



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, Kyle Matsumura, Rebecca West, Mariah Douglas, Audrey Tan, Paul Newton, Aaron Douglas, Sanjay, Yang Moua, Leon Weinroth, Tiger Luna, Patty Jeschien

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

President's Report

We had an excellent 3 chairmen for the last 2 events. Patty and James co-chairing event 6 and Tiger chairing event 7. We also had rallycross and sim racing between the last meeting and now. We have a very fertile club with many events taking place simultaneously and having success with all of them. We haven't had any incidents, major or minor, recently which is great to hear. Brandon wants to give a special thanks to Blaine and Patty for arranging the trailer set up. As chief of equipment Brandon is happy to provide trailer transportation but it was one less thing to worry about having Blaine and Patty pick up the trailer, they did it without issue and with great communication, so again thank you.

Vice President's Report

Next events have been sanctioned and insurance is sanctioned. Kyle has a few items that have been brought up to him to discuss at the meeting and we'll add those to new business items.

Treasurer's Report

Ric sent in the request for reimbursement for the Teen Street Survival school and we have \$850 in excess and no one is claiming the money. Becki has reached out to several people that were at the street survival school and everyone said they donated their items to the school. Becki said it doesn't feel right to just profit the money so ideas that Becki had to do with this excess money is: everyone that volunteered give a free admission to an event to cover their entry. Another idea is to set aside the money for the next street survival school but we don't know as of now if we are having another one next year. Brandon is going to talk to Ric to see if he knows where the extra money belongs and look into if there is something written as to what specifically the funds are for. Maybe it is a set amount of money the club receives to host the school and if everything is covered, great. If not then the club has to pay the difference. Also look into if there is specific verbiage of what should be covered with the money. Audrey said last year when Ric was planning the school she requested to see what the cost of hosting the school is just to ensure we will have all funds needed to support the school when the time comes instead of being short on money needed to cover the school. Details on the costs were never provided as to what items can be reimbursed or if it was a flat reimbursement rate. Audrey has never been against the idea of hosting the Teen Survival school, she thinks the school is a great idea, Audrey just wanted details as to the cost and reimbursement outlines for this school. We currently have the \$850 sent aside till we can decide what to do with it. Since we no longer have

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a savings account Audrey would like to make our "savings" number to be an even \$10,000. For use of any future unforeseen "break glass incase of emergency" funding. Brandon said it's up to the treasurer, Becki, if she wants to allocate an even 10,000 for savings.

Sanjay motioned to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Tiger seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved with no objections.

Secretary Report:

The April meeting minutes have been unanimously approved with no opposition.

Old Business

Review Events 6&7: Everything went well for both events. For event 7 Brandon thought the course was very tight and DNF'd 3 of 5 runs but after finding the course it was very fun. All the chairpeople and support did amazing to help make the event run smoothly. Audrey said all 3 chairs did lots of pre-event work that helped all the chiefs run a smooth event. Patty used the Event Chair Helper Guide that Aaron & Mariah made that is like a checklist to make sure all chairperson duties from the Event Chair Responsibilities document is completed. Patty found the helper guide to be very useful especially as a first time chairperson, there were several items she didn't realize needed to be done pre-event. Patty thought being a chair was a great experience and she had a lot of fun at both events.

Crows Landing National Tour: Brandon brought our club pop-up tent to the event. There were several people from our club that attended, we had 2 or 3 camps of members and some of our club members brought home a few trophies.

T-Shirts: Yang didn't attend last month's meeting so we didn't vote or agree on any company to pick for ordering t-shirts. Yang has 2 options for ordering shirts, one is through Custom Ink that we discussed last month where they will ship directly to the consumer's home and the club doesn't have to chase people to give them t-shirts they have already bought. Yang also has a local vendor that makes shirts for less money than what Custom Ink quoted for 50 shirts. In past years we sold around 60 shirts. The issue Yang also found with Custom Ink is they are charging \$9.95 per order for shipping. Custom Ink's price quotes also do not include tax. Yang's local vendor Advantage Specialties price quotes include taxes and there will be no shipping since it is local. Brandon suggested using both companies and doing a first run with the local vendor then have the Custom Ink set up as a merch store for people to go buy more whenever they want. With Custom Ink you have to set a deadline so we can't have shirts for sale forever, once the end of the deadline Custom Ink will print out the quantity ordered then ship them out. It is not on an order, by order basis. If we go with Advantage Specialties we will set up a link in MSR for everyone to buy their shirts online and pick sizes. The club will collect the money then we will pay the local vendor to make the shirts. If someone orders a shirt and never picks it up we could make it a raffle prize at awards at the end of the year. Sanjay also wants to order shirts for his club so he will use the same vendor we pick so the quality is the same. Yang said he has used



