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# RRB Meeting Minutes

12/11/2025

**Call to Order**
Meeting called to order 7:35 P.M. Central by Chair Jessica Toney with 10 attendees.
Minutes for this meeting were taken by Bob Sonntag.

**Present**: Jessica Toney (RRB Chair), Larry Scholnick (RRB), Chris Robbins (RRB, RRDC), Mike Thompson (NEC), Peter Schneider (BoD RRB liaison), Bob Sonntag (RRB, RRDC), Clyde Heckler (RRB, DRRS), John Poulos (RRDC), Kim Whitener (BoD RRB liaison, outgoing), Mike Toombs (BoD RRB liaison, incoming)

Not Expected:
Ed Sain (RRB, vacation, gave his proxy to Jessica Toney)
Jeanne English (RRB Secretary)

Previous meeting's minutes had been approved via email.

## Standing Reports

**RoadRally Planning Calendar**

- With Jeanne English not present, there was no report.

**NEC Report** (from Mike Thompson)

- Only coming events are mid-January, a National Course rally and a National Tour rally.
- Other scheduled events include a National Course rally with a Divisional Tour rally in June.
- Next NEC meeting is 12/31/2025.

**RRDC Report** (from John Poulos)

- Noted soon-to-be-released USRRC video by Gavyn Gill and Tyler Linner via Red Hen Racing's YouTube channel.
  - I Took a Miata to the USRRC
- All members to continue in 2026.
  - Chris Robbins will continue as a member, but not an SCCA staff liaison.
- John Poulos will continue as chair through the end of the 2026 SCCA convention.
- Cheryl Babbe's chair term will commence at the conclusion of the 2026 SCCA convention.
- Much discussion on who is doing what with the convention sessions.
  - Identified Tyler Linner as moderator for the Road Rally technologies session.

**Staff Discussion/Meeting** (from Jessica Toney)

- There was no meeting this month.
- Peter Schneider took the opportunity to share that it was announced on the RE call earlier in the week that in 2026 regions will be charged $20 for Weekend Memberships. A $5 increase.

## Old Business

- Speed Observation – No change. No update.

- Awaiting response from SCCA legal on various ramifications of implementing a speed observation system and concerns about the associated data captured/retained.
- Expecting/understanding a delay because of convention priority focus.

- Convention
  - Seven sessions for Road Rally
    - (1) Program Direction – Jessica Toney is the lead speaker.
      - Recap stats for 2025.
      - Peter Schneider may have some marketing information at the end of this session.
      - There are no Road Rally marketing sessions per se.
      - There will be marketing sessions in the convention programming.
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      - Joe Akerman - Contributor
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      - John Poulos will share some reference slides with Chris Robbins.
    - (5) Road Rally Technologies Panel – Tyler Linner will be the moderator.
      - Rich Bireta (Richta Rally)
      - Tyler Linner (MiRally)
      - Wendy Harrison has not been confirmed as a speaker for this session.
      - No other speakers have been identified as of 12/15/2025.
    - (6) Office Hours – Jessica Toney will be the moderator.
      - NEC and RRDC introductions
      - Wendy Harrison would like to share the idea of some RRDC Zoom sessions.
    - (7) Strategic Growth – Tyler Linner will be the speaker.
  - Jessica Toney would like to be cc'd on all convention emails to serve as reference/resource as to the last known state of any given Road Rally session.
  - The subject lines of convention session emails should be the name of the session.
  - Jessica Toney will check with the lead speaker of each Road Rally session during the first week of January to confirm that all Road Rally sessions are in a good way, no unanswered concerns.

**New Business**

- Need to identify/appoint someone to consolidate 2026 stats. Peter Schneider did it for 2025 and is not interested in doing it again.
- Correspondence
  - Tim Winkler's Sioux Trail & Herman's Heights email of 12/11/2025
    - As the email arrived shortly before the meeting, Jessica Toney will acknowledge receipt of the email. There was little additional discussion.
    - Additional input from the rallymaster, Road Rally Safety Steward, and official observer is being sought.

  - Additional discussion and any follow-up actions will be finalized after the RRB has had an opportunity to receive and review the additional input.
  - The board expects to conclude this item of business at its January 2026 meeting.
- Philip Cheshire, new SEDiv DRRS was welcomed to his first RRB meeting.

## Executive Session

- The regular RRB meeting was adjourned to allow the RRB to continue in Executive session for 2025 awards discussion and voting.
- The RRB reviewed nominations and voted.
  - Divisional Road Rally Achievement – Central Division represented by Tyler Linner
    - Motion by Jessica Toney, second by Chris Robbins, motion passed unanimously.
  - Regional Road Rally Achievement – NE Ohio represented by Greg Lester (Alley Rally, USRRC)
    - Motion by Jessica Toney, second Clyde Heckler, motion passed unanimously.
  - Best New Regional Road Rally Program – Western Ohio
    - Motion by Clyde Heckler, second by Larry Scholnick, motion passed unanimously.
  - Robert V Ridges Memorial Award -- Greg Lester
    - Motion by Bob Sonntag, second by Clyde Heckler, motion passed unanimously.

The regularly scheduled meeting was suspended 12/11/2025 for reconvening at 6:00 P.M. on 12/15/2025 for additional discussion, mostly for convention-related topics. The business items happening in each portion of the total meeting is reflected in the minutes above.

The meeting was reconvened on 12/15/2025 at 6:00 P.M. with these individuals attending:

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| Jessica Toney (RRB Chair) | Bob Sonntag (RRB, RRDC) |
| Larry Scholnick (RRB) | Clyde Heckler (RRB, DRRS) |
| Chris Robbins (RRB, RRDC) | Ed Sain (RRB) |
| John Poulos (RRDC) | Mike Thompson (NEC) |
| Peter Schneider (BoD RRB liaison) | Mike Toombs (BoD RRB liaison, incoming) |
| Philip Cheshire (DRRS) | Paul Eklund (DRRS) |

Not Expected:

Jeanne English (RRB Secretary)

## Adjournment

- The next RRB meeting is 1/8/2026 at 7:30 P.M. Central via Zoom.
- The meeting was adjourned on 12/15/2025 at 6:38 P.M.

## Quarterly Zoom Possible Topics

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## Standing Reports

**RoadRally Planning Calendar**

- Charles Hanson has agreed to handle the RR Planning Calendar until Jeanne English's return. Larry Scholnick will obtain the template from Jeanne and forward to Charles. Bob Sonntag has some information that he will also forward to Charles.

**NEC Report** (from Jim Wakemen, Sr.)

- Only coming events are late-January, a National Course rally and a National Tour rally in Minnesota.
- Other scheduled events include two National Tour rallies and a Divisional Course rally in California over Memorial Day weekend, a National Course and Divisional Tour in June in Philadelphia.
- Next NEC meeting is Jan. 27.

**RRDC Report** (from John Poulos)

- USRRC video by Gavyn Gill and Tyler Linner via Red Hen Racing's YouTube channel.
  - I Took a Miata to the USRRC
- All members to continue in 2026.
  - Chris Robbins will continue as a member, but not an SCCA staff liaison.
- John Poulos introduced Cheryl Babbe whose chair term will commence at the conclusion of the 2026 SCCA convention.
- John raised questions about potentially updating the role of divisional stewards to better align with current realities and technology, with plans to submit a revised job description for RRB review and eventual board approval.
- Much discussion on who is doing what with the convention sessions.
  - Identified Tyler Linner as moderator for the RoadRally technologies session.

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  - Tim Winkler's Sioux Trail & Herman's Heights email of 12/11/2025
    - Jessica Toney has acknowledged receipt of the email.
    - Additional input from the rallymaster, RoadRally Safety Steward, and official observer is being sought, but has not been received.
    - The team also discussed the Sioux Trail and Herman Heights rally concerns, with Bob and Peter emphasizing that rallymasters should prepare for winter conditions and use time allowances when necessary.
    - Jessica agreed to follow up with Tim regarding the rally information.
    - The board expects to conclude this item of business at its February 2026 meeting.

## New Business

- Need to identify/appoint someone to consolidate 2026 stats. Peter Schneider did it for 2025 and is not interested in doing it again.
  - Clyde mentioned that MSR can only verify membership status for both members of a team if they enter separately which means that Registrars need to verify member status to ensure that weekend memberships are properly charged.
  - Heyward requested a list of all committee members and program board members to update the Netform membership system.
  - Heyward also explained the structure and attendance requirements for RRB meetings. He suggested allowing sub-committees to operate independently while reporting significant matters to the Board for approval.
  - Peter explained that the NEC and RRDC Chairs are required to attend the RRB meetings, the Divisional Stewards are only invited to attend.
  - Heyward clarifying that Mike Cobb's requirement is for SCCA business to go through specific email addresses regardless of the member's representation status.
  - Heyward proposed a process for regions seeking rally guidance, suggesting emails to the rrdc@scca.com
  - Clyde shared that the 2026 rulebooks should be ready to go after winners are announced at the convention.
  - Brief discussion of whether there is still a maximum event fee for the USRRC. There is not. The National event fee is $17.50 per car.
  - Settled on the April Zoom (4/23/2026) topic being Game/Tour/Adventure (GTA) event types.

## Adjournment

- The next RRB meeting is 2/12/2026 at 7:30 P.M. Central via Zoom.
- The meeting was adjourned on 1/8/2026 at approximately 9 P.M.

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2/12/2026

**Call to Order**

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Previous meeting's minutes have been approved via email by Bob, Clyde, Jessica, and Larry. Some RRB members cast an affirmative vote to the minutes by responding to rrb@scca.com . The secretary was previously not on the distribution list, but that omission is being corrected.

**Standing Reports**

**RoadRally Planning Calendar**

- Charles Hanson distributed the Feb. 2026 calendar to rrb@scca.com; to Nikki Edwards; and Dave Head on Feb. 7, 2026. Rachel in sanctioning will send Charles an update file on Friday, March 6 so that a new calendar may be distributed by March 8. It would be appreciated if all Regional rally Chairs would send Charles their planning calendars at dtcgh8@gmail.com . They do NOT have to be sanctioned to be on the list!!

**NEC Report** (from Mike Thompson)

- Mike requested that sanction information be released more often than monthly. Why can't the NEC get notified of the sanction at the same time that event presenter is notified that they are sanctioned? Heyward and Mike will coordinate with sanctioning next week to make this happen! Cheryl pointed out that while the NEC is only concerned with National and Divisional sanctions, the RRDC is concerned with Regionals, and that Charles as keeper of the Planning calendar is interested in all. What would be really valuable would be a weekly blast of all rally sanctions issued that week, sent to all three of the end users listed above. Larry looked at the report he received and it was auto-generated on the first of the month which made it after the NEC meeting.
- Next NEC meeting is Feb. 24.

