



## SCCA Fresno Chapter Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting held at Fresno Mazda conference room. 5499 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno CA  
And on Zoom. Meeting called to order at 6:31PM.**

**Attendees:** Brandon Griggs, Kyle Matsumura, Rebecca West, Mariah Douglas, Audrey Tan, Paul Newton, Dan Correll, Gary McDaniel, Aaron Douglas, Ric Quinonez, Tiger Luna, Rob Krider, Quinn Ringgold, Yang Moua, Sanjay

Roll call of directors and declaration of quorum. Brandon Griggs, Kyle Matsumura, Rebecca West, and Mariah Douglas are present. A quorum has been established.

**January Meeting Minutes:** Becki motioned to approve January meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Kyle. The January Meeting Minutes have been approved with no opposition.

### **President's Report**

Starting this year with a bang, we've already had a packed and exciting schedule made possible by the hard work of our members, chiefs, event chairs and officers to kick off the 2025 Championship season. Starting with the Awards Luncheon celebrating the 2024 season. Thank you to Quinn, Becki, Trevor, Audrey & Tiger for coordinating the venue and awards. The awards looked amazing. The annual Driving School had new and veteran drivers sign up to further advance their driving skills and confidence behind the wheel, thank you to all the instructors that volunteered to teach these drivers. We had the official launch to the season with Event 1 chaired by Becki, thank you for chairing a successful event. The Teen Survival Driving School that helped young drivers learn essential safety driving skills thanks to Ric for chairing that event and all the volunteers that helped one on one teach the teens. The Charity Autocross Challenge where we partnered with 3 local law enforcement agencies to support a good cause, thank you to Audrey and Ahla for chairing this event as well as the gracious donations of props and supplies for the event, specifically the big check that was well received by the media. On behalf of the Fresno SCCA I would like to thank the Fresno Police Department, Fresno County Sheriff Department and the Hanford CHP for joining us in this autocross charity challenge. Your participation made this event truly special and we appreciate your support.

### **Vice President's Report**

Kyle met with the fairgrounds before the meeting, our contract was sent to the Fresno Fairgrounds twice but Christina still hasn't signed it. Taylor said we can still run our event 2 and 3 without Christina signing the contracts so we are good for our events. Christina is the CEO. Fresno Fairgrounds said we will have to pay to repair the fire hydrant that was damaged at event 1. The total is \$2,773.45, the fairgrounds will cover the concrete repair and anything else related to that. We have not yet sent the fire hydrant repair invoice to insurance as we were waiting to receive it from the fairgrounds. The fire hydrant repairs include: "preformed fire



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hydrant repair. system restored to normal”, bolts and gasket kit and truck charge. We filed the accident with SCCA, there have been no claims or insurance involved as of now. The fairground didn't give any specific due date on paying for the repairs. The fairgrounds are still adamant we are missing the check for the 2024 June event. For the July event the check was sent to the fairgrounds then they are claiming the check got cancelled as if we didn't host the event for July. Kyle told the fairgrounds he will notify our treasurer Becki as Kyle doesn't have visibility of the bank account. The fairgrounds have all of our events on their schedule except for the November event 12 and Enduro. Since the fairgrounds didn't have us on their schedule they scheduled the fall home show on November 8 and 9th. The fairgrounds said we can reschedule for October or November. Kyle didn't pick a day as he wanted to discuss with the club first. We were offered the weekend of November 1st & 2nd, November 15th & 16th, and November 22nd and 23rd. Kyle suggested we don't take November 15 and 16 as that is the date for Rallycross and we don't want to make people choose what event to participate in. Sanjay said he can reschedule his rallycross event if we need that weekend. We do have a contract that was sent to the fairgrounds with the November dates on paper but the contracts are not yet signed.

