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(A really good photographer can make anyone look fast)

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### MSCC CALANDER FOR 2009

EVENT	DATE	PLANNER	LOCATION
Autocross (Champ)	10/04/09	R. Hellier, B. McNamara	Belle Isle
Autocross (Non-Champ)	10/25/09	B. McNamara	Belle Isle

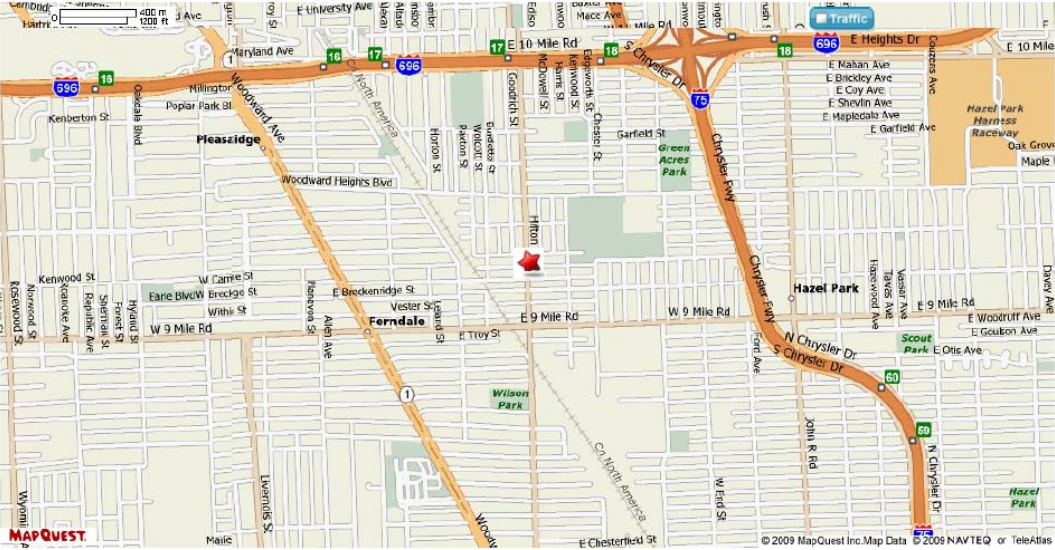
These are the dates settled with Belle Isle for MSCC events.  
 Let Rob know if you're interested in helping or want to learn how to plan an event.  
 Experienced planners for all activities are needed.

**MSCC CLUB MEETINGS**

**Club Meetings:** The club meets the first Wednesday evening of each month at Warrilow's, 2140 Hilton, (5 blocks north of 9 Mile) Ferndale, MI. at 7:30 PM.

**Come earlier and have dinner with us.**

**We have a separate room, Warrilow's have good prices**



**CONTACTS and LINKS:**

The official MSCC website: <http://www.michigansportscarclub.org>

Web master: Derek Watkins

Detroit Council website: <http://www.dcsc.org>

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Single Membership

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Husband & Wife

\_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to: MSCC

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Mail to : Brian McNamara  
1238 University Dr  
Pontiac, Mi 48342

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## MSCC GENERAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES, October 2009

MSCC GENERAL AND EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES October 2, 2009

Rob Hellier called the meeting to order at 7:46 PM at Warrilow's in Ferndale. Members in attendance were Bill Siess, Judy Siess, Rob Hellier, Dave Rodier, Tony Buglione, John F. Cowall, Roger Campbell, Derek Watkins, Juergen Gemnich, Dmitriy Martynov, Nick Sullivan, and Rick Bohn.

MINUTES: Bill moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Derek had a correction. The highest value of the Khana pass is the cost of entry minus the sanction fee (\$30 - \$1 = \$29). Dave seconded the amended minutes, all approved.

MEMBERSHIP: Brian reported we have 44 members. We have 3 old pending memberships for Jim Sova, Amy Sova, and Andrew Schembri. There are 2 new pending memberships, but Brian did not have their information handy. There were 3 renewals in September.

**NOTICE: The 2009 dues will expire on October 31, 2009. Ads and Notices in the Pin are due by the twentieth of each month.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brian reported that everything is good. Our deposits are up-to-date.

