



# The GRID

## November 2008



### ***Elections***



This is your club. Would you like to make a difference? Would you like your voice heard to make decisions for our club? Then come join the Board of Directors of the United States Auto Race Marshals. A statement to the membership isn't required but it is strongly suggested. How else can you express & share your ideas with all of the members?

Elections for the 2009 Board are coming up in November. There are 4 positions open this year. If you are interested in running please email [directors@usarm.org](mailto:directors@usarm.org).

Terms are for 2 years. They involve monthly meetings, possibly being involved in working councils on special projects such as the Moto-GP, club logistics, etc. The majority of our meetings are done via concall these days so that might be helpful in your consideration to join the board.

Interested? Send us an email today at [directors@usarm.org](mailto:directors@usarm.org) or if you don't have email, send to :

USARM Grid Editor  
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The Grid editor will transcribe it into electronic format, send it to the Directors via email and save it for inclusion in the election ballot.



Dale Boender was selected as Worker of the Weekend by the USARM workers at the Porsche Owners Club event, 20-21 September 2008 at Buttonwillow Raceway Park. Ignoring dust clouds and persistent visits, we should all remember to call on him when a Porsche needs to be pushed!

Presenting the award is Jeff Melnik,  
Porsche Owners Club Race Chairman.

**Congratulations Dale, well done!**

A note from Carl Sloan :

Thank you for the honor of being appointed to the USARM Board of Directors.

I have three overall objectives : compromise, decentralization, legalization.

I have three personal goals : membership awards selection, formal training/critiquing of individual performance, prioritizing USARM's legal status.

Some members have been interested enough to share their concerns with me in the past. In order to best adhere to a board members' primary responsibility to serve the members, I need input, input and input. It makes no difference whether or not there is agreement. It is incumbent on the membership to direct the Board's actions.

Some of my thoughts and concerns can be found at Carl's Corner in the USARM Forum.

Please contact me at [sfscca@garlic.com](mailto:sfscca@garlic.com) or you may write me at 17506 Carriage Lamp Way, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 Confidentiality will be maintained upon request.

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**September 27th and 28th was a weekend FULL of USARM events.** The vintage races were managed by USARM down in the Coronado area in San Diego. There was a Green Flag event up at Thunderhill the same weekend. Lots of our folks who would work the motorcycle races were working the AFM event up at Sears Point and then we had the AMA going on at Laguna Seca. It's incredible that the members of a club like ours can manage so many events over one weekend but it was done with ease.

I don't have the details of HMSA at Coronado other than the event went very well and everyone had a great time. I heard the same from the folks at Green Flag up at Thunderhill. The AFM was sunny, warm and great - as usual. And the AMA at Laguna Seca went great.

We had a great representation of talent at the AMA. It was bittersweet because we knew this would be the last AMA event at Laguna. Part of AMA has been bought by a group currently called DMG. They are still structuring their organization and going through the trials and tribulations of a new set-up and new management. The dust hasn't settled yet so we have to wait and see what happens. In the meantime there will be limited AMA groups who will run with us at next year's Moto-GP.

The weekend was warm, easy and lots of fun. We had a lean, mean working machine and a true family atmosphere for the entire weekend. There were lots of new folks who blended well with the seasoned vets who were at the event. The real amazing part was seeing out camping area that was full of our workers for the weekend but actually looked quite empty since we had a third of the workers we normally have working the Moto-GP. It made worker transportation easy. We ran one Draggin Wagon (More on that later), no Safety Cars, 2 Doctors and 3 Ambulances. For the first time in over 35 years we had a race with no NMPs (National Motorcycle Patrol who are our on course medical response team). I was truly concerned about running a race with no NMPs but fortunately everything worked out ok.

Thank you SO much to everyone who came out to work the final AMA and all our events that weekend! I know they were long, tiring days but you truly showed the team spirit and worked hard to make sure this was a safe race for all concerned!

