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RRB Meeting Minutes

10/15/2026

Call to Order

Zoom meeting called to order on October 15, 2026 at 7:40 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), Peter Schneider (SCCA BoD RRB Liaison), Mike Toombs (SCCA BoD RRB Liaison), Lyn Hodges Watts (SCCA BoD RRB Liaison). Nikki Edwards (SCCA Staff). Absent: Heyward Wagner (RRB, SCCA Liaison)

August Meeting Minutes Comments/Approval

- Peter Schneider (Acting Secretary) distributed the finalized September Meeting Minutes on October 5th. With unanimous approval from the RRB via email/text, the minutes were sent to Nikki Edwards for posting in Fastrack.
- Jessica discussed the need to find a replacement for Chuck as secretary. Jessica noting she received zero submissions and is planning to reach out to potential candidates, including previous secretaries from Ed's list.

Standing Committee Reports

RoadRally Planning Calendar

The last calendar that was distributed by Charles Hanson was on September 5th. Jessica stated she would follow up with Chuck Hansen regarding the planning calendar updates and to resolve the secretary replacement issue before the end of the year.

NEC Report (by Larry Scholnick, RRB Liaison)

- The meeting focused on NEC (National Executive Committee) recruitment and outreach needs. Larry reported that Mike Thompson's minutes highlighted the need for broader outreach about NEC positions and existence, with Cheryl Babbe and Mike agreeing to co-author an announcement about NEC and open positions. Ed volunteered to serve as the new liaison between the Road Rally Board and NEC in 2027, noting that many NEC members live in New Jersey, making communication easier.

RRDC Report (by Bob Sonntag, RRB Liaison)

- Bob reported on the RRDC meeting where members expressed interest in a group meeting to clarify the new model, and Cheryl is recruiting new members including Kurt Schnippel. The RRDC is reviewing its list of initiatives. The October RRDC report to the RRB has been appended to the RRB meeting minutes. Peter Schneider asked about the outstanding list of activities that John Poulos was supposed to provide to the RRB, no update was available.

Activity Report/Tours & Course Events (by Ed Sain)

- The event Activity Report was shared via email in advance of the meeting:
  - TOUR: There have been 24 rally equivalents (8 national, 8 divisional) with an average participation of 13.3 teams per event. The participation allocation was a total of 57 in Class E, 71 in Class G,11 in Class L, and 79 in Class S (exclusive of 50 novices). The number of entries per event ranged from 6 to 30. There are two more divisional scheduled.
  - COURSE: There have been 11 rally equivalents (4 national, 3 divisional) with an average participation of 8.6 teams per event. The participation allocation was a total of 21 in Class E, 14 in Class G, 4 in Class L, and 21 in Class S. The number of entries per event ranged from 3 to 17. There is one more divisional scheduled.
  - REGIONALS: No update. Still gathering data.

Incident Reporting Update (By Heyward Wagner)

- Heyward was not in attendance.

Old Business

Ridges Award Nominations – All

- Nikki posted a posted a program announcement for the award nominations, with a deadline of December 1st.
- To date there are three nominations for the Ridges Award
  - Frederick Rosevear (member since October 1, 1971) from Michael Thompson
  - Robert Gillespie (member since March 2, 2006) from Cheryl Zebrowski
  - Jim Crittenden (member since July 14, 2014) from Rich Bireta

2027 POR vs Colorado Adventure Rally, dates resolved? – All

- Per Peter, he has contact the POR event chair who stated that he would reach out to the rallymaster of the Colorado Adventure Rally. They do not directly overlap, but are only a day apart.

RRB 2-5 Year Plan/Mission Statement – Jessica Toney/All

- No Update

Suggested Rule Changes- Member Feed Back / Status update - Clyde Heckler

- **GTA Championships Merger Decision**

  The group discussed the potential reinstatement of GTA championships and decided to reject a merger that would include GTA events, instead approving a merger based on TSD only. The discussion revealed that there were very few course events in 2026 and that previous GTA events had low participation, with only one person showing up in some cases. The motion to reject including GTA in the merger was passed unanimously.

- **Course Championship Consolidation Discussion**

The group discussed consolidating Course and Tour championships due to insufficient course rallies. Jessica proposed adding a note to the rulebook stating that if the number of course rallies reaches a certain threshold (similar to the GTA note), consideration would be given to restoring a separate championship. The group agreed to draft language similar to the GTA note rather than specifying an exact number, and Clyde~~'s~~ was tasked with drafting the revision.

- **Rally Awards Proposals**

  The group discussed and rejected the proposal regarding rally awards. The group unanimously agreed that Rallymasters should have flexibility in deciding awards based on their budgets.

- **Worker Points Class Assignments Proposals**

  The motion to reject was passed with one dissenting vote, with members agreeing that point selections should be made before events to prevent gaming the system.

- **Limitations of event entries for National and Divisional Events**

  The group discussed and rejected a proposal that would have prevented Rallymasters from imposing limits on event entries for National and Divisional events. The discussion highlighted concerns about venue capacity and practical limitations for events, with Larry noting the challenge of accommodating more participants than expected.