### Treasurer's Report

We paid Kyle for the Forza 44 from 2024. We were under budget for the banquet expenses, also a shout out to Paul, he was not actually on the banquet committee but still designed all the trophies. Becki has been having issues trying to switch over the bank accounts into her name. Our savings account was open in Sept 1998 and our checking account was opened in Feb 2001 prior to 9/11 and the Patriot Act that increased banking regulations. Our savings and checking account had 2 different names and the bank wanted us to correct that but they still wouldn't allow Becki to be added to the savings account so Quinn closed the savings account on January 30th 2025 and transferred all money from savings to checking. The bank required Becki to fill out a “Not for Profit Organization Certification” form. Becki and the financial advisor from the bank looked up our articles of corporation and together they found out that the Fresno Chapter of the SCCA is not named which will cause an issue in the future when changing treasurers again. We can't open any new business accounts due to not being listed as a nonprofit. Since we can't open a new savings account we are going to dedicate money as “no touch” savings for the club's account. Sacramento is also not listed as a nonprofit under the SFR title. We may need SFR to open a new business bank accounts for us or possibly split from SFR altogether. SFR is aware of our issues as Becki reached out to them to get the articles of corporation from them. The fairgrounds received our 2025 event 2 & 3 payments on November 14th 2024, but there was no memo of where to apply the payment to so the fairgrounds is claiming that payment is missing so Becki paid for event 2 & 3 again. We should have an overpayment of 1 weekend but the fairgrounds cannot find the payment of being overpaid and still claim we owe them for the June & July events.

Quinn motioned to approve the treasurer report as presented. Brandon approved the motion with no opposition.



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### Old Business

**Contracts with Fairgrounds:** We are good for events 2 & 3, again the contracts haven't been signed but we were given permission to still run our events.

**Thank You Letter for K1:** Brandon would like to have the Thank You letter to K1 printed on a plaque and given to K1. Everyone seems to agree it is a good idea but worried about the cost of the plaque. Also want to say thank you to Fresno Mazda for hosting us for our monthly meetings. Brandon is going to research costs of plaques and what design looks best for the letter then let the club know the estimated costs for 2 plaques.

**Event Chairs:** Alex can no longer chair event 5. We are still looking for event chairs for 5, 9, 10 & 11. No one offered to chair an event.

**Rebranding Club Logo:** Yang has brought 4 design ideas for the new logo. (Logos will be at the end of minutes) Design 1 is the Fresno sign on Van Ness ave with elements from the SFR logo since we are a chapter under the San Francisco Region. It is a more simplified version of a new logo. We are trying to shy away from having the logo be cone related so we can cross utilize it with autocross and rallycross, but there are some hidden features to all the logos. In some the "A" has a cone in the negative space of the letter, but if we don't like the cone it can be changed to a normal A. The red color of the SCCA has mud splashes to represent rallycross. The 2nd design is very similar to the 1st but with only black and red as the colors. Design 3 has an outline of Yosemite since Merced is the gateway to Yosemite National Parks and Fresno is the next largest city on the way to Yosemite. The 4th design is a more modern and futuristic font that is similar to the 1st & 2nd design. Rob asked if we are required to use the same font that SCCA uses in their logo, Yang said he tried to make ours look similar but he wasn't sure if it was a requirement for a new logo, Yang said if it is required he can easily change it. Everyone at the meeting seemed to favor design 3 the most with the Yosemite feature. Brandon suggested doing something more with the blank blue space in logo 3. Audrey said a more colorful logo design will cost us more in the future for awards and merchandise. Paul suggested doing a black & white version, or at least very minimal colors and fewer elements in the design as well due to having to print or display the logo very small and having a lot of colors and details scaled down might make the logo illegible. Sanjay asked if we need all the verbiage in the new logo, we refer to our club as "Fresno SCCA" but all the logos say "Fresno Chapter SCCA San Francisco Region". We are making a design committee to help collaborate in picking one logo and redefining that one. Aaron, Paul and Gary McDaniel volunteered to help Yang. Gary helped design our current logo in 1999. We don't have a timeline of when we want/need a new logo.

