

**SCCA Convention  
January 23-24, 2016**

**Road Rally Town Hall, Saturday, January 23, 2016, 11 am PST**

RRB in attendance: Rich Bireta, chairman, Clarence Westberg, John Emmons, Jim Crittenden; Jeanne English, secretary, Mike Thompson, NEC chairman, Jay Nemeth-Johannes, RDC chairman, Terry Hanushek, BOD liaison.

Guests: Peter Schneider, Christy Graham, Dennis Jennings, Bruce Bettinger, Cheryl Babbe, Lois vanVleet

Rich first spoke about changes for 2016:

- a. Change from opt out to opt in model; added Divisional events, count toward national championship, roughly half of a national; regional events no longer count toward the national championship
- b. 2016 updated forms, audit, sanction, results; on the SCCA website
- c. RRB – 5 members this year, Rich continues as chair, with Clarence, John, Jim, and Clyde Heckler; Jeanne, not a member, continues as secretary
- d. Two organizational committees – the National Events Committee, and the Regional Development Committee
- e. USRRC – there have been a couple of proposals for hosting this year's USRRC, the final decision is expected at the February RRB meeting on Feb 8; Arctic Alaska region has expressed interest in hosting the 2017 USRRC; St Louis region has requested to host the 2018 USRRC, final approval is expected at the June RRB meeting.

Rich opened the meeting up to questions/comments:

Bruce Bettinger asked if there are Divisional Road Rally Stewards in all divisions; no, NORPAC does not have one; Terry said that the BOD has revised the Operations Manual such that they do not have to approve the DRRSes, that the RRB can appoint them; most(?) DRRSes are not particularly successful; Terry suggested perhaps revising the name to Divisional Rally Development Coordinator.

Cheryl Babbe talked about Road Rally Safety Stewards, asking about license longevity/renewal, maybe every three years, perhaps have to show they have been a steward for at least two events? attend a class? What about having online training for new applicants?

Terry commented that the BOD is excited by current thrust of experiential rallies, getting new people

**Road Rally Town Hall, Sunday, January 24, 2016, 9 am**

RRB in attendance: Rich Bireta, chairman, Clarence Westberg, Jim Crittenden; Jeanne English, secretary; Jay Nemeth-Johannes, RDC chairman, Mike Thompson, NEC chairman; BOD liaisons Terry Hanushek and Lee Hill, and Howard Duncan from the National Office

Guests: Cheryl Babbe, Peter Schneider

Phone attendees: Bruce Gezon, Michael Young, 'Model Tom', and 'Android Attendee'

Announcement: The Road Rally Regional Achievement award went to Milwaukee Region

Howard Duncan announced that the W David Teter National Tour Rally of the Year was awarded to Badger Trails, John Emmons rallymaster. The Gervais Award will be presented later at the rally.

The announcements from yesterday's Town Hall meeting were repeated (see minutes above).

Rich opened the floor for comments:

1. Cheryl would like to see the RRB look at Social Rallies and how they are conducted; she feels they should be used to build programs, not for a series; maybe allow only 4 Social Rallies a year? Make the fees equal to half those for a charity rally? Rich said that the RRB will be meeting after this Town Hall, and will discuss this.
2. Cheryl talked about Road Rally Safety Stewards, that we should 'rein in the dead wood'; should there be an online test? She would like to see that implemented this year; she thinks all current RRSS must take a revised

test, and that there should be a three year license, and to renew, you must be a SS at two rallies in 3 years. Rich said this will be address today.

3. Cheryl suggested an Incentive program to entice new rallymasters; and to get people to become a RRSS; perhaps if you rallymaster two rallies (10 cars required) you get reduced region dues? (compare to club racing). Peter Schneider suggested that people be given an SCCA rally shirt instead.

4. Is having a defined course still a requirement for social rallies and GTAs? What about shortest distance rally? How does a RRSS check a rally that does not have a defined course? Rich said that the defined course requirement for social rallies is on the sanction form.

5. Peter Schneider commented that some Divisional Road Rally Stewards are not active and some divisions have none, it is unclear what the job is for them (divisional series?). Cheryl supports having them as part of Regional Development Committee and said that she herself is interested in becoming the NorPac DRRS. Terry said that Solo no longer has a steward program, it has been reorganized to 'Solo Development Coordinator', and perhaps we should do the same for rally. Jay said that he has heard suggestions that make sense, but... rally people tend to be technical people who focus inward not outward, and he's concerned about getting the RDC started and does not need roadblocks e.g. that a new rallymaster must also do 'x', or the need to find a SS without disqualifying a lot of them so therefore there is a need to license more. Rich said the RRB has limited bandwidth to get things done, there are communication challenges, and so we must be careful which tasks we take on.

