### ROAD RALLY

# SCCA Road Rally Board Meeting Thursday, February 21, 2019

Those present: Jim Crittenden, Peter Schneider, Mike Bennett, Clyde Heckler, Wendy Harrison, Earl Hurlbut (BOD liaison), Mike Thompson (NEC Chairman), Jeanne English (secretary). Not present: BOD liaison Jeff Zurschmeide, Brian Harmer from the National office

The RRB met via conference call. Chairman Jim Crittenden call the meeting to order at 7:30 pm CST

- Jim wanted to Introduce our new BOD liaison Jeff Zurschmeide, replacing Bob Dowie, but he wasn't here
- Approval of minutes December stand as posted, January stand as posted
- Road Rally Media
  - a. Planning calendar last published February 13, 2019. Thank you Jeanne. Texas Sweetheart is divisional; Jeanne has a number of changes, and will publish a new calendar very soon.
  - RReNewsletter Text "roadrally" to 22828 to subscribe. Thank you Cheryl.
- SCCA Staff Report status of Championship certificates Brian is in the process of printing 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> place certificates; 1<sup>st</sup> place awards have already been mailed.
- NEC report Mike nothing new about the postponed rallies in AZ; nothing yet on the definition of Blinker, nothing about GPS (not enough information yet).
- Old Business
  - uSRRC status Detroit Region said no for this year, but might do it next year with a minimum of two events.
  - b. Jim talked about deploying the Richta GPS checkpoint system, the rallymaster app is available now, the competitor app this weekend, the Apple contestant version next month (currently there is no rallymaster app for Apple, it will depend upon interest); 8 people have contacted Rich about setting up an event, the soonest is Jim's April rally. Jim also talked about co-hosting with new Regions, he talked to Monte Saager in Portland; and to Chicago region about teaming up with Dennis Dorner from a local club
  - c. Peter updating the GTA safety steward manual, he reached out to some people including Bruce Gezon, Jonathon Love (Philadelphia), Sasha Lanz (Texas), Christy Graham (Cincinnati); he expects that within 60 to 90 days to have a first pass at it. He will contact Kristen Pool for her list of Regions interested in RoadRally. Peter went to the NeDiv convention, where he gave the social rally presentation and got a list of 26 regions that are interested; Mark E Johnson is working with Chattanooga; New York is already in progress; he wants the divisional stewards to be involved.
  - d. Wendy training videos talked to Mark E Johnson at the convention; she will reach out to him. PowerPoint presentation is on the main download section on the website. She asked about the status of the taped presentations, nothing to report on that.
  - e. Mike Bennett will be co-teaching at a RoadRally school on March 23. He and Peter fine tuned the safety steward manual the new TSD Safety Steward manual is on the SCCA website as well as the knowledge test; Peter sent the test and answers to the Road Rally Safety Steward Instructors. Mike will write the script for safety

- steward video, he will talk to Wendy about this, and will email the PowerPoint presentation to her. As mentioned above, he is investigating Detroit Region for possibly presenting the USRRC in 2020.
- f. Clyde starter materials for new rallymasters, he will update the timeline to reflect the updated RRSS manual, and new sanction and audit forms; will double-check links for duplicates. Peter said the link for the application process is missing; Jim will take care of getting this done.
- g. Any Las Vegas convention issues/items? Peter says we need a better process for filing accident reports, the forms are geared primarily toward accidents on closed courses, maybe there can be a supplemental form for road rally; Earl suggested starting with Brian.

### New Business

- a. The SCCA online learning tool LMS for online RRSS test will not be ready until at least July -- but we're #1 on the list!
- b. Howard Duncan sent Jim an email from BOD member Arnie Coleman with a document attached, saying that he would like to see us introduce new type of SCCA event, called a Trek, which is non-competitive, entirely social, basically follow the car in front of you, and ending someplace interesting. More next month. Earl also has information on this which he will send to Jim.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm CST Next meeting via conference call on March 14. Respectfully submitted, Jeanne English, Secretary

## SCCA Road Rally Board Meeting Thursday, March 14, 2019

Those present: Jim Crittenden, Peter Schneider, Mike Bennett, Clyde Heckler, Wendy Harrison, Earl Hurlbut (BOD liaison), Mike Thompson (NEC Co-Chairman), Jim Wakemen, Sr (NEC Co-Chairman), Brian Harmer (National Office), Jeanne English (secretary). Not present: BOD liaison Jeff Zurschmeide.

The RRB met via conference call. Chairman Jim Crittenden call the meeting to order at 7:30 pm CDT

