

**Willamette Motor Club
General Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, 1/15/09

Start: 7:30 p.m. End: p.m.

Introduction of the Guests: Kenny Bouchite

Approval of the minutes: Yes

Attending Members: Paralee Grant, Michael Grant, Eric Armstrong, Charles Cope, Ripley Bryant, Don Emerson, James Harris, Barry Warren, John Harris, Jeff Leclair, Doug Patterson, Dave Brunkal, JR Patterson, Frank Fields,

Committees Information / News:

Website: None

Autocross:

- 3/29: Ripley and James (Les Schwab)
- 4/26: Don and Bob (TBA)
- 5/31: Mike and Frank (TBA)
- 6/14: Charles and Rob Riedel (Fairgrounds)
- 7/12: Julie & Andronica (Fairgrounds)
- 8/15-16: Charles and Eric (Hillclimb)
- 8/30: Jeff and Paralee (TBA)
- 9/27: James and Ripley (Fairgrounds)

Hillclimb: None

Old Business: Eric spoke with owner of Race America about T-links. High power T-links will work for Hillclimb. The units would be the same for the Hillclimb as the autocross. Got contact for club back east that is able to use it. Waiting to hear back from them. Price diff between new and old: \$209 we need 3. \$400+ for yagi antenna. Charles feels we don't need the yagi antenna. We can always add antenna later.

Motion to go with new system with no antennas and go with high output: passed!

James suggested the reader board can be a distraction at autocross and we will still need a board with someone writing times for accuracy. People need to remember it is just a raw time
Dave mentioned the economic times, do we really want to spend a lot of money?
We will wait and see what the other club says.

Charles brought up the purchasing of radios for the Hillclimb. We have been renting ours from the Newbies. We will lose access to them in a few years. The 2008 Hillclimb had personnel issues. What would radios cost? Can we rent them? They will pay for themselves in 3-5 years. We could possibly "rent" to other clubs. It was mentioned that batteries that sit around will be no good. They cost \$300each. We need 9, which totals \$2700. It was discussed that we need a higher power radio for safety purposes. Charles is taking the course to get a radio license. We shouldn't have to rely on other people for radios. We need to use our money because that is what it's there for. The other side was we have Steve Newby if anything goes wrong with the radios.

They have the same guarantee as most electrical equipment. We can figure out getting batteries once we have to. Use what we have while we can.

Motion to purchase radios without batteries: Passed!

Approx. \$9,000 for radios and timing equip total

What other equip do we need this year? Cones, shoe polish, batteries, chalk...

Insurance for cart racers: we are underwritten by NASA (not the space program). Other insurance co.'s: K&K it may outweigh the benefits, even if we had 15 kids. Eric will bring more info. Next time.

Bowling: car freaks with WMC in Salem. Looking into trophies and max # of people. James will bring more info next month.

Trips to go-carts: Barry says the carts were running fine last week when he went. Fridays are cheaper. Pay for 3 runs get 4. Ripley can put some times on the website so we can go as a club. Carts are a little more expensive than bowling.

New Business: Rally cross suggested, bring it up later. Mike will try to find out who owns it. Rip will contact Les Schwab about future dates.

Oregon will be 150 years old Valentines day, celebrations encouraging walks/runs all over. Possible autocross to commemorate the b-day. Can we call our fairgrounds autocross the Marion 150?

Charles was presented with a Renault flag. Charles: "It will run this year!"

NWAA (Astoria) they would like to do is 7/12 autocross. Rent fairgrounds 12/11 (is open) w/ their insurance \$475 2 days. Saves us \$500.00 Sunday, they would run our event on Sun. They had issues finding sites. Do we want to allow them Saturday? If we can run their event?

Announcements: none

Swap and Sell: mike possibly has Oldsmobile with bad tranny. Runs.

Door Prize: none

Next Meeting Location: Canton Gardens, 2/19

Adjournment: 8:38p.m.