

Top End

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Region Executive Report

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Starting next year we have some changes. Our Board of Director meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month in the odd number months (January, March, May, July, September, November) We have been meeting at Bill Grays on Penfield Rd. and it has worked out well. We use their separate room, it is quiet and we are able to conduct business. The room has already been booked for the January meeting. The Membership meeting will be held then, as of now, at the Fireside Grill as is currently done. Both meetings will start at 7:00pm. The AutoCross group has been asked what their plan is as they meet before the membership meeting. This was discussed by the BoD and approved in the interest of peoples' time and in hopes of getting more membership participation with fewer meetings.

Our future means of communication was discussed at length. Everyone acknowledge that a means of communicating with members is needed. The ideal situation was to have people come forward and continue TopEnd. This did not happen and we are forced to move on. We have decided on a newsletter that would be sent via email and posted on the website monthly. BoD minutes and Membership meeting minutes would be included. Competition results would be posted on the website by the various groups with a message on Facebook when they are available. We are going to email only as our means of communicating as almost all members have an email that allows them access to the National SCCA site. Content of the group pages will be up to the groups relative to if they want a monthly article or not. We may also put articles in the newsletter. This is a work in progress and I am expecting growing pains. More discussions will take place at future BoD meetings as we go forward.

All that said, we still have to address the new year. Groups are developing their schedules. The membership picnic is July 7th at Camp Eastman, the Fun One is September 26th and 27th, The Track Event is July 22nd and 23rd. The Rally Winter Series dates are set, the AutoCross dates are close. RallyCross has posted a schedule. A standing agenda for the BoD has been set. We still have a lot of work to do and we are chipping at it. Having less meetings will force us to find other ways to resolve issues. Change may be inevitable but it is a lot of work. The BoD wants the Region to flourish. Like any business or organization we must adapt or face extinction. We still offer a full range of competition and have a lot of good things going.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Secretary: Meridith Croucher (secretary@flr-scca.com)

Finger Lakes Region SCCA, Inc.

General Membership Meeting 12/3/2019 Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by RE Charlie Tanck

Members and guests attending: approximately 20.

Charlie Tanck – RE

- The Board of Directors discussed and approved change to the scheduling of the meetings of the Finger Lakes Region.
 - There will be one meeting per month with the Board of Directors meeting on the odd numbered month, and the General Membership meeting to be held on the even numbered months.
 - The Board meetings will be scheduled for the first Tuesday of each odd numbered month. For example, the meetings for 2020 will be: 1/7, 3/3, 5/5, 7/7, 9/1, and 11/3, The Board meetings begin at 7PM and are currently being held at the Bill Gray's restaurant on Penfield road. Bill Gray's works for the Board meetings as there is a room and it is a quiet space. As always, members of the Finger Lakes Region SCCA, Inc. are welcome to attend the Board meetings.
 - The 2020 General Membership meetings will be: 2/4, 4/7, 6/2, 8/4, 10/6, and the Annual Meeting 12/1. The General Membership meetings begin at 7: 00 PM and are currently being held at the Fireside Inn in East Henrietta Road. Any suggestions for change will be investigated.
 - The monthly meetings for the AutoCross group may need to be rescheduled.
 - The standard agenda for groups needs editing. This refers to when the groups report to the Board and for Budget approval.
- As no one has volunteered the region needs to create a communications plan to notify the members of:
 - Meetings
 - Re-reports
 - Minutes of both Board Meetings and General Membership Meetings
 - Event Flyers
 - Calendar of region events.
 - Top End has ads, the region will need to address those needs.
 - Results will be posted on the website. Results will need to be formatted for that.
 - The groups don't realize everything that Carl did.
 - Meetings addressed in the Board meeting report above.
- Chris McAllister needs the revolving trophies for the Awards Banquet. Fran McAllister needs the list of recipients from the Board and each program.
- WGI deposits are due in January. Charli renewed the "Fun One" and the track days to be held at WGI
 - WGI has simplified their process. We received 2 invoices without any forms.
- Discussion about waivers and who need to get them was lively.

