



The GRID

January 2009



2009 Election Results

Jim Short – 47, Ron Vlastelicia – 46, Chris Vlastelica – 41, Rich Vlastelica – 34, Mike Otell – 29

Applications

Enclosed are both membership and MotoGP event applications. Feel free to fill them out and send them in. You can send MotoGP and membership applications together to Ted Kuwada. His address is on the MotoGP application.

Letter from Green Flag and Shelby Club

The directors received this nice letter from Tom Georgalos in early January. We've been working the Green Flag and Shelby Club events for about 20 years. As you can see the relationship with our organizations continues to thrive not only with Ron and Carl's actions but due to the entire USARM team who work their events. What Tom means by the "brief absence" is that he leaves the event in Ron and Carl's hands so Tom can go race or attend to other needs during the race weekend. He has complete confidence that the right decision will always be made by these two gentlemen.

Thanks Ron and Carl for doing such a great job managing their events! And thank you to all our USARM Members who support these great events. The letter reads :

Green Flag Driving Assoc.
Northern Calif. Shelby Club
January 4, 2009

Directors of USARM
Monterey County, CA

I wanted to just compliment the relationship that we have with USARM and the Green Flag Driving Assoc. As many of you know, I am also instrumental in the workings with the Northern California Shelby Club.

Much of this harmony that allows USARM and GFDA or Shelby Club to operate together reflects on two individuals; Ron Cowen and Carl Sloan.

These two individuals understand how we run our events, the safety at hand, and they are both on the same wavelength when a decision needs to be made in our brief absence.

Keep up the good work; we look forward to a prosperous 2009. Please keep Ron & Carl aligned with both GFDA and Shelby Club.

We appreciate you all.

Sincerely,

Tom Georgalos
Track Chairman

New Post Office Box for USARM

USARM has had a change in the mailing address. Please update your address books with the new address for USARM. The new address is Post Office Box 127 Gilroy CA 95021.

Board Meetings

Board Meetings are regularly scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. At this time the Board Meetings for the remainder of the year should be...

February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th, June 16th, July 21st, August 18th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th and December 15th.

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

Minutes USARM Board Meeting October 21, 2008

Attendees - Jan, Carl, Jim Short, Jim Hileman, Greg
Absent - Ken (pre-arranged)

REVIEW MINUTES - MSP

FINANCIAL REPORT

1.) Review of Financials - back to May if possible - No Financials at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

1.) AMA Review. Went very well. Go-Kart races were the hit of the weekend. Great coverage.

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. - We will hold off for now.

3.) Hats - Low profile with velcro closure is the preferred. We need the written quotes.

4.) Corporate Status - Jan and Carl working on this. Poll the membership to get sources.

5.) Trailer Status - Tires are flat and deteriorated. Motion to get new tires and jacks. Move the trailer to the "semi-permanent" location and then store the tires inside the trailer and only use them during Moto-GP. - MSP - Greg will work on the tires and jacks.

TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1.) By-Laws - come prepared with recommended By-Law changes. - Changes to be sent via email directly to directors for review.

2.) Recommendation on awards from Carl Sloan ...

- a. A candidate for an "annual award" must have worked a minimum of 50% of scheduled events. - Carl is putting together something for us to review. MSP to keep 7 events as minimum
 - b. 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.
- 3.) Board Duties - Need to clarify duties for each member of the board by responsibility, committee and assignments. - Tabled
- 4.) Scholarship possibilities to aid USARM in the non profit status - Board to come up with criteria for the scholarship. Set discussion for another meeting.
- 5.) 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 still working on this.
- 6.) POC - Check for charity needs to be sent.

