2021-July-20 TRC Business Meeting Final Minutes

Call to order: 6:42 PM
Members present: Dave Graubart, Abby Grossman, Ed Slintak, Dean Stanton;
        Over zoom: Eric Anderson, Glen Dayton, Ric Goldman;
                Ken Johnson (briefly)
Agenda for current meeting: None
Minutes from previous meeting: June Minutes missing in action

OFFICERS' REPORTS

* President: (Ed)   None
* Vice President: (Abby)   None
* Secretary: (Dean)   Minutes and reminders sent
* Treasurer: (Dave) $4672.33 $4802.33 including $55 in stamps
  − No transactions since last month.
  − Payment for insurance will be made

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* Insurance (Cris Wendt):
  − Per-rallye cost is now $200.

* Awards (Darin)
  − Asked Darin re "Office" awards looked nice.
  − Darin: want to make a new cartoon (e.g., for selling on Cafe Press)?

* Database Chair (Eric Anderson)
  − No progress on database. What shall we do with the online-only rallyist info?
  − Expand invitation to all our database members? Or trc-events?

* Publicity (TBD):
  − Need a new Publicity Chair.
    - AI without an owner: Modernize duties listed in Operating Procedures.
  − Mailing ASAP. Eric gonna draft postcards.
  − Dean should announce August's rallye to trc-events. Mention Twitter sign-up.

* Webmaster:
  − Migration in progress, off Steve Watt's server to IONOS.
    - Ric switching target from IONOS to DreamHost. TRC won't have to pay
    while using Ric's hosting package. 3 years available at $3 per month.

– Move mailing lists to groups.io (for small lists) and large groups to MailChimp.
– Goal: cloned and working by September. Then we can check the .info website and when happy we can move the domain.
– Dave to send to Ric 600 local people on trc-mailings about August rallye. [Done after meeting]
  - They'll get email from The Rallye Club (i.e., the webmaster).
– Old full materials (maps & critiques and routes) should be "secret" (board only access). We will want a way to provide them to potential RMs for reuse.
– All: Point Ric to nice looking car-related websites.

PAST EVENT(S) REPORT

* 2021-06-05: "The Office" Rallye, noon to 8 PM. Ken w/help from Dave and Eric.
  – Results are posted
  – 23 entrants, 19 finished.
  – Certificates still to be emailed.

NEXT EVENT(S) REPORT

* 2021-08-07: John Kleder Memorial "Sixty Carat Caper" CM rallye
  – Par Plaques and Awards: Darin? Eric is plan B.
  – Ken to precheck online
  – Ed can precheck in person maybe Sunday with Abby?
  – Eric sent version 4.
  – Extending membership through 2021.
  – Glen and Dave will staff registration. **Dean** to point to instructions.
  – Eric and Dean need a plan to put up markers. Ed offered to help put up markers.
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  – * 2021-10-02: John Kleder Memorial Rallye, Dean and Eric with help from others
  –   • Eric to find a John Kleder rallye to rethrow (even if it's a CM rallye).
  –   • Starts near Mountain View (Castro Street) station. Passes through Elko neighborhood.
  –   • Dean to study & evaluate the draft. [DONE after meeting]
  –   • Dean and Eric to settle on a title, theme, etc. [DONE after meeting]
  –   • Dean to inform Kleder family that it is coming. [DONE after meeting]

* 2021-10-02 Talk Like a Pirate Rallye (Eric, A/B, in-person rallye)?
  – Ken prechecked it remotely.
  – Abby will precheck?
  – Eric may need Dean to help with checkpoint. Eric to send instructions. Dean to consider it.
  – Eric to verify Jake's of Sunnyvale can be our finish & notify them we're coming, 3-5 PM.

– WHO WILL staff Registration?
– **Cris** A/I: Get new release forms: adults and children.
– Pending: Recreate or update Facebook announcement for Talk Like a Pirate Rallye when it is rescheduled. [DONE in August]

* 2021 Toy Rallye online-only
  – Dave to talk Darin into it. Or Dave is Plan B.

OPEN DATES

* Goal: to schedule each even-numbered month.

* 2021-12-04: Does Darin want to write an online Toy rallye?
  – Darin needs to commit by September.
  – Dave will be "Plan B" for Toy Rallye.

* Frank Hays (from LA)'s LA-style Q/A rallye in 2022?
  – Frank sent it to the Sotiros, Ed, and Dean.
  – Ken and Eric to review it and tell him we're considering it for 2022.

POTENTIAL RALLYEMASTERS

– Offer rallyes to rethrow and mentors (Abby, Ed, Dave, Dean, Cris).
– Jeffrey Martin may write a rallye for 2022. A/I: Dave to contact him to get him started.
    – A/I: Ken to talk to several quasi-interested potential RMs found during Opening Day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

* New membership class? [Tabled for now]

* 501-C(7) status
  – Dave to fill out and submit IRS Form 990-N for IRS and 199-N for California.

* Eric gathering rallye archives
  – Bill Jonesi's rallye archive
  – Steve Watt to deliver another box of old rallyes?
  – Ric has Wendy's old box of rallyes and will digitize them.

* Trip to Bank for new signature card in 2021?

