

2021-Sept-7 TRC Business Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 6:37 PM

Members present: Eric Anderson, Glen Dayton, Ric Goldman Dave Graubart, Abby Grossman, Ed Slintak, Dean Stanton; Ken Johnson (briefly)

Agenda for current meeting: None

Minutes from previous meeting: Were they approved? My notes don't say so. Both June and July DRAFT minutes are available on at <https://therallyeclub.org/meetings.htm> . Please be ready to approve them.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- * President: (Ed) None
- * Vice President: (Abby) None
- * Secretary: (Dean) Minutes and reminders sent
- * Treasurer: (Dave) \$4766.53 \$4,821.53 including \$55 in stamps
 - Made \$62 on Sixty Caret Caper, because Ed didn't charge the club for printing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- * Insurance (Cris Wendt):
 - Need to pay for October's insurance. [DONE after meeting]
- * Awards (Darin)
 - Waiting for Darin to make award certificates for June's rallye.
 - Darin: want to make a new cartoon (e.g., for selling on Cafe Press)?
- * Database Chair (Eric Anderson)
 - No progress on database.
 - Eric is waiting for a good time to unify online-only rallyists with in-person rallyists.
 - Expand invitation to all our database members? Or solely trc-events?
- * Publicity (TBD):
 - Need a new Publicity Chair.
 - AI without an owner: Modernize duties listed in [Operating Procedures](#).
 - 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 website from IONOS to DreamHost. Cut over this weekend.
 - Keep email on Steve Watt's server until later.

- 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.
- 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

- * 2021-08-07: John Kleder Memorial “Sixty Carat Caper” CM rallye
 - Eric is owed a “RM Free Rallye” card.
 - DB updates are mostly complete.

NEXT EVENT(S) REPORT

- * 2021-10-02 Talk Like a Pirate Rallye (Eric, A/B, in-person rallye)
 - Eric will ask Cris to make a flyer. [Done after meeting, since there is a flyer?]
 - Eric to draft an announcement email.
 - Mention twitter, so people can sign up.
 - Ken prechecked it remotely.
 - Abby will precheck after the 17th: Saturday the 18th, tentatively.
 - Eric may need Dean to help with checkpoint. Eric to send instructions. [Done after meeting] Dean to consider it.
 - Eric to verify Jake’s of Sunnyvale can be our finish & notify them we’re coming, 3-5 PM.
 - Dave will staff Registration. Dean can help.
 - Registration from 11 AM to 1 PM. Finish closes at 4 PM.
 - Cris A/I: Get new release forms: adults and children.
 - DONE: Recreate or update Facebook announcement for Talk Like a Pirate Rallye when it is rescheduled.
- * 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 said “probably”; he needs to commit in September.
 - Dave will be “Plan B” for Toy Rallye.
 - Eric volunteers for help desk assistance. Zoom good for checkpoints.

- Abby can help with checkpoints. Glen might help, too.
- Dave can produce the scoring program (Eric is plan B), if Darin wants.
- * 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.
 - Eric noticed Frank Hays was at 60CC with the Sotirhos team. I believe he was wearing a fedora. However, I did not know this until I looked at the score sheets later, so I did not talk with him about the LA style rallye he submitted. His postal mailing address is in Los Angeles (Harbor City).
 - Eric will check the rallye and communicate with Frank after October's TLaP.

