SCCNH challenge by paying their entry fee - \$45 each. Motion to be voted on at next meeting.

- Motion to hold next meeting at the end of the MIK event (about 2pm), was made, seconded and Approved.
- Discussion that had been brought up on the forum regarding need for new radios. Too many kinds of batteries, & triple A's are no good.
- Dan proposed that he will go through the trailer, organize everything, make diagrams of set-up using digital photos, replace the rubbermaid buckets and create a checklist for break down & set up, in exchange for having to work at events. Motion was made, seconded and Approved.
- Joseph suggested having a formal work position for setup & breakdown. We can update work form , Dan will start thread looking for input.
- Discussion about raising membership fee – has been the same for a long time. Its a very good deal, but we are a non-profit.
- Clarification – chair is the only one that can pre-run at an event, with safety chair riding.

**Meeting adjourned.**