

## **Sports Car Club New Hampshire Meeting minutes – January 18, 2008**

**Start Time:** SCCNH President Howard Roundy brought the SCCNH monthly meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Members attending:** Howard Roundy, Donna Stevens, Elaine Roundy, Bill Bennert, Butch Wait, Brandon Callison, Dan Ordre, Dan Francis, Gary Brundrett, George Young

**Treasurer's Report:** Since the November meeting, we have had no income in November and December we received \$690.00 for the Christmas party and the expenses were \$862.00. Other expenses in December included the Winter X insurance of \$620.00 Presently the balance is \$12,788.55. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bill Bennert and seconded by Brandon Callison.

A big thank you to George Young and Corinne Wait for the planning and production of the wonderful Christmas party that was held in December! For those who did not receive trophies, please contact Bill Bennert.

**Secretary's Report:** Donna Stevens distributed the minutes from November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Bill Bennert and seconded by Elaine Roundy.

### **Membership Report:**

As of the end of December we have 109 members including the Life members. The Membership position is open if anyone is interested in taking over. Membership dues for 2008 were discussed and decided to remain unchanged. This could result in a savings of \$80.00 just by attending all the AutoX events! Motion to keep the dues at \$20.00/member and \$25.00 family for 2008 was made by Bill Bennert and seconded by Gary Brundrett.

Membership renewal reminders will be going out by email to all members by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Those members who do not have email addresses will receive a postcard reminder. The Membership application is located on the SCCNH web site. The deadline for membership dues is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **General Business meeting:**

#### **Winter X:**

January 12<sup>th</sup> event was canceled due to a lack of snow!

The next event will be Saturday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at Pooh's Corner Farm in West Bethel Maine followed by an event on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a discussion around hotel availability – there are a lot of places to stay.

**AutoX:**

2008 SCCNH Auto-X Series – A small group meeting was held at Howard’s house on Sunday Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. Bill Bennert gave us an overview of the topics that were discussed. Race tires in Stock classes – Over the course of the last year, we have had a number of people discouraged with the use of race tires in the ‘stock’ class. The plan for the stock class was to have all SCCA ‘stock-eligible’ vehicles in our one stock class. SCCA allows DOT race tires, so we did the same. A proposed solution was presented to make it fair for those not wishing to purchase race tires and to allow a new level of driving skills to develop. This new class will be classified as “Any vehicle which normally competes in a SCCA ‘Stock’ class with a tire treadwear rating\_Below\_140 with no other rule changes or modifications permitted.”

The ‘140’ treadwear rating was decided upon by looking at what STS defines as an acceptable street tire. SCCNH believes that this will be a benefit to our members. For one, it will allow those who are new to the sport with an unmodified vehicle to have a chance in ‘stock’ class without having to invest a lot of money in their cars. And this would also provide those who wish to use ‘below 140’ tires on an unmodified car, a new level of competition which focuses more on drivers skill, which is keeping with the tradition of SCCNH, then how much one can afford to modify the car which can often make the car faster than the driver. Due to this, many vehicles in ‘SS’ and ‘AS’ will be bumped up to a new class. (If you still want to run in ‘Stock’ you would have to get a lower treadwear tire.)

This discussion regarding what the new class should be called, resulted in Brandon Callison making a motion to create a new class called Sticky Stock (SS) and Dan Ordon seconded and the motion carried.

Spring clean-up will be March 9<sup>th</sup>. Details on time/location have not been determined. If anyone is interested in helping, please reply to Bill Bennert. It does need a new trailer hitch. Bill and Josh have already replaced all the lights.

Also looking for volunteers to move the trailer a couple times a year – It has to go to Lincoln twice and it has to move off the lot at NHMS (New Hampshire Motor Speedway) due to the NASCAR events. The tow vehicle would have to be 1500 or F150 minimum with a tow package which will handle the weight of the trailer. Weight will be distributed throughout the trailer as best as possible.

Bill met with NHMS and dates for the AutoX will be posted shortly on the Web site.

SCCNH will issue dash placards at each event for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and participants in each group. We had them a number of years ago and believe that the membership really appreciates the recognition throughout the season. Series trophies will still be awarded at the end of the season at the Christmas party.

We are also looking for volunteers to participate in the Registration position this year. There are two positions – one for Pre-registration and one for Registration at the track. Our long standing member and good friend Corrine Wait has stepped down from this position for personal and medical reasons. We wish her and her husband Butch the best for a speedy recovery. We all appreciate everything she has contributed to the club and its members. We want to dedicate this season to her, and do our very best to make it the greatest year yet in SCCNH history.

The budget will be discussed at the next AutoX meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> – looking for a location to hold this meeting. Those members who would like to help with this process are welcomed. Items to be discussed for the budget include timing equipment, radios, trailer maintenance, trophies, pylons, event expenses and other equipment. Please contact Bill if you are interested in attending.

Gary Brundrett moved to accept the Auto-X report and it was seconded by Brandon Callison and the motion carried.

The AutoX event calendar for 2008 will be as follows:

Event 1 Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Hobo – Lincoln NH  
School Saturday, April 26 NHMS Loudon NH  
Event 2 Sunday, April 27 NHMS  
Event 3 Sunday June 1st NHMS  
Event 4 Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> NHMS  
Event 5 Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> NHMS  
Event 6 Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> NHMS  
Event 7 Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> NHMS  
Event 8 Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> – Hobo Lincoln NH  
Hobo Rumble – Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>

**Hillclimb:**

The New England Hillclimb 2008 meeting/banquet is on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hartness House in Springfield Vt. SCCNH needs representation. Contact Howard if you are interest in attending.

Howard Roundy has been contacted by New England Drift and they would like to join our SCCNH Hillclimb. Discussion was that Howard should invite a select core group to run.

Mt Ascutney Hillclimb event is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The fall date has not been determined yet.

Killington Sports Car Club and Sports Car Club of Vermont will be manning a booth at Speedway Expo in early March at the Big E – Does SCCNH want to join – it will cost between \$250.00- \$300.00. Motion to not participate was made by Donna Stevens. Seconded by Butch Wait.

Butch Wait made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 pm.

Next meeting will be Friday evening, February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Windmill Restaurant located on Loudon Road in Concord NH at 7:30 pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Donna Stevens  
Executive Secretary, SCCNH