**RRDC Report** (from Cheryl Babbe; items organized for clarity, & are not in chronological order)

- RRDC corrected and confirmed email to rrdc@scca.com is delivered as expected. Photos on the RRDC page were updated as a pre-convention "leveling up" task.
- Cheryl met with RRDC Liaison Bob on 1/27 to cover many of her 2026 proposals, leadership style, and ask questions as the new lead for the Team. RRDC had its first meeting on Feb 5, with a 4-page agenda.
- Team has made a commitment to discussions between meetings, to avoid meeting to meet.
- Confirmation from Rally/Solo Dept. that there were only 10 requests for assistance or information directly from the scca.com website in 2025.
- Each member was asked to share their initial passion project in service to the RRDC.
  - Wendy Harrison is taking on rally training geared toward the competitors, not rallymaster training.
  - Mike Beliveau, John Poulos, and Cheryl are going to focus on the RoadRally map.

  - Bob is to work on the RoadRally Safety Steward review/rework requested by the RRDC of the RRB.
  - Team to learn Chris Robbins passion project at the next meeting.
- As a rule, the RRDC would like to keep its focus on only two issues at a time.
- Convention
  - John Poulos, out-going Chair was presented gifts of appreciation during a Convention session with the items already at his home, placed there, unbeknownst to him.
  - Initial regional outreach to Atlanta, Chicago, Fort Wayne, Houston, Indy, Lone Star, and Mid Georgia after the Convention.
  - Ken McElroy, Lone Star Region, Texas, has been put in contact with Joe Tesar to work on rallies in Texas. RRDC to follow-up with them regarding any assistance needed.
  - Review of our Convention session and we already have our Sept 2026 agenda reflecting discussions for 2027; we don't need another last-minute rush.
  - During an insurance session with Aimee Thoeness, John Beam, & Kraig Hopkins presenting, Cheryl asked Aimee to put in words that can be shared with members so that everyone is on the same page about SCCA insurance while working on rallies (which could be before the event is sanctioned). Once the event is sanctioned? Or listed in region schedules? Or appearing in meeting minutes?
  - Cheryl had conversations with Philip Royle, Andie Albin, and Langlee King about how the RRDC could submit information to have a presence on the various SCCA pages that face the public, from conversation during the Convention. She proposed that they would provide PR releases ready to post on the right-hand column of the scca.com/roadrally page; these are pulled directly into the Tuesday eNews sent by the National office. She has also contacted Kristen Poole about approving an RRDC/SCCA logo, using the SCCA "wheel," words "Regional RoadRally Development Committee, and rrdc@scca.com on a vintage rally plate shape, for their social media presence and promotion.
- Cheryl reached out to CenDiv Registrar Sue Green about getting a 5-minute road rally video played at the opening of the CenDiv Convention. Tyler Linner, who is the recipient of the 2025 Divisional RoadRally Achievement and Best New Regional RoadRally Program on behalf of their Division will produce this; this was approved by Mike Smith, CenDiv Chair. Cheryl has also approached CenDiv about having a rally track at their 2027 CenDiv Convention (with a Zoom alternative) and maybe a road rally, too; they were very receptive to this. Further discussion is on Sept 2026 RRDC agenda.
- Discussion of RoadRally Safety Steward Licensing requirements. There are timing issues about license renewals and membership renewals. There was a question from SEDiv RRS Philip Cheshire about a requirement to shadow a licensed safety steward for two events. It's a challenge to find that requirement. While the RRDC was reviewing these two matters, discrepancies were noted and they are asking for all documentation to be reviewed and updated. SEDiv DRRS Cheshire has been asked to review our work.
- The RRDC is reviewing Leg 1 of the RoadRally Roadmap to make sure its contents are current and will assign a new revision date vs. the current 2022 date. Working to get Leg 2: Things a new Rallymaster Needs to Know/Consider; Leg 3 will be: You Are In The Car, Now What?
- RRDC is continuing work on a one-sheet for Region on Adult/Minor Waivers and the requirements.
- MSR Project: Given the confirmation that SCCA new registration is two years away, before ready for regional events, the RRDC is returning to this project.
- For the Good of the Sport: Addressed Jeanne English outreach of a one hour+ Zoom call.

- New regular meeting topic: What can we do to remove barriers to road rally, whether for organizers or competitors? The February meetings' answer: make it easier to find the needed paperwork and make sure it is accurate and sensible.
- Next RRDC meeting by Zoom on March 5 at 4:30 P.M. Alaska time (7:30 P.M. Central).

**Staff Discussion/Meeting** (from Jessica Toney)

- Heyward said that Risk Management feels that speed observation, if invoked, should be disqualification for exceeding the speed limit.
- Heyward shared that these meetings are being discontinued as his involvement with the RRB eliminates the need for them.

**Old Business**

- Speed Observation – Contentious! See Staff Discussion Meeting above.
  - Rabbit is only system that has the ability to monitor this and only one Region is using this system. Not possible in Richta.
  - Peter suggested that the subject be tabled until rules season so we can cover the agenda. Bob felt that might be too much delay, so Peter asked that we just table it for this meeting.
  - Jessica wants to make sure that everyone is aware that this is an active discussion that is being looked at by higher levels of the SCCA.
- Convention: Jessica has not yet received the convention feedback. Deadline for attendees to comment is Feb. 19. Bob would like to have session Zoom record without a hard 60 minute limit so that discussions can be completed. Heyward expects that we will have the results by the next meeting of the RRB. Closing date for convention comments confirmed as Feb. 19.
  - Bob suggested that there should be a couple of modifications to the convention format:
    - Although the sessions can be officially listed as 60 minutes, recording should be continued for an additional 30 minutes so that information being shared is documented.
    - Implied by the above, is that there needs to be a time break between sessions similar to what would happen at a physical convention.
    - He was also disappointed with the keynote address to the convention as a whole.
  - Heyward was able to address some of Bob's comments.
    - Pacing and focus of sessions is always a problem. The intent is to have a 30 minute presentation followed by a 30 minute question and answer session. If the presentation goes long, then the Q & A gets abbreviated, or runs over.
    - That said, Staff is moderating these sessions (doing the recording). Heyward says that they are happy to set up side conversation zooms whenever necessary.
    - One internal feedback that they are already working on is to adjust the stacking of sessions so that there are not two consecutive sessions on the same or related topics; i.e. maybe have a Solo topic between two RoadRally topics.
    - He also said that they are considering some 90 minute sessions for next year.
  - Cheryl mentioned that one of these extended sessions was the one about the Colorado Adventure Rally that flowed into an extended discussion of marathon-style events (longer than two days).
  - Cheryl also mentioned time to save the chats. When the meeting ended, the chats went away instantly and were lost. No time to respond.
  - Bob suggested that it would be a good idea to have dry runs or previews of the sessions in the future.

- Cheryl commented about some graphics being very old, and obsolete. Heyward confessed that staff is often imperfect and occasionally makes mistakes. Cheryl also was disappointed that the awards did not provide any background on the winners, or the significance of the awards. Jessica said that they will do a better job next year. Heyward said that he has suggested to program boards that they determine the winners of these awards and communicate them to National, and then arrange to present them to the individuals at a time and place where their people can see them receive it (Secretary comment: I got presented Most Improved Regional Program as a surprise at a Region rally. I was humbled and damn proud at the same time. Great idea Heyward.)

  Jessica emphasized that we are always looking for feedback. Any comments from the community at large on ideas for next year, should be emailed to rrb@scca.com.

- Summary of Events to Date (by Ed Sain):
  - In January there were three (3) Tour events and one (1) Course event.
  - Last year there were seven (7) National Tours and twelve (12) Divisional Tours. There were five (5) National Course and one (1) Divisional Course.
  - So far we have nine (9) National Tours and ten (10) Divisional Tours. So far we have eight (8) Course rallies on the calendar {five (5) National and three (3) Divisional}.
  - It was agreed the NEC and RRDC will receive copies of the event summaries provided to the RRB.
- Tim Winkler's Sioux Trail & Herman's Heights email of 12/11/2025.
  - This was a Divisional Tour, so the RRB and NEC do not get the same level of documentation that we receive for National events.
  - Jessica will send a letter to Tim with our decision, after review by the RRB, by the next meeting.
    - As a competitor, you should always take a Time Allowance if for any reason you feel that circumstances; i.e. your safety demand it!
    - TAs exist to protect your safety, and the safety of the public. And the reputation of the program.
    - TAs are to be used even if the rallymaster is not keen on them.
    - When the conditions remain unsafe, then you need to make the decision to drop out!
    - That's in the waiver we all signed to participate.
  - Bob commented that a RallyMaster or scoring committee dissuading the use of Time Allowances is effectively undermining the system. (Charles, as a long time RRSS Instructor would point out that the use of the Time Allowance system is a mandatory "yes" on the Safety Steward's checklist for an event.)
  - Jessica pointed out that: Safety is our main priority, and it always must be.
- Settled on the April Zoom (4/23/2026) topic being Introduction Game/Tour/Adventure (GTA) event types. Wendy has a presentation and Peter has some additional input. Jessica asked if there were any other presenters needed. Bob said that we should leave that to Wendy and Peter.

**New Business**

- Marc Goldfarb rules change. Jim Wakemen pointed out that it is not rules season. It involves a technical issue with Richta. Mark and Mike Thompson are working directly with Rich Bireta to resolve.
- Clyde reported that the pointskeeper had problems with membership numbers when entering the data from the Minnesota events. Bruce talked to Tim Wahl at MSR and it was explained that the problem starts with the event setup on MSR; i.e. with the form builder.

- The organized needs to put in a check box to verify membership.
- The organizer needs to put an “if – then” validation rule in their registration setup on MSR; i.e. “IF” there is no valid membership number entered, “THEN” the weekend membership is automatically applied.
- We have previously been told that MSR can only verify the membership number of the person registering at this time. So it is necessary for the co-driver to register separately to have their membership checked. (Charles comment as licensed Registrar: This means that we need some clear way for the registrar to match the separate entries into teams.)
- The point is that the Organizer is responsible for itemizing Weekend Memberships as part of the Audit process. They are also responsible for accurately reporting the team results to the pointskeeper. MSR seems to have some structural limitations that are not readily solvable. Somebody; NEC or RRB needs to brief the Organizers on the available work-a-rounds.

- Heyward brought up the subject of the SCCA funded registration system. It is being created by an organization named Alpha. They have provided a 29 page questionnaire to each of the programs for what information they need and how they would like it formatted. He asked for recommendations for a rally registration expert to help complete this document. (Charles suggests Mary Shiloff of Detroit Region. She has been doing this for over 25 years.)
- There is a correction to the January minutes: The correct sanction fee for National events is $17.00 per car, not $17.50 per car.

**Adjournment**

- The next RRB meeting is 3/12/2026 at 7:30 P.M. Central via Zoom.
- The meeting was adjourned on 2/12/2026 at 9:05 P.M. with several New Business items to be carried over to the March meeting. Those include the DRRS and RRSS items from the RRDC to RRB memo and email for February 9, 2026, to the RRB.