NEW BUSINESS

1. GRID - Mickey has taken over the Grid. We are moving to electronic Grid this month.
2. Corporate Status - Jan and Carl working on this.
3. Elections - 4 people will run this year. Put that in the Grid.
4. USARM 50th Anniversary - 2009 -
Carl to send us pictures of the hats
Jan checking with Jim Madrid on other quotes
Jim H. to check with Laguna regarding 50th Anniversary T-shirts. Will poll the workers on their recommendations for what to put on 50th Anniversary T-shirt.
5. Worker Plaques - Ron and Carl got a plaque for Phil Glendon who was voted on as worker of the weekend.

Discussion regarding plaques - How do we determine who deserves the award. The workers nominate it and then control gives it out. Event Coordinator has the ultimate decision. Move we table this discussion. Discussion. Original POC WOW award was supposedly paid for by POC. That is not the case. Polling the membership for recommendations.
6. Inventory issue raised by Carl regarding missing equipment and recommended inventory sign-out sheet. Sign out sheet was in the trailer and is now missing. Jim will replace it.

Round Table

Carl recommended to collect votes on the agenda by name - Carl will collect that information. Jan is too busy keeping notes.

Dave Scott address - Dave Scott reimbursement was voted on back in June? we believe. He was not paid by the former treasurer. We will get a check sent to him.

Next Meeting - November 18th.

Minutes USARM Board Meeting November 11, 2008

Attendees - Jan, Carl, Jim Short, Jim H.

Special Guest - Mickey

Absent - Greg, Ken (pre-arranged)

REVIEW MINUTES - MSP

FINANCIAL REPORT

1.) Jim has the check book and will provide an update soon

Special Guest - Mickey Housel to review SSL and website requirements.

We're going green. \$250 for Web-hosting with the SSL certificate. The SSL is a security certificate so folks can change their information online in a secure manner. It allows people to update their contact information. It works between the website and their own computer. It encrypts all the information between the server, the website and the user's computer. MSP

Recommendation to use PayPal to pay for membership. Mickey will set up a membership form to feed to Ted with the membership information. Members do not have to be a member of PayPal to use it. MSP

Reduce Membership. Proposal to reduce membership to \$25 for this year due to economic issues with an expiration date of December 31, 2009. MSP

Need to add the membership dues issue to the by-laws to be discussed and finalized by September each year.

SPECIAL NOTE : Cuckoo Clock went off at 8 PM.

Motion to provide Mickey Petty Cash to do the Grid - Motion to send Mickey \$200 for petty cash. MSP

OLD BUSINESS

1.) Hats - Low profile with velcro closure is the preferred. Moving forward on the hats.

2.) Corporate Status - Poll the membership? Jan and Carl working on this. Carl emailed a CPA who did not have a source. Jan to check with her CPA. Jim sent email to Chico attorney.

3.) Trailer Status - Greg working on this. - No report.

4.) By-Laws - Recommended changes to be sent via email directly to directors for review. - Board members to send information. We will send separately.

5.) Recommendation on awards from Carl Sloan ...

a. A candidate for an "annual award" must have worked a minimum of 50% of scheduled events. - Carl is putting together something for us to review. We MSP to keep 7 events as minimum

b. 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.

Modification to Awards:

1. a member must have worked a minimum of seven events in the year of the award - Already passed.

2 each Board member will nominate one person from that list for each annual award.

a. the same individual(s) may be selected by more than one Board member.

3. a ballot will be electronically transmitted to each active member with a hard copy to those active members who do not have other access.

4. write-in votes from the list of eligible's will be permitted.

5. in the case of a tie, the board will determine the recipient.

6. results will be tabulated by the web master not later than 30 days after the initial mailing.

c. Poll the membership - do they want to vote on the awards or let the board do it.

6.) Worker Plaques - Polling the membership for recommendations? No more worker of the weekend stuff. MSP last meeting.

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

8.) Scholarship possibilities to aid USARM in the non profit status - Board to come up with criteria for the scholarship. - Talk to Corporate Attorney.

9.) Back-up training on how to take over events - Jan still working on this. Need input from other board members. -

10.) POC - Check for charity needs to be sent. - Jim to check the checkbook

11.) GRID - Positive Feedback on electronic email with the link to the Grid online. Need to place reminder in upcoming GRIDS that if a member wants a hard copy they only need to ask.

