

# SOLO EVENTS BOARD MINUTES

**SEB MINUTES** | January 23, 2008

The Solo Events Board met by conference call January 23rd. Participating were board members Jason Isley, Steve Wynveen, Chris Dorsey, Ron Bauer, Donnie Barnes, Tina Reeves, Dave Whitworth, Rick Myers, and Erik Strelnieks. Also participating were Doug Gill of the National Staff and Lisa Noble of the BOD. These minutes are presented in topical order rather than in the order of discussion.

## GENERAL

- The SEB discussed potential members for an Appeals Committee (per Solo Rules section 10.4) for handling appeals of protest decisions at national-level Solo events.
- The SEB discussed the ongoing issue of class participation levels and potential changes to Solo Rules section 4.9.
- Plans and supplemental regulations for the 2008 Solo Nationals will be reviewed at the National Convention in February.

## STOCK CATEGORY

- The SEB approved the addition of Drew VanderPloeg to the SAC.

## STREET TOURING CATEGORY

- Mike Simanyi was approved as the Chair of the STAC.

## PREPARED CATEGORY

- Steve Garnjobst was approved as a new member of the PAC.

## STREET MODIFIED

- The SEB thanks Bob Kaspryck for his service to the SMAC, and approved the addition of Chris Travis to that committee.

## MODIFIED CATEGORY

- The SEB thanks Art Trier for his service on the MAC.

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**SEB MINUTES** | Feb. 8-10, 2008

The Solo Events Board met at the SCCA National Convention February 8-10. Attending were SEB members Rick Myers, Dave Whitworth, Chris Dorsey, Tina Reeves, Jason Isley, Donnie Barnes, Steve Wynveen, Erik Strelnieks; Doug Gill, Nancy Downing, and Howard Duncan of the National Staff. These minutes are presented in topical order rather than the order discussed.

**Unless noted otherwise the effective date for all rule, class, and listing change proposals herein is 1/1/2009.**

## GENERAL

- The Rocky Mountain Division and Southern Pacific Division SEB positions will be open at the end of 2008. Members interested in these positions are invited to submit their qualifications in writing to the SEB and BOD via the National Office.
- The NEDiv, SoPac, and CenDiv Divisional Solo Events Stewards positions are currently vacant. Members interested in these positions are invited to submit their qualifications in writing to the SEB via the National Office.
- The Board thanks Josh Hadler for his service to the Club as a Divisional Solo Safety Steward.
- Due to the recent change requiring SCCA membership in order to be a competitor in SCCA Solo events, which also applies to Formula Junior drivers, the first event is NOT exempt from the membership requirement.
- The SEB has updated the content and status of its Strategic Plan.
- The National Appeals Committee will be chaired by Art Trier. Finalization of the members of this committee will be noted in upcoming issues of Fastrack.
- The SEB is seeking feedback on the possibility of making the currently-recommended Sound Control policy (Appendix I) a required section.
- The following rule change proposals are being published for member feedback:
  - o Move 2.2.0 to a new subsection of 1.3.2 and change its first sentence to read as follows: "Cell phones, video cameras, and still cameras are not permitted at course worker positions or other locations within the course area...."
  - o Add a new subsection of 1.3.2 as follows: "Course workers must be standing at all times when any competition car(s) are on-course during the event."
  - o Change the first part of Section 4.9 to read "If in three consecutive years...."

## SOLO NATIONALS

- The SEB reviewed and approved proposed Supplemental Regulations, preliminary class run day assignments, and Chiefs as presented by event Chair Kathy Barnes and Solo Manager Nancy Downing, and approved Roger H. Johnson and Karen Babb as course designers.
- The SEB approved the running of Formula Junior A and B as supplemental classes at the Solo Nationals.

## STOCK

- The SEB approved the addition of Pat Salerno to the SAC.
- The following rule change proposal has been provided by the SAC and is being published for member comment:
  - Add to 13.9 as follows: "Additional battery hold-down hardware may be added. It may serve no other purpose." (ref. 07-397)

## STREET TOURING

- The SEB approved the addition of Pat Washburn to the STAC.
- The following listing change proposal has been provided by the STAC and is being published for member feedback: Add the BMW E46 M3 to class STU. (ref. 07-001)
- The following rule change proposals have been provided by the STAC and are being published for member feedback:
  - Remove the word "single" from 14.12.3 in class STX. *Note: this will allow any forced-induction configuration.*
  - Change 14.12.4 such that the maximum tire size is 265 and the maximum rim width is 9.0 inches, for 2WD (FWD or RWD) only.