EVENTS AND COUNCIL REPORT: We had an autocross last Sunday, October 4. We had 90 drivers. We avoided rain for the whole competition portion. Rain started falling during fun runs. Rob could not find any flour for lines around the course. Some people had more than 9 off course gates. The course was difficult. Brian wanted a course that was more challenging than what was typical for Champ events. We never needed a passenger to guide a driver through the course before. Our bylaws allow passengers if the passenger is an MSCC member who has completed all of his runs or will not run. The purpose is to help the driver learn how to get through the course. We had 4 drivers needing assistance. Rob had concerns with the quantities of passengers at that event. Judy said the insurance allows the event planner to decide the policy regarding passengers. Juergen suggested the MSCC have a rookie program next year. Rookies could have event planners or instructors as passengers in order to guide them through the course. Rob asked what do we need to do to help these drivers. John recommended we could dumb down the course. John also recommended we outline the rules for passengers in the driver's meeting. Rob thought the first recommendation was ridiculous. Brian recommended we have an outline of what needs to be discussed during the driver's meeting. Rick had such an outline years ago. Brian recommended we have course maps. Bill recounted a story about course design. Bill said if there is a gate that gets hit repetitively, the drivers are not dumb. The gate is in the wrong place. If there are not transitions that flow, the drivers get lost. Brian said flour lines would have definitely helped. Juergen said if an experienced driver attacks the course right away, he is more likely to hit cones or go off course. There were 2 places where flour would have helped. A few years ago, Al Chan handed out small course maps to all of the drivers. Course maps help because there is a wide range of skills among Council drivers. Some drivers confuse a "bad" course with a "challenging" course. Sean Grogan showed up at 12:50 PM and still set the fastest time on street tires. Derek said one of the perks of being the planner is designing the course. Rick said the Council rule book dictates course designs that can be followed. The rule book also requires course maps be posted for all to see. Derek moved we require the course design be posted for all to see, or else the planner does not earn any enthusiast points for planning the event. John seconded, all approved.

We have a rain date coming up on October 25. We have the lot reserved. Brian has a plan. We limit the number of entries to 80. The cost is \$30 per driver. No Khana passes. We have 4 heats with 6 runs, 3 in the morning in 1 direction, 3 in the afternoon in the opposite direction. The combination of your best morning run plus your best afternoon run equals your time. This would not be a Champ event. There would be Council classes. Half of the drivers work while half of the drivers drive. This is proposal 1.

Nick has a plan. For \$30, you have fun runs. Half the drivers run while half the drivers work. The focus is on maximizing seat time. The number of runs is limited by the amount of time in the day. Nick's idea is not a competition. There are no points. Juergen suggested calling it a "Fun Run Challenge." There are no classes. There is no registration. There are no results calculated. This is proposal 2.

Rob asked if we have a financial obligation with Detroit if there is bad weather. Judy said we have to send a post card to the insurance company on that day. The insurance company will send a post card back confirming the insurance was canceled. We would show this card to Detroit as proof we did not have an event. Brian will find out if we have to pay if there is rain.

Derek has a plan. Use Brian's plan with fewer classes. Have every single run count. Have 1 stock class and 1 modified class. This is proposal 3.

Proposal 1 has 5 votes. Proposal 2 has 3 votes. Proposal 3 has 3 votes. There were 2 abstentions. Brian's proposal 1 wins. Brian is the planner. The co-planner is TBD.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Rob reviewed the minutes from the last meeting regarding entrance fees for members of the SCCA. The minutes were as follows:

Derek said in our bylaws that we will reciprocate discount rates for other clubs. SCCA does not offer a discount to MSCC members, but the MSCC currently offers a discount to SCCA members. In fact, the SCCA requires all drivers to pay to be SCCA members, even for 1 day, in order to drive in an SCCA Solo type of autocross. The current autocross fees that MSCC charges are \$17 for MSCC members, \$22 for DCSCC club members, and \$30 for free souls. Derek moved that MSCC charge SCCA members the free soul rate starting next year, John seconded, all approved. We need to notify the SCCA of this. Public notification will be after the end of the 2009 season.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nick brought an example of Axware scoring software. Nick estimated the cost is \$469. We also need a laptop computer and a portable printer. Rob estimated the cost of the software and hardware combined is \$1000. Rob saw an inverter in the trailer. John moved we buy the software and the hardware. Derek seconded, all approved.

Nick recommended we put stickers on the side of the trailer to advertise the MSCC. Bill said some communities do not allow commercial vehicles with advertising on the side of their vehicles or trailers. Rob asked Nick to get some quotes.

**SELL and SWAP:** None

**NOMINATIONS:** There will be an election in the November meeting.

Bill nominated Rob for President. Rob accepted. There were no other nominations for President. Nick nominated Derek for Vice President. Derek declined. Derek nominated Bill for Vice President. Brian nominated Nick for Vice President. Nick declined. There were no other nominations for Vice President.

Derek nominated Dave for Treasurer. Dave declined. Derek nominated Nick for Treasurer. Nick declined. Derek nominated Rick for Treasurer. Rick declined. Brian nominated Derek for Treasurer. Derek declined. Derek nominated Judy for Treasurer. Judy accepted. There were no other nominations for Treasurer.

