

FCSCC Meeting Minutes

2/9/08 – 7:02pm

Attendees:

Keith Scala
Dave Williamson
John Williamson
Rob Carter
Dennis Polio
Jim Velgot
Jim Jaffe
Tom Bracci
Todd Kean
Jeff Guerrera
Michael Lodsin
Erica Bonomi

LOT STATUS

Jim Simpson: looking into Groton airport
 Visited Plainfield site – fence still in place
 Jim Simpson: 203-228-7747

Adam Radzimirski contacted Stratford and Chief of Police – Avco lot?
Diane Remetta looking into Colchester (Rt 2) – Consumer Reports

If you want to contact a lot owner, go ahead, but if you get involved and have a viable location, it may be best to get information from senior FCSCC officers (esp. Keith) – it's a good idea to coordinate efforts to avoid contacting the same lot owner repeatedly.

FCSCC should have a standard info packet – to download (PDF format) and give to any lot owner. Packet should include typical information:

- FAQ, club history
- 501C4 tax exempt organization
- Dos and don'ts
- NO spectators/insurance
- Cops can run for free
- Skilled driving event (driver training) – NOT racing

John Williamson: met with Plainfield economic development representative (Liz Swenson)

- Complaints from people about motorcycle racing, and then someone complained about our group (zoning enforcement received complaints about our group)
- Plainfield zoning regulations – no racing – text amendment approved, permit needed
- Town council – next meeting 3/11/08, filing deadline is 14 days before (2/26)
- Liz Swenson to contact lot owners as well
- Plainfield site is currently wide open, we should remove the fence
- Property decibel level – 80 desired, 90 is our goal, but maybe 85?
- PA system (noise levels) – FM system lower noise, easier setup

Rob Carter: Plainfield (or other site) area merchants – solicit their support for patronage, e.g., Holiday Inn Express in Plainfield.

Plainfield details: Concerns about people parking along the fence – we could put up some no parking signs (but this is not enforceable) – what about crossing the road? Dangerous.

Lisa Calambrese – Waterbury college before motorcycle school starts

Earliest we can use Plainfield will be April

Jim Jaffe: Lake Quassy lot (amusement park – Middlebury, CT) – schedule when not open (not late spring/summer)

Old Milford Showcase Cinemas – just need crowd control.

**Police can attend at no charge to brush up on driving skills

Todd Kean: Burlington Airport – unused, but would need paving of additional area

May be for sale?

Rob Carter: Peter Paul company is closed Rt. 63 in Naugatuck

Lot compensation: Businesses are more interested in rental fee than charitable donations.

Club Information

Dues: due now - \$30 single, \$40 family. Before price increase!

Car Numbers? Reviewed each year. Contact Bill Stone and make sure the number is in place for the full year. You need to request the same number, or it gets recycled. BILL STONE [EMAIL](#):

DATES

- 1) Sat-Sun March 29-30th OR April 5-6th Rookie & 1st event (depends on motorcycle school) - Waterbury
- 2) Sun April 20th
- 3) Sat May 17th (Evo school – end of May)
- 4) Sun June 15th (Father's Day)
- 5) Sat July 12th
- 6) Sun Aug 3rd
- 7) Sun Sep 14th
- 8) Sun Sep 28th (National Tour in Topeka KS – 9/25-9/28 in 2007)
- 9) Sun Oct 12th
- 10) Sun Oct 26th (possible non-points)

JOB FUNCTIONS

Put matrix of job functions on the website

Other: Who is this person – we need to work on delegating this stuff out

Action item: add insurance coordinator to the matrix

Corporation filing – officers addresses needed

Website – list officers' names and direct email addresses

UPGRADE TO WINDOWS SOFTWARE

Timing equipment functions currently, but no way to repair it or replace with exact hardware.

Upgrading to Windows software will keep us up to date with other autocross clubs, since our existing software is no longer supported.

AXWare (<http://www.axwaresystems.com>) pro is better for the club - \$439, plus there is a module for network support SKU86 for registration laptop - \$175 = \$614 – can be added at any time, membership module SKU87 - \$175 = \$789.

Timing equipment – box and laser heads ~3 years old – still functioning and works in new software.

Cabling – order longer cables – John Williamson action item.

Old equipment still working – infrared – old box works with new heads with adapters as backup.

Action item: We could use at least one more laptop. Everyone should look up the types of computers and software we can get for the club – pros/cons of new/used.

Action item: After the software is purchased and the existing laptop computer is updated to Windows XP, we should have a committee meeting to learn to run the software.

Announcement equipment – FM transmitter (only an issue next to the airport/Hartford)

Retire PA system & purchase FM system

Megaphone for emergencies

Price cap: \$1000

Cable upgrades – double existing length

RULE CHANGES

See Rules document for completed updated 2008 rules.

- Motion to change 2007 dates to 2008 – passed.
- Motion to add clarification statement to rule #2 “(e.g., 3 drivers: 1 trophy, 4 drivers: 2 trophies, etc.)” – passed
- Motion to change rule #3 to read: “one car makes a class” – motion denied
- Motion to remove sentence in rule #3: “Bumping may be at the discretion of the Event Chair” – passed
- Motion to add a new rule #5: Motion to append as Rule 5 (push others down): the current autocrosser of the may participate in the following year’s runoff, as long as he or she has competed in, or worked a minimum of 2 hours, in 3 events, and is a member in good standing – motion passed
- Motion to amend rule #6: Motion to append: Change may to will, add at end of sentence: “by the event chair or club official” – motion passed
- Motion to amend rule #7: change to \$20 – motion passed
- Motion to amend rule #8: “and/or designee” – motion passed
- Motion to amend rule #12: “New participants may remain Rookies for their entire first year, unless they choose to participate in their respective open class. Rookies are divided into three indexed classes: Stock, Street touring (STS, STS2, STX, or STU), and non-stock vehicles. Rookies with Street Touring category vehicles will be factored in the Rookie Non-Stock class using the PAX index from the appropriate Street Prepared class, or they may elect to run in the appropriate Street Touring open class. Rookie stock class competitors must run tires with treadware of 140or higher.
Rookies who are FCSCC members accumulate points for the season championship using the

same guidelines as open classes, but points accumulated in open classes do not count toward the Rookie Championship.” – Motion passed

- Motion to add new rule (#14): “First Time autocross entrants may participate in a First Timers’ class for competitors new to the sport. New autocrossers may only participate in the First Timers’ class in their first event only. Every effort will be given to provide an instructor to all First Timers’ participants. After competing as a First Timer in one event, autocrossers can then join the rookie class.

The First Timers’ class will be factored using a PAX index. Automobiles driven by First Timers’ must have a treadware rating of 140 or higher.

Event trophies will be awarded to First Timer participants, but no season points.” – Motion passed

- Motion to add new rule (#15): “First Timer & Rookie classes may request an FCSCC approved instructor. Instructors and/or passengers are not allowed in any other class except Demonstration Class.” – Motion passed
- Motion to amend rule #13 (old 13): change treadwear to 140 to be consistent – motion passed
- Motion to append old rule #14: (new sentence) “Event sound levels may be reduced by the event chair and/or club officials dependent upon requirements of the event site.” – Motion passed
- Motion to amend old rule#16: “and non-Scca-classified SUV’s” – motion passed

NEW TROPHIES

Shot glasses proposed

Free fun runs proposed - coupons

Tabled for next meeting

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

John to order wristbands

Proposed raffle of helmets

Closing comments: Keith wants to step up all lot scoping and contacting owners – it’s very important!