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3/12/2026

**Call to Order**
Zoom meeting called to order 7:33 P.M. Central by Chair Jessica Toney. Attendees: Bob Sonntag (RRB, RRDC), Larry Scholnick (RRB, SPDIV RRS), Clyde Heckler (RRB, NEDIV RRS), Ed Sain (RRB), Charles Hanson (RRB Secretary), Mike Thompson (ChNEC, CENDIV RRS), Jim Wakemen, Sr. (ChNEC), Mike Toombs (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Lyn Hodges Watts (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Peter Schneider (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Cheryl Babbe (ChRRDC), John Poulos (RRDC, SWDIV RRS), Philip Montgomery Cheshire (SEDIV RRS).

Previous meeting's minutes have been approved via email by Bob, Clyde, Jessica, and Larry. Some RRB members cast an affirmative vote to the minutes by responding to rrb@scca.com. The secretary was previously not on the distribution list, but that omission is being corrected.

**Standing Reports**
**RoadRally Planning Calendar**
- Charles Hanson distributed the March 2026 calendar to rrb@scca.com; to Nikki Edwards; and Dave Head on Mar. 3, 2026. There were four events listed as new or revised; one in March, two in April, and one in May that has not yet been sanctioned.
- Rachel in sanctioning will send Charles an update file on Friday, April 3, so that a new calendar may be distributed by April 6. It was noted that at the Feb. RRB meeting that it was requested that the NEC, RRDC, and Charles all receive the sanction updates every Friday.
- Ed Sain brought up that the planning calendar listed the Minnesota Winter Rally as a Divisional Tour, but showed a Regional Tour Sanction number. Charles to resolve! DONE! Clarence had noted the problem and resolved it (new sanction number).
- It would be appreciated if all Regional rally Chairs would send Charles their planning calendars at dtcgh8@gmail.com. They do NOT have to be sanctioned to be on the list!!

**NEC Report** (from Mike Thompson)
- Last month, Mike requested that sanction information be released more often than monthly. Mike confirmed that this is arranged with Nikki.
- He will contact Nikki again next week to get Charles and the RRDC on the same distribution list, preferably to receive the sanction report every Friday. The file that Rachel has been sending Charles includes all the event information that Charles puts on the planning calendar.
- Mike reported that there are about 100 sanctions per year, so getting notified weekly makes it an easily digestible quantity.
- Ed Sain provided an activity report for the year to date:
  - TOUR: There have been 7 rally equivalents (5 divisional, 1 national) with an average participation of 12.8 teams per event. The participation allocation was a total of 7 in class E, 34 in class G, 3 in Class L, and 33 in Class S. Event entries ranged from 6 to 25 per event.
  - COURSE There have been 2 rally equivalents (1 national) with an average participation of 3 teams per event. All teams entered Class G. (No change from February report.)
- Next NEC meeting is Mar. 24.

**RRDC Report** (from Cheryl Babbe)

- RRDC report attached as a file.
- Peter Schneider requested that the RRDC list the names of the Regions that they are working with in their monthly report.
- Cheryl asked if anybody had printed and folded the "zine" sample that was attached to the RRDC report. Nobody had.
- Cheryl asked if anybody had watched the video that Tyler Linner did for the CenDiv meeting. Several had.
- There were no other questions presented to the RRDC.
- Next RRDC meeting by Zoom on April 2 at 4:30 P.M. Alaska time (7:30 P.M. Central).

**Old Business**

- Unified Strategic Pillars for SCCA Programs
  - Peter sent the official document to the RRB members in advance of the meeting. (Secretary did not receive it.)
  - Heyward had shared a comment online that he felt the rally program is good in this space because we don't limit competition to a certain type of car.
  - Where we are potentially weak is that rallymasters write rallies that they would like to compete in, without any particular input from potential contestants about what they would like to compete in; i.e. aligning with members and marketing demands.
    - Examples are Course rallymasters missing Tour opportunities, and Tour rallymasters missing Trek opportunities.
    - Rallymasters should consider adjusting their event type (Course/trap vs Tour) to better suit their markets.
- Reworking Divisional RoadRally Steward position.
  - The RRDC has talked to the DRRSs and discovered that most of them consider themselves to be, at best, figureheads for the program because they really do not have any specific assigned duties or enforced responsibilities from the RRB; exacerbated by the fact that many DRRSs are not communicating with the regions in their areas via websites and/or newsletters.
  - The RRDC would like to revise the DRRS position to be the active outreach of the RRDC; i.e. the "boots on the ground" that recruits people in the Regions to start new rally programs, mentors them in all of the basics, helps them overcome the usual "hurdles" of organization, paperwork, safety programs, etc. with the RRDC backing them up the same way.
  - It is understood that some of the current DRRS may choose to resign under the new standards. That is the necessary cost of growing a program. If needed, the RRDC with the backing of the RRB will need to recruit and train new stewards as needed.
  - Peter reminded everybody that changing position descriptions is something that has to be done through the Ops Manual, and that said manual is exclusively the purview of the SCCA BOD. It is the responsibility of the RRB to make the actual request to the BOD to make changes. The BOD then makes sure that any changes that it makes are consistent with similar positions in the other programs.
  - Discussion of changing the position title to Divisional RoadRally Coordinator.
  - On behalf of the RRDC, Bob Sonntag-RRB moved that the RRDC "Review potential adjustments to the Divisional RoadRally steward position to maximize the promotional opportunities already defined in the SCCA Ops Manual." (See attachment.)
  - Several mentions of email exchanges among the various speakers, none of which reached the Secretary.

- Cheryl tried to resume the Sonntag motion. Peter asked if that wasn't covered in the enabling of the RRDC as long as they stayed within the bounds of the Ops Manual, and Jessica agreed that is what they are already supposed to be doing. Lyn Hodges Watts had a lengthy discussion with Cheryl about what it was she wanted. No vote was taken.
- Jessica ended the discussion by stating: "Cheryl, you can talk to the divisional stewards, and find out from them what they need, and let us (RRB) know what that is. You can't make changes."

- RRDC proposed updates to Safety Steward materials.
  - Initial question posed concerned "new safety stewards need to be mentored twice before becoming fully licensed." That has never been a requirement for a RoadRally Safety Steward.
  - The current licensing document for the RoadRally Safety Steward position does NOT match the current online licensing procedure and needs to be updated!
    - Mike Thompson said the requirement for a RoadRally safety steward instructor needs to be removed because instruction is all done online.
    - Mike also said the requirement for the Divisional RoadRally Steward to approve should remain. The DRSS would decide if a liaison is needed, and make that appointment.
    - Peter mentioned that he was involved with writing the requirements and that he felt that the current term should be liaison; that the liaison should work with the applicant to answer questions and help them complete the on-line training; and maybe work with the applicant on their first rally.
    - Bob Sonntag would like to see the application reduced to a single page.
    - Bob also would like to have the safety checklist updated to the current methods of writing/running rallies; to cover GPS controls as opposed to open controls; and including alignment with the current practices for online waivers.
    - Discussion of Safety Steward Instructor/Liaisons licensing. Decision that Bob would take on the updating of forms/requirements on behalf of the RRB. Then the RRB will recommend and the SCCA staff will execute.
- Sioux Trial & Herman Heights Matter
  - Jessica wrote the letter and with the RRB's approval sent it to the involved parties. There has been no further response from them, so she suggests that the matter be considered "closed."
- Speed Observation
  - This discussion was tabled at the last meeting because doing it will involve a rules change and we are outside the rules season.
  - The individual who had proposed this as a rules change did use it on a recent rally without any incidents or problems. Peter has had a discussion with him and he is aware that he should not repeat the experiment until such time as it is incorporated in the rules and approved by the SCCA BOD.
  - He does intend to re-submit the request in the next rules season.
  - Peter mentioned that the current consensus of the BOD Liaisons and staff is that the RRB should just reject this proposed change, and let the proposer know that this is a consensus position.
  - Mike Thompson also suggested that the RRB should make it clear to ALL rally committees that the Time Allowance requirements are mandatory for ALL rallies. Peter suggested that this reminder be part of the automated email that goes out to all committees when they register for a Sanction. (Assuming that letter is customizable.)
  - Ed Sain and Peter will take on the project of finding out what can be done and getting it executed.

- April Zoom (4/23/2026): Peter, John Poulos, and Wendy Harrison had a meeting and agreed that it was not going to be productive to repeat a program that had been done previously to what is expected to be the same basic audience. So in light of the BOD emphasis on the Unified Pillars theme, Peter reached out to the Chairman of the BOD (Bob Crawford) and asked him if he would be available and willing to address the Zoom meeting. He agreed, so that is the new program.
- There being no other old business, we moved to new business.

**New Business**

- RRDC brand identity (logo).
  - RRB liaison to the RRDC Sonntag started by explaining that the RRDC would like to have some way to identify the product of its work to the greater rally community; hence the suggestion of a specific logo/letterhead to attach to their documents.
  - Cheryl mentioned the "witch's hat" logo for RoadRally as being kind of ugly, and that they wanted something a little more attractive.
  - Peter pointed out that the RRDC is an advisory committee to the RRB. In the SCCA family of programs none of the other advisory committees has their own logo. He and the other liaisons from the BOD are of the opinion that advisory committees use the logo that is attached to their program; no exceptions.
  - Discussion veered to the fact that there are multiple logos used at various times for RoadRally, ranging from the simple box with a checkpoint in it to the compass rose that has been adopted for the USRRC. Director liaison Lyn Hodges Watts commented that there should never be multiple logos for a program and Peter commented that that is a separate problem that needs to be resolved.
  - Lyn stated there should never be two versions of a logo**.**
  - Jessica stated that she will make it her job to sort out the logo issue and make sure that there is one specific logo for RoadRally and that it appears on all of our program specific products and correspondence.
  - In order to finish the discussion, Peter asked the group about having the RRDC having a separate logo or brand, "the answer is no, correct?"
  - Jessica confirmed that there will be a single RoadRally logo and if the RRDC wants to identify something as coming from the RRDC they can place the block letters "from the RRDC" under the program logo. And that program logo will be confirmed by the next meeting of the RRB.
  - Peter stated that he did not think that's appropriate. If they want to say, from the RRDC, using the Road Rally Program logo, that's fine, but by putting blocked letters under it is actually changing a logo.
  - Jessica confirmed that, that might be correct
  - Peter stated that when he used to send out the email blasts from the road rally board, he was instructed to make sure it was very clearly that it was from the Road Rally Board and not from the National Office.
- Official RRDC Facebook group
  - Jessica will research this with marketing at the same time that she is resolving the logo issue. The main question is whether we are allowed to set up such a page/group under the SCCA banner.
- Friday auto-generated delivery of sanctioned rallies for the week. Although this was requested last month, it has not happened. Mike Thompson will follow up with National office on Monday.
- Bob Sonntag brought up the issue of email management. When emails go out with questions requiring a response, and no response is received, things freeze. The sender can't proceed

because they don't know whether the lack of response is indicative of agreement, disagreement, disinterest, or because the email never arrived.
    - Jessica requested that everybody use RRB as the start of the subject line for all emails to the committee.
- Rules changes chairman. Clyde has agreed to do this again this year.
- Incident Reporting.
    - Ed feels that the RRB needs to put together a documented procedure for rally committees to follow if incidents occur on an event. He will put together this and distribute it to the RRB for review before the next meeting so that we can discuss it in detail.
- The "29 pages" a.k.a. the New Registration System Requirements Query
    - Larry has been working on sorting this request for programming guidance for an in-house registration system for all SCCA programs and is about halfway through it. He asked for help understanding some of the terminology used, etc. Lyn Hodges Watts agreed to bring her extensive racing experience to assist Larry, and Larry will reach out to Mary Shiloff of Detroit Region to enlist her assistance.
- Weekend Membership issues continue.
    - There is a possibility that the Weekend Membership numbers that SCCA assigns, and which are supposed to expire in 5 days are remaining in the system results in some rally organizers having issues with Weekend Memberships by not triggering the collection of the corresponding fee. This is being examined by Membership.
    - In any case, it is an ongoing problem both for the National Points Keeper, and for the Regions that are not collecting the Weekend Membership fees.
    - Point is that ultimately it is the responsibility of the rallymaster/region to collect the fee.
- There were no other items of new business submitted.

