



## 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 6:30PM.**

**Attendees:** Brandon Griggs, Rebecca West, Mariah Douglas, Audrey Tan, Paul Newton, DAN Correll, Gary McDaniel, Aaron Douglas, Ric Quinonez, Yang Moua, Sanjay, Brittany Sultana, Abram Canul, James Franks, Patty Jeschien

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

**New Members:** Brittany Sultana and Abram Canul. Brittany drives a 1995 Honda Civic Si, the 2 half colored EG, she won an award at Krider's event called "we didn't think you'd finish" toolkit. Abram Canul drives a 1984 Toyota Corolla Trueno AE86 Right Hand Drive with the theme of Initial D.

### **President's Report**

We had a good racing weekend for events 2 & 3. Brandon has drafted a letter of thanks to Krider and his team for another great year of the Krider Classic 100 and the donation to the club to use for the Forza 44 scholarship. Also a thank you to Quinn for designing the course for Saturday and Sunday and being an event chair for Sunday. It was one of the most fun course designs we've seen at the fairgrounds.

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

Kyle was not able to attend today's meeting but let our board and chiefs group chat know that events 4 & 5 are sanctioned and Kyle spoke to Taylor from Fresno Fairgrounds and they will DocuSign the contracts. Kyle also wanted to bring up safety concerns that we'll discuss in reviewed events.

### **Treasurer's Report**

We have not yet received anything from Teen Street Survival. We received our check from insurance for the fire hydrant minus the \$1,000 deductible. Confirmed we mailed Victor a check for the parts he needs for the window switch. Becki talked to Taylor and Kelly from the Fresno Fairgrounds, they are still working on the missing and overage payments from 2024. We should be receiving credit for one day for an event. Our contract for November 2024 the payment line shows for Nov 9 & 10 2024. In the top portion of the contract it lists November 2025 so the overpayment we had was applied to November 2025. Becki said everything should be good now.

The Treasurer's Report was approved with no objections.

### **Secretary Report:**

Audrey motioned to approve the February meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Dan. All 7 pages of the February meeting minutes have been approved with no opposition.

MARIAH DOUGLAS



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### Old Business

**Forza 44:** We have not yet picked a winner for the Forza 44 scholarship, the board and Ric will meet separately to pick a winner.

**1994 Mazda Miata for sale:** Mike Akers from Merced is selling his red 1994 Mazda Miata manual with a soft top. The car just got a new exhaust manifold, catalytic converter, timing belt, water pump, tires and breaks. The whole car just got serviced with dates and miles noted and all paperwork for the life of the car included. The interior is brown with an updated center console with cup holders. It has powered windows & AC. There are 68,868 miles on the car and no accidents or rust. Mike is asking \$8,000. If interested you can reach Mike at 209-777-6984.

**Event Chairs:** Still looking for anyone to chair events 9, 10 & 11. July and a full weekend in September. Aaron is willing to chair more events for this year.

**New Club Logo Updates:** The design committee has been meeting and Yang has brought some new designs with slight modifications. Yang took the 2 most popular samples (3 & 4) from the February meeting and worked on those. Yang made them simpler and cleaner based on the comments in the February meeting. Yang made one design with the fewer verbiage, removing "chapter" and "San Francisco region" from the logo and removed the small details from the logo with the Fresno archway due to the comment that was made about how blurry the logo might look when it's small if it has major details. Also made the logo with a monochromatic option and a black and red option due to the comments that were made about the more colors in a logo the more expensive it is to print. Paul also brought his own design options, Paul has been trying to use a 3 color scheme based on the activity. Autocross is red, Rallycross is orange and Sim Racing is yellow. Paul made variations of logos with the 3 colors as simple lines with "Fresno SCCA" in different orientations and with the outline of California in some versions. Paul likes Yang's logos for the different elements that make it more local orientated, Paul's logos are more simple. With Paul's 3 line design we can expand it more and have activity specific logos and a main club logo. One logo that's only red and "autocross" another is only orange with "rallycross" and the last is only yellow with "sim racing" then the main logo has all 3 colored lines. Paul also did a refresh based on our current club logo, it's a black circle with a grey checkerboard in the center and California's silhouette over the checkerboard with SCCA in the middle and Fresno Chapter on the black circle. Paul also did the same 3 color activity specific variations with this refreshed logo with the activity's name replacing the word "chapter" from the main logo. A suggestion was made that since we like the Yosemite graphic from Yang's designs if we can add it to the refresh logo Paul made. Brandon said that the more simple logo of Paul's that's just the "Fresno SCCA" with the 3 color lines doesn't really say it's Fresno CA car club. Having the outline of CA in the logo and the checkerboard makes it more recognizable that it's a California car club. Dan suggested the refresh logo having the word chapter upside down since the logo looks like a tire. Gary is not in favor of Yang's simplified version of the Fresno arch and there's nothing that displays that it's a car club besides the words SCCA. Same issue with Paul's simple



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3 color line design, there's nothing that says it is a car club. Gary likes the refresh design because the black circular design implies it's a car's wheel and the checkerboard implies a finish checkered flag. Gary said a logo shouldn't be complex and busy, it should be simple and straightforward with what you are trying to convey within the logo. Brandon would like to see the logos very small and in black and white to see how the logo looks when we use it as a letterhead. Audrey suggested using Yang's Yosemite logo design for t-shirts since that logo was so strongly liked. We're going to have the design committee make some more designs based on the feedback and present them again at the next meeting.