## STREET PREPARED

- The SPAC is seeking member feedback on the following classing change proposals:
  - Move from BSP to ASP, Subaru WRX STi and Mitsubishi Evo.
  - Move from ASP to BSP, on a separate line from other models: BMW M Coupe, M Roadster, and Z3 (6-cyl) (ref. 07-448)
  - Move from DSP to FSP, on separate line, Toyota Corolla GTS AE86 ('85-'87 RWD) and add line in FSP for Toyota Corolla GTS AE92 ('90-'91 FWD)
  - In FSP, add a listing for Toyota Echo ('99-'05) and Scion xA ('04-'06) on one line. (ref. 07-411)

## STREET MODIFIED

- The following rule change proposals have been provided by the SMAC and are being published for member comment:
  - Replace 16.1.I with: "Front hoods, engine covers, trunk lids and hatches not containing glass, front fenders, rear fenders not part of chassis structure (unibody), front & rear facias, and side skirts may be modified or replaced, and may be attached with removable fasteners. Associated hardware including latches, hinges, and window washer nozzles may be modified, removed, or replaced. This does not permit removal of the remainder of the window washer system. Fenders may be flared as per Street Prepared. Non-metallic fender liners may be modified, replaced, or removed." *Note: This proposal is intended to allow less expensive and more readily available ways for cars to achieve their calculated minimum weight.*
  - Add to 16.2: "Cars running tires with a rated width of 275 or less on all four wheels may compete at a minimum weight 200 pounds less than their calculated weight per Appendix A. "
  - In Appendix A, STREET MODIFIED CATEGORY, change subsection 3 to read (change shown in italics): "...These units will be classified on the basis of a piston displacement equivalent to *0.9 liters times the number of rotors*, plus the volume determined by..."
  - Add new subsection in 16.1 as follows: "OE side mirrors may be replaced by aftermarket units, provided they mount in the same location, perform the same function as the OE mirrors, and have a reflective surface area greater than 15 sq. inches."
  - Change the AWD displacement factor in both SM and SM2 from +275 lbs/liter to +325 lbs/liter.

## PREPARED

- The following rule change proposals have been provided by the PAC and are being published for member comment:
  - Change subsection 1.b under BODYWORK AND STRUCTURE of Prepared Class X in Appendix A to read as follows (changes shown in italics):

"b. Hoods (engine covers), front fenders, front & rear fascias, and side skirts may be added, modified or replaced without penalty. *All cars may choose to modify or replace the front or rear (engine cover or trunk lid), but not both.* Fenders may be flared as per Street Prepared (15.2.A) or Prepared (17.2.L, 17.2.M). Non-metallic fender liners may be modified, replaced, or removed. Body panels may be attached with removable fasteners (e.g. Dzus)."
  - Change 17.10.Q under ENGINE AND DRIVETRAIN to read as follows:

Q. Transmission

1. The stock transmission without modification may be used
  2. *Any mechanical shift linkage or mechanism for changing gears may be used, including use of lockout mechanisms. The shift lever opening in the body of the car may be altered to allow the installation of alternate shift linkage.*
  3. If a modified stock transmission, or a transmission from another source is used:
    - a) Any non-sequential manual transmission is allowed. Any automatic sequential transmission employing a torque converter is allowed.
    - b) *Pneumatic, hydraulic, or electronically controlled shifting is not allowed for manual transmissions, except for electrically-controlled overdrive manual transmissions in cars which were originally equipped with them.*
    - c) *Hydraulic/electric shifting mechanisms may be modified in automatic sequential transmissions employing a torque converter.*
    - d) *Gear ratios may be modified.*
    - e) A functional reverse gear is not required.
    - f) The transmission tunnel/cover may be altered to allow the installation of an alternate transmission and/or driveshaft. Cars originally equipped with a removable transmission tunnel/cover may substitute a tunnel/cover of an alternate material.
- o Change Appendix A, Prepared Classes, to add "All listed weights are **with** driver." Also add 200 lbs. to all weights for cars in all Prepared classes. (ref. 07-147)
  - o Change 17.2.F, to add language as follows: "This requires a sealed firewall between engine and passenger compartment. This rule is for the driver's safety. Completely sealing all firewall openings is strongly encouraged, but no gap may be larger than 1/8 inch."
  - o Change 17.10.D and 17.K.4 as follows (new language in italics):

17.10.D.3: "Any throttle linkage may be used. All throttle linkages shall be equipped with more than one system of positive throttle closure. *Any throttle pedal may be used.*"

17.10.K.4: "Any clutch is permitted. *The linkage between the clutch pedal and the clutch housing/clutch actuating mechanism is unrestricted. A mechanical linkage may be replaced with a hydraulic system. Any clutch pedal may be used.*"
  - o Change 17.2.I to read as follows (new language in italics): "The driver seat may be replaced with a seat of any origin. All passenger seats may be removed or replaced with seats of any origin. *Driver's seat must remain on the stock side of the car and may not cross the centerline of the car. The seat may be relocated fore/aft by up to 12" based on the centerline of the original front and rear mounting points. Rear bulkhead of the driver/passenger compartment may not be removed to relocate seat and driver's seat may not extend rearward past the bulkhead.*
  - o Change 17.2.P.2, beginning with the third sentence, to read as follows: "Alternately, in a hatchback, the spoiler may be mounted to the rear hatch lid at or near the top of the hatch; in such a configuration the spoiler may extend no more than 7.5 inches from the original bodywork in any direction."