**Adjournment**

- The next RRB meeting is 4/9/2026 at 7:30 P.M. Central via Zoom.
- The meeting was adjourned on 3/12/2026 at 9:39 P.M.

**Quarterly Zoom Possible Topics**

| Topic | Date Added | Date Used |
|---|---|---|
| MSR rally registration templates | 6/13/2024 | |
| Jim Crittenden's new GPS rally program | postponed | |
| SCCA registration template | 1/9/2025 | |
| RRDC topics – start/promote rallies | 2/13/2025 | |
| Photography/video for rally promotion | 2/13/2025 | 4/24/2025 |
| Larry Scholnick's alternative Richta timing log | 4/10/2025 | 7/24/2025 |
| Various types of route instructions | 5/11/2025 | |
| Intro to Course/Trap rallies | 5/11/2025 | |
| Route instructions, Word and/or Excel | 5/11/2025 | |
| Who does what? | 6/12/2025 | |
| Game/Tour/Adventure (GTA) | 1/8/2026 | |

**Attachments:**

RRDC March Report
Proposed Revision to 9.2.4 of SCCA Ops Manual

To: **RRB at** rrb@scca.com From: **RRDC Team** Subject: **RRDC Report and Requests** Date: March 10th, 2026

• RoadRally Road Map Leg 1, Sections 1-3 have been reviewed and will be updated by the Team, given a new version, and reposted on the scca.com website.

• The RRDC support to the CENDiv Convention has been completed and forwarded to them for airing at the start of the Convention, then distributed to their Regions. The short intro video was made by Tyler Linner, the recipient, on behalf of CENDiv, of the Divisional Championship in 2025. Video link: https://youtu.be/AHgGv8hsFYM?si=IDgJryTWTnsO0xGk

• We are reviewing our Zine about road rally (a one-page foldable brochure), a new concept to reach a younger crowd and other adventurers, and to expose them to our sport via a new means. You'll find the two PDF files attached.

• We only have one more team member needing to choose their initial passion project on the RRDC. Mike Believeau and John Poulos are proceeding with Leg #2 of the RoadRally Road Map, which covers Rallymasters; Wendy Harrison will begin Leg #3 for Competitors.

• SWDivision Texas had two more individuals requesting road rally info. DRRS Poulos is doing the needed outreach, rebuilding the Texas Region program, and holding his first Tour w/Richta GPS Checkpoints in April.

• We will be pursuing an Instagram page to promote Regional Road Rally programs and activities.

• How can we reduce the barriers to road rally for competitors or organizers? Our March answer: "Simplify processes for Weekend Membership and Waivers." This stems from efforts to create a graphic that shows the various requirements for both Regions and Entrants.

• We were made aware of Rallying in America Podcast/Magazine, by Jim Booth, and we will be exploring promotional opportunities.

• Discussion of what programs we might develop or advertising opportunities to seek funding.

• Continuing our work on written documentation of when our Rallymasters are covered while working on their events and what "triggers" that coverage, the Weekend Membership coverage for either Driver/Navigator, as there is a conflict in that understanding, and the correction of Convention slides on RR Waiver matters.

**The RRDC is awaiting these items from the RRB**:

• Name of the Region in Florida and contact information that you are taking on this year, and aiding in building their program. This was requested in a January email.

• RRSS and DRRS Memo follow-ups from 2/9, so we may proceed; it will be 52 days from asking to our 4/2 mtg. Verification of the two shadow RRSS requirements continues, yet the program still needs a reset. The DRRS is to look at what is (not much happening) and what it could be (our RRDC outreach throughout Divisions), and work with the DRRS for their input.

**New items from our March 5th Meeting**:

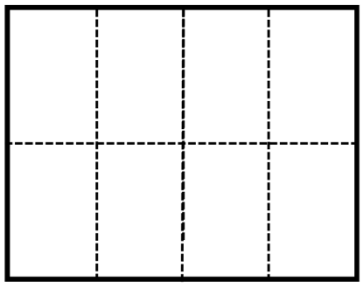
• We want a brand identity, and we created a logo for the RRDC. We sought approval from the marketing department because it included the SCCA Wheel on a vintage rally plate, the words *Regional RoadRally Development Committee*, and our rrdc@scca.com email address. We *did not* ask to have *anything created* for us; we simply wanted approval for our logo use. We tried asking for permission vs. begging for forgiveness; we have had no feedback from marketing. We are asking for your support in getting this approved.

• We would like your support to have an “official” RRDC Facebook Group off of the official SCCA RoadRally Facebook page. This would allow us to have a communication path from the RRDC to Regions/Rallyists, as well as for posting events and materials. We would prefer to do this off that page rather than in a separate group.

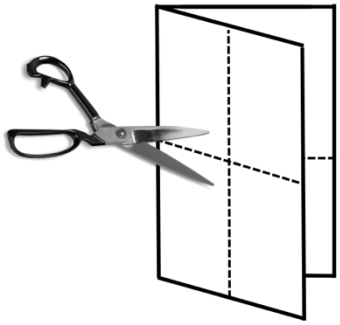
• At the February RRB Meeting, I pointed out to Heyward that we could benefit from a Friday auto-generated delivery of sanctioned rallies that week, as well as aiding the NEC and Chuck Hanson in his calendaring; Heyward didn’t see this as a problem. We have not been receiving those reports.

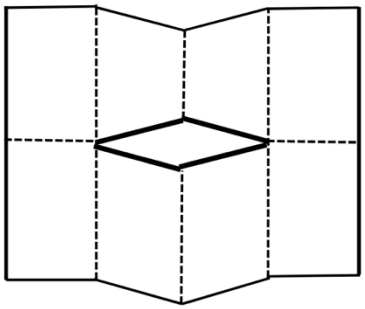
• Respectfully submitted, RRDC Team

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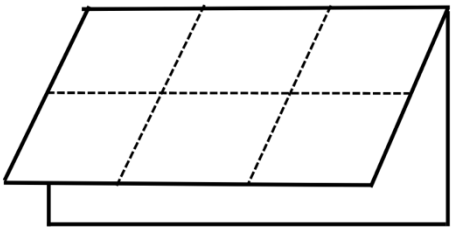


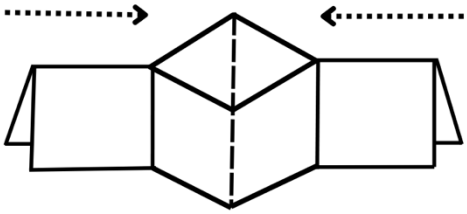
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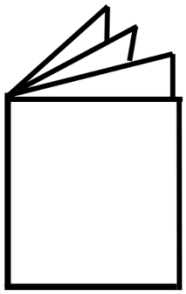




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Memorandum

To: RRB
From: RRDC via RRB/RRDC liaison Bob Sonntag
Date: 2/9/2026
Subj: Reworking Divisional RoadRally Steward Position in 2026

Background
The Divisional RoadRally Steward (DRRS) position seems to be one that's seldom called upon to do work. The only regularly performed task is assigning mentors to members working on their initial RoadRally Safety Steward licenses, which does not happen very often.

From the SCCA Ops Manual, page 36:

> **9.2.4 Divisional RoadRally Stewards**
> Appointment: One per Division, appointed by the RRB.
>
> Duties: Responsible to the RRB for supervising and administering the RoadRally Safety Steward Application process, assisting with Regional RoadRally Development activities and if possible, developing and maintaining a program of Divisional RoadRally series in accordance with the rules, standards and procedures established for the RoadRally Program. Additionally, will serve as an advisory resource for the RoadRally Board on event operational topics.

Based on the 2025 RRDC outreach to the DRRSs, we concluded that little work is being asked of or done by those in the position.

Proposal
The RRDC believes that, to better support the development of Regional road rally programs in their Divisions, the DRRS duties need to be revised.

As the current DRRSs accepted their positions before these proposed changes, we will invite them to share their view of the role and the tasks they expect to perform as a Divisional Road Rally representative. This also offers an excellent opportunity to ask them about their interest in continuing in the revised positions. Some may see this change as an opportunity to step away from their current DRRS role or to re-energize and continue in the revised role.

At our November RRDC meeting, National staff told us that, with more duties moving online, there is a shift toward a "coordinator" role within Divisions in other SCCA-sanctioned programs. To support changes to the DRRS role, we recommend renaming it to Divisional RoadRally Coordinator (DRRC).

The core obligations of the DRRC position within each Division would become:

1) The expectation is that a well-qualified DRRC will have experience in several key RoadRally roles:
   - Rallymaster (some combination of Course, Tour, GTA, and Trek events)
   - RoadRally Safety Steward
   - Entrant (regular & frequent entrant in RoadRally events)

2) Be the primary resource for connecting mentees seeking initial RRSS licenses with suitable mentors in their Division or a neighboring Division. Key factors in determining suitability are:
   - RoadRally Safety Steward license
   - Experience: Current, active participation at the Regional or Divisional level. A minimum of two years of experience.
   - Proximity
   - Availability

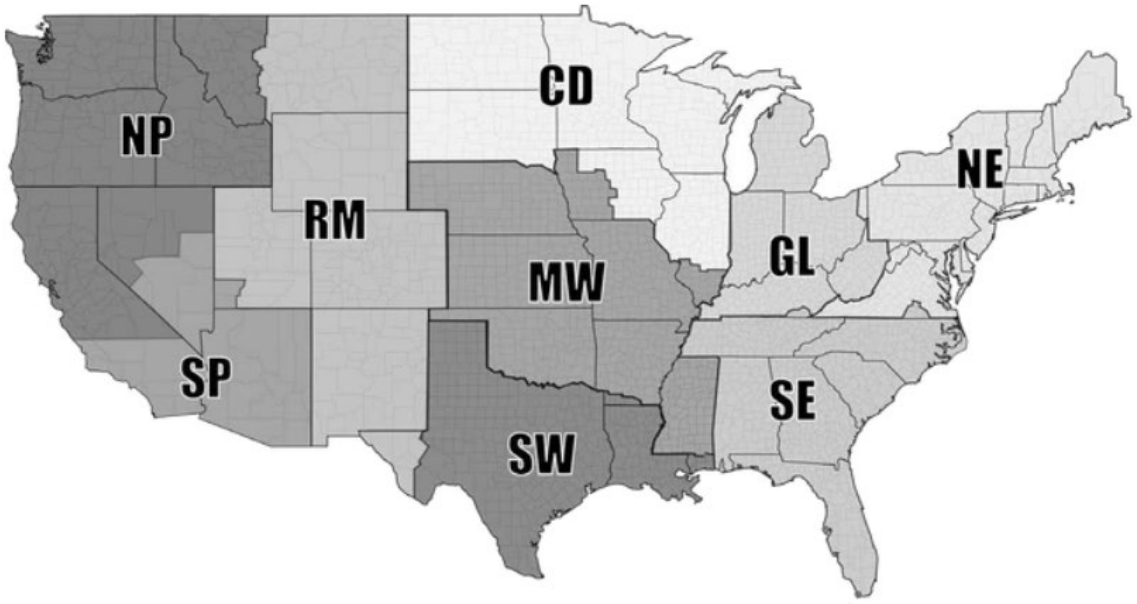
3) Work through the RRDC to strengthen new and existing Regional rally programs.
   - Serve as sounding board to the RRDC for materials under development.
   - Preview new materials.
   - Attend RRDC meetings as invited, typically no more than once a quarter.
     - Fostering a sense of inclusion.
     - Allowing for sharing what is happening in their divisions.
     - Offering an easy inter-division exchanging of ideas.

