

SOLO EVENTS BOARD MINUTES

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The Solo Events Board met in Blytheville, AR, June 4th and 5th. Attending were SEB members Dave Feigner, Iain Mannix, Tina Reeves, Donnie Barnes, Steve Wynveen, Erik Strelnieks, and Bryan Nemy; Doug Gill 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 1/1/2010.

Comments regarding items published herein should be directed to seb@scca.com.

RECOMMENDED TO THE BOD

- The following previously-published items are being recommended to the BOD:

ITEM 1) Add to 16.1.L, "Except for standard parts, wings designed to be adjustable while the car is in motion must be locked in a single position." (ref. 08-680)

ITEM 2) Add to 16.1.L: "Canards are allowed and may extend a maximum of 6 inches forward of front bodywork/fascia as viewed from above. No portion of the canard may extend past the widest part of the front bodywork/fascia as viewed from above. Canard area will be measured in the same manner as wings using 12.10. Canard area may not exceed 15% of total wing allowance. The sum of canard area and rear wing area may not exceed the total wing allowance." (ref. 09-018, 09-019, 09-102, 09-109, 09-130, 09-100, 09-128, 09-107)

ITEM 3) Revise 16.1.0 to read as follows: "Radio/Stereo and airbag equipment and/or its component parts, including wiring, control modules, antennas, amplifiers, speakers and their enclosures, etc. may be removed provided the part added, removed or replaced serves no other purpose. Any visible holes that result from removal of equipment must be covered with a cover of unrestricted material. Covers may be used to mount gauges, switches, etc." (ref. 08-728, 09-102, 09-109, 09-130, 09-100, 09-128, 09-107)

ITEM 4) Add new item 16.1.S "OE pop-up headlights may be replaced with static headlights, provided the replacement units are intended for automotive use on public roads as a primary means of illumination, and retain high and low beams as originally provided by the manufacturer. All associated hardware may be removed, replaced or modified." (ref. 08-736, 08-737, 09-102, 09-109, 09-130, 09-094, 09-100, 09-112, 09-128, 09-107, 09-214, 09-219, 09-233, 09-316)

ITEM 5) Change the second paragraph of 3.1 to read as follows: "Models and option packages designated as being of a model year later than the current year are not eligible to compete in Divisional, Tour, or Solo National Championships unless they have been specifically classed by the SEB. A newly-classed model or option package is not eligible for the current year's Solo National Championship unless its listing was published no later than the July issue of the official SCCA publication."

ITEM 6) Change Appendix A listings in Street Prepared as follows: Delete from CSP, Acura RSX. Add to DSP, Acura RSX.

ITEM 7) Add new second paragraph to 13.0 as follows:

"A car will remain eligible for Divisional, National Tour, and National Championship events through the end of the 30th calendar year after the manufacturer-designated model year of the car."

Also add in Appendix A, to the abbreviations: "R – Regional Competition Only"

GENERAL

- The SEB reviewed and updated its Strategic Plan, which is available via the SCCA website.
- Nominees are requested for the Solo Cup and Driver of Eminence awards. Descriptions of these awards are found in Appendix V of the Solo Rules.
- The following package of rule change proposals is published for member comment (ref. 09-282):
 - Change the last sentence of Appendix C, subsection A.2, to read as follows: "In a closed car, or an open car with a removable OE hardtop, which is equipped with a roll bar/cage, it must be as close as possible to the interior top of the car."
 - Change the second sentence of 3.3.2 to read as follows: "A roll bar meeting the requirements of Appendix C, or a roll cage meeting the requirements of Section 9.4 of the GCR, is required in all non-production vehicles in A, B, C, and F Modified, and in all open cars using non-DOT tires in the Prepared Category and in D and E Modified."
 - Change the last sentence of the first paragraph of 3.3.2 to read as follows: "For open cars using DOT tires, the roll bar height may be reduced from Appendix C or GCR Section 9.4 requirements to the highest possible height which fits within an installed factory-specified hardtop or convertible top."