**Website Overhaul Update:** Moving subject to next month's meeting as we are on a time limit. Thank you to Paul for doing a domain transfer on our current website to 2038. Website is working great, changes to our new meeting time and location and added rallycross as a page on our website.



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**Update on Sponsors:** Brandon got a mobile router hotspot for the trailer. With this new hotspot we can have live timing at events. Brandon is going to mount it in the trailer along with the wireless microphones that Bert donated to the club. Brandon didn't officially sign anything for the sponsorship from his job Xobee. Brandon did this as an improvement for the club and doesn't want reimbursement for the cost. If we have any issues with it we can revisit the topic and try a new hotspot device.

**Update on Equipment:** We are still missing 1 set of keys to the trailer. Audrey said she made extra keys for the trailer so 2 board members, waivers and the event chair can have copies of the keys. Brandon is going to have 6 copies of the trailer keys made. Brandon has 2 copies, Becki has 1 set and the last one is missing. All the locks on the trailer were lubricated. Brandon is in contact with Rick from the San Diego chapter about co-purchasing cones to save on shipping. San Diego hasn't purchased cones yet but we hope to still buy cones together with our approved amount of \$4,500

**Review Events:** Audrey suggested having a post event meeting the following Wednesday after an event to review anything that happened so it is still fresh on your mind rather than discussing events 3 weeks after they passed. Kyle said when the trailer arrived for the Teen Survival school the battery was only at 50%, but it was not a big deal because we were able to run the generator. Brandon said the trailer didn't charge due to the rain we got and having overcast weather our solar panels couldn't charge the batteries. Mikey and Brandon did the math and it's impossible to run 2 full days with the rain and overcast weather we had. Also all walkie's were being used both days, even though a walkie talkie battery is small they are constantly charging and having to charge every single walkie we had was a lot for our trailer's batteries. Brandon is planning on buying a 2nd battery for the trailer so it will double our capacity. Brandon is going to use the excess money he'll have after purchasing cones to buy the 2nd battery. Brandon bought and zip tied to the generator an extension cord and power strip to use if the trailer's batteries die again. Audrey wanted to give a shout out to Tiger, Becki and Mariah for remaining calm when the trailer's battery died during our event in the middle of running a group. Becki called Sandra at finish and was telling her the times to give to drivers so we could keep the event going. Feedback from the LEAs about our charity cops event is for next time to move the public information booths closer to the action. Audrey placed them near the pagoda because we were worried about children running around the paddock or on course where cars would be moving. The 5 cops that raced with us would love to return to race again even if it's a non charity event, they had a blast and just want to race! Audrey received feedback from club members that some were upset that they didn't get to race in the final round against LEAs directly, the only way Audrey thinks to get everyone involved is if we still have 40 people but the cops have to drive both groups. Another comment Audrey heard about the charity cops event was if you had a modified or illegal car that the officers would be giving tickets, impounding or crushing cars on site during the event so there were some people that were afraid to race their cars. All the links to photos & videos were sent to the LEAs for them to use as promotion. National SCCA marketing manager Phillip interviewed Audrey and they are going to promote our cops charity event. Two regions have reached out to Audrey for guidance on how to get started with a cops



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charity event and she shared details to them of the outline email she sent to the LEAs and how we set up the event.

### New Business

**Meeting Time & Location:** Brandon wants to point out, we are aware we are breaking our own by-laws. There is a by-law saying meetings must start at 7PM but due to having to move location to Fresno Mazda and the hours of their operations our meetings will now start at 6:30PM. Thank you again to Fresno Mazda for letting our club use their conference room for our meetings.

**Victor Murray:** Victor was a student at our autocross school and brought a McLaren. Victor and his instructor Eric Martin were in Victor's car, Eric was trying to get out of the car and pulled on the car's window switch instead of the door handle. Victor has found the part needed but you have to buy the whole window/door switch combo for \$341. Victor is asking for the club to compensate the new part for this mishap. Gary said the club can't be responsible for the condition of a car, regardless of if you had a low end or high end car the owner/driver is responsible. Audrey motioned to pay Victor Murray \$341 for the window/door switch for his car. Quinn seconded the motion. All attendees were in favor of the motion except for Gary and Paul opposed the motion. With a 13 to 2 vote the motion was approved to pay Victor Murray \$341.