## ***Congratulations to Jan & Marty!!***



Congratulations to Jan Weaver who was married to Marty Kaufman on September 11th. Jan is a USARM Board Member and Marty served on the USARM Board many years ago. Marty is the Chairman of the Stewards of the American Le Mans Series. That's a new role for Marty. He has been with IMSA for over 20 years and served the ALMS series as their Race Director for the last 10 years. Earlier this year he took on the new role. Prior to his involvement with IMSA Marty was a Chief Steward with SCCA - San Francisco Region and he spent many years as the Regional Executive as well as other roles on the SCCA-SFR Board. Jan has been on the USARM Board for over 35 years and she works with Media in the American Le Mans Series. Jan was a communicator with SCCA-SFR for over 20 years and created the Worker Transportation crew at Laguna Seca serving as the chief for about 10 years.

### ***Here is the notice they sent out on that special day...***

We probably all remember where we were on September 11, 2001 when the attacks began against our country. It affected us all in so many different ways and often those memories are frightening or sad. This date will now have new positive meaning for the two of us.

September 11th will now also be known as the date when Jan and Marty were wed. We had an informal ceremony in our living room overlooking the lake. The exalted Ms. Melanie (Pratt & Miller Corvette Racing Team) officiated and John (Chief of Emergency Services for ALMS) participated in the ceremony helping with the reading of a lovely script they had prepared.

We have been chatting recently about moving forward with our relationship and originally wanted to wait until we get to California, but trying to coordinate all that from Florida would be too difficult. We didn't want anything big and fancy for our wedding. It turns out that we had both independently thought about doing something on September 11th so that is the date on our marriage certificate - Today - September 11th, 2008.

Effective today, September 11, 2008, we are one: One love, one home, one family united in the memories of the past and the joys of our future together.

Our love to you all,

Marty and Jan Kaufman



With the final AMA this September came the end of an era that most USARM Members will reflect on with fond memories and a bit of sadness. Dave Bellina, who has been driving our Draggin Wagon for over 20 years has retired from the Draggin Wagon crew. And Mick Brown who has been on the Draggin Wagon crew for over 25 years retired.

Dave and his lovely wife, Kathy, came to a USARM race long ago as guests. Almost immediately they both got involved working the races. When Dave took over the Draggin Wagon crew he created a well-run, fun, and very effective team that expanded from one truck to two. His Draggin Wagon model has been copied across the country. The Laguna Seca team has been highlighted in magazines and on TV throughout the years primarily due to their focus on Safety, their integrity and the confidence his team instills with the riders that the bike will get back to the paddock as quickly and safely as possible.. Dave's in-depth knowledge and experience of motorcycle racing enhanced his activities. Many of the riders recognized Dave from his own motorcycle racing in years back - often to his dismay! LOL. Dave has often been consulted on matters of track-safety, logistics and safety due to his track knowledge and his focus on rider safety. Dave's relationship with AMA, prior to his working with USARM, worked well to establish the well-oiled relationship they have enjoyed for the last two decades and I anticipate that relationship will continue with the new regime.

Mick Brown was on the Draggin Wagon crew for several years before Dave came on board. Mick has been a staple at Laguna for such a long time that he can basically come and go as he pleases. Mick also has an in-depth knowledge of motorcycle racing and has been quite an asset to the entire Draggin Wagon team especially with the "guys on the back of the truck". While Dave drives Mick is working and training new folks who join the Draggin Wagon crew. Again his focus on Safety has proven to be an incredible asset to the riders as well as the entire crew.

So it's the end of an era but not the end of the fun. Dave and Mick will be back with us in other capacities next year. Dave and Mick are two of USARMS' most valued assets. Their actions over the years have truly enhanced our relationship with SCRAMP, AMA, DORNA and FIM. Nothing we can do could ever truly express the thanks they deserve for all they have done so I will simply say... on behalf of USARM -**Thank you Dave! Thank you Mick!** And... see you both soon!

## ***USARM By-Laws are being updated***

The USARM Board is actively engaged in updating our by-laws and our corporate status. Please take a moment to review the by-laws in our website and send the directors any ideas, recommendations, etc. that you would like to see incorporated into our by-laws.