4) Be a resource for Regions developing, growing, or revitalizing their rally programs within their Division.
   - May only mean knowing who to reach when Regions have program development questions.

5) Maintain contact with Region leaders and road rally program committees in their Divisions and develop relationships with those who have active programs.
   - The DRRC and Regions are to have flexibility in the frequency of this contact.
   - A minimum of annual contact with Regions will be expected, even if that is just to maintain the DRRC's RoadRally points of contact with the Regions, for additional RRDC outreach.

6) When possible, represent the RoadRally program, as well as the sport, at SCCA Divisional leadership gatherings such as the Divisional Conventions and Conferences.
   - Share division-level RoadRally updates for publication via Division websites & social media.

7) Serve a term of three years. One third of the DRRCs start each January 1.
   - Initially, there will be transition period, to evolve to:
     - Northern Pacific, Central, & Northeast have the same three-year term.
     - Rocky Mountain, Midwest, & Great Lakes have the same three-year term.
     - Southern Pacific, Southwest, & Southeast have the same three-year term.




* *Alaska is included in the Northern Pacific Division. Hawaii and Guam are included in the South Pacific Division. Puerto Rico is in the Southeast Division.*
*Source: //www.scca.com/pages/scca-divisions*
*Note: Chris Robbins shared that Guam is no longer a recognized region. That's not reflected on the webpage clipped.*

8) The RoadRally Board, the body that nominates and approves individuals to DRRS positions, should retain that role, yet seek input from the Regional RoadRally Development Committee when evaluating DRRC/DRRS candidates.

Fastrack news official SCCA member notification
EFFECTIVE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

# RRB Meeting Minutes

4/16/2026

**Call to Order**

Zoom meeting called to order 7:35 P.M. Central by Chair Jessica Toney. Attendees: Bob Sonntag (RRB, RRDC), Larry Scholnick (RRB, SPDIV RRS), Clyde Heckler (RRB, NEDIV RRS), Ed Sain (RRB), Heyward Wagner (RRB, SCCA Liaison), Charles Hanson (RRB Secretary), Mike Thompson (ChNEC, CENDIV RRS), Mike Toombs (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Peter Schneider (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Cheryl Babbe (ChRRDC)

Previous meeting's minutes: It was moved by Chairman Toney that the March minutes be approved as amended. Responses are to be to the Secretary by 3:00 PM Eastern on Friday 4/17. Scholnick – yes, Heckler – implied yes, Sain – implied yes, Sonntag – conditional yes.

**Standing Reports**

**RoadRally Planning Calendar**

- Charles Hanson distributed the April planning calendar on April 5.
- File of sanctioned events is being received weekly. Secretary is also receiving the notice of sanction to the requesting region. This is nice, but this notice does not include the contact information or location, the main component of the planning calendar.
- It would be appreciated if all Regional rally chairs would send Charles their planning calendars at dtcgh8@gmail.com. Events do NOT have to be sanctioned to be on the list.

**NEC Report** (from Mike Thompson)

- Mike reports that the NEC is now receiving the sanction notices as they are sent to the regions.
- Ed Sain made a report about participation:
  - TOUR: There have been 8 rally equivalents (6 divisional, 1 national) with an average participation of 11 teams per event. The participant allocation was a total of 7 in Class E, 40 in Class G, 3 in Class L, and 33 in Class S. Event entries ranged from 6 (twice) to 25 per event.
  - COURSE: There have been 2 rally equivalents (1 National) with an average participation of 3 teams per event. All teams entered Class G. (No change from March report.)
- No new requests for NEC involvement this month.
- Next NEC meeting is April 28.

**RRDC Report** (from Cheryl Babbe Leg 1 of the RoadRally Road Map was submitted to the RRB. Bob moved that it be approved as posted. Seconded by Toney. Approved unanimously. Cheryl will send to Nikki Edwards for posting.

  - Heyward inquired how many legs there will ultimately be. Cheryl responded that Leg 2 will be helpful information for new rallymasters, and Leg 3 will be helpful information for new competitors.
- Cheryl requested that future email blasts from the RRB include information about regional rallies included so that readers are aware that there are more than National and Divisional events happening. Peter responded that he did the "blasts" and that he did not have the time to track down all of the regionals and include them. But he did include a link to the RRB RoadRally Calendar in the email blast that includes all known Regional events to date.
- Other items in the RRDC report will be covered under old business.

**Old Business**

- Reworking Divisional RoadRally Steward position.
  - Because some of the suggested changes are said to be in conflict with the existing SCCA Ops Manual, the three SCCA BOD liaisons to the RRB have assumed the lead on this matter. Peter emphasized that the RRB/RRDC can make suggestions, but that only the BOD can make changes.
  - Bob's attempts for clarity on how the proposal conflicts with the Ops Manual went unanswered. Bob said that in seeking clarity on the state of the matter after the March RRB meeting with Peter, that Peter sent his thoughts to Jessica. Peter has declined to share those thoughts with Bob, Cheryl, or the rest of the RRB. Once Peter and Jessica have a chance to discuss them, they will be shared with the RRB.
- Auto-generated delivery of sanctioned rallies: The NEC has indicated that they are receiving them. The Secretary is receiving them as the keeper of the planning calendar. Ed reports that he is getting forwarded copies from the NEC.
- Ed reported on his research regarding Incident Reporting. Discussion will be deferred to the April 23 Quarterly Zoom meeting where it will be part of the presentation by Jamie Mullin. Ed says that there will be some interesting questions from the audience.
- Jessica has reached out to Tyler Linner about the speed observation issue, but has not heard back from him. She requested assistance from Cheryl and/or Bob. Cheryl said that Tyler's "sealedbeam" email address is the best one to use.
- Quarterly Zoom meeting on April 23:
  - Chris Robbins will act as moderator for the meeting.
  - Bob Crawford – SCCA Chairman will discuss the Pillars program.
  - Jamie Mullin – SCCA Sanction & Insurance will discuss & demo the online Incident Reporting system.
  - Bob suggested adding a couple of slides that show RoadRally group email addresses for reference and future Zoom session topics. They will be included.
- Proposed update to Safety Steward materials: Bob has sent a list of questions concerning the number of signatures required to obtain a license, as well as questions concerning the actual qualifications required for a license, or if there are any factors that can disqualify a candidate for a license. Bob would like to see RRB member responses by April 23.

**New Business**

- Comment that the "window" for making suggestions/requests for rules changes for the 2027 season will be from May 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.
  - Clyde will notify each submitter when their proposal has been received.
- Ed commented that there is now a Version 44 of the Rules For Organizers (RFO's).
- Discussion of possible discrepancies between the on-line and printed versions of rule documents. Ed and Clyde will review and compare these.

**Adjournment**

- The next RRB meeting is 5/14/2026 at 7:30 P.M. Central via Zoom.
- The meeting was adjourned on 4/16/2026 at 8:39 P.M. Central.

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# RRB Meeting Minutes

5/21/2026

**Call to Order**

Zoom meeting called to order 7:30 P.M. Central by Chair Jessica Toney. Attendees: Bob Sonntag (RRB, RRDC), Larry Scholnick (RRB, SPDIV RRS), Clyde Heckler (RRB, NEDIV RRS), Ed Sain (RRB), Mike Thompson (ChNEC, CENDIV RRS), Mike Toombs (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Peter Schneider (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Cheryl Babbe (ChRRDC), John Poulos (RRDC, SWDIV RRS)

- Charles Hanson distributed the April minutes on May 14. Approved with 5 votes. Remainder of meeting postponed to May 21.

**Standing Reports**

**RoadRally Planning Calendar**

- Charles Hanson distributed the updated planning calendar by email on May 13.

**NEC Report** (from Mike Thompson)

- Mike said that the only subject discussed by the NEC was that of having a Regional run in conjunction with a National or Divisional event. A careful study of the RRRs and RFOs did not reveal a prohibition of such events, nor a requirement that competitors in the Regional be incorporated into the National or Divisional results, even if the Regional event uses the exact same set of instructions as the National or Divisional event. Mike is to communicate this finding to the National Points Keeper.

- Clyde said that Jim Wakemen asked that the report include the fact that there are 46 fully paid entries for the Colorado Adventure Rally in July which confirms that there is a definite market for this type of event.

- Ed reported on participation through May 18, 2026.

    - TOUR: There have been 9 rally equivalents (7 divisional, 1 national) with an average participation of 12 (rounded) teams per event. The participation allocation was a total of 9 in class E, 42 in class G, 4 in Class L, and 38 in Class S. Event entries ranged from 6 (twice) to 25 per event. There was a total 27 novices at these events.
    - COURSE There has been 4 rally equivalents (2 divisional, 1 national) with an average participation of 8 (rounded) teams per event. The participation allocation was a total of 2 in class E, 7 in class G, 1 in class L and 13 in class S. Event entries ranged from 3 to 14 per event.
    - **NEW REGIONAL INFO** for the first three months of the year: There were 8 tour, 1 course and 1 GTA. There were a total of 169 teams entered with event entries ranging from 5 to 36 per event. The Finger Lakes region ran a series of five winter events every other weekend at various upstate NY locations.

**RRDC Report** (from Cheryl Babbe)

- Cheryl stated that the RRDC did not hold a May meeting. They are still recruiting new members to serve on the committee and that there is a possibility that some of the existing members may be stepping down at the end of the year.
- The Committee is still waiting for RRB action on their February proposal concerning the duties of the Divisional RoadRally Safety Stewards.

**Old Business**

- Ed Sain reported on the subject of online Incident Reporting. He stated that he had submitted some findings to Clyde as potential rules changes, and that they had been determined to actually be properly covered as errors and omissions. As such they have been resubmitted to Jamie Mullen for handling. Considerable discussion that led to a decision to table the topic until next month when Heyward is expected to be in attendance.

