

Sports Car Club of New Hampshire May 2011 Monthly Meeting

Attendees: Dave Burden, Diane Burden, Sam Burden, Dave Gerardo, Gary Brundett, Charlie Parsons, Dan Francis, Terry Murphy IV, John Stevens, Howard Roundy, Matt V., Alex LaPay, Donna Stevens, George Young, Drew Young

Meeting was called to order at 7pm on Friday May 13th.

OLD BUSINESS:

The minutes from April's meeting were handed out for review. Terry M. made a motion and Matt V. seconded to accept April's minutes as written. Motion passed.

Dan Francis reported on **membership** status. We have 105 members: 91 regular and 14 life members. Upon receipt of payment new members will receive a SCCNH sticker, one per family membership. Additional stickers and SCCNH patches are available for sale at the SCCNH events. SCCNH has business cards members can hand out – check with Dan if you need some.

Dave Burden reported on **publicity** for Dave Estey who could not be here tonight. D. Estey shared through an email sent to Dave B. that our SCCNH face book page is slowly picking up new people. We're up to sixty three and the page has generated some good conversations for novices. Howard added that our ad is doing well on the face book page too. D. Estey attended a large Subaru meet sponsored by England Subaru where he handed out SCCNH autocross and hill climb flyers and club business cards.

Dave Girardo reported on **sponsorship**. We now have sponsors covering every autocross event this year. He is working on filling sponsor spots for our Mt. Ascutney Hill climbs. So far we have an anonymous three hundred dollar cash donation toward our Sept Ascutney Hill climb event coming up. Concord Motorsports will be sponsoring our Autocross Saturday School happening tomorrow 5-14-11 at NHMS in Loudon.

Terry Murphy IV reported on our SCCNH **autocross series**. We have our first of the year beginner autocross school tomorrow, Saturday 5-14-11, and already have 19 drivers pre-registered for the event. Sunday's autocross has 45 drivers pre-registered. We will have new tech forms for our autocross events this year to assist in properly classing the cars. Terry asked how many points our club members receive toward the Herb trophy when they find sponsors for our events. The dollar value equate to the same number of points. Members that find sponsors should report this to Dave G. Terry M. IV reported that our April 2011 Autocross had 57 drivers on a dry, sunny day. The event went well. The car classes have changed a little for this year to try to even out the size of run groups. Howard has spent many hours working on the timing and scoring equipment to help the autocross events run smoothly.

Dave Burden added we have our first **Drift Event/clinic** tomorrow at NHMS as well in the upper lot. There is a cutoff of 15 cars for the Drift clinic. With the new setup, there will be three separate stations running during the clinic. Dave Burden and Dave Girardo will be at the event to assist in the setup.

George Young gave the **Treasurers report** indicating the club account balance for last month and this month. He received the bill of \$182.00 from Paul Giblin for the four SCCNH 18" magnets used at the Dartmouth Bike race. Two of the magnets were lost on the road. The remaining two are left to use at future special events. George reported that deposits and insurance were paid for our upcoming autocross series and Mt. Ascutney Hill climb events. SCCV paid their share of the NEHA insurance. George said KSSC payment is in the mail. George has new insurance waiver forms for our autocross series and hill climb series registrars to use. The Mt. Washington Hill climb insurance estimate is in process. Howard made a motion and Terry M. IV seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Dave Burden reported on **Mt. Ascutney Hill climb series**. The hill climb trailer is now located at the Burden house. Terry M. IV will bring the hill climb tire & wheel to the event. Dave Burden talked about the Ascutney wireless radio test held on the 8th. A full course check was done. All check point mobile units and handhelds worked well except for start (because we had to use one of the old radios) by having the antennas centered on the roof of a car at every check point (except for the rock where we used a 15' mast to place the antenna on). It was recommended having a mast at finish as well. The wireless radios and land-line communication will run together at the Spring hill climb to test the wireless setup for the next two years. We have all the equipment we need to run wireless except for headphones for the mobile units. We have 4 new mobile units that need to be programmed. Dave B. will check with Bill Bennert on that. With our land-line equipment we are currently running a duplex communication system. If we went wireless we would be running a simplex communication system so we would need to modify our procedures, which we can work out as we test the wireless. Starting January 1, 2013 we need to go to a narrow band frequency per FCC changes and our current handheld and mobile units can not be modified to meet the new requirements.