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this same local vendor in years past and the quality of shirts is good, the design doesn't fade or crack even several years later. MSR does charge for credit card fees so we also have to account for that when we pick prices. We decided on \$18 for a t-shirt, \$23 for a long sleeve, \$28 for a hoodie, with the \$2 fee that brings totals to \$20, \$25 and \$30 if you are buying one item. If you are buying multiple items in one order it will change the price total slightly. The money we make from the t-shirts will go into our general club account, we are not fundraising. We will set the deadline for June 20th so we can promote the shirts at the next event on June 14. We'll give the vendor our order info then have all shirts labeled and ready for pick up by the July event. All shirts will be blue because the design on the shirt had a sky blue background so we are avoiding printing too many colors by making the shirt color be like the sky color that was on the original logo.

Safety Steward Meeting: After Saturday's event there was a safety steward meeting that 7 of the 9 safety stewards attended. Audrey changed the Event Chair Responsibilities document to reflect some of the items and changes that were discussed. Items discussed were: 1) Safety stewards need to take responsibility for course worker station locations being safe. 2) All course captains for every station and every run group need to take more ownership for their areas, there is several new club members that don't know how to work a course so as a course captain you should show course workers how to reset cones and inspect the cones in your station to see where all the cones are and if any boxes need to be outlined again. If any course workers are not following rules like using their phones or not running to reset cones the captain needs to remind them of the rules. In the meeting safety stewards were deciding if they needed to police all stations more but it was decided that the course captain needs to step up more. 3) Red flags and novice course walk, there were a lot of red flags at event 6 for preemptive measures because there were cones that needed to be reset and course workers couldn't safely reset them before the next car was coming. This issue that was handled at the time but it was suggested in the safety meeting that during novice course walk if whoever is hosting the walk can point out all worker stations so drivers are aware where a red flag might come from and when they see a red flag they need to immediately stop till a course captain/worker tells you it is okay to continue slowly to the finish. Similar idea if you were driving track you are told to look or wave at every flag station so you know where they are if a yellow caution flag appears. 4) A lot of the safety stewards don't live in the Fresno area so coming out to the course set up is difficult for most so that duty has fallen to Ric most of the time but he is also busy and can't attend every Friday night set up to approve the course. If no safety steward is available to attend setup then they all agreed to arrive early morning to meet as a group and approve the course before 7am. 5) Waivers for Friday course set up also need to be signed, if you do speedwaiver or annual waiver then you're good but if you didn't do one of those then you must sign the paper waivers in the trailer. 6) Incident reports for safety stewards, how to fill one out and what needs to be documented at time of incident. 7) Safety stewards are concerned about course designs as far as where items can and cannot go. Josh Pinckney said he has software from work that he can use to make an outline of the fairgrounds parking lot and add square footage so course designs are safe and following rules like slaloms are supposed to be 45 ft apart. Aaron also mentioned



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he made a template similar to what Josh is describing that Aaron can share for future course designs. 8) Safety stewards also brought up the rule of “no painful elements” like having to downshift to first. Audrey suggested doing a workshop in January for the year’s event chairs to learn course design and also making a powerpoint with all this info. Becki said all this info is in the binder in the trailer. Brandon said we should keep a record of all course designs, use Aaron’s overlay and standardize it so everyone is building and submitting their course on the same overlay and we keep record of it. In the future if a chairperson wants to use elements of old courses there is a catalog of old designs to pick parts from. Josh Cadiente volunteered to host the course design workshop, a safety steward should also work with him to verify all the safety items are taken care of and discussed. Kyle mentioned there were issues of drivers hitting cones through the finish timing lights and course workers not knowing how to reset those cones without running through the timing lights, if that could also be discussed in the workshop to avoid cones near the finish. 9) We need more safety stewards as we are losing 2 stewards at the end of this year. If you are interested in being a safety steward or want more info please let Audrey know.

Rallycross: Sanjay wants to thank everyone for coming out to his last event sponsored by the Brasil family to honor Bill Brasil. Sanjay is looking to do merch soon through the same vendor we will use for our autocross merch. We have not bought any cones yet. San Diego purchased cones very quickly and we didn't have time to add into their order. Brandon got a quote on stripped cones but it was too expensive so we haven't done anything to buy cones yet. Ratocross is still in the works of being planned to have rallycross and autocross on the same day and crisscross people between both events. If anyone has any ideas of logistics of planning please reach out. Rob Krider and Nigel are working on plans to make ratocross happen. Audrey suggested a 2 day event, Sanjay agreed it'll have to be a 2 day or morning and afternoon event depending on weather. Sanjay is doing a rallycross school late 2025 or early 2026, he is trying to plan it around autocross so more autocross members are able to attend. Sanjay is thinking of having his school in November or December. Sanjay already has people who are interested in teaching at rally school. Brandon wants to thank Sanjay for all he does for rallycross. We need to promote rally at autocross events. Nationals have several signs on sandwich boards to guide people. Brandon suggested we do something similar like worker check in, registration, park trailer here, and we can make a sign to promote rallycross too. Looking through the eyes of a new driver there is not a lot of direction and guidance to someone new, most things are just known by people who have attended several events. It's unneeded anxiety and angst because you don't know what's next, where to go, who's this, where do I check in. When Audrey is talking to people about rallycross and how much fun it is the thing she hears most often from people is “I don't want to wreck my car” Audrey got a miata for \$3,000 and she's throwing it around the dirt and having a blast. People are worried about rally crossing in a daily driver car. San Diego recently had a rallycross event and a brand new Lamborghini with paper plates drove.