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## ***2009 is a Milestone year for USARM***

Our club began in 1959 to provide safety for car races. The club focused on training corner workers, establishing consistent procedures for flagging, communications and response to disabled racing vehicles. The growth of USARM club with the variety of racing events we work and the global membership we enjoy continues to enhance our activities. We learn from each other. We work hard, play harder and our focus on providing a professional work force and maintain a family atmosphere is a model for other clubs.

The Board is hard at work on next year already. We will have lots of fun things for you to look forward to in the upcoming year!

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## ***Do you want your voice to be heard?***

Send email the Directors at [directors@usarm.org](mailto:directors@usarm.org). That email goes to all the directors. Anything you send in will be added to the agenda for the next board meeting and we will get back to you with the results.

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Board Meetings are regularly scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month. At this time the Board Meetings for the remainder of the year should be...

November 18th

December 16th

The concall information is (800) 204-5502 Then enter a PIN number. The USARM PIN is: 945851#.

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## **Minutes USARM Board Meeting August 19, 2008**

Attendees - Jan, Steve, Ken, Jim H, Jim S, Kati , Greg

Minutes - July Minutes reviewed and approved. Steve and Kati did not see the minutes. Jan to send them again. Sent

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1.) Review and complete personnel issue regarding letter sent to Kati in July. Discussion. Motion for Kati to be removed. Passed 4 - 3

Ken will provide letter stating the end of her term.

2.) Moto-GP review

a. Overview - Went well with Dorna. Autograph seekers in the paddock caused concern due to Rookie assault issue with a spectator .

b. Reimbursement for those using their own vehicles during the event was overlooked. Motion to give the two drivers same funds as last year. Yes - 4 No - 1

Change of direction with this discussion. Steve is resigning from the board. At 7:22 pm Steve resigns. Credit cards and all to be returned to Ken.

### Change in Agenda

Discussion on who to fill vacancies. By-laws and proposal to by-law changes. We will invite next person with highest number of votes to join the board. Board will invite Shelley Ulry to rejoin.

Jan to contact Carl to request he join the board. Jim H will check with Shelley to see if she is willing to be appointed to the board.

### 3.) AMA Updates

- a. Contract - Bo has the contract. Jim to check with Bo and with the Park Ranger.
- b. Sign-ups - 40 now.
- c. NMPs - We may not have NMPs at this event due to a conflict with AFM.
- d. Reimbursement - Discussion MSP

In the future look into adding an administrative fee or add to equipment fee so we break even.

4. Financial report - None provided by Steve. No reimbursements reviewed.

## **TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

1.) By-Laws - come prepared with recommended By-Law changes. - Tabled.

2.) Recommendation on awards - Tabled

a. A candidate for an "annual award" must have worked a minimum of 50% of scheduled events. - Need more discussion

b. Each individual in charge of worker attendance at an event will submit a copy of that list to the board. The board now has a list of theoretically eligible recipients. - Everyone to submit a list of all workers to the director.

c. Each board member from that list will nominate a candidate or candidates for each award if appropriate. note: each board member is not required to nominate a different individual. - need more discussion.

d. That list used for each award, is submitted to the members for a vote at the same time as is the ballot for board elections. If there is a tie, the board decides.

e. Write in votes are permitted as long as the individual has worked 50% of events. The board will determine if the write-in person is eligible. - Majority have no idea who they are. membership is recommended to submit names.

f. A board member and a "volunteer" shall oversee the counting to ensure integrity. - Up to the board.

g. the board may make any special awards at its discretion.

5.) Membership requirement when working our events - people working before they pay their membership. Set a timetable on when they need to have their memberships paid. Past issues have been resolved.

Note: Past USARM policy is that every member should pay their membership by the second event they work. The event organizer is supposed to collect membership dues in the form of a check or retain membership fees from the reimbursement at the end of the weekend. A completed membership form ad

the dues are to be sent to the membership chairman immediately following the event. We know there are many members who worked more than half a year in 2008 before it was determined they had not paid membership yet. Will discuss further.