12.) Elections - 4 people will run this year.

13.) USARM 50th Anniversary - 2009 -

Jan checking with Jim Madrid on other quotes - received

Jim H. to check with Laguna regarding 50th Anniversary T-shirts. Should we poll the workers on their recommendations for what to put on 50th Anniversary T-shirt? Get input from Laguna first before we go out to members.

14.) Inventory issue raised by Carl regarding missing equipment and recommended inventory sign-out sheet. Sign out sheet was in the trailer and is now missing. Jim will replace it. Jim talked to Dave Jansen - equipment was not missing, just not returned to the trailer right away.

Round Table

Kate and Sal are back in California.

The Board thanks Mickey for his input tonight. Great ideas and great feedback.

Next Meeting - December 16

Do you want your voice to be heard?

Send email the Directors at 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.

Minutes USARM Board Meeting December 16, 2008

Attendees - Jan, Ken, Jim H., Jim S., Greg

REVIEW MINUTES - MSP (Moved, Seconded, Passed)

FINANCIAL REPORT - Sent to the Directors and forwarded onto Mickey to put into the next GRID.

Financial Statement December 2008			
Balance November 30, 2008			\$ 21,139.06
Deposits	December 11, 2008		\$3,500.00
	December 12, 2008		\$ 310.00
Checks/withdrawals	w	\$ (3,400.00)	
	c	\$ (2,243.25)	
To deposit		\$ 750.00	
		\$ (5,643.25)	\$ 750.00
			\$ 24,949.06
			\$ 20,055.81

The large deposit of \$3500 was wired to USARM from Skip Barber to pay the workers in cash. Only \$3400 was withdrawn and \$100 was left in the account for equipment fees. The large amount of checks was old bills that were paid including the fees for con calls for a year and web hosting and all that goes with it. As far as I know after the Deposit this Saturday we are caught up.

I do have a bill from a company called Fire Master out of Dallas Tex for what looks like maintenance on 19 fire bottles and 4 new bottles

1.) Review of Financials

Bill from Fire Master was for Sears Point. Approved.

Received Cash for Skip Barber - We are in a cash-only basis with Skippy. They do a wire-transfer to USARM and the funds are withdrawn and passed out to the workers.

Jan scripting letter to Skip for the Wire Transfer fee. - Sent to Jim

OLD BUSINESS

1.) Hats - Low profile with velcro closure is the preferred. Quotes received . Jim will stop by and look at the hats. Jim will come back to us with the volume. Jan to email Jim H the address.

2.) Corporate Status - Carl sent one attorney name. Cost per hour or a flat fee. Jan to check back with the attorney.

3.) Trailer Status - Greg working on this. Jack Stands - Set of 2 for \$20. Tires are fine. Get stands for it. 5 ton stands. Jim and Greg to check with Skip regarding new valve stems and will get the stands for the trailer.

4.) By-Laws - Recommended changes to be sent via email directly to directors for review. - Board members to send information. We will send separately. I will put together the by-law recommendations. Jim and Greg will be willing to help on a committee to work on the by-laws.

5.) Awards - Jan sent question out to the "list" alias.
Lifetime membership - minimum 10 years - 4-5 races a year - Motion to make lifetime memberships unanimous vote by the board - MSP

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. - Talk to Corporate Attorney

9.) Back-up training on how to take over events - Jan working on this. Need input from other board members. -

10.) POC - Check for charity needs to be sent. - Jim will send the \$1,000 check to POC - County day goes to charity and we donate to their charity. POC does a charity event.

11.) GRID - Monthly and ASAP

12.) Elections - 4 people will run this year. 4 and 1 appointed spot.

13.) USARM 50th Anniversary - 2009 - Jim H. to check with Laguna regarding 50th Anniversary T-shirts. Jan to send history to Jim.