Nick nominated Rick for Secretary. Rick accepted. Rob nominated Nick for Secretary. Nick declined. There were no other nominations for Secretary. Derek nominated Nick for Executive. Nick accepted. Derek nominated Roger. Roger accepted. Dmitriy nominated Dave. Dave accepted. Brian nominated Dmitriy. Dmitriy accepted. Roger nominated Juergen. Juergen accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

Submitted by Rick Bohn, Secretary.

## **Elections Are Coming**

The annual election of officers is coming soon. If you have strong feelings about future of MSCC please make them known by running for an office! Why restrict yourself to complaining about “What they did” when you can be part of “Them”? Help make our officers truly represent our membership.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF MSCC POSITIONS**

The following is a list of the elected and appointed positions in the club. Take a look at them carefully, and decide whether or not you might like to serve in one of these capacities. If you have any further questions, talk to the person currently serving in the position you are interested in.

Elected positions

**PRESIDENT:** Presides over all meetings, general and executive. Exercises general supervision over the Officers and activities of the club. Fills the appointed positions, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Takes over for the President in his/her absence or in case he/she can no longer fulfill the duties. Is responsible for purchasing trophies, and keeps track of competition and enthusiast points,

**SECRETARY:** Keeps minutes of all meetings, general and Executive. Handles all club correspondence, and keeps an updated copy of the By-laws, Constitution and club policies.

**TREASURER:** Keeps custody of all club monies, debts, and obligations. Signs all club checks, contracts, drafts, notes, etc. Makes and presents an Annual report of the Treasury at the Annual Meeting. Acts as liaison with the Club insurer to order club liability insurance for all competition events in a timely manner.

**EXECUTIVES:** Assist the other elected officers in promoting and transacting the business of the club. They may also present a matter to the committee on behalf of a club member.

## CLASSIFIEDS

*Classified ads are open to all members of the Michigan Sports Car Club. Ads will run in four consecutive issues of the Gudgeon Pin. If the advertiser wants the ad to continue for another four issues, he/she must notify the Editor. All ads may be placed by mail, e-mail, or phone, but must be received by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month prior to the next issue. Please inform the Editor if the ad is no longer needed.*

### **1987 RX-7 ITS car for sale**

Built to race at Waterford Hills Race Track. Moving for a new job must sell.

Car has full custom roll cage built by Jim Powski Racecraft Engineering  
Fuel safe fuel cell with baffles and fuel pumps set up for no starvation.  
Torsen limited slip diff with 4.875 gear.  
Advance Dynamics Shocks and struts with rebound and compression adjustment. Coilovers with Eibach springs.  
Ground control Camber caster plates.  
Kirkey aluminum race seat.  
New fuel and brake lines

This car is a very good start to a competitive ITS car. It is not complete. It has been in storage with no fuel, water or battery. These small things would make it run. RJS 5 point harness is expired. This would need to be updated to meet SCCA safety equipment rules.

I ran out of steam and money to keep this car going. I need someone to pick up the baton and get this car back on the track. It would be an easy winter project to be ready for 2009 season.

Also included is and extensive amount of spares.

1986 RX-7 chassis, has title, good body panels  
2 spare transmissions.  
1 engine needs new seals.  
18 wheels with tires in various conditions including dirt stockers for rain.  
1 spare stock rear diff.  
Spare drive shaft, intake, master cylinder, doors, hood, fenders.  
Other miscellaneous parts.

Asking \$6500. Would cost much more to build.  
Call Dan Watkins 248-837-9015 Email [Dwatk01@wowway.com](mailto:Dwatk01@wowway.com)

Email for Pictures

**In case you haven't heard – the new MSCC T-shirts are in and available for purchase. Contact Judy at 248-879-9308 for more information. Sweatshirts and hoodies are also available with the new logo. Get yours today! Place an order too get one – we don't have a stockpile without orders.**

**It's time for Holiday Ads- a way to say "happy holidays to your MSCC friends without sticking a stamp on an envelope. To do so, send via e-mail(Word format is easier) your mockup for the ad. Send a check payable to MSCC to the Gudgeon Pin Editor. The rates are \$5.00 for a business card size ad, \$10.00 for a half page ad and \$20.00 for a full page ad. This is better than buying a box of holiday cards and a sheet of stamps, isn't it? Submit your ad to the Gudgeon Pin Editor: [jpurplecar @ att. net](mailto:jpurplecar@att.net) by 11/20/09. The ad will run in both the December and January Pins for the same price as stated above.**