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.
- * Ken to contact potential RMs about a 2022 rallye.
 - A/I: Ken to talk to several quasi-interested potential RMs from Opening Day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- * Twitter?
 - It was intended to cut down “chatter” calls from confused rallyists to RM about known problems.
 - Not urgent. Dean to send pointer to the Twitter instructions [Done after meeting]
- * 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 2022 with its officers?
- * 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
 - **Ken and Dave**: email rallye announcement instructions to Dean.
 - Only members can post to the So. Cal. Facebook group. Dave is a member, so announcements can go through him.
 - A/I: **Dean** add this to wiki when the wiki is available again.
- * Next postal mailing? Do we need to continue mailings?
 - Email in-person rallyists (from past few years) before restarting in-person rallyes.
 - Announce that we'll add people to our events mailing list unless they opt out.
 - A/I Eric to ask 7 teams at 60CC who got postcards if it was valuable to their attendance.
- * Extend TRC's computer scoring program for A/B rallyes
 - Glen put source on a "public" git hub (but only we can modify the code).
- * 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.
 - **Ric will do it after the website moves.**

NEW BUSINESS

- * Election
 - Nominations open. **Decide by October if willing to re-up.**
- * Membership
 - Eric suggested we offer people membership at the finish if they paid \$25.
 - Thinking more about that, we often have free time near 1pm or at the CP.
 - We could fill out membership forms for people (especially renewals), so all they have to do is sign.
 - Eric plans to recruit the 60CC cars who might be candidate members by email.
 - However, he would need to know if anyone didn't pay – e.g., they used a free rallye card. **Dave** (as treasurer) should have the registrar list.
- * Survey about online rallyes
 - Dean thinks it could wait for December's online rallye.

- Ken is drumming up remote RMs.

ACTION ITEMS

All:

- Read June, July, August minutes. Send any changes to all of us. Can they be approved?
- **Decide by October business meeting if you are willing to be a board member.**

Abby:

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

Cris:

- Get new insurance release forms: adults and children.
- Discuss “Remote or Virtual” Members with ESCA and/or our new Insurance company.

Darin:

- Make award certificates for June’s rallye.
- Want to make a new cartoon (e.g., for selling on Cafe Press)?
- Commit in September to write an online Toy rallye (perhaps in your new Knoxville area).

Dave:

- **Tell Eric if any of the nonmember 60CC cars were unpaid (from the registrar’s list)**
- Contact Jeffrey Martin to get him started writing a rallye for 2022.
- Confirm Darin will write online Toy Rallye for 2021. Dave is “Plan B” if Darin is too busy.
- Dave, as Treasurer, to attempt to complete the applicable portions of IRS form 990-N as time allows. Ric may be able to help.

Dean:

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

Ed:

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

Eric:

- **Draft an announcement email for TLaP rallye.**

- Try putting flyers in coffee shops for Talk Like a Pirate Rallye.
- DB updates from Sixty Carat Caper are mostly complete.
- Review Frank Hays' LA-style Q/A rallye for 2022 (after TLaP).
- Ask 7 teams at 60CC who got postcards if it was valuable to their attendance.
- Eric plans to recruit the 60CC cars who might be candidate members by email.

- Expect Steve Watt to deliver another box of old rallyes or pick them up from him.
- Contact Patrick Olsen (who was Bill Jonesi's roommate) regarding Bill's archive of old rallyes.

- Pending: Dump database for Dean to send postcards before next in-car rallye.

- Pending: Contact the church down Cuesta from the start before Talk Like a Pirate Rallye?

Glen:

- Look into the practicality of extending TRC's computer scoring program for A/B rallyes, likely rewriting it in Python or something more modern.

Ric:

- Prototype movement of TRC's web site off of watt.com (HTML portion completed; Ric predicted completion by May).
- Unify 2 lists of past rallyes before our 400th event:
 - Wiki has [Past_TRC_Rallyes](#) through 1981-2011.
 - [TRC Results](#) page has results from 2003 through now.
- Background task: get TRC higher in Google's search results.
- Pending:: Look into modernizing the look of our web site.
- Try to help Dave determine what information to provide on IRS form 990-N for 501(c)7 nonprofit status.

Ken:

- Talk to four or so potential RMs found during Opening Day about a 2022 rallye.
- Review Frank Hays' LA-style Q/A rallye for 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Adjourned: 8:10 PM

* Next business meeting: 6:30 PM, Tuesday, 5 OCT 21, online only.