

NE Division Council  
MiniConvention Convention  
November 9, 2008  
Albany, New York

Good Morning and welcome to the fall meeting of the NEDiv Council

Introduction of the committee:

Phil Henderson	Member-at-large
Peter Roberts	Treasurer
Kathy McLeod	Secretary
Tom Campbell	Member-at-large
George Bloeser	Chairman, NESCCA

Roll Call of the regions present. The following regions were not present: Blue Mountain, Central New York, Central Pennsylvania, Northeast Pennsylvania, Southern New York, and Susquehanna.

Minutes approved with the following correction. Tom Hoffman is really Dave Hoffman (Lorenz/Gerstein)  
All in Favor

Treasurer's Report

Roberts

The hat is just a reminder of the railroad Job.  
This is an interim financial report  
We are in good shape; all of our bills are paid  
The accounts payable and accounts receivable are current as of the last 30 days  
There is about \$41,258 in cash, of which \$8,000 is for year end expenses  
There is more detail in the P&L  
There is a net loss of \$1,500, so we came out almost even at the end of last year

(Bloeser/Paul)

NESCCA

Bloeser

This is an interim report  
We are holding even  
There is over \$8,000 in the NESCCA account  
These dollars will be moved into NEDiv  
\$5,868  
This might result in a \$900 net gain  
The recommendation is that for fees we remain the same  
This will still allow us to provide for our workers and drivers

Regalia

Henderson

our money is now in brass, 200 new brass plaques were just ordered  
the sticker program from the Nationals and the RunOffs remains the same  
worker goodies will be patches or pins  
the hats are on a 4 year color cycle  
worker of the event award continues to be a jacket

Discussion:

Russell: You might be able to find high quality clothing at a company called WearGard

Divisional Assessment per car

Hoffman

How is it working  
Consistency is everything

Achieve through training and cooperation

Meredith Croucher's motion to fund training

Know of dollars

We did not know how this would work

we have been slow to recognize how to implement the plan

there needs to be a balance between legitimate and personal expenses

2009 Roundtable, this is a reminder to all DAs regarding training

2009 Roundtable. Travel for NEDiv purposes will be reimbursed (there is still a concern if legitimate or personal)

The DAs come not to expect anything and therefore this is variable

Breakfast will be paid for

We need to know the DA's goals, so therefore their expenses will be paid for up to a cost of \$300 for this event

There are planned winter flag schools at Lime Rock, Northern New Jersey and Summit Point. This will be funded training, especially for the cost of refilling the fire extinguishers

The administrative costs for the stewards training will be paid for

2009 Roundtable, the following training suggestions have been received:

T&S has a plan plus an incentive for new workers

DAs will be reimbursed for all their expenses and training costs

We would like to do as much as possible in 2009.

Please pass along any ideas

This is all helping club racing in NEDiv

Information from the Executive Steward

Hoffman

the stewards program is a nation-wide network

the Northeast has 25% of the entries and workers

the Southeast is just ahead of us

the NEDiv stewards program is the largest in the US at 83 active stewards

we are in the best times and the worst times

we should make an effort to evaluate our events at all levels

We have 9 Nationals, with an average of 152 entries per event. The Glen had the highest entry with 232 and Mosport had the lowest with 78

the numbers are down

the decrease may be due to the increased cost of fuel

we may be able to put on more good events

this is the best of times with a new track coming on line ,, NJMP, which is really 2 tracks

Roush Creek has gone down the tubes

The may be a additional track added in the next 2-3 years

we need local workers for that track

there is an increased demand on local workers

there were 4 regional events at NJMP this year

by increasing the number of events, we may be putting the local workers in jeopardy

we need to look at our schedule

Driver's schools need work. Are drivers using other means to get a license

Don't forget about the PDX program and Survive the Drive

We need to be concerned with adherence to the rules presented in the GCR. There will always be some who will disagree

we need to be sure we are following the Operations Manual

[9 convenient of schedule]?

councils to improve all things for the division

it is the responsibility of the divisions to uphold the SCCA

we need to achieve consistency

other racing factions are not as well founded as the SCCA

remember there are ways to affect change

we must continue to work within the rules  
we are in an enviable position:  
we have new tracks  
we have creative events  
potential success is with reach  
for 2009, let's make it the best time

Enduro

Bergman

For 2008

3 of the events were well attended  
there were 4 events at Pocono  
the amount of track time was delightful

There will be more events in 2009

SOLO

Reeves, Gray, Russ ???