SOLO NATIONALS

- The SEB is revising its previously-published item concerning the application of Appendix I (Sound Measurement Procedures) such that measurements will be taken at the 2009 Tire Rack Solo National Championships, and the results of those measurements will be recorded and posted but will be used for informational purposes only. It is anticipated that in the future the enforcement portions of Appendix I will be implemented for National events.
- The SEB discussed compliance checks for cars in various categories at the Solo Nationals, and will be making recommendations to the Chief of Impound.

STOCK

- The SAC is proposing modifications to the previously-published class reorganization proposal and is seeking member feedback on the proposal (see Fastrack, April 2009) as a whole and on these specific changes:
 - The Audi R8 (V8) listing in Option 1 of the proposal is withdrawn.
 - Change Option 2 of the proposal to read as follows:
Option 2:

Move models currently in BS into CS, merging the two classes.
Move models currently in AS into BS.
Move the following models into AS:
 BMW Z4 M Coupe/Roadster '06+
 BMW M3 '08+
 Chevrolet Corvette '99-'04
 Lexus IS-F '08+
 Lotus Esprit Turbo '96-'04
 Mazda RX-7 '93-'95
 Mercedes C63 AMG
 Porsche 911 '98-'04
 Porsche Cayman S '05-08
 Porsche Boxster S '05-08

The addition of the following models will be considered separately:
 Porsche Cayman S '09
 Porsche Boxster S '09
- The following revision to a previously published rule change proposal is submitted for member feedback:
 - Change 13.2.J to read: "Cars may add one rear trailer hitch. The resulting weight addition is allowed. The hitch may serve no other purpose. Factory tie-down and cosmetic pieces (e.g. diffusers) may be modified or removed to facilitate hitch installation. Complete or partial removal of the hitch is allowed for competition, provided it does not result in a reduction in weight compared to the unmodified standard configuration." (ref. 09-148, 09-166)

STREET TOURING

- Openings are anticipated on the STAC. Interested members are invited to submit their qualifications in writing to seb@scca.com.

STREET PREPARED

- In conjunction with the related Tech Bulletins (#10 and #11) in the June 2008 Fastrack, the following correction to the previously-published class listing change regarding the Subaru WRX is submitted for member comment:
 - Move the Subaru non-Sti WRX ('08-'09) from ESP to BSP onto the same line as the '08-'09 WRX STi and the '09 Impreza GT. (ref. 09-093, 09-125)
- The following rule change proposal, per the SPAC, is published for member comment:
 - Add new subsection 15.10. BB as follows: "*BB. Upper engine shields made of plastic material, the purpose of which is to hide mechanical components in the engine compartment, may be removed if they have a solely aesthetic and/or acoustic function.*" (ref. 09-121)
- The following group of listing change proposals, per the SPAC, is published for member comment (ref. 09-336):
 - Delete current listings:
 DSP
 Toyota Matrix
 Pontiac Vibe
 - Add new listings:
 DSP

Pontiac/Toyota
Matrix XRS (03-06), Corolla XRS (05-06), Vibe GT (03-06)
Matrix/Vibe AWD (03-08)

FSP

Pontiac/Toyota
Matrix/Corolla/Vibe (03-08) NOC

- In light of recent changes to FSP, the SPAC believes that some restructuring for Hondas within D and FSP is appropriate. The committee is requesting member feedback on the following proposals:

- Delete current listings:

DSP

Civic SOHC, VTEC ('92-'95)
Civic VTEC, SOHC ('96+)
delSol ('93-'97)

FSP

Civic ('92-'95) NOC
Civic ('96+) NOC
Civic non-Si ('96-'00)

- Replace with new listings:

DSP

delSol ('94-'96) DOHC
Civic Si ('99-'00)

FSP

Civic ('96-'00) NOC
Civic ('92-'95) All, delSol ('92-'96) NOC

- The SPAC is proposing the following listing change for member comment:

Delete the following listing (ref. 09-205):

FSP

Scirocco (8v all)

Comment: This listing is redundant with the coverage under the listing elsewhere in FSP which reads:

Rabbit & Jetta & Scirocco & Cabriolet & Pickup (8V, '75- '92) (A-1 chassis)

- The following rule change proposal is submitted for member comment (ref. 09-313):
 - Change the 4th sentence of 15.1.C to read as follows: "The updating and/or backdating of engines, transmissions, transaxles, or *unibodies* must be done as a unit; component parts *and specifications* of these units may not be interchanged."