**New Locations to Race:** We had a good event with the charity autocross with the LEAs and were hoping to keep good connections with the LEAs so we can possibly use the Jerry Dyer training facility for autocross events. Audrey talked to all 3 agencies during the charity event and all said no, even if the LEA's hosted at the training facility for the next charity event with LEA it is still a no. Quinn said the bonds that funded the facility were tax exempt so there is regulation due to that, and within the rules for the bond it states the public is not allowed in the facility unless given strict permission by several people within the facility. This rule cannot be changed during the 30 year bond period. The LEAs mentioned checking with Gallo Winery to see if we can use their property for autocross events, the LEA's used to use their property for training before the Jerry Dyer facility was built. Quinn said he has talked with Fresno Economic Development to look for new sites and he has a list of about 7 sites and most of them were too small for us. One location was Millerton Boat Ramp and some locations that the Porsche club has used in the past. Audrey said we talked to Millerton about 2 years ago and they said no.

**Upcoming Event 2 & 3:** Quinn (event 3) wanted to make sure chiefs and the trailer will be at the event since we had a lot of chiefs that were unable to attend events 2 & 3. Audrey confirmed everything is covered with chiefs. Quinn made a course and got it approved by Ric. Rob (event 2) took Quinn's course and reversed it, made a few changes due to locations of light poles & fire hydrant, he'll get it approved by Ric after the meeting. The Poker Run cards will be handed out in grid when cars return after finishing their run to avoid any bottleneck issues we had last year at the finish timing slip area. Rob will have one of his staff to do the poker cards. Rob is going to



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give 50% of the poker money to the winner of the poker cards and 50% to the Fresno SCCA club to use for Forza 44. Chris Soch will be DJing and Rob and his team will be making trophies again. Rob wants a fun and safe event for both days. Brandon will bring out the trailer on Friday and take it home Sunday.

**General Discussion:** Ric asked if we want to do the Teen Street Survival school again. We want to wait and see how much money it costs the club to host the event and how much profit we see. But we are also willing to lose some money or break even on profit to better the community and teach teens who are interested in motor sports safe driving in a controlled environment. Sometimes as a club we have to do stuff that doesn't make us money to recruit and teach people. Several parents said they wish they knew about the teen school sooner because they would have signed up their kids. Rob suggested pushing more promotion if we do host the event again. Brandon said we should promote at Go Kart clubs, driving schools and high schools. We will revisit hosting another street survival event closer to the end of the year. Ric would like a decision when we set up our calendar in August.

**Rallycross:** First events of the season are March 1st & 2nd. Sanjay would like to see more autocross members participate in rallycross. Sanjay can also help with anyone wanting to be a safety steward, he is certified with SCCA and can sign off. Reminder that rally is starting a PAX system this year. Car requirements are: anything that has 4 wheels and is not too high with an OEM hard top roof, roll bars are not allowed.

**Recognition & Thank Yous:** Sanjay would like to thank the club and Paul for giving rallycross a presence on the website and promoting his events. Kyle wants to thank Ric for hosting Teen Street Survival school, Aaron for giving a presentation on semi truck safety, Audrey and Ahla for the stress that came with the police charity event that was probably the biggest public event we've ever had, Patty & Damien for doing waivers for most of the weekend, and lastly thank you to Bert for help in improving our trailer. Audrey would like to add there were so many people that volunteered that not only helped at the charity event but helped all weekend and didn't race their car and that would be: Tiger, Mariah, Kyle, Bert, Amanda, Damien, and Blaine.

**Next Board Meeting-** March 19, 2025 at 6:30PM at Fresno Mazda 5499 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno CA 93710

**Adjournment motioned by Tiger Luna, seconded by Dan Correll. Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM with no objections.**



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