- DRSS Roles and Responsibilities: Peter and the BOD liaisons have written up a proposed revision to the SCCA Operations Manual to incorporate the RRDC recommendations. Peter sent that back to the RRB a couple of weeks ago. It now has to go to the full BOD for review by the governance committee and approval by the BOD for inclusion in the Ops Manual. The only outstanding item for the RRB is whether these belong in the RRRs or in the RFOs. Cheryl suggested that it might be better in one of the appendixes to the RRRs. Peter said that it was the RRB's decision as to where it gets institutionalized. Agreement that it should be an appendix to the RRRs.

- Safety Steward Licensing procedure and requirements: Bob has reviewed the published procedures and received comments from the RRB and other interested parties. He has changed some of the language to make the position sound more inviting to potential candidates, and shifted the sequence of events to better match when other individuals actually become involved. Bob was instructed to complete the process with the National office.

- RoadRally Roadmap: Peter reported that Leg 1 has had a significant number of views since it was posted in 2022 and the views have increased each year (248 hits in 2022, 372 hits in 2023, 411 hits in 2024, 478 hits in 2025, and 382 hits as of May 21, 2026). Cheryl reported that there are two sub-committees working on Leg 2. They are attempting to update the use of technology in recognition of the fact that people are less willing to read today and expect much more video and interactive things. Peter asked when we could expect to see the finished product and Cheryl said that if we are lucky it could be by the end of the year.

- Auto-generated delivery of sanctioned rallies: Meeting participants reported that they are getting the notifications. (Secretary and Calendar Keeper reports that he is getting the sanction numbers when they are issued. However, the notice does NOT include what he really needs for the planning calendar; i.e. location and contact information that are crucial parts of the planning calendar. That information comes from the master file that he has only been getting once a month, typically the Monday prior to the scheduled RRB meeting. It would really be appreciated if he could get it the Friday before the scheduled meeting so that he can work on the calendar over the weekend. On June 9 Rachel reported that she has solved the problem and Charles will get the report every Friday. Well, it came on Monday the 15th, but at least it came.)

- Clyde discussed the current status of submissions concerning rule changes. Only things have been from people on this call.

- Cheryl suggested that we need to give more guidance to people about the form in which requests should be made; i.e. copy of the rule you want changed (Article, paragraph) with additions underlined and deletions as strikethrough.

- Quarterly Zoom: Jamie is working on a demo of the online instant reporting system.

- Speed Observation follow up: Jessica has sent Tyler all of the ways that he can contact her directly and is waiting for his reply. She doesn't know if her efforts have just vanished into the void, or what.

**New Business**

- Standardization of SCCA Resources – across all Program Boards:
  - Utilization of SCCA Email Distribution Lists Only (RRB@SCCA.com, NEC@SCCA.com, RRDC@SCCA.com) - **No private Distribution Lists**
  - Utilization of SCCA Zoom Sessions for all Committee and Advisory Committee Meetings and Recordings – **No private Zoom Sessions / or recording on a Non-SCCA environment.**
  - This is NOT intended to hinder internal communication! It is to protect SCCA intellectual property rights, and to protect against potential liability claims. Small sub-groups are still allowed to have discussions and share working documents without burdening the entire committee with multiple emails.

- Replacement of RM DRRS: Steve Gaddy is resigning from SCCA effective May 31 creating a vacancy. Discussion of potential replacements within the Division. None meet the requirements that have been discussed under item 2 of old business. Jessica will follow up with several of her contacts and report back at the June meeting.

- Cheryl brought up the subject of the SCCA Hall of Fame and encouraged the silver foxes to make some recommendations about peers who should be considered for inclusion in the Hall. Deadline for this year is June 15.

- Ed brought up another potential E & O subject: Looking at the RRRs, people are described as "contestants," "entrants," "participants," "crew members," "competitors," "occupants," "owner entrants," "drivers," or "navigators." (He left out "workers," and "organizers." (Secretary)) He would like to see some uniformity in the book, and since we are doing a revision anyway, this seems like a good time to address the matter.

- **Adjournment**
- The next RRB meeting is 6/11/2026 at 7:30 P.M. Central via Zoom.
- The meeting was adjourned on 5/21/2026 at 9:18 P.M.

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# RRB Meeting Minutes

6/17/2026

**Call to Order**
Zoom meeting called to order 7:00 P.M. CDT by Chair Jessica Toney. Attendees: Bob Sonntag (RRB, RRDC), Larry Scholnick (RRB, SPDIV RRS), Clyde Heckler (RRB, NEDIV RRS), Ed Sain (RRB), Heyward Wagner (RRB, SCCA Liaison), Mike Toombs (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Lyn Hodges Watts (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Peter Schneider (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Charles Hanson (RRB Secretary joined slightly after 8 P.M.)

This was a meeting an RRB members and BoD Liaisons only meeting.

- Charles Hanson distributed the edits of the May minutes on June 16. Approved with 5 votes.

**Standing Committee Reports**
**RoadRally Planning Calendar** for June was distributed on June 11.

**Participation Report** (by Ed Sain)

- TOUR: There have been 14 rally equivalents (8 divisional, 3 national) with an average participation of 11 (rounded) teams per event. The participation allocation was a total of 21 in class E, 45 in class G, 5 in Class L, and 42 in Class S. Event entries ranged from 6 (twice) to 25 per event. There was a total 30 novices at these events.
- COURSE There has been 7 rally equivalents (3 divisional, 2 national) with an average participation of 7 (rounded) teams per event. The participation allocation was a total of 10 in class E, 8 in class G, 2 in class L and 16 in class S. Event entries ranged from 3 to 14 per event.

**NEC Report** (from Mike Thompson)
- Not on Agenda.

**RRDC Report** (from Cheryl Babbe)
- Not on Agenda.

**Old Business**
- Incident Reporting System: Heyward started the discussion by defining the difference between safety management and risk management. Safety means that we have rules and procedures that keep our friends and participants safe. Risk management means when bad things happen, we have a better day in court than we would otherwise. The “Incident Reporting System” is an important component of both.
  - In the first place, the IRS creates a database that allows us to notice commonality in the types of incidents that are occurring in the respective programs and get the Club safety people thinking about potential modifications to procedures that may be able to reduce the frequency and/or severity of the issues.

- In the second place, the IRS documents that the Club is taking an active stance on issues of safety by recording incidents and ensuring that they are reported by trained Safety Stewards; which contributes to the risk management function.
  - From a safety standpoint RoadRally has had something like 11 incidents over the last couple of years and a significant number of these involved impact to non-participant vehicles or property; i.e. things that are outside of our insurance window. The good news is that everything that has happened has been minor. For instance; over 126 events in 2022 there were 2 incidents where participant vehicles were hit by non-participant vehicles. As a person who is just becoming acquainted with the rally program, Heyward's question is: "Does this number seem normal, excessive, concerning?" And, "why are rally cars being hit by non-participant cars?" Members of the RRB suggested that some of the reasons for the latter are that by our rules rally cars are not allowed to be required to drive above the posted speed limits (where, in most areas the non-participant drivers are acting like the speed limit is a mandatory minimum speed). RoadRally events take place on public road and by nature interact with others sharing the public roadways.
  - The RRB does not have an explicit safety sub-committee – correct? (Affirmed) So, since the number of incidents is low; should the RRB, in full, be reviewing these incidents? It may be hard to do because the low number of incidents will tend to obscure trends.
  - Discussion of the incidents and possible explanations for them led to the further question: Do these explanations suggest any possible additional training opportunities for either organizers or competitors?
  - Heyward also expressed a concern about rollover accidents and the possibility of head injuries since the vehicles do not have roll cages and the participants are not wearing helmets. Bob pointed out that that the rollovers that he saw in the incident reports all occurred on winter rallies and involved cars sliding off the road. He wondered if this concern was being expressed by our insurance carrier. Heyward said that it was not. He is simply trying to be proactive.
  - Heyward went on to make a deeper dive into the new IRS system to point out that by reporting everything that happens, as opposed to only things that involve injury, is to be able to demonstrate that the safety rules and procedures work; i.e. that on a percentage basis, serious incidents are rare!
  - From a risk management perspective, Heyward's principle nightmare is finding himself in court defending us against an injury claim from a non-waivered person. We need to be mindful that our activity is being conducted in an environment where we are surrounded by people who have not signed the waiver.
  - Heyward's understanding is that safety stewarding is really different in the road rally community than everywhere else in the club in that safety stewarding happens largely before the event and not through the event. Agreed. But Heyward would be much, much more comfortable if we had somebody on-site that held a safety steward license. The first reason is to be sure that we are getting good reporting. The second reason is that in the situation where we would wind up in court the natural question would be "Why do you have safety stewards on-site for all other programs, but not for rallies?" So, to be clear, it's not the safety steward's responsibility to witness the incident. It is the safety steward's responsibility to document the incident. That's assuming that we convey to all entrants, if you're involved in an incident deal with everything, and then be sure to let the Road Rally Safety Steward for the event know what happened so they can file the official incident report. An incident is when there is damage to property or person. Jessica suggested that

maybe what we need to do is start looking at it from a different perspective; maybe we already have safety stewards there, we just haven't been counting them, because they're not acting as the safety steward for the event, but yet they are licensed safety stewards who are part of the event and there.
    - Peter brought up that we actually have a type of road rally where a safety steward does not have to be involved at all; i.e. Treks. Heyward responded that we did need to think about how we handle safety / incidents at trek events.
    - Heyward reiterated that the safety steward doesn't need to see the incident. The safety steward needs to document the incident with as much clarity as possible. This does not mean that they should be analyzing the incident. The training around filling out the form can be pretty important. So we want to be consistent with that. Heyward thinks that using the online incident reporting tool is NOT any different for this program than any other. The only thing that is different is potentially the event location. The event location can be the starting point, the ending point, or where the event is happening. We don't need pinpoint accuracy. (CGH: between NRI xx and NRI yy might be helpful to the organizer.) What we really need are the names of the people involved, any medical attention needed, and a synopsis of what happened with as little editorial as possible.

- Main Committee / Sub-Committee interaction: Heyward suggests that this should be a multi-part discussion (i.e. multi-meeting) because it is his experience that presenting problems and solutions at the same meeting causes people to feel rushed and consequently more resistant to changes.
    - Other program boards function by establishing sub-committees to handle specific tasks and having a member of the program board as a liaison to the sub-committee. All communication between the committee and the sub-committee is through the liaison. And if the subcommittee is having a particular challenge or issue, then the committee chair might come over. (Note that this is the same way that the SCCA-BOD works with the program committees.)
    - This is NOT the structure that Heyward is experiencing with the RRB. We have the sub-committees mostly working independently and then bringing their reports directly to the RRB, which is probably ok if the work is getting done. The problem seems to be that the work is not getting done and the RRB / sub-committees are engaging in finger pointing about who is responsible for the delays. Heyward feels that there are two things that the RRB needs to discuss with or without him:
        - One is what he perceives to be “a duties as self-assigned” nature of the RRDC. What he is seeing as a staff member is that they would like to steer the overall direction of the program. They want logos, they want changes to the minor waiver, (Clarification/correction: The RRDC wants clarity in who needs to be waivered and if minor waivers are possible at events. – Bob, RRDC Liaison.) or to membership procedures, or this, that, and the other. And Heyward doesn’t sense that the RRB is giving them clarity of, “these are the things we want you working on.”
        - In other programs Heyward sees similar committees functioning in a largely reactionary manner; i.e. when a region asks for help doing something, you have a committee of experts that shows up to help. Until asked they stay home and quiet.
        - Heyward also thinks it's super valuable to have experts in the field. That when a region wants help with something, starting a program, improving a program, doing a new style event, any of those things, that you've got a rolodex of go-to experts, and that can be a committee, that can just be people that you have on file.