STREET MODIFIED

- The following rule change proposal is recommended by the SMAC and published here for member comment:
 - Add new subsection 16.C.2.d as follows:
 - d) Included vehicles: Porsche Carrera GT

PREPARED

- Per the PAC, the following rule change proposals are published for member comment:
 - Remove sub-section 17.4.G.2, which currently reads: "Wheels greater than 16" in diameter will receive a 200 lb penalty."
 - Appendix A, Prepared Class C - (last two paragraphs before weights), revise to read as follows:

"All vehicles may use *wheels up to 12 inches in width*. Vehicles using greater than 10 inch wheel widths must add 50

lbs to minimum weight.

Unlimited wheel diameters are allowed in C Prepared.”

Comment: This eliminates wheel diameter weight penalties for CP.

- Remove sub-section 17.4.J.2, which refers to class FP and currently reads: “Wheels greater than 16” in diameter will receive a 100 lb penalty.”

Comment: This eliminates wheel diameter weight penalties for FP.

- The following cars have previously been published for member comment to be classed in XP. The PAC/SEB are requesting member feedback on the following allowance restricting the minimum engine size (and therefore minimum weight) allowed in these vehicles. Classifications would be effective 1/1/2010. (ref. 09-096)

Factory Five

Mk3 Roadster & Challenge Car

Type 65 Coupe

GTM Supercar

All with a minimum engine size of 4.5L normally aspirated or the equivalent forced induction engine size and weight.

Superformance

MKIII

GT40 MKII

Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe

All with a minimum engine size of 4.5L normally aspirated or the equivalent forced induction engine size and weight.

Noble

M12

M12GTO

M400

All with minimum engine size 2.9L with forced induction or 4.1L normally aspirated.

Rossion

Q1

With minimum engine size 2.9L with forced induction or 4.1L normally aspirated.

Comment: The intent of displacement restrictions for kit cars is to permit commonly-installed engines, while restricting the construction of ultra-lightweight tube-frame cars in order to maintain a competitive balance with the tub-based small cars currently competing in XP.

- The PAC/SEB are seeking member feedback on classing the following vehicles in XP effective 1/1/2010 (ref. 09-096):

Mosler

MT900S

MT900R XP

All with a minimum engine size of 6.0L normally aspirated or the equivalent forced induction engine size and weight.

MODIFIED

- Per the MAC, the following rule change proposal is published for member comment: Replace the first five paragraphs (before the current 18.1.A) with the following, and re-letter current subsections 18.1.A through 18.1.E accordingly:

“A. Eligibility

Classes DM and EM contain production-based cars which are permitted additional modifications beyond those allowed in Prepared classes CP through GP. Models must meet the requirements of Section 13 (first paragraph), be specifically listed in Appendix A, *meet the specifications below*, or be otherwise recognized by the SEB.

1. Kit Cars

Kit cars which were originally designed, constructed, and licensable for street use may participate in D and E Mod if they are approved by the SEB. Members desiring approval of a particular kit car should provide the SEB with detailed information regarding the kit model and contact info, if available, for the OE manufacturer. For obsolete kit cars, the

member will be expected to provide construction specifications, dimensions, and photographs for the SEB to examine and keep on file. The Club will evaluate each submitted kit model individually, and the evaluation will ensure that the specific model:

- a) follows current D and E Mod rules regarding minimum floor pan dimensions (see 18.1.B.1.j).
- b) has no unusually advantageous aerodynamic features.
- c) has no exceptionally low center of gravity.
- d) has no exceptionally high strength to weight ratio.
- e) has no other unique features that would upset the competitive balance in D and E Mod.
- f) has independently-verifiable evidence of at least 10 examples which meet the approved specification produced. Extremely limited production sports racer-type efforts are discouraged.

