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RE-**PORT**

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As most of you know, we unfortunately will not be racing at BIR this year. Even though this is disappointing news, we will be moving forward with planning for a club racing in 2010. One of the activities that we have coming up is a work weekend at BIR. A group is getting together to work on Saturday and Sunday, August, 8-9. If you are interested in helping, please contact me directly at 651-408-1203.

The Rally and Rallycross programs are continuing to have events. There will be National Rallycross event at Corcoran Lions Park on August.1. If you haven't experienced Rallycross, it is great fun and Corcoran is a great venue for spectating. The last Nemadji event will have been run by the time this goes out. Thanks to all the workers and competitors for making both of these series so successful.

Thanks to Dan Corgard for organizing another great Car Craft event. This is a unique opportunity for us to get the LOL name out to car folks that may not find us otherwise. There were an astounding 1,780 runs over the three days.

See you at the track or in the dirt

Mary Utecht
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NEEDED: Workers, Clean-up Crew

For the

BIR Track Work Weekend August 8-9, 2009
rustic camping available.

for more information see page 5

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**Land O Lakes Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2009**

Meeting called to order by Randy VandeLoo at 7:07 pm.

Members Present: Randy VandeLoo, Jim Gillen, Eric Dahl, Carrie Carlson, Jimmy Griggs, Dan Corgard, Aaron Jongbloedt.

Members Absent: Mary Utecht, Joe Axberg

Guests: Tom Fuehrer, Stacy Scharch

June's meeting minutes were accepted as posted.

Treasurer's reports were accepted as posted. Financial statements are available upon request.

Membership Report: 458 members.

Web/Tonneau Report: No report available.

Competition Board Report:

RallyCross: Last rallyx on 28th, 28 competitors. Next event August 2nd.

Road Rally: No report.

Stage Rally: Nemadji 2 ran last month, 13 competitors. Next Nemadji July 25th. Ojibwe will be August 28th.

Solo: 45 cars for autocross (on a Wednesday) at the National Mini event in Winona. Another event at Winona this weekend.

Club Racing: Fallback from cancellation of Jack Pines. Plan is still to work with the track. We still need help. Need to post something in the next Tonneau to note work weekend and help is definitely needed. Plan is to meet at the track Friday evening and work Saturday and some of Sunday as needed. Need all the BoD members to work at getting the word out about the need for workers. Tom Fuehrer will contact Gary to make sure preparations are complete before we get up there.

We discussed each of us putting together a paragraph about working up at BIR on Aug 8-9 and what it would mean to the Region and the Track. Carrie graciously volunteered to be the collection point of these mini-articles and she would word-smith them into a message that we could all carry forward to the forums that we frequent and email lists.. We also discussed the potential of soliciting help from some of the local clubs like Porsche, BMW, Vintage, et al..

Teen Survival: Loss was \$206 total but we only saw \$103 loss thanks to SCCA.

We discussed the need to get more sponsors and maybe a cheaper location- the discussion went on to asking employers, Hospitals, Target & 3M et al for support for these events. There may be a potential of running an event in Little Falls.

Old Business:

The Mini Challenge event was held at Brainerd last month. Great fun, good racing. Jimmy will stay in touch with them so we can look at a joint participation with them next year.

Car Craft event/July 17-19. Autocross and Launch Box events. Events will be on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Need volunteers to help. Volunteers will earn "LoL Bucks" good towards use in future events. \$10/person/day, valid for 12 months, non-transferable. Motion/approved – unanimous (need to get LaCrosse approval for them to participate.

Storage Unit purge completed. Everything was gone through. Storage unit has been canceled.. The unit in Brainerd will be looked at during the work weekend.

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(LOL Minutes, cont'd)

New Business

New process for minutes. They will be posted on the director's forum and all need to review within 1 week, and comment that they have read. No disputes (or a majority approval) means forward to minutes forum.

Financials postings – what do we/should we post? We decided not to post anything, but financial statements will be made available to current members of SCCA LOL members upon request.

Plan to send out a Tonneau right after each monthly BoD meeting. Usually email notice, with one hard copy every 3 month.

Guest Stacey Scharch visited. Interested in road racing and PDX type events. Not currently SCCA member.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Snow States Plow

July 2009

As I write this, we are just over a week away from the third Nemadji Trail Rally. This series has been successful and show that Co-efficient 1 rallies are viable and that rally is still alive in Minnesota. Nemadji Trail 3 will be held on Saturday, July 25 in Duquette, MN (just over an hour north of the Twin Cities metro area). It will be two co-efficient 1 rallies utilizing both the Park Truck Trail and the Potlatch road. While all of the Nemadji Rallies utilize the same roads, the organizing committee has worked hard to add some variety and make each rally unique.

SSAC would also like to encourage everyone to come out to the work weekend at BIR on the weekend of August 8 and 9. There will be rustic camping available for those that would like to come up on Friday to get an early start on Saturday. We will work all day Saturday and then relax on Saturday night. We will do some more work on Sunday morning but will be clearing out before the drag contingency arrives for the national weekend. The work will be bolting tires for tire barriers, building corner worker platforms, etc. There are many things to be done, some large and many smaller items as well.

We all want to see road racing return to BIR. Let's all pitch in and help out to get things done. If you can help out at the work weekend, please contact Mary Utecht.



The Mayhem Chicks...live and in person!