Elizabeth Thiel – Financial

- We have money! Elizabeth has moved some money back into investments.
 - We still have some money in checking
 - \$30,000.00 for the WGI deposit is being held in reserve
- The bills are all paid.
- She has secured smaller storage space for the AutoCross equipment. The group has 10 days to move the stuff.
- AutoCross has not been getting the deposits or the information need for the deposits to Elizabeth in a timely fashion. That makes it impossible for Elizabeth to know where the money came from and what group the money belongs to. This could affect future budgeting and year end reconciliation.

Mike Brunner- Membership Report

Nick Pasternack- AutoCross

- AutoCross is coordinating with CNY and WNY for the SCCA Schedule at Seneca
- The Seneca Controller is giving SCCA priority over the New York State Police for dates.
- There will be a National Tour in June of 2020.
- AutoCross Registration was discussed and brainstormed to address the issues with waivers and money handling.
- The AutoCross leadership is hoping for the replacement of the truck before 1/2020.

No One was present to report about RallyCross.

Alan Smith – Road Rally

- The region held their first Road Rally. There were 8 or 9 Novice teams. A couple of the teams indicated that they will be returning.
 - Chris and Jake Bucknam ran along with other experienced rallyists.
- The RR group will hold an invitational Rally to demonstrate a new GPS based timing App that shows promise.
 - Definitely needs to have cell service at some points in the rally
 - The App reports back to the Score Keeper when there is cell service
 - Positive is that the RallyMaster can see where everybody is.
 - Alan explained and answered questions about the App.
 - Friday is the Annual Adult Rally Christmas Party.

Charlie Tanck – Road Race

- NeDiv Schedule is out as of 12/2.
- It has been posted on the website. Covers Super Tour/Majors, Regional, Divisional, Track Days, Time Trials, out of division.
- We cannot afford Track night in America at WGI.
- Time Trials at \$28,000 per day is not affordable either

- The “Fun one” is FLR’s only race.
- The Super Tour is 1 week after Road America.
 - Discussion about scheduling. Upshot is that the tracks tell the regions when they can have their events.
- 2 New drivers received the \$1000 scholarship.
 - Chris McKowski (sp?)
 - Jason Smith

The Rochester Auto Show is in March in 2020

Meridith Croucher – Election and Bylaws report

- 74 post card votes were returned
- 4 postcards were returned with undeliverable addresses. Those cards were given to the membership Chairperson to correct the database.
- Miles Krieg ran unopposed and was elected Assistant RE
- Elizabeth Thiel ran unopposed and was elected Treasurer
- Barb Lissow ran unopposed and was elected Activities Director
- Mike Brunner and Mark Green were elected Board members at large with Jim Hoelscher as a 3rd contender. It was a tight race with a 6-vote spread between the 3 nominees.
- The Bylaws change to allow electronic voting was approved with 61 yes votes to 7 no votes.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM with motions by Mike Brunner and Charlie Tanck.
Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted:

Meridith Croucher, Secretary

Region’s Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Secretary: Meridith Croucher (secretary@flr-scca.com)

Finger Lakes Region SCCA, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting December 17, 2019

Board members present are Charlie Tanck, Elizabeth Thiel, Meridith Croucher, Miles Krieg, Jamie Hayslip, Jen Guerdat Arena, Andrew Edgecombe, and Shaun Hallam.

The meeting was called to order by Charlie Tanck at 7:00 PM. The meeting was at The Lovin Cup near RIT in their meeting room. It is without a door