Overview:

2008 went very well  
100 vs. 200 entrants  
the divisional event is ready to go at this meeting  
Divisional SOLO announced, it will be in late April or May  
the Divisional Steward, who is not here, has an event  
Harrisburg ... A good set-up  
We have a site and host, but not a date. The date is the key  
National is pushing to improve

Reeves:

we need a sponsor to help with the cost  
MoHud took this on at the last moment  
stewards are more empowered  
the Divisional was done out of the National office

Gray:

there was a regional effort to make this work, but it was a Divisional event

Discussion:

Bloeser, J:

try to come up with the date as soon as possible so there is no conflict

Reeves:

the date will be scheduled based on the first Philly date therefore there should be no conflict

Gray:

the forums understood the conflict and were sorry that it happened

Jeff ??:

There is a commitment to participate at the Roundtable and MiniConvention

Reeves:

please make them welcome

Bloeser:

we've done that

Time Trials

no response

Rally

Goddard

there is a statistics sheet that will be posted  
for the past 3 years we have tried to recreate a Divisional rally program  
we currently have 5 events

Pego

There were actually 40 rallies in the Division  
that includes all of the events  
in 2007, there were 365 teams involved in 40 events  
in 2008, there were 461 teams involved in 44 events  
we are looking at the wrong group of people  
in 2008, with the 461 teams, there were 3 teams that participated in more than 10 events  
For rally, it is hard to understand the class and results. There is a driver championship and a

navigator championship

16 of 40 this year:

11 teams participated in 6 to 10

30 teams participate in 3 to 5 events

again this idea of 461 participating teams

413 teams participated in 1-2 events

the goal should be to get all of the teams to return for 1 additional event

the teams were from 21 regions across the country

this does count the National

Southwest Division is down

Central Division travels

there were 27 teams from the Northeast, 21 of which were from Finger Lakes Region (which has a great winter series)

no other region had 2 digit entries

weekend membership is not really a member, until a member

[353 line up with yes]?

to the REs

it would be nice to have the email address of the REs

it would also be nice to know who is the regional rally chairperson

we need to keep the program going

regarding funds:

we have tried to raise funds

maybe charge a voluntary fee

non-paying rally 10 points

paying rally 20 points

40 points to winner

bonus to out of Division, area and Region

\$1 assessment fee

This assessment would go to buy 2 year-end trophies and jackets

End of Season

Bloeser

These are for end of season trophies?

Is there anything beyond level1?

If there are any actions, the Board is not ???

Will the committee stay active? Have you given any thought to this?

based on this, I will send the proposal out again in April

there is an investment of 2 years in this, so for the moment it will stay stable

Registration

Roberts

Two topics:

Annual waiver

Present budget

Annual Waiver

talked about the implementation of the annual waiver in yesterdays registration session

it is basically 1 to 1 worker and driver

At renewal time the member submits an annual waiver. This must be signed in front of a notary or registrar

the picture must be a digital picture

send to National via snail mail

the picture should be held until the hard card is received from National

the member does not have to do this

this will be known as the hard card and will have a date across the front in red

Registrars ... this year will be a bit shaky. Members with hard cards get an arm band, but do not have to sign a waiver

you will need to swipe the hard card for the information ... there will probably be issues with this process  
it is up to the registrars to come up with a set of procedures that work for their registration process  
some members will have by March

#### Discussion

Bill ??: will this be the same for rally and solo?  
Terry: assume yes, this year will be a year of baby steps

#### Budget

some line items went up  
[win pro ... weren't paying 2 people]?  
47 sanctions  
I would like to ask the Council to pay for the deficit  
planned income on 49 events  
the result is about \$1,700  
covered by licensing fees

(Roberts/Hanifan)

#### Scheduling

McDonough

this is not official until December 1<sup>st</sup>  
remove from 05/23-25  
NER NHMS PDX on 05/25  
add to 05/30-31  
1-day regional at Lime Rock on 05/30  
PDX on 05/29 Northern New Jersey  
modify 06/20-21  
replace Northern New Jersey with New England  
drivers school on 05/29  
1-day regional on 05/30  
modify 10/3-4  
replace New England with Northern New Jersey  
2 Nationals on the same weekend ... MoHud at Lime Rock (07/31-08/01) and Steel Cities at BeaverRun (08/01-08/02)  
the Regions will check with the track, the dates may be locked in  
Neither can move

#### Discussion:

?: Neither can move  
Zebrowski: How many other club races are there? (MoHud ... nothing else on schedule, Steel Cities ... A regional. Northern New Jersey gave the National to MoHud and took the regional)  
Dobbs: Roll Call.  
Roll Call: With 13 Regions present, 7 voted for Lime Rock, 5 voted for BeaverRun and 1 abstained, therefore Lime Rock won by roll call vote.  
Farrar: The National was to be on the June date, but that is the same date as the June Sprints. MoHud moved the date to the BeaverRun date.  
Panas: Remember there can be only one National in a Division on a weekend.  
Campbell: We should consider entries: 175 for Lime Rock and 112 for BeaverRun  
Hoffman: How many opportunities geographically? There is only National in the West ... are we serving our drivers?

