

Minutes From the 2007 BOG Meeting

Highlights are in Blue

Nov 18, 2007

1. Speed Factor - Annual Adjustment:

Currently a driver's speed factor is the largest speed factor ever earned. This can create two problems. First if a driver gets an unusually high speed factor at a single event, he will then keep that speed factor forever. Second, if a driver is doesn't compete a for few years, he will come back with his best speed factor even though he is a bit out of practice.

To address these issues the BOG has decided to **adjust all CRS speed factors downward by .01 per year, starting with the current year minus 2, with a maximum reduction of .05 ..** So for 2008, any speed factor earned in 2007 will be unchanged, those earned in 2006 will be reduced by .01 and those earned in 2005 will be reduced by .02, and so on. The largest of the annual speed factors will be the starting speed factors for 2008.

Mike G took an action to explain in the rule book the .05 offset in speed factor that is applied when a driver moves from a 4wd car to a 2wd car.

Mike G. will also add a sentence to the rule book indicating that speed factors are not the only determinant used in determining the starting order at a given event.

2. Rally Calendar for 2008

Jan 26	CRS Banquet
Feb 9	Ridgecrest Rally School
Feb 23	Seed 9 Rally (2)
Mar 14, 15	Desert Storm Rally (3, 3)
May 31	Quartzsite Rally (3)
June 21	North Nevada Rally (2)
July 12	Idaho Rally (2)
Aug 16	Gorman Ridge Rally (3)
Oct 3, 4	Prescott Rally (2, 3)
Nov 7-9 ?	Laughlin Rally (2, 3, 1)

3. Stock Class Chairman Report (Jon Rood):

The following changes for 2008 & 2009 were approved by the competitors in the recent stock classes vote:

- 1) Under rule 6 (Suspension) add "**Suspension bushing material is free in the stock location.**"
- 2) Under rule 1.3, replace the final sentence with "**Voting will be restricted to those competitors who ran in Performance Stock or CRS-GT since the previous vote on Stock Class rules.**"
- 3) Change rule 9.6, to: "**Competitors who miss the mandatory Stock Class meeting but still desire to participate in CRS Performance Stock or GT must contact all competitors in the desired class and secure their signatures as acknowledgment of their acceptance of this competitor and their vehicle as eligible for competition. The Stock Class Chairman will have a form available for this purpose and completed forms must be returned to the SCC prior to the first vehicle leaving the first MTC or start.**"

Jon Rood will continue as the chairman of the CRS Stock Classes for 2008.

4. Treasurer 's Report (Mike Gibeault)

The CRS treasury is in fine shape with a balance, as of the date of the Board meeting, of \$8,186. The expected expenses remaining are the banquet, year end trophies, printing the 2008 rule book and purchasing new equipment (see below). It is expected that these expenses will be around \$6,100, which will leave about \$2,100 at the start of the 2008 season. This healthy balance is due primarily to last year's raffle (which raised almost \$2,300) and that fact that there were not many expenses for equipment in 2007.

A proposed working budget for 2008 was presented and accepted by the BOG.

5. Rally Equipment Manager's Report and Needs (Paula Gibeault)

The BOG approved the purchase of the following items for use at CRS rallies for a total of \$1,200 to \$1,300):

- 11 "light stand" type tripods for use with the Masano clocks (\$425)
- 22 sand bags (empty) for use in stabilizing the Masano clocks (\$280)
- 10 deep cycle AGM type batteries (no liquid acid) for use with the Masano clocks (\$370)
- 11 bags to hold the tripods and batteries (amount TBD)
- 3 Yellow Flying Finish signs and 3 Red Flying Finish signs (\$60)

6. Rally & RX Membership Chairmen's reports and needs (Christine Marciniak & Lorelei Brose)

CRS membership was up this year primarily due to increases in the number of Rallycross members. Of the 154 full members 86 participated in the rally program (as either a driver or a co-driver) and 67 participated in the Rallycross program.

7. Rally Participation Survey results (Mike Gibeault)

The BOG decided to publish the results overview so that competitors can see how their views compared with others. This will be done via the CRS Web Site.