1. Elizabeth Thiel – Financial
 - a. There is now a “Pro Path” to the RunOffs

- b. WGI was the #1 Driver's Choice for events. We received a \$549.25 Check from National Office on 12/10. It took 10 days to arrive
 - c. The insurance claim check arrived for the "Fun One"
 - d. Everything is in for the 2 races
 - e. 1 Competitor "bounced" his entry fee check. National Office is now holding his license. Elizabeth was unable to talk to him after numerous phone calls.
 - f. FLR has money, and all the bills are paid
- 2. Elizabeth – Awards Banquet
 - a. There has been a poor response to the Banquet. Only 28 people have RSVP'd
 - b. Problems with using the Webster FD hall. Can only use the kitchen itself, nothing else. Everything would need to be rented.
 - c. Liz asked if we could use the Chef's restaurant, and the answer was yes.
 - d. Banquet will now be at Polizzi's located in Village Gate. The date will remain the same.
 - i. Can accommodate 80 people.
 - e. Carl is to help with the flyer and will email blast it everywhere.
 - f. Elizabeth needs a head count so the chef can order the food
 - g. Change approved by the Bod.
- 3. Charlie – Re-invention of Top End
 - a. Needs to have:
 - i. The Region Calendar
 - ii. The Re-Port
 - iii. Flyers for events
 - iv. Minutes for the General Membership Meeting and the Board meeting on alternate months as described in the November Board minutes.
 - b. Suggested that AutoCross and RallyCross could communicate to their customers through Facebook.
 - c. Sponsors need to be contacted and offered other advertising.
 - i. Website placement of ads was suggested
 - ii. Sponsorship is year to year/
 - iii. Possibly a tiered system i.e. As for Autocross
 - 1. Tier 1 \$250 website, shirts
 - 2. Tier 2 \$500 above plus small logo on truck
 - 3. Tier 3 \$1000 above plus larger logo on truck
 - d. Results for Road Racing can be found on MyLaps and put on FLR's website
 - i. Could be built into the Region Schedule
 - ii. Link on website to schedule page.
 - iii. Same link to results.
 - iv. Get Jim Perrin involved
 - e. Constant contact for notifications to the membership.
 - f. Each program in the region would need to post their information to website and Facebook
 - g. Website needs to be updated, Charlie to ask. (Jim Perrin?)
 - h. Will be forming a different committee for Road Race.
- 4. Charlie – Change in meetings. Michelle devised a running calendar. Changes are
 - a. January – finalized dates for all events
 - b. March – AutoCross and RallyCross Budgets
 - c. May - Track Day and Race Budget
 - d. May – Nominating Committee formed

- e. July – Bod Meeting at the Picnic is 7/7/2020
 - f. September – Nominations for elections to be submitted
 - g. November – Awards nominations to be submitted
- 5. Speaking of Awards
 - a. Should we let them know so they will attend
 - b. Michelle suggested an electronic newsletter. There was discussion about the members that were not using email or electronic devices.
- 6. Charlie – Location of meetings
 - a. Agreed to keep the Bod at Bill Gray's in Penfield. We can hear ourselves and others there.
 - b. Program Group meetings TBD by the group
 - c. Charlie will arrange every other month membership meetings at Fireside.
 - i. Elizabeth suggested the American Legion on East Henrietta Road. It has food and a bar.
 - ii. Cost \$100 for the room (?)
 - iii. Elizabeth to check for more information.
 - iv. Discussion happened
- 7. Charlie – Road Race
 - a. The Competition Board has effectively become inactive with the resignation of Dave Cuifo.
 - b. Charlie suggested a different approach. A competition Committee consisting of the people actually involved in planning the event
 - i. The committee would consist of 2 racers, 2 registrars, the event chair(s), Elizabeth and a steward. Jason Lamana and Tony Zanni suggested as drivers.
 - ii. Work together to solve problems. Could meet before the General Membership meeting.
 - iii. Worker level program where everyone cooperates
 - c. Fran McAllister will administer the Scholarship program.
- 8. Roundtable
 - a. Elizabeth - We need to purchase a brick at the IMRRC for George Morris.
 - i. For January we need to work on the Auto Show.
 - ii. Possibly run another printing of "Top End"
 - b. Meredith reported that STPR made money and would be sending a check for use of the Trademarks.
 - c. Jamie – Wants to post the Top End monthly minutes for Road Rally.
 - i. Will we have access to website for updates
 - ii. Jim is good about doing updates. Please give him some time to get everything he wants to do with the website done.
 - iii. Please ask Jim to the Board meeting in January.
 - d. Andrew – Talked about Canandaigua Business of the Month. FLR autocross to be the one for March (? Someone please correct me if I am wrong!)
 - i. Nick is working on an AutoCross Flyer, Finalizing.
 - ii. Storage Units are done. Planning for 2020 as this is our off season.
 - iii. Working with the other regions to develop best usage of the site.
 - iv. Need to draw people to the site
 - v. Running a series with other regions.
 - vi. Chairs 50/50 figure during meetings. Andrew and Nick do the sanctions. It's not as much work as race.

