



The Aficionado

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Highlights of the March 15th, 2012 General Meeting

MOTION: by Scott McDonald to accept the February 16th, 2012 minutes as written.

2nd: Chad Edwards.

PASSED BY MAJORITY.

MOTION: by Henri Marcoux to order 350 WSCC decals.

2nd: David Grant.

PASSED BY MAJORITY.

MOTION: by Dino Calvert to adjourn meeting.

2nd: Andrew Cobb.

PASSED BY MAJORITY.

Road Race Report - By Scott McDonald, Road Race Director

This is still the pre-season for Road Race so lots of what I've been doing is trying to get the word out on events this summer that would benefit from a huge turnout. I am open to any effective form of putting the word out there. We've done an extensive emailing as well as posts on the Forum. There has been a pretty good level of response in the form of questions raised. The Chump Car information has been out there for a month or two and the GT Challenge stuff has been out about a month. I can confirm about 10 entries and a number of probable ones. I sent copies to Alberta with a request for circulation as well as the IIRA in Minnesota and the club in Thunder Bay. I was interviewed March 30 by the Gimli radio station to promote our 2 large events at the track this summer. This station and the station owner is a major supporter of what we are bringing to Gimli, as is the mayor.

The school is nearly full as I write this and entries keep trickling in. We had 39 entrants Tuesday night when I last checked. Most of the entries so far specify Race as their interest. I suspect a number of Chump Car drivers are taking advantage of our school, as well they should. We have a fairly large group from Regina.

The runoff area off corner 8 is being fixed this Friday, thanks to Grant Kubay who is coming up to move some dirt and make the surface level instead of a big hole. The RM is redoing the electricity next week. Keith and I are scheduled to talk to the GIDC Board about doing some Concession Building renovations.

It looks like a great summer.

SoloSprint Dates

Unfortunately our Solo Sprint Director has resigned his position; so the Executive are seeking a replacement.

The description of Solo Sprint Director contained in the current WSCC Constitution is as follows:

“(12) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SOLOSPRINT DIRECTOR

- A) The SoloSprint Director shall attend all Executive and General Meetings to provide timely reports on overall SoloSprint activities to the Executive and Members. The SoloSprint Director shall be responsible for the implementation of the Club’s concept of SoloSprint, and determining that all functions affecting SoloSprint and SoloSprint Events are carried out. It is recommended that a committee similar the Race Committee be formed. “

If you would like to give the position a try, please contact President Peter Gwyn (president@wscc.mb.ca).

The dates for the 2012 Solo Sprint Events are as follows:

- May 26 - Race 1
- June 16 - Race 2
- Aug 11 - Race 3 Vintage Weekend
- Sept 22 - Race 4
- Oct 7 - Race 5

New Format for Friday Hot Laps 2012

This coming hot lap season we would like to try this:

The sessions will start later and finish later

- First track session starts at 12pm until 330pm for \$60
- Second track session at 4pm until 7:30pm for \$60
- \$100 for Both sessions for \$100

Sessions will run 20 min back to back, just keep lining up to get the maximum track time. We hope this helps in getting more participants out for hot laps on Fridays.

For those of you with convertibles, the following are acceptable: Convertibles with factory or better roll over protection are permitted as long as the bar is behind the front seats like a Boxter, S2000, BMW Z3, etc.. Sorry not MINI, its roll over protection is behind the back seat.

Hot Laps/School for May 4th - Who's In?

WSCC is putting on Hot laps on Friday May 4th if you're interested please sign up on the forum thread and/or DLB.

Gate opens early and track sessions start at Noon.

Please contact Al Marcoux (almarcoux@mymts.net) if you have any questions.

Auto Slalom - Claudio Zubin, Auto Slalom Director

The first Auto Slalom event is fast approaching; May 12th and 13th at St. Andrews. Here is where we stand on the WSCC Auto Slalom schedule.

May 12, 13	June 2, 3
June 23, 24	July 7, 8
July 28, 29	August 18, 19
August 25, 26	September 15, 16
September 29, 30	

I will announce shortly which dates we will be holding the school and which are regular events (I expect to have approx. 14 events this year).

As far as the venue goes, I have been trying, mostly in vain, to secure the sludge lot for 2012. We now have our liability insurance lined up, which was our original stumbling block, but now the city does not have any dates available for us to use the site. I have one last slim chance to secure some dates but it will probably be a few more weeks until I can sort that out.

In the meantime, I received confirmation today from St. Andrews that our dates are available and until further notice, assume all events will be held there.

WSCC on Facebook and Twitter

The club now has official Facebook and Twitter accounts. There have been issues with the accounts that were used in the past so all club members that use either social network are encouraged to “friend” and “follow” the club on these new accounts.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/WinnipegSportsCarClub>

Twitter: @WSCC_Club (or the direct link is: http://www.twitter.com/WSCC_Club)

Membership Report - Art Schroeder, Membership Director

2012 Membership Total: 158 (26 new members so far!)

Spring Scenic Drive to Kenora - Pete Loewen, Social Director

The club will be organizing a spring drive out to the Whiteshell on April 29th. We will be meeting at Tim Horton's at 1404 Regent (across from the casino) at 11:00 A.M. and leaving around noon. Dinner will be held at the panoramic Lakeside Inn Restaurant at 470 1st Ave in Kenora. We will be making several rest stops which include the Seven Sisters Dam, and end up in Kenora for dinner.

Please respond to the post on the club website forums regarding your attendance and whether you will be joining us for dinner in Kenora. The restaurant offers a birds-eye view of the area. Prizes will be given out at the dinner based on a series of questions answered correctly along the way. So relax but pay attention.

Remember to fill your tanks up before brunch. But there will be an opportunity to do so in Beausejour if someone is running late.

Volunteers Needed for Road Race Events - Bryce Stewart, Chief Course Marshall

The first sign of summer....Racing!

May 5th and 6th is our start to the summer race season with our race school. As of today there are 39 registered.

- 1) As usual I would like to know who can make it out to this event
- 2) I am still looking for new volunteers too, if you know anyone (children, grandkids, neighbours, friends) feel free to let me know and pass on my e-mail (bryce_school@mymts.net).

I hope to hear from you all soon.

Club-Wide Budget - Peter Gwyn, President

The Executive is pleased to announce that a club-wide consolidated 2012 budget will be presented at the April 19th meeting for all WSCC members to review and to approve. Those who wish to obtain copy of the budget in advance of the meeting may contact Art, the Treasurer, at treasurer@wscc.mb.ca, as NO extra copies will be available at the meeting.

Editor's Note: The budget was passed as presented at the meeting. You can still contact the treasurer if you would like to see a copy.

Classifieds

Race Cars Available

1999 Honda civic three door hatch (red) (JP Parenty's car)

1995 Honda Civic coupe (yellow) (Fier Tulleken's car)

JP's car is for sale WITH enclosed trailer for \$22.000 and Fier's car is for sale for \$15.000. Please direct any inquires to fiertulleken@gmail.com

The list of mods to both cars is very long. Spare parts are available but not part of the purchase price. These two cars are some of the fastest cars at Gimli, Black Hawk Farms and in Calgary in their class. Cars are equipped with Halon fire protection systems if you want to race in the US. Some support at the first race is available.