The survey pointed out many things that will be important to event organizers as well as a couple of points that were considered by the BOG wrt the operation of the CRS Rally Championship. The items considered were:

- There are a lot of competitors who only run 4 or fewer events per year.
- 67% of the drivers responding are limited by funding
- 65% of the drivers responding are limited by available time

As a result of these issues **the BOG decided to try to make the rally series attractive to more drivers by reducing the number of events that count for the championship.** In 2007 CRS counted the best 9 of 12 events. If there are 12 events for 2008 (which is what is on the initial calendar) CRS will count the best 7 of 12 events. There is a sliding scale that will be detailed in the rulebook.

In addition Dick Moser brought up the topic of marketing rallying in general and specifically CRS. Dick proposed that one of the reasons participation is down may be related to the fact that most people are not aware of rallying. After much discussion Dick took an action to write a letter to the CRS membership explaining this thought process and **challenging each CRS member to expose at least one new person to rallying (either as a volunteer, service crew or competitor) during 2008.**

8. Webmaster's report and needs (Michel Hoche-Mong)

The CRS Web site is currently hosted for free by In House IT. Michel would like to add features to the CRS Web site that are not easily supported by the current server. So Michel requested that the CRS consider moving to a server that supports the features that he would like to use. Michel has the action to do the research and report back to the BOG with a plan and a cost estimate.

9. Press Liaison Report

Kris Marciniak read a letter from Brian Driggs (Press Liaison) indicating that he will be stepping down at the end of this year. There was discussion wrt

10. Competitor Liaison's Report (Kris Marciniak)

Prior to the BOG meeting Kris sent out a request for input from competitors. He received 4 responses which he read to the BOG. As it turned out all of the issues brought forward had already received some discussion during the meeting.

11. Banquet plans (Dick Moser)

It is intended to have the year end banquet on Jan 26, however the location is yet to be determined. Donna Hocker took the action to work this issue for Dick. Expect more info on this soon.

12. Year-end trophy plans (Paula Gibeault)

Mike Malsed has the action to provide Photos for the RX year end awards to Ray Hocker for printing.

Paula has the action to get the photos for the rally year end awards.

13. Rulebook plans and changes (Mike Gibeault)

It was decided to order 800 copies of the rule book for 2008

Lorelei volunteer to help with the graphics

p 27 Event Weighting – change from “over 65 miles” to “65 or more stage miles for triple points”.

14. RallyCross Championship Review (Mike Malsed)

It was decided to move from a “sipe width” based tire determination to a tire type based determination (see below). While Mike Malsed has the action to develop the rulebook wording the following details the intended changes:

1) For Street Stock class, any car class street tire is acceptable. This excludes all LT (light truck) tires, and any tire with the mountain/snowflake symbol (denoting snow/ice) or competition/rally tires. M+S tires are acceptable.

2) For Street Modified class, all Stock class tires are acceptable, as are tires with the mountain/snowflake symbol (denoting snow/ice).

3) For Rally class, all tires are acceptable, with the exception of studded snow tires.

It was decided not to rename “Rally Class” to “Open Class” because this class is determined by the tires used, not the level of preparation. It is possible to have Perf Stock cars competing in this class.

The CRS Rallycross Championship was added to encourage Rallycross participation. By its very nature Rallycross is intended to be a low cost sport. With the increasing costs of travel it is becoming more unreasonable to expect competitors to travel all over CA to participate in this championship.

For these reasons the CRS BOG decided to **split the CRS Rallycross championship into two separate championships – North and South, with separate year end trophies.** The following implementation rules will be utilized (and added to the rulebook).

The minimum requirement to have a CRS Rallycross Championship in a given area (North or South), will be that **there must be a minimum of 2 venues and a minimum of 4 events.**

It was decided that all **events South of Visalia, CA will be in the South Championship and all others will be in the Northern Championship.**

Competitors will be allowed one replacement out of area event if desired. It has yet to be decided if out of area events need to be declared prior to the start of the event or if it is automatically the first out of area event that is used as a replacement event.

It was decided to add a year end award for “RX supporter of the year”

15. RX Equipment Manager’s Report and needs (Mike Malsed for Mark Anton)

The BOG authorized the purchase of:

Four fire extinguishers at \$40 each for \$160 (action Mike Malsed)

four handheld radios (Mike Malsed action to determine which radios he wants and determine cost),

16. Rallycross Calendar for 2007 (Mike Malsed)

The Rallycross calendar is not yet firm but the following dates have been established

Feb 2	Johnson Valley I
Feb 10	Ridgecrest RX
Mar 1	Glen Helen I
April 5	Johnson Valley II
April 19	Glen Helen II
Nov 1	Johnson Valley V