- vii. Equipment decisions – Decided we are getting another truck, developing a more detailed checklist for the chairs, and detailed job descriptions for the chiefs
 - viii. The truck can be left at Seneca- approved by Earl
 - ix. There will be a Test and Tune before each event.
 - x. Rent is \$1800 per event.
- e. Shaun will not be here January and February
- f. Charlie - Track day has its 1st entry. It was a gift certificate. We need 50 entries
 - i. All groups need to apply for grants from National office. May the best group win.
 - ii. FLR hosts the Super Tour 2021. Asking Tech be open earlier.
 - iii. Fun One is the weekend after vintage.
 - iv. Limerock turned down the New England request for a Track Night in America.
 - v. Earl asked the National Board to get better rates with Motorsports Registration.
 - 1. As a region, we do not have to use MSR
 - 2. Discussion about MSR vs Track Rabbit. MSR charges the region 4% for accepting credit cards, Track rabbit charges 1%

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Meridith L. Croucher, Secretary.

Rally Notes

RoadRally Chair: Jamie Hayslip (roadrally.flrscga@gmail.com)

Road Rally Monthly Meeting

12/10/2019

Attendees: Rick Barnes, Alan Smith, Jerry Kerwin, Griff Jones, Jason Smith, Shaun Hallam, Lloyd Murray, Jamie Hayslip

Winter Series Event Planning:

Long Way Home Rally: The sanction request was confirmed. Facebook and the website were updated with the event details. Jerry will do safety check.

Ithaca: The sanction request was confirmed. Facebook and the website were updated with the event details. Gary will do safety check.

Hollows, Gulches, Hills.: We need Flyer for the website. Jamie will send in info for the sanction. Lloyd will do the safety check.

Route of all Evo: Need to check in with Karl to see if everything is a go.

Winter series #5: Still looking for confirmation of a Rally master. Griff is considering it, and will make a decision before Christmas.

GPS Demo Rally (Pearl Harbor Rally):

There were 7 teams that participated in the demo rally plus Jerry and Barb who worked two checkpoints, and Griff Jones who was Rally Master. The event gave us a much better look at the possibilities of using the RichTA GPS app for Finger Lakes events.

Griff and Alan did a bunch of timing comparisons. The checkpoint in time comparisons to competitor clocks were never more than 1 second apart. The open controls times worked by Jerry and Barb were also very close to the GPS App times. Jason's phone lost connection at one point, but the data collection continued to function and ultimately recorded all of his in times. Overall the participants felt the accuracy was very good.

Some aspects of the demo were intended to showcase different possible uses of the app. For example, a flying restart concept was tried, but most felt this was not suitable for the Finger Lakes format. Also, using virtual-closed controls was not preferable to a lot of people. Preserving the format of open controls with checkpoint teams is part of the format some people like. It helps teams take a mental break between legs, and helps them regroup. Also, we have a community of checkpoint workers that like to participate in the events as workers. Some closed controls could be ok (similar to radio controls).

Generally, the group felt the app shows promise and should continue to be tested this season. The best way to integrate the technology into our winter series format is yet to be determined.

Jamie talked to Jim Crittenden more about his experience with the GPS app. Here are some of the highlights from that conversation:

- Tree coverage doesn't matter in his experience. Tunnels will. Canyons/Gorges could affect accuracy.
- Apple phone reports 5.0m accuracy. Android reports 3.0m. Cell carrier doesn't matter.
- Jim recommends Dual Sky Pro GPS Antenna for laying out course (\$150). 1.8m accuracy. No evidence that antenna will help competitor scores.
- App sends/records GPS location every second. Flags each reading if passed checkpoint. Interpolation used to figure out in time in fractions of a second (milliseconds) .

Operational Items:

The 2020 event trophies will be pint glasses. 72 ordered from discount mugs. Should arrive later this week.

Season posters were designed and printed by Tony Zanni: Some were distributed to the Christmas party attendees and some given out to local car shops like Thiel's Import Auto, Kurt's garage, Redi Imports, Little Speed Shop, Ekstens

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Month Events

- 4 RoadRally
- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 RallyCross
- 12 Awards Brunch
- 14 Rally Meeting
- 18 RoadRally
- 25 RallyCross