- **Requirement for Rallymaster to have Safety Steward Licenses**

  The RRB rejected a requirement for Rallymasters to have safety steward licenses, though Jessica suggested making it a suggestion on the sanction application instead.

- **Equipment Class Proposals (E & G / Stock & Limited)**

  The group voted unanimously to reject two equipment class proposals that would have merged E and G classes and merged Stock and Limited classes. Clyde and Jessica expressed concerns about equipment disparities and the lack of clear benefits to improved attendance and suggested rejecting both proposals.

- **L Class Timing Calculations Proposal**

  Clyde and Ed proposed keeping the L class unchanged while strengthening the wording to prohibit mileage-based timing calculations variations via readouts, allowing GPS odometers to remain in L class. Clyde agreed to draft up the proposal for further review and comments.

- **Rally Car Class Structure Updates**

The group agreed to add an SOP (Seat of Pants) class and remove Class G as a standalone Championship Class. Class G teams will move to either Class E or Class L depending on the use of a continuous readout. Those with a continuous readout will move into the Equipped class. Former class G competitors using a GPS odometer, without a continuous readout will move into the Limited class. The team agreed "repetitive early/late calculations," specifically mileage-based timing calculations are to be excluded from SOP. Time-based calculations (ie pauses, etc) are to be allowed and odometer-based calculations to adjust for Odometer Factor are allowed. Resulting in four classes: E, L, S, and SOP. Clyde's will draft the updated class descriptions and wording for the RRRs.

Errors and Omissions/Status Update – Clyde Heckler

- Updated have been made by Nikki Edwards – pending announcement and posting. Updated RRRs have been provided to the RRB, NEC, DRRS and RRDC.

2027 USRRC – Jessica Toney

- It was confirmed that Blue Ridge region will host the 2027 USRRC in the first weekend of August. Heyward Wagner will coordinate Zoom calls with a subgroup of the RRB/NEC and Blue Ridge Region leadership.

Wish List for additional support from Staff – All

- Peter will kick off a Wish List email discussion.

RRSS Instructors – Revised Roles and Responsibilities (Bob Sonntag/All)

- Tabled due to rule change discussion.

RRSS Application Process – Bob Sonntag/All

- Tabled due to rule change discussions

New Business- Tabled due to Rule Change Discussions

2026 USRRC recap
2027 SCCA National Convention

Adjournment

- The next RRB meeting is 11/12/2026 at 7:30 P.M. Central via Zoom.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M Central.

RRDC Meeting Summary

The RRDC met on October 1, 2026 via Zoom.

The lack of clear direction from the RRB continues to hinder the RRDC's operation under the new model. In the new model, the RRDC is to be expecting direction from the RRB. The workflow structure has been changed without the corresponding required improvement in the direction the RRB is to provide to the RRDC.

The RRDC would like a joint meeting with the RRB, NEC, and the Divisional RoadRally Stewards to clarify roles, responsibilities, and the intended workflow. Additionally, guidance on open work items needs to be provided.

I shared that the RRB has been presented with a plan for moving the RRSS license process forward and that various RRSSI questions remain. This completes moving the RRSS license process improvement from the RRDC's identification of problems with the RRSS license form to the RRB for action. To keep the RRSS license process moving forward, the suggestion was to address the RRSSI issues after finishing with the RRSS process.

The RRDC will continue to work on Leg 2 of the RoadRally Road map. There was disappointment that there was no response to the alternative suggested to move the project forward by focusing on only two sections (Sect 4 – Managing a Road Rally Along It's Lifecycle & Sect 5 – Designing/Writing a RoadRally) of Leg 2. An updated draft for the December RRDC meeting is now the target.

The RRDC has not been asked to provide or suggest convention session topics. With only four or five convention sessions to be allocated to RoadRally, sessions slots will need to be planned for maximum attendee value. The RRDC touched on the importance of assigning a single owner (IE "project manager") to any multi-presenter sessions. A live trial run of sessions should be considered a best practice.

Highlights of other business include:

- Making the most of a RoadRally presentation at the CENDIV convention in March 2027 by making it available to everyone via Zoom.
- Tyler Linner's SCCA Foundation grant application is currently slowed as some research is being conducted.
- Tyler also shared that next year's "Green Heck" event is being planned as a two-day rally and may be a stepping stone to a 2028 USRRC proposal. No decision has been made on that front.
- Cheryl Babbe is working on recruiting Kurt Schnippel to the RRDC.
- Planning for next year and planting seeds for 2027.
    - When asked about RRDC participation next year, of those still on the call, none opted out in the moment.
    - Chair Cheryl wondered aloud to the group if a different RRDC leader would be in the best interest of the RRDC and would, perhaps, help the RRB to be more responsive to RRDC requests and needs. Several declined and others didn't answer. No doubt both in support of the current leadership and no desire for an expanded role with the RRDC.