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New Business

Forza 44: Jonathan Cadiente suggested to Kyle that we start a 2nd outlook for the Forza 44 scholarship funds. Jonathan proposed to start a 2nd sister scholarship which would be \$200-500 to help send a club member to the National Tour at Crows Landing. It doesn't necessarily have to be a 2nd person to pick for a scholarship but something to encourage more of our members to attend National Tour. Jonathan wants to see more of our new members or those who have never attended a National Tour to attend. Kyle thinks this is a better outlet rather than sending 2 people to Nationals in Lincoln or if no members can or want to go to Lincoln one year we could send 1 or 2 people to National Tour locally. Brandon said the only issue is due to the very specific text we wrote into the bylaws for the Forza 44 scholarship. We wrote that the scholarship is meant to send people directly to Nationals in Lincoln. Since Ric is not here to discuss this topic we won't act on this yet but if we still want to add more scholarship funding allocation we can take it into consideration for future discussion. Audrey said when they first started the Forza 44 project they made the timeline for applications and to pick a nomination so the winner of the scholarship could go to Crows Landing and Las Vegas. The idea was you're the person we're investing in to go race and get better and faster so by the time you go to Nationals in Lincoln you're prepared to excel. The dollar amount is also for that, to help pay for hotels and gas and all the necessities to go to all those events. Whether or not you go to all those events is up to the individual. Audrey agreed Jonathan's idea is good but needs to be separate from Forza 44 or they would have to rewrite the bylaws and rules for Forza 44. We don't need to formally put it into an entire new scholarship again because our current one is one of a kind and special for our club specifically. Patty suggested we do a poker run fundraiser at an event to raise money to send someone to Crows Landing. Brandon said someone needs to make a formal presentation for us to vote on with specific details but for now we will table this topic.

Teen Street Survival School: Kyle said if we do plan to have the school again we need at least 6 months to plan.

Timing: Kyle was told at the last event that the timing antenna is broken for the timing lights. Kyle thinks it might be the cable connecting the antenna and the other end that screws in. While Kyle was working timing they ran one car and everything was great with timing then Bert turned on the FM transmitter and everything stopped working. Brandon thinks it's possible since the transmitter was low that it affected timing. Kyle suggested we mount the transmitter on the top of the trailer because in the past that is where it has been placed and we haven't had any timing issues. Paul said on Sunday there was an issue getting times from the farm tech box to the computer, but that is a wired connection so unsure of what caused this problem as Paul was not at the event Sunday. Brandon said once they shut everything down and started over it was working fine. James thought the bash files crashed and that's why he restarted everything. Brandon suggested getting spare cables for everything timing related in case this is a cable connection issue or if an accident happens and a cable breaks because we currently don't have



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any spare cables. Sanjay has a full set of cables we can borrow if needed. Sanjay used to have similar issues in the past but they solved their problems by having everything outside the trailer, on the roof and upright and the sending unit has to be high because cars can interfere with the signal if it is too low. The only issues Sanjay currently has is drivers running over his timing lights. Sanjay suggests we look into using Sideways Data for timing software. Audrey has never run timing software for our club but she understood Sideways Data timing software perfectly. There are no handwriting times, there only needs to be 1 person in the trailer for timing. Brandon asked if we can run Sideways Data for our night event since it's a non points event and times don't matter. Sanjay doesn't know the logistics of importing driver registration from MSR into Sideways' system, he knows it is possible because other clubs use MSR and Sideways Data. Sanjay said it's \$150 for all 3 antennas, 2 senders and the program. Brandon is going to check the cables when he gets home and purchase new cables as backups

Paddock Space: There have been several times this year that the paddock was made too small for all the registered cars, trucks and trailers and any visiting cars. Audrey said there is a large empty parking lot on the way to the rallycross entrance that trucks with trailers could park in the North East corner of the fairgrounds but that area is not part of our rental agreement with the fairgrounds.

