



SCCA Fresno Chapter Meeting Minutes

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Meeting held on Zoom. Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

Attendees: Dave Ruby, Nathan Brasil, Rebecca West, Mariah Douglas, Audrey Tan, Paul Newton, Gary McDaniel, Aaron Douglas, Rick B, Jim Clenney, Bert Schneider, Brandon Griggs, Blaine Jeschien, Mike Sullivan, James Franks, Brittany Sultana, Christian Mesina, Josh Cadiente

Roll call of directors and declaration of quorum. Dave Ruby, Nathan Brasil, Rebecca West, and Mariah Douglas are present. A quorum has been established.

November Meeting Minutes: Becki motioned to approve the November minutes as presented, seconded by Gary. The November Meeting Minutes have been approved with no opposition.

President Report

Dave is honored to be the president and is thankful for the help that has been offered to him from Brandon, Paul, Audrey & Mariah. Hoping in the future Dave can return the favor to a future president.

Vice President Report

Nathan said Kyle is going to help with showing how to sanction an event. Becki confirmed that she got the first event sanctioned and has the insurance so we are good for the first event.

Treasurer Report

In December we received money from Rob Krider from his rallycross Forza 44 fundraiser. Becki still needs to pay the fairgrounds for our February events. Becki is waiting for the receipts from Audrey for the awards banquet, Audrey said she wanted everything to be a surprise this year for the board, chiefs and members so no one knows of the items she bought and she will give Becki receipts after the awards banquet

Old Business

Venue Search Update: Since the Fresno Fairgrounds has only allowed us to have dates booked till June we have looked for new venue locations for the club to race at for either more dates in 2026 or for dates in 2027. Audrey was told that the Coalinga Airport doesn't get used often and is a great possible location for us. Audrey, Paul and Brandon attended the City of Coalinga's council meeting to discuss the possibility of renting part of their airport and to give more information on our club, what we do and what we are looking for. Brandon, Paul and Audrey went to the airport to see how the airport looks in person and it looks great. Brandon offered for everyone from the city council to come out to any of our events. The mayor has a Mustang and would love to race with our group. If everything goes well with renting the Coalinga Airport we'd run a test event there first before scheduling long term contracts/dates with them. We were also given a quote already of how much rental would be and it would be less than we



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currently pay for the fairgrounds. The airport is federally funded but there is a fuel issue so it is very seldomly used by aircrafts. Coalinga has also offered us land for our rallycross side but Sanjay is going to use Chowchilla fairgrounds this year. Coalinga also mentioned that if we would like a long term relationship they are willing to lease our club 40 acres of land.

When a suggested site location is brought up there is lots of research and work the club puts in to be getting a good contact source. In past meetings we have discussed using the Hanford airport, Alex Neufeld has a contact with the airport manager and asked if they would be open to the idea of hosting us but Hanford has plans to repave their airport so they are unable to host us. Alex then suggested Coalinga so Audrey contacted Jayman Topalian because he lives in Coalinga, who then referred us to Phil Castro, who then referred us to Ulysses, a business owner in Coalinga who was able to get our club on the city council's agenda.

Awards Banquet: We have 80 people signed up for the banquet. This year we are doing the banquet with rallycross and sim racing. We only have 2 hours for our banquet to complete everything so we are making small changes to keep things moving and save time. Audrey said she came in under budget and will give Becki all the receipts after the banquet.

Forza 44: Nominations are open and close at the end of February. The board and Ric make the decision for who wins the scholarship. It is up to the current board if they want to do Forza 44 nominations this year.

New Business

Discord: Discord promotes live discussion and it is the primary social media platform for the younger generation. Facebook is good for updates but within Discord they have an option called "voice chat" so you can talk to members in real time with or without video and we could also host our monthly meetings on Discord instead of Zoom. Paul also suggested that with the ongoing issues we had last year with the AM/FM radio transmitter not always working for live commentary at events that we could use the discord voice channel to have members still listen live to what the announcers are saying regarding updates or timing at the events. The Sim league uses the discord to communicate while everyone races for the sim events so there is already activity on our Fresno SCCA server, just want to send more people to use it. Brittany has lots of knowledge on discord so as her chief of web role we are going to include managing the discord server

Coalinga City Staff: As a goodwill to the City Council members of Coalinga our club would like to pay their membership fees to come out and race with us to see what our club is like and what we do, in hopes to race at their airport in the future. Membership fees are about \$30 per person, we estimate about 1-2 people attending, possibly more. Motion made by Gary McDaniel for our club to pay for the fees to allow any city council member from Coalinga to race with us. Motion was seconded by Brandon Griggs. Motion passed with no opposition.