- Jessica commented that they have a handbook that they've been working on for some time, that they've been actually making some progress on. She thinks it would be great if they actually just got that done. We'd be better off if we were a little bit more explicit and kind of reset the RRDC as to, this is what we're asking you to do, you need to do this.
- Heyward thinks that, at a minimum, the RRB should be giving the RRDC some specific tasks.
- Heyward suggested that a method for the RRB to generate clarity would be to write a Mission Statement.
  - ☐ Like, what is our purpose here? What are we trying to do? Are we trying to grow Road Rally? Are we trying to perfect Road Rally? Are we trying to enjoy Road Rally?
  - ☐ I want you guys to be really clear. That should then go to the board, and you should ask the board, is this where you want us going? Is this where you want us focused?
  - ☐ When you have BOD approval, then you can establish the tasks that you want each sub-committee to accomplish.

- Heyward suggested that the RRB think about all of these ideas and discuss them further at the July meeting of the RRB. He continued: "I want to be clear about my role. My role is not to direct you, my role is not to tell you what you should or shouldn't do. My role is to be the staff liaison that brings you things like, hey, I looked at some safety reporting, this is what I'm seeing, or hey, I'm, you know, whatever, what I'm trying to do this evening."
  - Jessica: "I just want to, before we wrap it up, I want to, you know, jump on something that Bob said, and I want to make sure I do not feel like we're pointing fingers at any one individual or any one group here. I look at this as kind of, you know, we have this mess, and we're trying to untangle this mess, and it doesn't happen from one person or one group. It's just something we need to organize."

**New Business**

- None

**Adjournment**

- The next RRB meeting is 7/09/2026 at 7:30 P.M. Central via Zoom.
- The meeting was adjourned on 6/17/2026 at 8:39 P.M. CDT

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# RRB Meeting Minutes

7/9/2026

**Call to Order**

Zoom meeting called to order 7:39 P.M. Central by Chair Jessica Toney. Attendees: Bob Sonntag (RRB, RRDC), Ed Sain (RRB), Clyde Heckler (RRB, NEDIV RRS), Larry Scholnick (RRB, SPDIV RRS), Heyward Wagner (RRB, SCCA Liaison), Mike Toombs (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Peter Schneider (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Lyn Hodges Watts (SCCABoD RRB Liaison), Charles Hanson (RRB Secretary)

- Charles Hanson distributed the edits of the June minutes on July 4. Ed moved that they be approved. Approved with 5 votes.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**RoadRally Planning Calendar** for July was distributed on July 5. There were two new events listed and three deletions.

**NEC Report** (by Larry Scholnick)

- Larry reported that they discussed the cancelation of Rob Moran's planned rallies for August and that they were unable to come up with a work around to let them happen.
- The committee finalized its recommendations for 2026 rules changes. A subject that will be covered later in this meeting.

**RRDC Report** (by Bob Sonntag)

- Bob reported that the committee continued reviewing the flow diagram for membership and waiver requirements at rally events.
- The committee also continued its work on Leg 2 which is about creating rallies.
- Work seems to be stalling on Leg 3 which deals with competing in rallies because the committee is concerned that rumors of redirection of their charter may make the work irrelevant.
- There is also concern about how work flows between program committees.

**Activity Report** (by Ed Sain)

- There have not been any national or divisional events in the last month, so no change in the report.

**Old Business**

- Incident Reporting System: Unlike other SCCA programs which have their events on confined non-public sites, rally events are conducted on public roads and extend over relatively broad geographical ranges. Consequently the Safety Steward function has evolved to emphasize pre-event decisions that can minimize conditions that can result in adverse contestant / civilian interactions. In RoadRally, it's likely that the RRSS would not be present at any incident, and even less likely if the incident happened off-course..
- That said, incidents can, and will occur. It is, therefore, necessary that there be a mechanism for collecting information on these incidents and getting said information properly entered in the Incident Reporting System (IRS).

- There is a paper form (available under the Member Portal / Insurance) that can be used to collect the pertinent data on an incident. It is the consensus of the RRB that the rules need to be updated to say that each contestant shall receive a printed copy of this form as part of the General Instructions and the contestants need to be informed that it is their responsibility to fill out the form if they are involved in an incident. They need to also be informed that they are responsible for presenting the form to a particular individual (named in the GI's or addenda) who is trained on how to do the on-line reporting (may be an SS from any program participating as a contestant).
- There is a category of rally named TREK that does not have a requirement for pre-inspection by a licensed RoadRally Safety Steward. This is because TREKs are non-competitive social events that operate as follow the leader travel. It needs to be incorporated into Trek rules that the above reporting requirement is in effect.
- It should be noted that "incidents" may include things that occur in the parking lots at breaks!

- RoadRally Safety Steward Licensing: It was agreed that being 18 years of age, a member of SCCA, and completion of the LMS training are the only requirements to receive the RRSS license.

- Divisional RoadRally Safety Stewards: There are currently two divisions without a DRSS; Rocky Mountain, and Northern Pacific. One is by resignation and the other by lapsed membership. It was discussed that there needs to be a mechanism for getting the RRB notified of the latter situation. In any case, the RRB is looking for replacements.

- RRDC direction: The RRB thanks the members of the RRDC for their efforts and acknowledges that the RRB needs to be faster in responding to their requests for guidance.
  - The RRB is particularly interested in the "Road Map" project because we believe that its completion will provide interested individuals and their regions of record with a clear and useful set of directions for (re)establishing a functioning RoadRally program.
    - To that end, the RRB would like to get a plan for the completion of legs 2 and 3 of the map with the committee's goals for that completion.
    - The RRB pledges to provide prompt responses to requests from the RRDC for advice or consent.
  - The RRB acknowledges that the RRDC is not expected to develop RoadRally in regions where there is no interest.

**New Business**

- Ed noticed that the USRRC on-site registration is at the same time as the scheduled Oct. RRB meeting. Jessica will contact Nikki to move the RRB meeting to the following week so that the RRB can include discussion of the event. (Jessica will be the official RRSS for the event doing the pre-checks, but will not be at the events.)

**Adjournment**

- The next RRB meeting is 7/15/2026 at 7:00 P.M. Central via Zoom to determine which rules proposals will be presented to the community for comment.
- The meeting was adjourned on 7/09/2026 at 8:56 P.M.

**Quarterly Zoom Possible Topics**

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# RRB Meeting Minutes

8/3/2026

**Call to Order**
Zoom meeting called to order on August 3, 2026 at 7:35 P.M. Central by Chair Jessica Toney. Attendees: Bob Sonntag (RRB, RRDC Liaison), Larry Scholnick (RRB, SPDIV RRS, NEC Liaison), Clyde Heckler (RRB, NEDIV RRS), Ed Sain (RRB), Heyward Wagner (RRB, SCCA Liaison), Peter Schneider (SCCA BoD RRB Liaison), Mike Toombs (SCCA BoD RRB Liaison), Charles Hanson (RRB Secretary)

- Charles Hanson distributed the edits of the July minutes on Aug. 3rd. Approved with 5 votes.

**Standing Committee Reports**
**RoadRally Planning Calendar** for August was distributed on August 5.

**NEC Report** (by Larry Scholnick, RRB Liaison)
- Discussion about possible host for 2027 USRRC and the rest of the 2027 schedule, but no commitments have been made. Larry made mention of "our friends in Indiana" referencing the Indianapolis and Southern Indiana Regions represented on the meeting by Charles Hanson and Bob Sonntag, respectively.

**RRDC Report** (by Bob Sonntag, RRB Liaison)
- The RRDC report was shared prior to the meeting with the expectation that it would be included in the minutes. It is included as an addendum. [Note: In summary the report is highly critical of the RRB, but did not report on any of the RRDC's current activities or projects. The RRDC report reflects the RRDC's frustration with the recent changes on how it is to operate relative to the RRB. Those frustrations ripple into the RRDC meetings and what gets attention in them. The frustration is shared by the RRB Liaison to the RRDC and is reflected in the Liaison's Report summarizing the RRDC meeting.]

  A short discussion followed, Jessica Toney mentioned a two hour phone call conducted between herself and Cheryl Babbe last year during which they tried unsuccessfully to come to an agreement on Cheryl's priorities for the RRDC.

**Activity Report** (by Ed Sain)
- There have been no National or Divisional events in July, and none are scheduled in August.

- So far this year there have been 61 Regional events, about half of which have been Tours. The remainder were distributed among Course, Trek, GTA, and Social. Since Regional results are not required for sanction purposes there is no good way to obtain information on class distribution. Additionally, class definitions vary at the Regional level.

**Old Business**
- Incident Reporting System: Heyward started the discussion by stating that there have been no new incident reports from RoadRally, which is good news.
  - A technical bulletin has been posted to the SCCA site addressing Safety Steward responsibilities. Peter suggested sending an email directly to RoadRally Safety Stewards,

Regional Executives, and regular RoadRally organizers to ensure that they are aware of the bulletin. Heyward will work with staff to make this happen.
  - Heyward suggested incorporating specific safety reminders into participants meetings, planning materials, and event instructions where appropriate with the goal of ensuring that appropriate safety guidance has been communicated before an incident occurs.
  - RoadRally Safety Steward licensing and mentoring requirements need clarification. Heyward explained that documented training / licensing is important from a liability perspective. Bob agreed to circulate a draft regarding the issue.

- There are two divisions that do not currently have an active Divisional RoadRally Steward; Rocky Mountain and Northern Pacific. Jessica volunteered to assume the position for NP Div, and Peter will approach Chris Robbins about taking over the RM Div. The SCCA website will be updated with these changes as they are confirmed.

- Main Committee / Sub-Committee interaction: The RoadRally Board (RRB) is a Main Committee appointed by the SCCA Board of Directors for the purpose of administering the Road Rally Program of the Club and reporting to the BOD through the BOD Liaisons.
  - In order to accomplish its assignment the RRB has, in turn, appointed two sub-committees of its own; the National Events Committee (NEC) and the Regional Rally Development Committee (RRDC) which report to the RRB through their RRB Liaisons.
    - The NEC is responsible for coordinating the National and Divisional events that are jointly scored to determine the National Champions of the sport annually. They also serve as the principal review committee for revisions to the RoadRally Rules (RRRs) and the RoadRally Rules for Organizers (RFOs).
    - The RRDC was created for the purpose of assisting regions that would like to have a RoadRally program with guidance and assistance when requested. The RRDC came up with the idea of a RoadRally Road Map to provide regions with a basic handbook of what will be required to start a program from scratch. RoadRallies are run, and scored, in Legs (just like golf is scored by holes), so the chapters of the Road Map are called Legs.