- Approval of minutes stand as approved
- Road Rally Media
  - a. Planning calendar last published February 24, 2019. Thank you Jeanne, another one coming soon
  - RReNewsletter Text "roadrally" to 22828 to subscribe. Thank you Cheryl.
- SCCA Staff Report status of Championship certificates, incident report form:
  Brian reported that the year-end certificates have been sent out. There is a
  potential change for FasTrack, with each board having its own FasTrack; John
  Burchardt will send out template to each board; for now, continue as usual until
  we hear otherwise. Brian sent to Peter on how to complete incident report forms
  for RoadRally; Peter will sent these instructions to the two regions that have had
  incidents to see how it works for them, and then send the instructions to the RRB
  for final approval, and finally back to Brian.
- NEC report Mike T talked about the MOWOG rally, it's been checked, only possible issue is the weather, whether the ice and snow has melted. AZ has officially changed their dates to June 21, 22, and 23. Mike urged people to try the Richta GPS rallymaster program. When should GIs be submitted to the NEC? The sanction app says to submit with the application, but some committees are submitting their apps many months early; the NEC says that submitting GIs 60 days ahead works. Jim Heine is still working on revising the RFOs, should be done soon.
- Old Business
  - a. USRRC 2019 status, still no region has stepped forward to host it; at this point it is highly unlikely to occur. We need to start thinking about the 2020 USRRC.
  - b. Jim the Richta GPS checkpoint system is ready to go for Jim's April 7 rally; the Android GPS apps for rallymaster and competitor have been released; the Apple competitor app is still under development, but is likely to be ready for the April 7 rally, no Apple rallymaster app yet.
    - Jim is actively working with the Chicago region now, to put on a GTA rally in April with a local club; the sanction app was submitted today.
  - c. Peter update GTA safety steward manual; he sent it out to certain folks for checking; making minor changes. Peter hopes to have a list by end of the month, from Kristen Pool, of Regions interested in RoadRally.
  - d. Wendy training videos: she emailed Mark E Johnson, but has not heard back yet; she asked him to 'take a look, give us a proposal'; if she doesn't hear back soon she will call him. She has been working with Koray Aya, he needs a safety steward and asked his racing chair Fred Asbury to become one, he agreed; Peter will send outline, downloadable on web, Rich Bireta is the DRRS for the division.

- July Indianapolis rallies, July 13/14 both are Course or Tour, they explore new areas, Saturday ends at a pizza place (provided by committee), Sunday ends close to the airport.
- e. Mike B the RoadRally school he co-teaches is an annual event.
  Fine tuning of the TSD safety steward manual is done; Peter is
  working on the GTA safety steward manual; the test has been
  updated.
  He is writing the for safety steward video starting with notes from the
  convention, and will modify as Mark E Johnson requests.
- f. Clyde starter materials for new rallymasters: the updated safety steward precheck form is now on the SCCA website. He is finalizing the timelines and getting comments on the two-page generals, to be reviewed before the next meeting

Might Detroit Region possibly host the USRRC 2020?

#### New Business

- a. Rick Beattie is writing an article for *SportsCar* about regional RoadRally development; it is important to get the word out to all regions considering putting on a rally that there are more resources available and the RRB is ready to help. Jim W suggested an article about the new GPS timing methods coming, wherein regions don't have to buy clocks and timing equipment.
- b. Peter got an invitation to play with the LMS learning tool.
- New type of event Trek: BOD member Arnie Coleman proposed C. an idea that we create a new type of SCCA event called Trek. Jim said he thought it was good idea and was in favor of it, and that Arnie's draft rules were a good start; all in favor? Wendy – yes, might it be possible to do one of these this year in place of USRRC? Peter – yes, designed to start at a car dealership or other gathering place, then go to a restaurant or other destination with minimal route instructions. Wendy – good as an introduction, can go to multiple destinations (lunch, then somewhere, then finish), it's an opportunity to see some cool stuff, drive on some great roads, and see scenery. Jeanne – sure, it will get people out in their cars. Mike B – in favor overall. Clyde - in favor, he discussed the issue with Jon Lamkins who has done several GTAs for New England Region; Jon was in favor of the proposal; Clyde had thought about a lighthouse tour ending at a transportation museum. Peter – in favor, does them in Australia, where they are many days of long, easy driving; he also does Porsche Club Treks; in both cases the entry fee includes food. Mike T – in favor; a couple of clubs in La Crosse are doing them as purely social, destination events. Jim W – treks are fine; he did one with Peter in 4-wheel drive vehicles. great social event. Brian – really likes the idea; a Supra group does Tail of the Dragon. Peter asked if would National would be interested in hosting an event? Brian will talk to Howard. Jim said that Treks are, by definition, non competitive, with no performancebased awards, we want to be covered by insurance, so sanction apps will be required, and all must sign the waiver; he suggested a sanction fee of \$4 per car per day, no maximum; the Trek can be any distance, long or short; this is a new kind of event. Entry fees will depend upon type of event, and what is included. *Motion:* That the RRB propose to National a new type of event called Trek; we will write up rules, starting with Arnie Coleman's rules; it will include sanction and insurance; all must sign the waiver: \$4 per car audit fee. Jim/Wendy/pass unanimously. Peter then suggested that the first event be hosted in Topeka, to go from Topeka to Dodge City, to Wichita, then back to Topeka. He

also suggested a Trek before the next SCCA convention, to go from Las Vegas to Oatman and King City and back. Jim asked about the number of people per car - two or more like our rallies, or maybe only one? Wendy thought that one person might be OK, and Mike B said that requiring two people per car could reduce participation; Clyde asked if there needs to be a second person if there are route instructions to which Peter responded that the instructions will be extremely simple; Jim said that RIs are if you get lost, that primary course-following is 'follow the leader'; Peter said that giving them a GPS location is good. Jim W suggested calling them directions, instead of route instructions. There will be no consumption of alcohol during a Trek. Peter and Jim W will work on the rules for next month. Summary: the RRB is in favor of this, we need rules, non-competitive, sanction app, all sign waiver, no alcohol; not decided about minimum of 2 people per car; we will give Howard summary just iterated. Clyde suggested that we not add sections to RRRs, but rather put in something like 'find info about Treks at ...'. Brian reported that he already heard from Howard that it is OK for SCCA to host a Trek.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm CDT Next meeting via conference call on April 11. Respectfully submitted, Jeanne English, Secretary