#### F125

- The following rule change proposals have been provided by the KAC and are being published for member comment:
  - o Change 19.1.D.1.f.2 to specify a 20 lbs. weight penalty instead of 30 lbs. for non-OE ignition.
  - o Change 19.1.D.2 to specify a 35 lbs. weight penalty for ICC motors.

#### FORMULA JUNIOR

- The following rule change proposal has been provided by the KAC and is being published for member comment:
  - o Change 19.2.A.2 to add the following: "For regions with approved 5-8 year old programs the kart must be powered by a Comer 50/51 stock motor. No other 2 cycle or 4 cycle kart motors, regardless of restriction, will be used for this special class without prior review of the SEB."

#### REFERRED TO COMMITTEE FOR FOLLOWUP

- SPAC: Language regarding "brake kits" (ref. 07-455)
- SPAC: Seat rule, language (Note: also affects SM)
- SSC: Scion xA safety issues (ref. 07-411)
- STAC: Motor mounts (ref. 08-006)
- SMAC: Fenders, mini-tubbing (ref. 07-423)

## NOT RECOMMENDED

- Stock:
  - o Mustang Shelby GT reclassing (per SAC; ref. 07-394, 07-415)
  - o Nissan 350Z reclassing (per SAC; ref. 07-426)
  - o Suzuki Aerio (per SAC; ref. 07-433)
  - o Older car parts substitution (per SAC; ref. 07-434)
- Street Touring:
  - o Restructuring and allowing Porsches et.al. (ref. 08-047)
- Street Prepared:
  - o Saleen Mustang listings (per SPAC, ref. 07-449)
  - o Combine BMW M Coupe, Z3 (6-cyl) and M Roadster with E36's in BSP (per SPAC, ref. 07-448)
  - o Brake rotors (per SPAC, ref. 07-455)

## TECH BULLETINS

1. Stock: The following new listings, effective immediately upon publication, have been recommended by the SAC and approved by the SEB:

Audi TT 2.0 turbo ('08+)	GS (ref. 07-411)
Nismo 350Z ('07+)	BS (ref. 08-012, 08-013)
Honda Civic Si Mugen ('08+)	GS (ref. 07-444)
2. Stock: The references to 13.2.F should be 13.2.G, in the Appendix F clarification regarding Corvette spare tire covers.
3. Stock: The references to 13.1.H should be 13.2.I, in the Appendix F clarification regarding harness bars.
4. Street Touring: The following sentence should be at the end of 14.9.A: "The area under the rearmost seat is considered to be within the passenger compartment." *Note:* this is the same language as appears in 15.9.C. (ref. 07-458)
5. Street Prepared: The SPAC has provided the following listing correction: Under Ford/Mercury in ESP, remove the "Capri Turbo 4" line and Replace: "Mustang & SVO & Cobra R, V6 & V8 ('79-'93)" with: "Mustang & SVO & Cobra & Cobra R (79-93) & Capri (79-86), V6 & V8 & Turbo 4" (ref. 07-449)
6. Prepared, Errors and Omissions: the CP weight penalty for oversize wheels in 17.2.G should be 100 lbs. not 200 lbs.
7. Prepared, Errors and Omissions: the following cars should be listed in FP as a result of changes approved in 2007: Toyota MR2 Turbo ('91-'95), Porsche 924 Turbo, Chrysler/Dodge/Plymouth/Eagle/Mitsubishi Conquest Turbos
8. Prepared: The following new listing, effective immediately upon publication, has been recommended by the PAC and approved by the SEB: Mazda MX-5 ('06+) on a separate line in DP.
9. Modified: The DM and EM weights and adders as shown in Section 18 are correct, in cases where they may conflict with what appears in Appendix A. For 2009 the weight and adder data for these classes will be moved to, and appear only in, Appendix A.
10. Modified: Appendix A, Modified Class F, add to subsection D.3.f (rear brake assemblies): "Two piece rear brake rotor assemblies are also allowed. Rotors must be of ferrous material. Hubs and hats may be made of ferrous material or aluminum. These allowances also apply to front brakes."
11. Modified: Appendix A, Modified Class F, add to subsection E.2 (upgraded vee engines): "Increased displacement engines up to 1915 cc are restricted to maximum valve sizes 39 mm intake, 32 mm exhaust."
12. Formula Junior: The second sentence of 19.2.C is clarified as follows (change shown in italics): Tire compound is restricted to Bridgestone YHC or other tire manufacturer's models with *the manufacturer's published* durometer readings of 58 or higher." (ref. 07-445)