#### Issue:

If there were 1 National per track with no doubles. What if a new track comes on line?  
the average of entries per National is 170  
if we eliminate those Nationals that are under 170  
We current have 8 events, but 3 Regions have requested doubles

Holtz: No doubles in fall of 1993, in 1996 Connellsville came on line. In 1998 Bridgehampton went away, so the number of Nationals decreased and we added a double to bring the number back up

McDonough: In 2001 we went to 1 National at Lime Rock. Then there was a rule change and we decided to look at the 3 core tracks and rotate an extra National between the 3 of them. Then we lost the dates for 2 other nationals. In 2003 we lost Mosport and added BeaverRun. We have still been able to maintain the average of 170 entries per event. Now Mosport is back on the calendar and New York Region wants a double.

Holtz: Two years ago the average number of entries per event was 188. With Mosport added back for 2007 and 2008 the average went down (173 in 2007). In 2008 there was a Pro 2000 race so the number of entries increased. Without that the average for 2008 would be 150 entries.

Lorenz: We should do away with all doubles. Washington DC seems to be the maverick of the Division. But in the spirit of the sport, Washington DC withdraws its request for a double National.

???: Mahoning Valley will do the same (request for a double).

???: The double at POCONO represents 6 regions not just 1. Not all of the regions are at the convention, but each has a vote for or against a motion.

Gerstein: The tradition is to only count the vote of those present.

Panas: We usually don't have more than 1/4 of the regions dissenting

Croucher, D: Use an email voting procedure

Bloeser: The double is Tri-Region's only event

Roll Call: With 13 Regions present, 9 voted for a Double at Pocono, 4 voted against a Double at Pocono, there will be a Double at Pocono

Barnes: Do you send out information to all of the Regions? If so, they have cast a vote by choosing not to participate. Issues should be settled by those who choose to come.

McDonough: All Regions have a say. They made their decision

Henderson: Email has been used as a time arrangement

Wantland: 6 regions have had their say

Holtz: This only needs 5 votes. The motion for a Double at Pocono passed

Calendar changes:  
Please get any changes to Donna McDonough as soon as possible

Discussion:

Farrar: Can we still have a race?

Panas: The National conflict was the only reason for a conflict

Reminder:  
The scheduling fee is due with any requests. The scheduling fee is \$25 per weekend.

#### Teen Driving Safety

Green

Survive the Drive ... teaching teens about street survival  
it is important to get this out to the schools  
this is a 501(C)3 corporation, not for profit  
the Survive the Drive presentation has been given to 62,000 kids in the last 12 years  
this was originally founded through Skip Barber Driving Schools  
I would like to bring this to the region for a small fee  
website: <http://www.survivethedrive.org/Default.asp>

#### Discussion:

Hanifan: present this at schools  
Green: this is a lecture, there is no in car

**Roll Call of Division Meetings:**

2009 Roundtable Convention:

Who: New England Region  
Kathy Barnes  
Where: In Hartford area  
When: 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in March (March 6th-8th)  
Talking to new hotels in the area, this should be finalized in about a week

2009 Mini Convention:

Who: Washington DC Region withdrew  
Discussion is in the process between Steel Cities and the Glen  
(This will be a Double ... lol)

2010 Round Table Convention

Who: Northern New Jersey Region  
Joe Russell  
Where: Near intersection of I-80 and I-287  
Info: not in metro area

2010 Mini Convention

Who: Finger Lakes Region  
Mike Toombs  
Where: In the Rochester area  
Info: In the planning stages

2011 Round Table

No information

**Closing:**

Many thanks to MoHud for putting on the convention.

Jim did a great job on the SOLO site.

Please update the address book.

Bloeser: Lou Beyer (sp) is offering tiles for \$5 per tile. Please contact me (Judy Bloeser) to order.

Motion to close.

Gerstein/Luther

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy McLeod