* Publicity for upcoming events
  – Announce rallyes on multiple platforms. We need to keep track so we can make updates and cancellations.

- Southern California rallye Facebook group
- Puzzle hunt calendar (puzzlehuntcalendar.com)
  - To update this calendar, contact me: egnor@ofb.net (Dan Egnor)
- Blue Matter Games (in Auburn).
  - Bluemattergames.com   will also publicize
    email to   editor@nicholascravotta.com

  Ken and Dave: email rallye announcement instructions to Dean.
- Then Dean will update wiki. [DONE after meeting with the info above. Need contact info for So Cal FB group.]

* Next postal mailing? Do we need to continue mailings?

  - Email in-person rallyists (from past few years) before restarting in-person rallye.
  - Announce that we'll add people to our events mailing list unless they opt out.
  - Dean to send Eric a postcard sample [NOT DONE]
  - Eric to prep postcard. [DONE after meeting]

* Extend TRC's computer scoring program for A/B rallyes

  - Glen agreed to look into the practicality of extending TRC's computer scoring program for A/B rallyes, likely rewriting it in Python or something more modern.
  - The online access is down / missing. Glen asked Nick where the sources are.
  - Dean may have a copy on the (old) TRC computers, if needed. Dean checked.
  - Lots of talk about how to get rallyists to give us machine-readable information.
  - OK to put source on a "public" git hub (only we can modify the code).

NEW BUSINESS

* TRC rallye history

  - TRC Wiki has Past_TRC_Rallyes through 1981-2011.
  - TRC Results page has results from 2003 through now.
  - Someone should build the union, even if some info is missing.
  - This would allow us to celebrate our 500th event, for example.
  - Dave to talk to Ric, and one of them will do it (eventually).

* Survey about online rallyes

  - Dean thinks it could wait for December's online rallye.
  - Ken is drumming up remote RMs.

* Considering moving business meetings. We wondered last month about early Third Wednesday evenings. Ric said that wouldn't work for him.

  - Tabled for now
  - Ed A/I to see when Ric could meet (if he would join our meetings).
  - Ric will send a Doodle poll: what works for each of us. [DONE after meeting]

ACTION ITEMS

All: Point Ric to nice looking car-related websites.

Abby:

- Look into a TheRallyeClub[OfSiliconValley] group on Discord.

Cris:

- Send Dave email and postal address for Claudia of ESCA.
- Discuss "Remote or Virtual" Members with ESCA and/or our new Insurance company.
- **Cris** A/I: Get new release forms: adults and children.

Darin:

- Decide by September if you have bandwidth to write an online Toy rallye (perhaps in your new Knoxville area)
- Want to make a new cartoon (e.g., for selling on Cafe Press)?

Dave:

- See if Marilyn is willing to staff the Zoom waiting room.
- Pay annual insurance fee for 28 members (after Cris gives the per-member amount).
- Contact Jeffrey Martin to get him started writing a rallye for 2022.
- Update Publicity wiki page or send Dean info on announcing to So Cal Facebook group.
- Dave is "Plan B" if Darin is too busy to write an online Toy Rallye for 2021.
- Unify TRC Wiki's Past TRC Rallyes list and our modern results or get Ric to do it.
- Dave, as Treasurer, to attempt to complete the applicable portions of Dave to fill out and submit IRS Form 990-N for IRS and 199-N for California, as time allows. Ric may be able to help.

Dean:

- Consider staffing the CP for October's TLaP rallye
- Pending: Deliver equipment (parts) to Ed. [DONE after meeting]
- Deliver old rallyes from Darin to Eric.
- PendingTry KRTY community calendar again when Talk Like a Pirate Rallye is rescheduled.

Ed:

- Send agenda for Tuesday meeting by the day before (Monday).

Eric:

- Expect Steve Watt to deliver another box of old rallyes or pick them up from him.
- Contact Patrick Olsen (Bill Jonesi's roommate) regarding Bill's archive of old rallyes.
- <mark>Review Frank Hays' LA style rallye and tell him we're considering it for 2022.</mark>
- Pending: Dump database for Dean to send postcards before next in-car rallye.
- Pending: Try putting flyers in coffee shops for Talk Like a Pirate Rallye when rescheduled.
- Pending: Contact the church down Cuesta from the start before TLaP?

Glen:

- Add yourself to trc-board (which is probably part of trc-business) at http://www.watt.com/mailman/listinfo/trc-board
- When you have the sources, look into the practicality of extending TRC's computer scoring program for A/B rallyes, likely rewriting it in Python or something more modern.

Ken:

- <mark>Mail certificates to winners of "The Office" rallye.</mark>
- <mark>Review Frank Hays' LA style rallye and tell him we're considering it for 2022.</mark>
- Contact prospective online rallye writers.

Ric:

- Prototype movement of TRC's web site off of watt.com (Ric predicted by May).
- Ric to schedule a meeting about email lists (eventually)
- Background task: get TRC higher in Google's search results.
- Pending: Look into modernizing the look of our web site.
- Might unify our rallye history with results (and the database?).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Adjourned: 7:50 PM

* NO AUGUST MEETING Ric Says [well after this meeting]

* Next business meeting: **6**:30 PM, Tuesday, 7SEP2021, online only. [updated]