**Website:** Sanjay sent Brandon a contact for a web designer he's used for the sideways data and he's currently working on a California rally series website. He also hosts websites, he's in San Francisco and comes to Fresno often for rally events. Brandon will reach out to him before the next meeting.

**Keys:** Brandon has 3 new sets of keys for the trailer with numbered tags and info on who to return the keys to. Brandon couldn't get the electrical box keys copied, Fresno AG and National Hardware said it's a custom key. Brandon said he might just replace the lock and make copies of a new key rather than finding someone who can custom cut the key.

**Cones:** San Diego has already purchased their cones but Brandon got pricing info from the same company San Diego used. Brandon wants to confirm we want to keep the same size of course cones and see if we want to change the color of our green apex cones. The cones will be \$5-\$7 depending on size and quantity of how many cones we purchase. Brandon is going to make a rolling cart for the cones so it's easier to load and unload for events. Brandon wants to order more cones than what we need, the goal is 500 so we don't have to worry about buying more cones for a long time and we can donate the damaged and older cones to rallycross. The company doesn't have cones with the reflective tape on them but it might be easier to put on reflective tape on brand new cones than older cones. Brandon is going to put together an order that is within our approved amount of \$4,500 and see how many cones we are able to get.

**Review Past Events:** There were several people during events 2 & 3 that were not running for cones and several red flags had to be thrown for course workers on course trying to reset cones while a car is coming. We are now making the safety meeting mandatory after the drivers meetings at all events due to this. If you are not physically able to run then do not pick a running assignment when signing up for an event and if you are assigned to be a course worker let registration know so we can keep you safe doing another assignment that doesn't require running like timing, we always need people in timing. Rallycross course workers don't wear reflective safety vests and they should. Sanjay said there are vests for course workers to use but they haven't made it mandatory but they will start doing that at the next event. Audrey really appreciated rallycross using K rails at each station to protect the course workers. In Autocross there was an issue during a run group from event 2 where a driver was on course in a car that they did not register with, with the intention of showing the car's owner how the course should



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be driven instead of riding as passenger and talking to them about how to drive the course. There was also someone who did one extra run that no one noticed till after the car was off course, timing DNF'd that extra run and the run the driver did in the wrong car.

**Letter to Krider:** We want to send a thank you to Krider for bringing in more people to run with our club and our sport and for donating money to the Forza 44 scholarship. Since the money came from the drivers it is not considered a donation but a fundraising. The letter has been approved and Brandon will be sending it to Krider.

### **New Business**

**Upcoming Events 4 & 5:** Aaron has checked in with all chiefs who can and cannot attend the event and have found coverage for any chiefs missing. Course has been approved by Ric for both days going both directions. Course set up is Friday at 3PM and Brandon will be bringing the trailer and taking it back home. We have about 7 safety stewards who attend most of our events regularly, and 2-3 safety stewards that don't regularly attend events.

**Events Taking Place Soon:** ProSolo in Las Vegas NV, March 28-30. Porsche Club of America (PCA) has monthly breakfasts the first Saturday of each month in Upland CA and Cars and Coffee the 2nd Sunday of each month in El Monte CA. PCA San Diego will have a time trial April 5th & 6th. PCA Sacramento will have autocross April 5th & 6th. PCA San Diego will have autocross April 13th. National SCCA has Track Night April 10th at Thunderhill Raceway in Willows CA, Starting Line School in Portland OR on April 12th, Track Night April 18th at Portland international raceway in Oregon and Time Attack the next day in Portland. ProSolo and Starting Line will be at Crows Landing CA April 25-27th. The California Autocross Championship will be at Crows Landing CA May 2-4th. North Bay Rallycross School will be in Santa Rosa CA March 28-30th. Reno SCCA will have a track day and time attack at Thunderhill Raceway in Willow CA April 26th. Our very own Fresno Rallycross next event is May 10 & 11th. Fresno Sim Racing's next events are April 2nd and April 30th.

**TouaVlog Old School Society:** Toua asked Yang if he wanted to have a Fresno SCCA booth at his upcoming event March 30th in Fresno. Yang is happy to promote the club and asked to borrow one of the club's tents and see if anyone wanted to volunteer to show off their 2000's and older cars. James Frank and Abram Canul said they can bring out their cars. Abram said he loves the idea of going out to a car show event like this to make the Fresno SCCA presence known because he found our club from word of mouth but going to a car event like Toua's would help illegal street racers find a safe and controlled environment to race their car.

**Rallycross:** Sanjay is going to do a Rautocross event that'll take place on a dual surface, Autocross in the morning and Rallycross in the afternoon (or vice versa). Now that rally has a PAX/ALF system it would be interesting to compare numbers and positions. Rob Krider and Nigel are working together and wrote a paper about the details that they are going to present



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and put together the info to host the event hopefully this year. Sanjay is still planning to have a rallycross school this year, still working on date for that. Sanjay would like feedback from ladies about his new index system, he keeps receiving mixed feedback regarding a ladies class. Sanjay wants to have a meeting in the future for anyone that wants to join to plan future events and brainstorm new ideas for rally. Sanjay wants to have assignments for rallycross events already made like autocross currently does.

**Post Events Pizza:** We haven't been announcing and reminding people about our post event pizza hang out. We have previously gone to Me n Eds Victory Grill on Cedar and Dakota but Brandon suggested we go to Pizza Pit on Cedar and Ashland. Pizza Pit is a locally owned and race themed restaurant and there is space for trailer parking.

**Next Board Meeting-** April 16, 2025 at 6:30PM at Fresno Mazda 5499 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno CA 93710

**Meeting is adjourned at 7:58PM with no objections.**