

Cumberland Motor Club
Pedro O'Haras,
July 25th 2007 Meeting

Attendees:

Jane Mackey
Chris Moberg
Jason Neptune
Melissa Neptune
Stephen Dupuis
Andrew Smith

Ara Mikaelian
Alan Gray
Dan Morency
Ian Morency
Josh Brockman

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

No treasurer's report.

Rally Report:

No rally report.

Slalom Report:

2 events since last meeting. Flat Four Frenzy at the Jetport had 105 participants, 6 runs (40 seconds). Deuces Wild in Lewiston had 103 participants and 5 runs – due to lot logistics and poor changeover – only 12 seconds overlap – a challenge for this lot. Coming up this weekend is a charity event for Camp Sunshine at Windham. Another Jetport event has been scheduled for 8/12/07: Tarmac Attack chaired by Josh Brockman. SCCVT is having a karting challenge at MIK, then coming to our AX Sunday.

Bigger news, Lewiston event attracted the attention of the Lewiston Fire Chief, who got the attention of the State Fire Marshall. Had a Lt. write a note to GM of Colisee saying that they need a racing license. Chris wrote back “not racing”, got e-mail back from Fire Marshall saying that if it's timed, it's racing. A racing license is only a \$300 annual fee, but it doesn't really pertain to us, as fire marshall would inspect “premises” for safety standards (25 pages), including “must have grandstand, cement walls, no spectators within “x” feet, ambulance, EMT, etc.” Chris suggested they restructure safety requirements to differentiate race tracks from autocross events. Do not want to give in like NH. We were *very* proactive with safety in Lewiston. They will leave us alone *in Lewiston*, but we must be on alert at every event. Another problem at Lewiston was that police reported cars with numbers on them racing through town in the morning.

Chris got a call from Bruce Stinson, coordinator of conferences at UMaine. Our last event attracted a lot of attention – though we were a victim of circumstance due to extra traffic from graduation. Chris went up to a meeting regarding spectator safety with parking & environmental safety people. Spectator issues included grassy slope along Belgrade Road. Bruce offered to close Belgrade Rd & Belgrade Spur. Chris defined buffer zone – 40 ft. areas around course. VP said they don't want to cancel, but there's no guarantee for future events. Parking guy was cool, but environmental guy asked about possibility of mechanical failure or driver having medical issue – Chris said we are low-speed and anyone leaving a hockey game could have a heart attack, too.

Clarifications: 15 events scheduled, 12 will count (per our March meeting) – option to drop 3. Need to tell Jason which ones to drop, otherwise he picks. Also, must define points vehicle *prior* to first run. (Someone asked Jason if they drove 2 cars can they switch points car for prior events.) You can run another car in the same class.

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

Kart Report:

No Kart Report.

Publicity Report:

New private area on forum – visit “members only” section for discussion on safety issues, etc.

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

Old Business:

- Jason created a revised entry form – was used last Sunday. May not need “car info” - will get rid of that part.
- Got 70 red cones and 20 greens.
- Charlie is looking into renting Wiscasset or Oxford. Was \$1,700 to rent Wiscasset WITH their insurance a couple years ago – with 75 people, would be about \$25 a head. Will float idea on forum. Participants must be a member (of CMC, Porsche club, Midmaine Sport Car, etc) – not a novice.

New Business:

- Richard Nye had suggested a master sheet (11 x 17) for scoring. Flipping pages of clipboard is difficult when cars run out of order. Software should be able to print excel sheet (Chris will look into it). Do we even need clipboard?
- Josh Brockman suggested heat run groups instead of even & odd ones. Would make class competition better in the event of weather issues. Would be difficult to determine how many people were in a heat, though. Historically, regarding weather, we have said “over the course of a season, it all evens out”.
- Issue raised: when officer has a club business function to attend to during working hours, that mileage be reimbursed. This is a procedure issue, not in handbook. It was agreed that if it's not on *your* schedule & involves distance, mileage will be reimbursed.

Meeting adjourned.