6.) Board Duties - Need to clarify duties for each member of the board by responsibility, committee and assignments. - Tabled

7.) Scholarship possibilities to aid USARM in the non profit status - Board to come up with criteria for the scholarship. Set discussion for another meeting.

8.) Back-up training on how to take over events. We need to have a book with the details on what needs to be done just in case someone cannot attend and someone else needs to step in to take over. Recommendation of a Check off list. - Jan to put together notes to send to all for their review and for everyone to add their own working knowledge to the lists. - Jan working on this.

## **Roundtable**

1.) Need more focus on Training - Issues at pre-historics.

2.) Charitable Donations - Recommend giving to the Ozuko Camp again. They had problems with the recent fires. Jim Short checking on them. Need check for the upcoming POC event. Need Financial situation resolved quickly since both Kati and Steve had signing authority but are no longer on the board.

3.) Virginia City Hill Climb - Jerry Huff contacted Jim Short about providing workers. Jim Short to check with Jerry again and we might then put out a call for anyone interested in working that event but it will not be overseen by USARM.

4.) Bank Letter - Need letter to the bank to remove Kati and Steve from the bank account and add new treasurer and secondary signature. Jan to send to Ken.

Next Meeting: September 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting ended at 8:29 pm

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## **Minutes USARM Board Meeting September 16, 2008**

### **REVIEW MINUTES - MSP**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- 1.) Signature Authority set-up at the bank.
- 2.) Review of Financials - back to May is needed. No financials provided by Steve since then. Shelley working on getting everything caught up to date.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1.) Finalize all issues regarding recent Board Changes - Discussion regarding recent emails to the "list" alias. Discussion - Motion to refer folks back to Kati and Steve. Question to the "list" alias about Steve's resignation letter. Ken never got one. If we get a resignation letter from Steve we will publish it.

2.) AMA Updates - 80 people.

3.) Charitable Donations - Jim Short still checking on Camp Ozuko. We need to provide \$1,000 check to POC for our donation.

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2.) Recommendation on awards from Carl Sloan -

a. A candidate for an "annual award" must have worked a minimum of 50% of scheduled events. - Need more discussion A.) Perhaps 50% is too much. A minimum of 7 events. Carl to put it to paper for next meeting. MSP with 7 events.

b. Each individual in charge of worker attendance at an event will submit a copy of that list to the board. The board now has a list of theoretically eligible recipients. - Everyone to submit a list of all workers to the director. - Need more discussion List of all workers for the events to be sent to the Secretary. Contact person to send attendance list to Secretary.

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d. That list used for each award, is submitted to the members for a vote at the same time as is the ballot for board elections. If there is a tie, the board decides. We can do this in 2009

e. Write in votes are permitted as long as the individual has worked 50% of events. The board will determine if the write-in person is eligible. - Majority have no idea who they are. Membership is recommended to submit names.

f. A board member and a "volunteer" shall oversee the counting to ensure integrity. - Up to the board. Board feels we should not be involved in the count to ensure integrity of the count. - Leave it with Bruce. If he would like to invite other people to help with the count we can help set that up.

g. the board may make any special awards at its discretion.

We will try this for 2009. Life time memberships will only be voted by the Board.

3.) Membership requirement when working our events - people working before they pay their membership. Set a timetable on when they need to have their memberships paid. - Problem existed previously but should not be an issue going forward.

Note: Past USARM policy is that every member should pay their membership by the second event they work. The event organizer is supposed to collect membership dues in the form of a check or retain membership fees from the reimbursement at the end of the weekend. A completed membership form and the dues are to be sent to the membership chairman immediately following the event. We know there are many members who worked more than half a year in 2008 before it was determined they had not paid membership yet. Will discuss further.