Terry M. IV will be selling magnetic backing sheets at the hill climb event weekend if drivers want to purchase them.

Dave Girardo gave Dave Burden Chase Payment Tech donated earbuds for the hill climb worker gifts.

Howard reported on **Fan Day/Open House at NHMS** on April 23, 2011. SCCNH held autocross and drift demonstrations at the event. Volunteers running in the two demonstrations had fun. The day was cold and rainy with around one thousand spectators. Howard will send Mark Chessick the names of the club members that participated in the demonstration events.

Howard Roundy reported on the **SCCNH TSD rally** event coming up on July 31, 2011 being provided by Scott Beliveau. The ending point of the rally is a secret. The club hopes to have a good turnout for the event.

Howard R. and George Young reported on **the Climb to the Clouds Mt. Washington Hill climb** coming up June 22-26th. On Wednesday and Thursday of the five-day event SCCNH will need workers to help set up out sponsor booths, tents, etc. We will need Spectator Marshals and booth helpers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. See Scott Beliveau, George Young and Terry Murphy, IV to sign up. Thursday night there will be a memorial service at the summit for Sim Shortman.

Dave Burden reported on the annual **Dartmouth Bike Race** held on April 16th in Hanover, NH where Charlie Parsons and Dave Estey provided SCCNH pace cars displaying 18" SCCNH stickers on their cars for the bike race. Isaiah again thanked SCCNH for coming to their event. The two remaining stickers will be stored and used for other similar events in the future. The Dartmouth bike race organization has a link to SCCNH on their website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Burden brought up the idea of having SCCNH look into being a **sponsor** on the Mt. Washington Observatory website during the Mt. Washington Climb to the Clouds Hill climb. Donna made a motion to allow up to \$100 to be spent on this, Matt seconded. Motion passed

Dave Burden shared that Stan Jackson Jr. said thank you for the sympathy card and Jackson family recommended donation to the Hebron Fire Department for the passing of **Stan Jackson Sr.** in mid-April. The Ice Man will be sorely missed.

Dave Burden reported on the purchase of the **SCCNH straw hats** made by Jeff Barrett's Ink Factory, located on Pleasant Street in Claremont, NH. The hats will be on sale at the autocross this weekend and Mt. Ascutney Hill Climb May 20-22nd.

Dave Burden brought up that the Lions Club has **booth space** available at their upcoming 13th annual Antique & Collectible Car & Bike show to be held at Mt. Sunapee Resort on June 26, 2011 from 9am to 2:30p. Due to the conflict with the CTTC, we will not participate.

Dave Girardo reported on **sponsor gifts** donated by Chase Payment Tech that could be used for special awards possibly at the annual Rumble or annual Christmas Party. He has 2 flip video recorders and 8 lightup mouses.

Dave Girardo brought up the idea of for the club to consider possibly having a **cone for charity** at our autocrosses where a driver might choose to pay a charity fine or incur a ten second penalty when they hit the charity cone. He suggested we might have a green-colored cone that has a picture on it and if a driver hits that cone during an autocross they would volunteer to donate to the charity by placing their cash donation in the honor-system charity jar... something to consider. Terry M. IV said they could study the idea at this weekend's autocross event.

Dave B. reminded members our **next monthly SCCNH board meeting** will be on June 10th here at the Windmill Restaurant in Concord, NH. He asked for a motion to adjourn. John Stevens made a motion and Donna Stevens seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.