Constructed examples of approved kits are subject to the following:

- g) they will automatically take the Modified Tub weight penalty (see Appendix A).
- h) they will have the same weight/displacement scales and weight bias penalties as production-based cars.
- i) they will be allowed all the modifications that production-based cars are permitted,
- j) they are subject to the same engine/transmission restrictions as production-based cars.
- k) they must meet the same safety requirements as production-based cars.

A newly-added model is not eligible for the current year's Solo National Championships unless its listing was published no later than the July issue of the official SCCA publication.

The list of currently approved models is as follows:

(no models are currently listed).

2. Clones

Clones/replicas of SCCA-recognized production cars are permitted to compete in D and E Modified, provided they comply with the following requirements:

- a) They are substantially similar to and recognizable as the 'original' manufactured vehicle on which they are based.
- b) Their specifications do not violate any rule stated herein.

3. Other Models

The Panoz Roadster is eligible for competition in DM and EM as a modified production-based car.

4. Specifications

Weight and displacement specifications are as shown in Appendix A."

NOT RECOMMENDED

- Hyundai Genesis classification (09-212)

TECH BULLETINS

1. General: Revise 12.6.A to read: "An open car is a convertible (with or without a full windshield), a car with a retractable hardtop, a targa-top-type car with less than a full windshield, or a T-top-type car with less than a full windshield."
2. Stock: The following new listings, effective immediately upon publication, are added to Appendix A:

Audi R8 4.2L ('08-'09)	SS (ref. 09-207)
Tesla Roadster (all) ('08-'09)	SS (ref. 09-273)
MINI John Cooper Works Clubman ('09)	BS

(Note: It is the SEB's intent that the MINI Clubman models be classed alongside the corresponding MINI Cooper models. When the Cooper S moves from GS to DS in 2010, the Clubman S will also move to DS)
3. Stock: Section 13.7.A.1 is clarified to read: "Substitution, addition or removal of any front anti-roll bar and its supporting hardware (brackets, endlinks, bushings, etc.) is permitted."
4. Stock: For the purposes of defining "interior panels" as in 13.5.F, the trunk is considered part of the interior (ref. 09-275).
5. Street Prepared, Errors and Omissions: Per an overlooked change passed late in 2008, correct certain DSP and FSP listings as follows:
Delete the following listings:
DSP

Sentra SE-R & NX2000 ('91+)

FSP

NX2000

Sentra 1.6L(91+)

Sentra & SE-R ('91-'94)

Add the following listing:

FSP

Nissan Pulsar, NX2000, Sentra, & SE-R ('91-'94) all

6. Street Prepared: The following new listing, effective immediately upon publication, is added to Appendix A:

Tesla Roadster ('08-'09) ASP (ref. 09-273)

Comment: The SPAC will be providing proposals addressing modifications to electric and hybrid vehicles.

7. Prepared: Per the PAC the following new listings, effective immediately upon publication, are added to Appendix A:

Audi TT FP

Mazda RX-8 FP

Nissan 350Z FP

Pontiac Solstice DP

Pontiac Solstice GXP FP

Saturn Sky DP

Saturn Sky Redline FP

8. Prepared: Per the PAC, modify the following sentence in Appendix A section on limited preparation vehicles (page 206) as follows: Replace the last sentence of the 2nd paragraph under "Limited preparation vehicles" with: "The listed allowances for *limited preparation vehicles* supersede the Section 17 rules and other Appendix A allowances where applicable."
9. Prepared: Per the PAC, cars competing in G Prepared under the Appendix A allowances for Limited Preparation vehicles may use either unmodified stock camshafts or non-stock camshafts meeting Limited Preparation restrictions. (ref. 09-185)