

Monday, May 18, 2022  
7:00pm

## **Texas Region SCCA Monthly Meeting**

Zoom only and was rescheduled due to numerous timing conflicts. Worked out best for the mass.

**Regional Executive—**  
Matt Lucas

**AREs—**  
Sam Graff (not in attendance), Sherrie Ledbetter (not in attendance), David Powers, John Poulos, Sitara Wilson

**Directors—**  
Phil Elmore, Miles Furlong, Bob Neff, Phil Osborne, Angelica Sprehe, Ethan Wiseley

**Officers—**  
Ron Bashor, Danny Bullard (not in attendance), Taylor Burnidge, Sherrie Ledbetter (not in attendance), Paul May (not in attendance), Misty Wiseley.

**Guests—** where are you?!

### **Meeting Open 7:03pm**

**April Minutes:** Motion to approve by Bob Neff and seconded by Phil Osborne. Unanimous approval. // **Fyi, Ambulance IS required and was present at Track Night.** Still, it is odd it was not transparent to many regions when that came to be in existence.

## **What's Happening?! — Matt Lucas**

**Bylaws Vote** — Unanimous vote to approve. Need to get them posted. Bob will update bylaws post and is requesting this board double check his work, final document, before actually posting. Please take a moment to review when sent.

**Gas prices are rising sharply.** \$6 per gallon is in the forecast. Matt is shivering at this. If 100 human beings would come in past to an autocross yesteryear, 80 might come future day. 21 novices and 107 registered for autocross this weekend, which is promising on this pricy gas front.

2009 gas prices are telling says Anjelica.... Not much to take action on at this moment, except keep spending down and Be Aware.

**Treasurer's Report / Matt Lucas for Sherrie Ledbetter—** Have a few updates needed from recent events. Solo's year-end trophies (2020 and 2021), + cones, + trophy cones, plus a

laptop, are holding up solo for now; events are breaking even or positive though. May want to add more workers to C-10 event next year. Cash position is strong for now. Worried about attendance in future due to exorbitant gas prices.

### **John Poulos / RoadRally—**

4<sup>th</sup> Rally completed. Shifted next rally to June 11<sup>th</sup> for B2B#4. Attendance has been trending lower for last few years and now is even a little lower. Not sure why. Gas could be the issue for first timers, but it is a hurdle to ask people that are not present. Hovering a little below breakeven and chipping away at t-shirt costs with every event. They are worth it— and you see many of these worn at every event. Many rallies to come— you should come join us...

### **Sitara Wilson / Road Racing—**

Last event was hot (**borderline unsafe, HOTTTT**) w/ heat related issues, but nothing serious occurred. Really good event. 120 entries. Fun. Short on corner workers was a concern; thank you Jake Davis for making magic happen and filling in the holes. Genius job with the podium and trophies, photos, and seriously awesome BBQ, Anjelica! Nice! Podium photos on Facebook, Nice! Possible fluid drop on surface of track; waiting to hear more. Heat exhaustion caused issues to drivers, but Anjelica was actively pursuing drivers with water in hand for those in need. Done hosting until November. Had to shorten Sunday sessions due to the abnormal May heat.

Consolidating social media pages would be very beneficial for everyone. Ethan and Matt agree. Our social media is diluted, and algorithms are not conducive to having it split up as we do. “Keeping posts simple is the KEY....” This is very true, Anjelica. Merging pages as a possibility to simplify...

### **David Powers / Solo—**

No event since last meeting. Event #3 this weekend w/ 107 signed up.

**Phil Osborne / Solo** helped w/ C-10 event. C-10 went well, only glitch was having to reverse track direction due to facility layout. Drivers enjoyed it, spectators not so much. Hard to find a spot to see and could not easily interact w/ drivers. A couple of cars spun out but were fine. Workers were awesome but needed extra heat breaks. 30 second track used 1/3 of road course. Course reversal was safer; tire stack barriers were reason for reversal. Upcoming at Burleson, which is a smaller track than we are used to. Although a smaller track, still a solid parking lot surface (concrete) and tons of fun, including dinosaurs across the street at mini-golf that make excellent backdrops for photos if we had a photographer. Warn workers to keep extra eyes out, remember the silent electric cars, and do not send out cars too fast, although tempting in the heat. May have trash bin for stadium upgrades in near future to contend with.

### **Taylor Burnage for Sherrie Ledbetter / Time Trials—**

Ambulance price is a concern. Short term June 18<sup>th</sup> at ECR. Need more people to help run program. Need positions filled to fill scheduling conflicts and allow staff to take a day off on occasion. Need hats/staff shirts, etc. Social media person is in play. Need more safety workers. Matt will need to be at next event since Sherry is on vacation. Time Trials National Tour a couple of weeks ago went very well with only a few minor issues/minor delays. Live timing was overly complicated which caused hiccups. First smooth year in a long time. A lot of region people showed up and a good number of out of towners, too. Bob is the perfect person to help out with helping road race people understand their classing, but technically they can

research that themselves, but making it easy is more enticing. Sitara is curious if there are a few Road Race classes that she could offer time trials to, Bob will research and advise.

Everything ebbs and flows and we are all in 3-5 year cycles.

**Danny Bullard / Membership—**

Not present.

**Round Table:**

**Sitara—**Update and remove Sasha Lanz from survey administrator on website; Matt updated that instantaneously. Great catch, Sitara.

**John Poulos—** Doug Hill with SCCA Electric Vehicles Activity Committee (EVAC) contacted him. Texas Region should be “plugged in, if you don’t mind the pun.” Can’t hear them coming at you, need tons of water if on fire. ECR bans them, Cresson is good with them, our autocross group is good with them. Sitara might be perfect region representation person to speak with him and this info would be smart to mention at our autocross morning meetings, especially for novices.

**Osbourne—** see you this weekend.

**Ron—** Sitara and Anjelica did a great job working hard to get water to take care of drivers on the brink of heat exhaustion. They were impressive.

**Taylor—** New theme on website. Dink around it, please, and let him know updates or broken links or missing info or suggestions. Race is the trickiest, and he definitely needs help on that. Upcoming events is pulling from calendar; just need to update actual calendar and it auto populates. It looks waaaaaaaay better than it did before on many levels. Great job, Taylor~

**Bob—** Add monthly meeting dates to Taylor’s magnificent, sparkly, linked calendar on the website so that guests know they are welcome to visit these meetings. Charter available... perhaps member services can send digital file for posting to make help Matt get these out quicker and without scanning. Logo? What up with new logo? Logo important, do not lose that track of mind.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.**

**Next meeting June 13, 2022 at 7pm, either at Black Walnut Café and/or Zoom.  
To be determined.**

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**// Texas Region LOGO?!**

**// Need Social Media Volunteer Person**

**// Need more people to help run Time Trials program, along with workers.**

**// Targa— March of next year? Start planning in Nov/Dec.**