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Bylaws: We missed the deadline to make permanent changes to the bylaws but we will be discussing changes to be entered into the bylaws for 2027. There is a proposed elimination of the TT class, there is hardly anyone that registers as the TT class. It also messes up our timing system the way that the TT class gets calculated in the system, and the member that advocated that we needed a TT class doesn't race with our group anymore. We already removed the ability to register as TT from MSR and timing will also remove it from their end.

It was proposed that all Ladies class runs in the same run group similar to Index. There are some ladies that co-drove with a partner so it is possible there may be times a car will have to run in multiple run groups but the majority of our members that currently run in ladies class run as solos in their own cars. We will wait to make a decision about the ladies running in the same run group until all ladies running are present at the meeting.

It is proposed we change the amount of drop events for the season going from 1 event drop to 2 event drop. Since for 2026 we have such a short season, if this happened again in the future then having 2 events dropped would be drastic compared to our last few years of having 10+ events in the season. Jim suggested the drop calculator goes based off of how many events there are for the season, E.G. 1-8 events is 1 drop. 8-12 events is 2 drops and 12+ is 3 drops. Since we normally are consistent with our event count yearly then we should stick to one amount of drops instead of a fluctuation. We would like to table this bylaw change till later this year pending if we are still able to secure dates for 2026 or if we have a new site to race at for 2027.

Pavement Sweeper: Bert found a machine that cleans up the ground, he was thinking that since we are having issues with the fairgrounds having metal items throughout the parking lot and the fairgrounds monitoring the conditions of the asphalt then this device might be able to help us. There are a few items it needs to get it working fully like car batteries and cables but Bert has it mostly able to work for now so that we can bring it to an event to test it to see if it works for our space and we like it. Bert will do any maintenance on it as needed if the club decides to keep it. Jim said other clubs like SFR use a large high quality blower to clear off the track. Bert, Brandon and Blaine will work out the logistics of getting the sweeper to the first events to test it out.

Sim Racing: The season finale of the inaugural sim racing was great, there were about 300 views of the race that was broadcasted live to Youtube. 2026 Sim season starts on Feb 11th and Paul would like to broadcast as many of the events this year as possible. Paul has also been funding everything related to sim racing himself and he would like to ask the club for permission to solicit for donations and sponsorships to help pay for the cost for sim racing because the people that participate in the sim racing don't pay anything as they would if they would do an autocross event with us. Since the sim racers don't pay anything to race online towards the club this is why Paul is looking for outside sources to pay for the costs instead of coming from the club's account. Broadcasting is the biggest expense for the year for being \$60 per stream but if Paul wants to broadcast for all 11 sim events that'll be \$660 for that alone. The trophies for the winners was also a big expense, the other expense is the server time in iRacing for everyone to compete but that fee is very minimal and Paul can continue to pay for that himself. Aaron added



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that when he's available he can also host the broadcasting as he has the same software as the broadcaster we used for the finale, Aaron is also willing to show Paul how to use this software, it is a \$13/month fee for the software. Paul will come up with a budget number and bring that to the next meeting

Trailer Needs: Brandon checked all the tires and air'd up any that were low and checked the wheel bearings. Timing needs 9v batteries, Jim said he will get the batteries. Brandon ordered the 2026 annual stickers from Fast signs, they are now ready for pick up. Brandon will put the stickers in the trailer for the first events. Brandon will check if there are enough waivers in the trailer as those need to be printed in color.

2026 Chiefs

Timing: James Franks & Brad Dawson
Registration: Mariah Douglas & Mikey Bringetto
Tech: Bert Schneider & Christian Mesina
Novice: Quinn Ringgold
Impound & Protest: Aaron Douglas
Equipment: Blaine Jeschien
Safety: Jim Clenney
Promotions: Aaron Douglas
Waivers: Mike Sullivan
Web: Brittany Sultana

Thank you to all the 2026 Chiefs.

Next Board Meeting- February 18, 2026 at 7PM on Zoom. **Adjournment motioned by Gary and seconded by Brandon. Meeting is adjourned at 8:44PM without objection.**