- Rules / Errors and Omissions material has been sent to staff for processing. Included were several membership-related wording changes that will require input from Membership/Program Services. It is hoped that responses will be available by the next RRB meeting in Sept.

**New Business**

- RRB vacancies: The RRB is allowed to have up to seven members (currently at six).
  - ➢ Editor's Note: Participants in the sport of RoadRally who would like to contribute to the future of the sport they love are encouraged to consider applying for RRB membership. Submit your interest, along with your qualifications to RRB@SCCA.com
  - By SCCA rules, Larry Scholnick will be leaving the RRB at the end of the year.
  - Bob Sonntag has stated that he does not want to serve another three-year term.
  - Charles Hanson has stated that he does not intend to continue as the acting secretary after 8/31/2026

- Quarterly Zoom: With no specific topics identified, the group agreed that it would be preferable to cancel rather than attempt to assemble an agenda at the last minute.

- Peter discussed the SCCA program board/committee service agreement that Mike Toombs circulated. Board members were asked to review the agreement and direct questions or concerns to Mike.

- Jessica returned to the subject of the 2027 USRRC. Currently there are no volunteers to host the event and Jessica hopes to be able to announce the 2027 host at the 2026 event in Oct. Two potential host Regions were discussed and members of those regions are pursuing interest from their officers concerning the opportunity.

- Peter reported that the SCCA Board of Directors is looking for the Road Rally Board to develop a **five-year plan** for the program, ideally beginning early next year.
  - Jessica volunteered to lead the effort and proposed a small working group of two or three additional people. Larry and Ed volunteered to join the group. Jessica plans to start an email thread within a week.
  - Heyward encouraged the Board to explicitly define what success looks like for RoadRally and suggested several possible measures.

- Nikki has posted the proposed changes to the RoadRally Championship rules to the SCCA website. Clyde will make a broadcast announcement this week to the members who commented last year reminding them to comment again this year.

- Colorado Adventure Rally should be viewed as a strong example of making Road Rally approachable and enjoyable while creating enthusiasm around the program. Highlights were:
  - Entertainment
  - Discovery
  - Vacation

- Community & camaraderie: At least four potential future adventure rally concepts / locations have been suggested. Heyward emphasized the importance of establishing consistent standards before the concept expands too far. Concerns include:
  - Maintaining a consistent participant experience.
  - Establishing expectations for technology/apps.
  - Defining what qualifies as an Adventure Rally.
  - Avoiding a situation where any three-day rally is marketed as an Adventure Rally regardless of format or experience.
  - Moving carefully enough that future events strengthen rather than dilute the brand.

- Heyward mentioned that he has had a conversation with a potential sponsor for future Adventure rallies and that they are interested. Discussions will continue and the RRB will be informed.

**Adjournment**

- The next RRB meeting is 9/10/2026 at 7:30 P.M. Central via Zoom.
- The meeting was adjourned on 8/13/2026 at 9:33 P.M.

**Quarterly Zoom Possible Topics**

| Topic | Date Added | Date Used |
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| MSR rally registration templates | 6/13/2024 | |
| Jim Crittenden's new GPS rally program | postponed | |
| SCCA registration template | 1/9/2025 | |
| RRDC topics – start/promote rallies | 2/13/2025 | |
| Photography/video for rally promotion | 2/13/2025 | 4/24/2025 |
| Larry Scholnick's alternative Richta timing log | 4/10/2025 | 7/24/2025 |
| Various types of route instructions | 5/11/2025 | |
| Intro to Course/Trap rallies | 5/11/2025 | |
| Route instructions, Word and/or Excel | 5/11/2025 | |
| Who does what? | 6/12/2025 | |
| Game/Tour/Adventure (GTA) | 1/8/2026 | |

**Addendum:**
In the interests conserving RRB meeting time, the RRDC Liaison's report was shared earlier on 8/13 (yes, the day after the date in the report) with the RRB via the rrb@scca.com with the understanding the report would be included in the minutes.

**Attachments:** RRDC Report

Memorandum

To: RRB
From: Bob Sonntag, RRDC liaison to the RRB
Date: 8/12/2026
Subj: August 13, 2026 RRDC Report with concerns about roles, priorities, & workflow

**Topic #1: Why the recent & sudden push to change RRB & RRDC workflows?**
At the August 6, 2026 RRDC meeting it remained clear that there is significant interest in why there is such a recent & sudden push to change how work flows between the RRB & RRDC. Presumedly the same changes apply to the NEC and the NEC's work is a better-defined task.

Answering the *WHY?* is very important to the RRDC members. What's driving the need for this change?

The RRDC would like the RRB to clarify RRB-RRDC workflow changes that have actually been implemented and those still under consideration. Changes of this nature require buy-in by the participants.

I am unable to address those topics clearly or sufficiently. There's RRB discussion, sharing of how things are with other programs, and then no clear answer. Only comments of "that's not how other program boards & committees work." The Solo program with its 12-14 committees is the example mentioned most.

If the RRB, another group, or individual is driving how the RRB, NEC, & RRDC are to interact, I think the RRB, NEC, & RRDC all need to be in the same meeting at the same time to receive

the same proposal for the new scheme and how it will change the roles and interactions. I would expect the proposal to include an implementation plan with a timeline. A presentation followed by think-time, a Q & A review, and then the decision. Implementation is the last step.

It would be good to include the DRRSs too.

I'm saying "proposal" because all but one of us are serving in volunteer positions. A dramatic change to these positions and how they are to function may lead those involved to reconsider their willingness to serve in the altered environment. Then what? What's the contingency plan?

I don't think we are turning volunteers away now. It's difficult to successfully fire volunteers. It is very easy to push them on to other things.

**Topic #2: What's the "official" current state of things?**
As things are now, what's expected of the RRDC? Is the RRDC expected to:

1) Proactively identify and develop opportunities to facilitate & support Regional programs?

– or –

2) Primarily respond to specific tasks assigned by the RRB?

If the latter, then the RRB must SIGNIFICANTLY overcome its history of poor communication and unresponsiveness. This option would greatly increase the RRB's role in guiding the rally program and developing & managing tasks spanning all aspects of the rally program. I'm not sure the RRB has demonstrated that ability or vision.

**Topic #3: RoadRally Road Map, Leg 2**
Another area of focus at the RRDC meeting was Leg 2 of the RoadRally Road Map. At the last RRB meeting (July 9), the discussion & decision was to ask the RRDC to set the target date for completion of Leg 2. That would be better than the RRB imposing one. Cheryl's answer, on July 11 was:

> "Ballpark on RoadRally Map Leg 2 (and Leg 3) is not something I can answer between meetings of the RRDC Team. Were I pressed, I would say prior to the 2027 Convention would be my ideal goal."

The discussion last week on Leg 2 worked around to an RRDC observation that there was no-to-little interest in progress reports on the Road Map until the discussion about how work and tasks are to flow between the RRDC and RRB began.

One RRDC member shared that the Road Map was – and is – an RRDC initiative. Leg 2 is not a trivial effort. If progress on the Road Map is becoming a measure of RRDC productivity or effectiveness, then perhaps the RRDC should table the Road Map and thereby eliminate the many steps of Leg 2 being measure of anything. A tabled Leg 2 would also free resources for things like the flow diagram of membership and waiver requirements for rally events.

There was, well, had been no material comment on the reasonableness or unreasonableness of a convention goal shared until Tuesday evening.

On August 11, Jessica emailed me to share that "higher-ups" are saying "we need it done sooner" and how to ask for that from the RRDC. That comes a month after no complaints, no comments, and no questions. Seems fair to have assumed the target goal was alright when shared.

Jessica's email continued that the "higher-ups" prefer before November so that the SCCA BoD could review it before the end of the year. As I write this, there is no further identification of who the "higher-ups" are. November is about 50% less time…and I'm sure Leg 2 is to be without a corresponding 50% cut in expected content or the enabled doubling of the volunteer's time and attention.

In my August 11 reply to Jessica, I suggested that the "higher-ups" make their pitch for an earlier delivery to the RRDC directly. The direct expression of interest may translate into additional motivation. I have not received a response.

**Topic #4: RRDC effectiveness?**

The RRDC cannot grow rally programs in regions that do not have at least some existing interest. "Facilitate and support" (RRDC charter), is not "fabricate from nothing." In the RRRs, page 11, it's "coordinating and administering the promotion and expansion of the SCCA RoadRally Regional program."

Asking the RRDC questions like "how many regions have you approached?" is not helpful.

The RRDC has, and will, responded quickly to the few region requests for support it receives.

The RRDC has a real hesitancy to cold-call a region and then answer too many questions, with "we'll get back to you." For illustration, working through likely early questions led to noticing the RRSS application required a signature from an individual holding a position that doesn't exist. Hence, the push from the RRDC to get the RRSS license process clean and aligned with reality.

The RRDC's exploration of what the DRRSs have been doing led to a proposal from the RRDC to the RRB that was then taken on by the BoD Liaisons and is now proposed as Appendix D to the RRRs, with the DRRS role including more program promotion responsibilities.

The RRB's lack of response to a January/February email asking if things would continue with a new RRDC leader as they had under the two previous RRDC leaders has not helped.

- The RRB is yet to respond -- unless the discussion of changes to the workflow is to be taken as the answer.
- While the Solo program and its many committees and boards may operate one way does not mean it MUST BE THE way for RoadRally, with just three groups, to operate. (It's difficult to include the DRRSs as a group. They do not interact as a group. Not to mention that an expired membership was not noticed for 18+ months and there are now two open spots. Let alone last year's adventure with the unfulfilled SE Division position until Philip Cheshire spoke up thinking he was actually the guy before he was actually the guy.

**NOTE:** In checking Philip's spelling and division, I see that former member Paul J Eklund is still listed as the NPDiv steward and ditto for Steve Gaddy who emailed the RRB that

he was letting is SCCA membership lapse and thus resigning from the RMtnDiv position at the end of May.
https://my.scca.com/eweb/dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=bcresults&committeecode=DRRS

**Topic #5: Tread carefully, RRB**
What has the RRB asked the RRDC to accomplish that has not been addressed?

What does the RRB believe the RRDC should be doing?

The RRDC remains committed to strengthening and expanding Regional RoadRally. The RRDC recognizes that not every idea will be adopted and that the RRB as responsibilities and duties the RRDC does not.

At the same time, the RRDC believes it should be able to identify opportunities, investigate problems, come up with recommendations, and present them to an RRB open to new ideas.

I have serious concerns that the remaking of the workflow relationship between the RRB, RRDC, and NEC will push RRDC members to other areas where they may feel their volunteered time, talent, and effort will offer more reward and appreciation. Their local rally programs come first to mind. I'm sure other areas of interest are readily available too.