



DAVIDSON ROAD RACE REUNION **DRRR - 2007**

Davidson, Saskatchewan

Second meeting - Community Centre, Sunday Jan 14, 2007, 1PM

Round the table introductions

Present:

Mary Jane Morrison – Mayor, Town of Davidson

Garnet Dieno – Landowner – South Strip - Davidson Aero Spray Ltd.

Mike Adams – Sports Car Club of Saskatchewan **SCCS** – DRRR committee chairman

Gord Leach – Saskatoon Sports Car Club **SSCC** – DRRR track committee

Rod Orr - Saskatoon Sports Car Club

Ian McMahon- Saskatoon Sports Car Club

Kyle Ransom – Davidson – community liaison

Phil Petite – community resident

Gary Tholl – Queen City Motorsport Association **QCMA**

Ken Exner - **Jagnuts** – DRRR tour committee

_____ - Saskatoon British Car Club **SBBC** - parade committee

2.1 - Introductions – round the table

2.2 – Foundation of event and discussion

.1 50th Anniversary of Road Racing at the Davidson Airport circuit, formerly a British Commonwealth Air Training Program base.

Mike – tried to define how big an event – likely 40 cars / 80 people, others suggest could be 100 cars.

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.2 Date will be the Sunday of the long weekend in May – **May 20th** - traditional **Kyle & Phil – suggested reconsider date to August and piggy-back with another event in town “Old Fashioned Saturday Night”** Mike added that the traditional date also has no conflicts with other events around the region, but will check the schedules to see if possible. Mary Jane advised there were no local conflicts with the exception of Grad. An opportunity exists to use some of the Grad set-up on Sunday.

.3 **Garnet provided his input** that in May his airstrip is too wet and not usable. He also added the surface is too de-graded to be considered usable by cars (at any time) without work. The DRRR may need to reconsider moving the car event into Town. Further discussion with North and West airstrip landowner will occur to pursue other options. Garnet did not say NO, but is cautious about saying YES.
Kyle Ransom will approach the landowner of the airstrips on the Schmidt side.

.4 Sanctioning will likely be the SSCC ... but may be the SCCS ... Mike to decide if SCCS will affiliate again with WCMA. QCMA may also be involved.
Mike defined sanctioning for the Mary Jane and Garnet’s benefit. Liability insurance is carried by sanctioning club, and land-owners and the Town would be endorsed as “Other Named Insured” There are two clubs at present with appropriate credentials to sanction the event and the Sports Car Club of Saskatchewan could affiliate again if necessary.

.5 Gord has good ideas to tidy up the track required for the DRRR .
Track clean-up ideas were discussed, but not in detail due to the hesitant decision whether the event will be at the airstrip or in Town only. The airstrip could be a drive-by only.

.6 Steve has some good ideas for Marketing opportunities
Deferred for future meetings, but Mike mentioned hats, t-shirts, or some other marker for the participants to leave with as a memento.

.7 Rod was checking site dimensions and possible more aerial photos.
Rod had additional site information and some comparison facilities such as Gimli Motorsport Park. **Garnet** also had a nice war time aerial photo from DND.

.8 Future ideas about track resurrection to a road race facility are being considered, but is a **separate agenda** from the DRRR.
Mike - there is a need in the province for a road race facility or other driver training activities. The intentions at present are strictly a reunion of a nostalgic nature. Others may have more ambitious goals. Garnet shared that a rough estimate for minimal width and thickness of asphalt improvements to his airstrip were in the magnitude of \$120,000. The other two airstrips may be in better shape due to the weed cover, and are rumored to be for sale.

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2.3 - Event ideas outline

Four-stream event 1. Saturday Night Cabaret ... 2. Reunion ... 3. Tour/Car show/Parade ... 4. Competitive fun

.1 Cabaret

The Saturday night before, there is an opportunity for a cabaret, in town that may be partially sponsored by a brewery. The U of R Engineering Students, Formula SAE needs a fundraiser to capitalize on the brewery sponsorship. It could be done by or for them at the Cabaret ... but I think the SAE guys are actually away. This was not an initial idea by the DRRR committee, but if it can be coordinated by the formula SAE guys and the Town, or a service club, it could be a great enhancement for the overall event. **GARY?** Please contact **SAE** and discuss how they would like to do this.

<p>.2 -Reunion Ideas all day Mike has a lot of the old posters, results, programs, and photos. A place in town, at the car show/parade area for everyone to see. (a mini museum display) There will likely be a few out of province visitors, so there will be some kind of registration for some name tags. Maybe a local business or service club. would sponsor brunch or lunch (pancake breakfast) There will be some kind of marker to give registrants. Cap, shirt, pen, booklet? Marketing ideas Steve M – sell posters – programs – dollar admission – just to cover some nickel and dime expenses of sanctioning – insurance and printing stuff.</p>	<p>.3 Tour/Car Show Parade Ideas Davidson by 10AM All Saskatoon and Regina Clubs need to travel to Davidson, so a fun tour/poker rally/photo rally could be set up. I am sure the business group would be happy to give up a street for a car show; generally open to all types of cars. Classics, race, exotic, sport, vintage, rally, autocross, drag Jagnuts, Ken shared that a fundraiser from ride-alongs could be included for a charity donation >SBBC - deferred< Maybe around lunch noon, a parade of cars around town then out to the Track site. Some of the old race cars or drivers might like to tour the track remains or even try a lap, before the competitive stuff.</p>	<p>.4 On-track competition <u>Subject to Permission</u> Air-strip by 1:30 If a lane could be cleared up for the entire track for slow lap tours – great. The south runway should be sufficient to hold an autocross of a competitive nature, but I would suggest more of a gymkhana event that would be “period correct” Garnet says likely not at all. Busy at track for 2 or 3 hours depending on participation. Local town equipment may be usable – scraper, sweeper, trucks Mary Jane has info to discuss with council. Competitive event might be in town? Will still require a work by both the SSCC and QCMA . Permission and sanction to be pursued. Schmit side Kyle Awards? Dash plaques?</p>
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2.4 - New Business

Stuff still to do

- **Mike** to continue ongoing communication, **SBBC**, to encourage their participation in the organization.
- **Steve** to chat with **SBBC** member that might be helpful.
- **Press Release** done. Need a good logo from the QCMA. Need all stakeholders' **approval** to the press release. No intention to send out to media until APRIL.
- Continue discussions regarding permission to use the land. **Mike** to be the contact for Garnet Deino and **Kyle** will introduce the ideas to Kim (and/or Doug) Schmit.

2.5 - Next meeting;

Suggest mid-February 11th or 18th , but Mike will survey all club calendars to avoid conflicts and announce

These minutes are just a start to encourage further discussion and interest. They may be shared around with others that may be interested. If you find any errors or omissions to the discussion ... please advise.

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