6. Cheryl thanked the RRB for setting criteria for the rules process. Rich replied that we've been attempting to do this, but that 2015 was frustrating, because a large number of (large) proposals came in late.

7. Cheryl talked about being on the SCCA Hall of Fame nominating committee, how you get to learn about SCCA people; need to get rally people involved - send in letters, say how the person impacted a program, SCCA, or you; our job is to get road rally people at least nominated, any submitted letters are kept for future reference.

[Short break, then resumed]

8. Mike Young said he is interested in seeing more events attracting new people; can SCCA information be shared with other clubs, to help them start a rally program? Much information is on the SCCA website.

9. Rich asked new RRB member Jim what his impressions are so far, and where did he want this board to go? Jim replied that he has been rallying since the '60s, but he is new to the NEC and RRB; he's sorry it took so long to get involved and he encourages everyone to get involved.

10. Cheryl said that since road rallies are not yet able to be sanctioned online, why are there not fillable PDF forms for sanction applications and audits? (Update: this has been done.)

11. Cheryl said she wants to talk to her board about hosting the 2017 USRRC; she asked how many of those present would be interested and 6 people raised their hands. Rich asked her to report back to him by March 31.

Town Hall adjourned at 10:53 am.

### **The RRB meeting commenced at 11: 40.**

Same RRB attendees, no guests.

1. Social Rallies: Jim said that the cheaper SR fee forwards the action in the way we want to go; Cheryl is concerned that it is apparently inequitable. We reviewed the background with Terry and Lee and reviewed Cal Club's use of Social sanctions and it was decided that no action would be taken.

2. Rules schedule: June 30 is the deadline for proposals; they will be collected into one document and published in FasTrack; responses are due 30 days after publication; proposals will then be sent to the NEC for recommendations; the RRB will take action to later than Nov 30. Rich said he is not anticipating many changes this year. Mike will work on errors & omissions after the next NEC meeting.

Jim asked if, after the deadline for suggestions, the RRB should filter the suggestions. Answer, no all suggestions should be published. People will be invited to comment on all proposals via email only – any comments on the Yahoo group or SCCA forum won't work, they must be via email to the RRB.

3. Responsibilities of the NEC: to receive sanction requests, review them, report to the RRB before the RRB meeting. Rich said that they should review and approve sanctions for nationals, but for divisionals they should 'rubber stamp' them. Mike said that the NEC will deny sanctions if a committee wants to put on more than two

rallies per weekend. Mike said he was concerned that Deena was assigning sanction numbers immediately; he suggest that National and Divisional sanctions be first send to the NEC, the NEC will report back to Deena, and she can then assign a number and send an email to the event chairman to say they are approved and give them their sanction number. Clarence said to see the procedure in the RFOs. It is OK for Deena to issue regional, and social sanctions immediately. Mike will get together with Ron Ferris to make the RFOs agree with this procedure. Clarence asked if we treat divisionals the same as nationals.

4. Safety Stewards: what about those who don't renew their SCCA membership, can they still be a safety steward? Clarence suggested making them weekend members; or what about not having Safety Steward precheck at all? That suggestion is probably not going to work for risk management. As for cleaning up the Safety Steward list and require regular practice of the trade to retain license, the RRB agreed in principle, but deemed it not a high priority task at this time. This will be readdressed after the Rally Development work is moving forward; there is nothing to do at the moment. Deena is asked to send a current list of Safety Stewards.

5. RDC: Jay said the groundwork is not done yet because he needs a vision/mission statement, list of tasks, etc. Jim said the RDS should focus on increasing the number of regions putting on rallies, particularly those with zero or one rally (dormant regions) in the past, and increase number of cars attending; the measure of success would be number of regions putting on rallies that did not do so in 2015. A problem is that we are not set up to support new events in new regions, primarily because of not having safety stewards available; Terry will talk to Risk Management, to try to find a 'creative solution'.

6. DRRS: should this be changed to Rally Development Coordinator, changing the focus/direction from what Operations Manual currently has for DRRS?

7. The RRB agreed in principle to appoint Cheryl Babbe as NORPAC Divisional Steward and set a goal of increasing road rallying in that division; her goal is to have two regions that did not sanction an SCCA rally in 2015 in NORPAC put on rallies with at least 10 car fields in 2016; if she can coordinate her efforts with Jay, that is great, but not required. Final action will be taken at the Feb RRB meeting since 2 of 5 RRB members were missing when this was discussed.

8. Reminder that Weekend Membership information is to be sent to Topeka.

Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm PST.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne English, RRB secretary