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Recommendation of a Check off list. - Jan to put together notes to send to all for their review and for everyone to add their own working knowledge to the lists. - Jan still working on this. Everyone will put something together.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. GRID**

- a.) Editor issues - Discussed. Mickey Housel has agreed to take over the Grid.
- b.) Electronic mail versus hard copies - Electronic Grid was passed in 2006 with go live in Late 2008. Members without email or who request hard copies will receive hard copies.
- c.) Timely updates for our membership
  - 1.) Minutes - Jan to send minutes to Grid Editor directly.
  - 2.) Earlier approval of the minutes - Jan to email directors within 5 days after board meeting. Jan to review minutes with Ken over the phone. Ken will receive copy through Ted if that's ok with Ted.
  - 3.) Financial reports - financial reports will be sent directly to the Grid Editor by Jan.
  - 4.) Content in the Grid -
  - 5.) Grid review prior to publication? Editor to send to Directors before he sends it out . We will review and reply with our approval within 3 days . Letters to the Editor encouraged . Want to make sure we haven't left anything out. " overview"

2. Corporate Status - Jan and Carl working on this.

3. Elections - Need people who are willing to run for the board. 4 people will run this year. Put that in the Grid.

4. USARM 50th Anniversary - 2009 -  
Carl to send us pictures of hats he is proposing  
Jim to check with Laguna regarding 50th Anniversary T-shirts.  
Jan working to get quotes from Jim Madrid

5. Worker Goodies - We have lots to give away at the AMA.

6. Worker Plaques - Count of number of events. Shall we do a worker of the weekend at all events? We think so. Jan to get an event count. Include all events - Skippy, POC, Russell, Green Flag, Moto-GP, AMA, Etc. Jim to send Carl information how plaque could be designed to have space to add engraved area. Discussed presentation at the event itself or after the fact with name engraved. More discussion needed to resolve.

## **Round Table**

Need more info about the Ozuko Camp .

Admin charges - to ensure we break even on our larger events. More discussion needed.

Email from the driver regarding incident at Laguna Seca - Discussed. Board Member has discussed with the driver.

Next Meeting - October 21st.

**USARM Membership Application/Renewal**  
**P.O. Box 3682, Salinas, CA 93912**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Experience: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Years \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Application: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Address Change \_\_\_\_\_ Update \_\_\_\_\_

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**Emergency Medical Information**

Medication Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies : \_\_\_\_\_ Blood Type: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Notification**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

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USARM dues are \$35.00. All new memberships received after October 31 will apply to the following year. Membership must be paid for in advance before any events are worked. Membership is to be paid to USARM and will **NOT** be taken out of any reimbursement a member receives for a weekend. All membership renewals/new memberships **MUST** submit a completed application with their current information (no matter how long you've been at your current address). Make your check/money order payable to USARM and mail to the address listed above.

I hereby apply for membership in the United States Auto Race Marshals, and agree to abide by its bylaws.

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

For USARM Use:

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Sent? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***2008 USARM Schedule***

October 24-26 <sup>th</sup>	POC Las Vegas –(Outside course)	Dave Jansen
Oct 31 - Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> (FULL) - Wait List Only	Skip Barber Race Weekend Laguna Seca	Kati James
November 14-15 <sup>th</sup>	Russell Races Infineon	Jim Short
November 29-30 <sup>th</sup> Buttonwillow	Green Flag Driving Association	Ron Cowen
December ?? Laguna Seca	Nor-Cal Shelby Club Laguna Bowl	Ron Cowen
December 6-7 <sup>th</sup>	POC Willow Springs	Dave Jansen
December 13-14 <sup>th</sup> (FULL) - Wait List Only	Skip Barber Race Weekend Laguna Seca	Kati James
December 21 <sup>st</sup> Laguna Seca	Green Flag Driving Association	Ron Cowen

## ***2009 USARM Schedule***

January 10-11th Skip Barber Race (FULL) - Wait List Only	Laguna Seca	Kati James
March 7-8th Skip Barber Race Weekend (FULL) - Wait List Only	Laguna Seca	Kati James
March 27-28th Skip Barber Race Weekend (FULL) - Wait List Only	Laguna Seca	Kati James

(Please note this is a Friday/Saturday event – hopefully more people will stay for the banquet) Kati James

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