NEW Business -

Moto-GP - Add to next Grid and put online. Reimbursement for larger events discussed.
Special USARM gift to Ted for all the work he does. Special USARM gift to Jim Hileman for AMA work.
- MSP

Have the BBQ again at the Moto-GP? MSP to have banquet at the Moto-GP and have same caterer.

Review the fee structure. Review our contract. Send everyone a copy of the contract to review prior to the next meeting.

Did Ted take care of Tri-County bill? We believe he did that with petty cash at the Moto-GP.

Round Table

Camp Ozuko - Motion to give \$500. MSP
Russell finished their season.
Contracts - Russell is fine. No change to contract.
POC Contract - Will they renew?
PCA - Contract - One time deal - no contract this year.
NCRC - We are not doing their events any more
Skip Barber - Contract - Jan to look for copies of the contract.
Jim Hileman - Thank you!

Next Meeting - January 20

End of meeting - 8:36 pm

2009 USARM Schedule

February 7-8	POC (FULL)	Las Vegas Roval	Dave Jansen	Wait List Only
February 25th	Green Flag Driving Association	Thunderhill	Ron Cowen	(FULL) - Wait List Only
March 7-8th	Skip Barber	Laguna Seca	Jim Hileman	(FULL) - Wait List Only
March 21-22	POC	WSIR	Dave Jansen	
March 27-28th	Skip Barber	Laguna Seca	Jim Hileman	(FULL) - Wait List Only (Please note this is a Friday/Saturday event – hopefully more people will stay for the banquet)
April 18-19th	Nor-Cal Shelby Club	Thunderhill	Ron Cowen	
April 18-19th	Russell Races	Infineon	Jim Short	
May 16-17	POC	Cal Speedway	Dave Jansen	
May 9-10th	Russell Races	Infineon	Jim Short	
May 25-26th	Green Flag Driving Association	Laguna Seca	Ron Cowen	
June 5-7	POC	WSIR	Dave Jansen	
June 13-14th	Russell Races	Infineon	Jim Short	
July 3-5th	US Grand Prix	Laguna Seca	Ted Kuwada	
July 3-5th	Nor-Cal Shelby Club Mini Nats 26	Thunderhill	Ron Cowen	
July 11-12th	Russell Races	Infineon	Jim Short	
August 15-16th	Russell Races	Infineon	Jim Short	
August 21-23	POC	Laguna Seca NOT CONFIRMED	Dave Jansen	
September 12-13th	Russell Races	Infineon	Jim Short	
September 19-20	POC	Cal Speedway	Dave Jansen	
September 26-27th	Green Flag Driving Association	Thunderhill	Ron Cowen	
October 17-18th	Nor-Cal Shelby Club	Thunderhill	Ron Cowen	
October 17-18	POC	Buttonwillow	Dave Jansen	
October 17-18th	Russell Races	Infineon	Jim Short	
November 14-15th	Russell Races	Infineon	Jim Short	
November 28-29th	Green Flag Driving Association	Buttonwillow	Ron Cowen	
December ??	Green Flag Driving Association	Laguna Seca	Ron Cowen	
December 5-6	POC	WSIR	Dave Jansen	

Contact information for Event Points of Contact for Schedule:

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 Jim Hileman ftaway@hotmail.com 530-917-0781
 Ron Cowen breracer@sbcglobal.net (831) 394-9405
 Ted Kuwada twkuwada@earthlink.net (408) 848-2820

2008 USARM Board of Directors

			
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USARM Membership Application/Renewal
P.O. Box 127, Gilroy, CA 95021

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 _____

Emergency Medical Information

Medication Used: _____

Allergies : _____ Blood Type: _____

Emergency Notification

Name : _____ Relationship: _____

Address : _____

Phone : _____

USARM dues are \$25. 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 Marshalls, 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: _____



**USARM RACE WORKER APPLICATION
FIM MOTOGP / AMA SUPERBIKES
MAZDA RACEWAY AT LAGUNA SECA
JULY 3, 4, 5 2009**

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MAY 8, 2009

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- * ALL SPACES IN THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED IN.
- * WRITE "N/A" IN SPACES YOU DON'T HAVE INFORMATION FOR.