Ask the Mayhem Chicks

The Mayhem Chicks are Mary Utecht, Amanda Ingle and Carrie Carlson. We are three of the four regular crew members for Mayhem Racing. We are also involved in our local region.

Mary is the RE of Land o' Lakes and Carrie is the treasurer; Carrie is also on the board of directors for Snow States Autosports Club.

Carrie, Amanda and Mary are involved in organizing the Nemadji Trail Stage Rally events as well. We can be seen at any number of SCCA and Snow States events.

The Mayhem Chicks welcome your questions. Email them to Mayhem-Chicks@earthlink.net. We look forward to your questions.

Brainerd Update

We will be having a Track Work weekend on Aug 8-9. There will be rustic camping (e.g. no hookups) for those that want to come up Friday to get an early start on Saturday.

We'll work all day Saturday and then relax on Saturday night. We'll do some more work on Sunday morning but will look to clear out before the mass influx of the drag contingent.

The work will be bolting tires for tire barriers, building corner platforms etc. There are lots of things that need to be done, some large but many smaller items as well.

We will also need to start working on the race date for 2010. We will need to have a race chair and committee in place by September this year. The calendaring process will take place in early August so the date could potentially be set before the end of summer. We have some other positions filled but we need many more volunteers for essential committee positions. Please contact me if you are willing to help. Please also RSVP to me if you can attend the cleanup day.

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Mini/MINI Invasion

Minnesota United Mini's held "The Mini-Sota Job" in Winona, MN.

The June 29 through July 2 East meets West event was a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Mini, the 9th year of the "new" MINI, and the 40th anniversary of the famous film "The Italian Job". One of the popular activities was the Autocross. L'OL members from The Sports Car Club of LaCrosse accepted the challenge of hosting a mix of classic Minis and newer MINIs at the Southeast Technical School facility used for SCCLAC SOLO 2 events. The participants were pleasantly surprised with the facility and course. The facility offered more space than past events and Event Master Jeremy Anderson used it to full advantage by setting a course offering a mix of both speed and technical difficulty. Drivers enjoyed the chance to stretch out their cars while the tighter sections kept everything under control. We hope to see the area cars and drivers back for future events.



Links of Interest:

<http://www.minimeet09.org>

<http://www.scclac.org/>

<http://bwp.smugmug.com/>

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June Bug RallyCross

Warm. Dry. Sunny. From the start, the June Bug RallyCross, held on June 28, looked to be dusty. The Land o' Lakes Region RallyCross Program was once again at our Cannon Falls site for this, the fourth RallyCross in our series. The conditions look to be similar to the last event, with dusty being the most prevalent condition. The biggest difference is the 30 mile per hour wind coming straight across the course (the long way). While the wind helps to disperse the dust, this much wind was creating dust.

Event master Dave Goodman worked with site owner David Neameyer to create a course substantially different from the last several events. Dave and David put together a challenging and enjoyable course for the twenty seven competitors.

Modified four-wheel drive quickly became a Subaru Legacy throw down. After all was done, the top three positions in M4 and overall were held by drivers of Turbo Legacies. Brent Carlson secured first in class and overall by just over two-tenths of a second over Mark Utecht. Brent was driving a 1992 Turbo Legacy owned by Dan Drury (3rd M4, 3rd OA), while Mark was driving Amy Springer's 1993 Turbo Legacy (Amy finished 5th in Class).

This battled proved just how detrimental cones can be. In his last run set (we score best run out of run set), Mark hit cones (3 on his first run and one on his second). The cone that cost him first place was a roost cone—a cone knocked over by the dirt thrown by the tires. In rally cross it is often too difficult to determine if the car really hit the cone or if it was caused roost, so all cones count. To quote Mark "Roost cones suck!"

Meanwhile Nick Dahlen won modified two wheel drive in his Mazda Speed Protégé, finishing fourth over all. First time competitor Dan Gervais took second place in M2, followed by Steve Michael.

Paul Peters won stock front wheel drive, with a sixth overall finish. Dan Rode won prepared front wheel drive, finishing 21st overall.

Matt Walters won prepared all wheel drive in his Subaru Forester, finishing fifth overall. Second in PA was Jesse Lang, also driving a Subaru. Tim Anderson, yet another Subaru driver, won third in class.

Stock all wheel drive, won by Dustin Nevenon, was another class dominated by Subarus. Dustin was driving his 2005 WRX. Paul Kruse took second place driving an Eagle Talon. Third place was won by Brian Chabot in another Subaru.

Thanks in part to the involvement of the Minnesota Subie Owners Club (MNSOC), nineteen of the twenty seven drivers at the June Bug RallyCross were driving Subarus.

Our next RallyCross is the Dog Daze of Summer RallyCross on Sunday, August 2 at Corcoran Lions' Park (just west of 494). Dog Daze of Summer is part of the National Challenge Series. We look forward to a full field of competitors for this event, including some rumored to coming from as far away as Colorado. One note for Dog Daze is that as a National Challenge event, scoring will be cumulative. Also, there are contingency dollars available for those driving Volkswagons or using Team Dynamics wheels. For more information on the contingency programs, please visit www.scca.com. For more information about the event, contact Brent Carlson at stickcarlson at hotmail dot com.

Carrie Carlson

Check out our website: <http://scca-lol.org/>

NEEDED:

Workers, clean-up crew

**For the
BIR Workday
August 8-9, 2009**

Watch our website, <http://scca-lol.org/>
for more information

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