



DAVIDSON ROAD RACE REUNION DRRR - 2007

Davidson, Saskatchewan

Third meeting - Community Centre, Sunday Feb 24, 2007, 2PM

Present:

Mary Jane Morrison – Mayor, Town of Davidson

Mike Adams – Regina Sports Car Club **RSCC** – DRRR committee chairman

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

Kyle Ransom – Davidson – community liaison

Phil Petite – community resident

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

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

Regrets;

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

Rod Orr - Saskatoon Sports Car Club

Ian McMahon- Saskatoon Sports Car Club

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

_____ - Sports Car Club of Saskatchewan **Alumni** - **SCCS**

3.2 – 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. **Contacts now curious from BC and Manitoba**

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.2 Date will remain as planned Sunday of the long weekend in May – May 20th. **Mike checked and found too many conflicts throughout the summer months and too many commitments towards May 20th already.** 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 and the **curling rink in the event of foul weather.**

.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. **There still has not been direct communication with the owner of the other two airstrips. Kyle will continue the pursuit and connect Schmit with Mike**

Decided to basically give up on any kind of competitive event at the airstrip, but all agree it should be possible to have some form of parade lap event at the track. Nothing will happen without both landowners permission.

Plan B – a mild autocross in town on Main Street. Car show one block, autocross another block.

.4 Sanctioning will be the SSCC and/or the QCMA ... the DRRR will pick up any fees that are outside of the clubs normal insurance premiums ... but I can't think of any. Mike defined sanctioning for the Mary Jane and Garnet's benefit. **Mike left copies of insurance documents for Mary Jane for information.**

.5 Ideas to tidy up the track required for the **DRRR parade only.**

The airstrip could be a drive-by only.

Can we cut and scrape the Schmit runways? Before thaw? Town have equipment?

Kyle and Phil are optimistic Schmit will say yes to scraping runways. Once authorized, Kyle and Phil can try Kyle's blade. Then next step might be a heavy sweeper similar to Dept. of Highways. Pile and let refuse degrade on site – DO NOT BURN. Phil can contact representative from Dept of Highways and/or RM. Once a few tests have been done, there would be an on-site work party of all clubs. The intention would be to clean-up enough for a parade lap ... and as much as the two landowners would like done as "chores" in exchange for using the strips.

Future ideas about chemical sterilizer on the airstrips?, chemical supplier member of SBCC?, Applicator?, method?, additional work parties?, can we crack seal? can we chip seal?, old school bitumen and sand? all a separate agenda after the DRRR.

.6 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. **Photo CD's, Posters, Programs, sponsors, and commemorative dash plaque or grill badge**

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3.3 - Event outline

THREE-stream event **1.** Reunion memorabilia ... **2.** Tour/Car show/Parade ... **3.** Competitive fun and track visit

.1 Cabaret

The Saturday night before, there **will not be** a cabaret. **NOT HAPPENING – socials only on Saturday night for out-of-town guests and alumni gathering. Might be in Regina and Saskatoon and Davidson. Informal gatherings only.**

<p>.1 -Reunion Mike has a lot of the old posters, results, programs, and photos. A place in town, at the car show/parade area A TRAILER 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. Cap, shirt, pen, booklet, dash plaque. Maybe a local business or service club. would sponsor brunch or lunch (pancake breakfast)Mike will visit Kwok Kitchen next trip Marketing ideas sell posters – programs – dollar admission – Photo CD's just to cover some nickel and dime expenses of sanctioning – insurance and printing stuff.</p>	<p>.2 Tour/Car Show/Autocross Davidson by 11AM All Saskatoon and Regina Clubs need to travel to Davidson, so a fun tour/poker rally/photo rally could be set up. Anyone? 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. The SSCC/QCMA mild demonstration autocross could happen at the same time, next block. >SBCC – Anyone < Maybe after lunch, 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.</p>	<p>.3 At-track parade <u>Subject to <i>Permission</i></u> Air-strip by 1:30 If a lane could be cleared up for the entire track for slow lap tours – great. Schmit permission pending Busy at track for about an hour depending on participation. Equipment needed scraper, sweeper, trucks. Mary Jane has info to discuss with council. Competitive event will be in town only. Work Parties by SCCS, RSCC, Jagnuts, SBCC, SSCC and QCMA . Permission and sanction to be pursued. Awards? Dash plaques?</p>
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3.4 - New Business

- Press Release will need **correction**. Delete all reference to Cabaret, **delete reference to RACES or RACING**. Clean-up QCMA logo and re-size Jagnuts logo. All stakeholders' will review press release. Send out to media APRIL. **GOING OUT NEXT WEEK**
- Continue discussions regarding permission to use the land. Mike to be the contact for Garnet Deino and **Kyle will introduce Schmit to Mike**.
- **A great idea evolved about \$1 admissions, charges, and donations. The volunteer fire department would be a deserving charity to donate all the \$1 collected. In turn they would be invited to participate, show off equipment, and help marshal the events. Phil or Kyle to approach with Fire Chief and advise Mike.**
- **The local business people that choose to participate for a brunch, a bake-sale, a swap meet, whatever, can charge and profit as they want.**
- **The clubs that sanction and conduct events would donate any funds raised after expenses to the volunteer fire department. The intention is not to cost participants anything, but if a charity can benefit from loonie donations ... great.**
- **Mike will assess how many people will be in Davidson Saturday night and book sufficient rooms.**

3.5 - Next meeting;

Need to check all the schedules again to avoid conflicts, but less likely to be large group and more individual meetings. Specifics will be forwarded to interested parties.

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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