

## **Willamette Motor Club**

### **General Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Thursday, February 19, 2009**

**Start: 7:34 p.m. End: 9:11 p.m.**

**Introduction of the Guests:** none

**Approval of the minutes:** Yes

**Attending Members:** Michael Grant, Paralee Grant, Chris Davies, James Harris, Dave Brunkal, Barry Warren, Eric Armstrong, Charles Cope, Jeff Leclair, Frank Fields, John Harris, Bob Kramer

### **Committees Information / News:**

**Website:** None

**Autocross:** None

**Hillclimb:** None

**Old Business:** Eric tried contacting the other club but has not heard about Hillclimb. There were dead spots when Dave tried the radios. Solid rock seems to be the only issue. Can we visit Eugene's club event "Icebreaker" next weekend to see how they use their equipment? James will try to get a pic of the scoreboard to bring in next week.

Timing display, question whether the 5" display is worth it or if we need the 8". Eric says the 5" is visible for about 300 feet.

James talked to Bonnie's husband from emerald club (Eugene) and he says she must have been in a bad mood, apologized, and says they are willing to work with us a little more from now on.

Chris has checked in on the carts for kids, and general coverage has gone from \$400-\$425. Costs \$175 per autocross. Now they can just have permit, not license. Passengers may be down to 10 years under with parental consent.

We can set our own rules for carts, there would be extra safety precautions. Kids would have to bring their own carts. Are there people waiting to do this? We know of at least 5. Eugene does not let the fast carts race, kids only.

There was worry that our course would not work for carts. Charles has raced them before and says the carts stop quicker, and are a lot lighter than a car. The 4 strokes only go 25-30 mph. James feels that our courses are fit for go carts. Eric wants to get more involved in schools, get our name out there, get some good response. James will print some rules to give us an idea of what to expect. Plan to maybe have one trial run for carts end of year. Next year would be prime.

Autocross minimum insurance qualifications: we cannot be within 75 feet of building so we may need to rethink our sites/courses.

James says bowling with carfreeks is a no go because the alleys only want people every week instead of every month.

Go-carts: Barry plans to be at Go-carts at 7:30pm whether anyone else goes or not.

Rally-cross: Mike has not got any more info. Will try to contact Comcast. Insurance does cover rally cross for same price.

Ripley and Julie will update rule book and add additional rules for 2009. In the event of inclement weather, the board (of whom is present) and the chair and co-chair are responsible for deciding whether to cancel or continue the autocross.

8/21/08-Handheld radios need batteries, group agreed to hold off until 2/09 before our first autocross. Need to buy them now...Life of batteries should be about 2-3 years.

Meeting site: Eola inn- 24 hours, rates well, Jeff checked avg. price \$8 burger up to \$24 steak.

**New Business:** When we send flyers, how soon should they be sent? 3 weeks before and it is on the website. Who is in charge of course set-up? Who can decide what is safe and what is not safe? Whoever is at the prior meeting is invited by the chair and co-chair and it is their decision. Some people's feelings may have been hurt. How can we include people who may have missed a meeting?

Can we do a trial run?

Motion to accept Chris' idea to include on registration a box to check if people want a paper flyer or email flyer: passed! There are normally 250-270 people to send flyers to.

Chair-people should have a special vest!

Suggested script for drivers meeting create next meeting!

Do we want to include an option of whether you want to run the series on the registration?

Should we increase the price of fun runs? Use 2 groups for fun runs so we can have them more often?

Hoodoo: Carfreeks member says they work at Hoodoo and the lot is open often. James will research. Eugene club donates to 7 non-profit groups so they get Hoodoo for free. We may be able to get Hoodoo for free. There is a campground. Would make great 2 day event.

What are the requirements for course workers if we wanted to use School students? Age?

All kinds of parking lot course possibilities, no bites yet...James was able to block Albertsons parking lot a few years back for a car show.

**Announcements:** None

**Swap and Sell:** NHRA junior dragster- Frank, Blue Wheels-John

**Door Prize:** None

**Next Meeting Location:** Canton Gardens

**Adjournment:** 9:11 p.m.