NAME _____ (one name per application please)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ ALT PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

ARE YOU A CURRENT MEMBER: YES NO (CIRCLE ONE)
(NOTE: YOU **MUST** BE A CURRENT DUES PAID USARM MEMBER WITH A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION **ON FILE** TO WORK THIS EVENT)

WE TRY TO ACCOMMODATE AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN, AS FAR AS TURN REQUESTS GO. BUT YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE. **PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND. WE NEED 92 FLAGGERS, 20 COMMUNICATORS, 136 HANDLERS & NUMEROUS OTHER POSITIONS TO FILL.**

****FILLING OUT THIS APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOU WILL WORK THIS EVENT. YOU WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION IF YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THIS EVENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS FORM OR THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF YOUR BOARD MEMBERS. CONTACT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.USARM.ORG****

(USARM RESERVES THE RIGHT OF FINAL SELECTION FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS FOR ANY & ALL EVENTS)

NAME _____ (Insert your name)

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE _____ T- SHIRT SIZE _____

SPECIALITIES: FLAG _____ COMM/RADIO _____ HANDLER _____

OTHER(LIST) _____

CAN YOU PHYSICALLY PICK UP A MOTORCYCLE ? YES NO

DID YOU WORK LAST YEARS RACE? _____ IF SO WHERE? _____

LUNCH TYPE: REGULAR _____ VEGGIE _____

WHAT POSITION ARE YOU APPLYING FOR? _____

THERE ARE 92 FLAG POSITIONS, 2 AT EACH STATION. A PRIMARY AND A SECONDARY FLAGGER. THE PRIMARY FLAGGER SHOULD BE MORE EXPERIENCED THAN THE SECONDARY ONE. BOTH WILL BE ON RADIO TO RACE CONTROL. THE PRIMARY FLAGGER DOES MOST OF THE FLAGGING. THE SECONDARY FLAGGERS MAIN JOB IS TO RUN THE NUMBER BOARD AND MECHANICAL BLACK FLAG.

THERE ARE 136 RESPONSE POSITIONS, 4 AT EACH STATION. ONE PERSON ON A RADIO TO RACE CONTROL, ONE PERSON WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND TWO HANDLERS (PICK UP AND MOVE DOWNED BIKES TO A SAFE LOCATION). ONE PERSON WILL BE DESIGNATED THE TEAM CAPTAIN.

THERE ARE 20 COMMUNICATOR POSITIONS, TWO PER TURN ON LANDLINE TO THE TOWER.

MOTORCYCLE EXPERIENCE (Please fill out as completely as possible. If needed attach a separate sheet)

EVENT _____ DUTIES _____

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EVENT _____ DUTIES _____

NAME _____ (Insert your name)

TURN # REQUEST

POSITION

1ST _____

1ST _____

2ND _____

2ND _____

3RD _____

3RD _____

DAYS AVAILABLE: FRI(3rd) _____ SAT(4th) _____ SUN(5th) _____
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

WILL YOU BE ABLE TO WORK ALL DAY SUNDAY? YES ___ NO ___

IF THE ANSWER IS NO, PLEASE GIVE REASON WHY _____

THERE IS A WORKERS CAMPING AREA FOR WORKERS ONLY. ANY NON WORKER STAYING IN THE WORKER CAMPING AREA WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE MOTOGP COMMITTEE

WILL YOU BE STAYING IN WORKERS CAMPING? YES ___ NO ___

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK WITH:

WHO WOULD YOU NOT LIKE TO WORK WITH:

(YOUR REASONS ARE NONE OF OUR BUSINESS & WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL)

ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US?