Upcoming Events: Brandon will not attend the next event so trailer arrangements need to be made for pick up and drop off. Adam Haro has battery powered lights that shine up, we'd love to use those for stationary items we want to highlight. Audrey has received suggestions for the night event from last year. Dan Correll suggested don't run the course backwards because it's a non-points event there is no reason to flip the course so there won't be as many people trying to find the course in the dark. There will still be minor changes from the day to night event but still run the same direction. Mikey Bringetto suggested that the oleander's were so dark last year as we couldn't access the fairgrounds lighting for that area so Kyle and Audrey are planning on having the paddock there and grid by the bathrooms. Josh Pinckney said no high beams, spot lights or rallycross lights as it was blinding for course workers. Audrey said so many people brought friends last year so this year we should close the gates at 8PM and no one is allowed in after that for safety so any spectators should be inside before 8PM. Since the night event isn't for points then we do not need finish slips, Sandra was working finish and almost got hit last year and we don't want anything like that to happen this year. Kyle said most of the cones that were stripped with reflective tape last year are still good and if they need to do so again this year we can do it Friday.

Wireless PA system: Adam Haro has sound system equipment and the night event would be perfect time to test how well the sound projects to the paddock. Adam told Audrey he has a lot of equipment he wants to donate or sell to the club. We want to test a wireless system set up with a speaker in the paddock. Adam is going to take an inventory of what he has and let Brandon know.



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Central Valley Motor Mob Collab: They are interested in doing something similar to CaliCreaming. Mikey suggested starting with a booth swap, we put a booth at their event and they put a booth at our event. CVMM wants to do something big, Audrey told them we rent our whole space and they wanted us to talk to the fairground to see how much it would cost to rent the areas around us like the industry building. They get over 100 people, car enthusiasts, at their meets. Audrey told them we would check with our club to see if we want to collaborate in a big event. Brandon said we should see if any of these people are interested in rallycross because rally needs more attendance than autocross does. Sanjay said he would love to have new people but he tries not to associate with rough crowds because several people see rallycross as a drifting event. We can also advertise sim racing to the CVMM group. The main guy attended our May event and Tiger talked to them and gave them a ride-along. Tiger said they seem very friendly, they didn't discuss any event logistics they just were there to spectate and enjoy. He is also planning on signing up for our June event. We will continue this relationship to see where things go in the future.

Site Acquisition: During a celebration party the Marihart's were hosting for one of their businesses, Falina and Nathan Magsig, District 5 County Supervisor, were discussing cars and Falina mentioned our club and Nathan was interested and asked how he can help our club and Falina immediately suggested we needed a new location to race. Nathan asked for a letter of interest and intent, he has a project in mind that would work well with us as a new site to race. Audrey and Brandon put together a document about our club, what we offer, what we do and how we better the community. Falina passed the info to Nathan's office and there is a meeting scheduled next week with the county sheriff to discuss more info. This is the Elk Horn Training Facility, it is south of the city near Caruthers. The county sheriff wants to make a police training center similar to Fresno's training center. This is a total redevelopment of the site, we asked for 20 acres of land to do rallycross and autocross. Brandon and Falina will join the meeting with Nathan and the county sheriff to discuss more details. Josh from Nathan Magsig's office was at autocross and Audrey had him ride along with several cars and introduced him to everyone. Josh said he had the most fun in Yang's car. This new site is long term planning and we won't have this site for several years. The county has a budget and we as a club will take part in funding the land development. If they give the land to us, we'll need to raise a lot of money to make it happen. Possibly over a million dollars to make this happen. This is also still not a guarantee, this is still just in discussion with everyone. We need to emphasize more now that we have city and county officials visiting our events often that we don't do burnouts on Kings Canyon St when leaving, always represent the club well, event operations are done well and tidy and safe. We want to thank Falina again for thinking of our car club while at a celebration event for her family and business. Sanjay suggested we reach out to Millerton again to see if we can autocross there. We don't autocross at Castle in Atwater anymore because the company that rents out the site is renting it to the people doing autonomous driving. Sanjay knows a lawyer that occasionally runs with us that has connections that could possibly help in getting back into old sites we used to race at.



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Clokrr Timing: Brandon is going to speak to Brad about Clokker, Brandon was referred to the software from Larry with the Porsche club. Brad also spoke to the developer of Clokker. Kyle said he talked to Brad about it and the big barrier is they charge \$600 per year to use the software whereas we currently use free software and sideways data is also free. We are looking at moving forward with trying sideways data for timing and keeping clokker as option B. Sanjay said there is another timing system called Track Rabbit.

Next Board Meeting- June 18, 2025 at 6:30PM at Fresno Mazda 5499 N Blackstone Ave, Fresno CA 93710

Adjournment motioned by Becki, seconded by Audrey. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM with no objections.