



TECH TOWN HALL

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- This session will:
 - Be an open forum for scrutineers, stewards, and others to contribute ideas, methods, and best practices
 - Be oriented toward improving tech at road racing events
 - Be informative - rules clarification, procedures, and an opportunity to exchange information.



WHAT IS TECH'S JOB?

- Ensure competitor safety
 - Cars
 - Driver equipment
 - Tech area
- Facilitate competitor compliance with GCR/Supps



Tech practices vary...

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- Region to Region, Division to Division, Track to Track.
 - Use of Tech Sheets
 - Fuel Testing. Who does it? Who doesn't? Why not?
 - Express Tech!
 - Scale operation hours. Friday night?
 - Regional Rules – classes. How to share these rules?



Dissemination of info across the country

Issues and obstacles to communication –

- Geography
- No current National Administrator of Scrutineering
- Elimination of Majors Conference Series Chief Technical Inspectors
- Access to the latest manufacturer data. (BMW Shift lockout)



Dissemination of info across the country...

Why is this important?

Competitors want rules interpreted uniformly across the country!

Not only consistent interpretation, but more compliance. – “They never check that at our races.”



Dissemination of info across the country...

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Ways we communicate –

GCR, monthly editions

FastTrack

Tech Bulletins and Advisories

Log Book Database. <http://www.clubracingboard.com/logbook/> How many are using this?



Ways we communicate – (continued)

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Technical Training sessions

Divisional Spring Training

National Staff webinars. How to navigate the GCR, others.
What is planned in 2019?

Hands on at Region Open House

Hands on at Runoffs

National Convention!



Ways we communicate – continued

Social Media, text, email

Informal communication – tech inspector to tech inspector

Monthly Runoffs Tech calls

(Discuss ways to work between CRB, National, Category Supervisors, Advisory Committees)

How do other specialties communicate and share info?



FUN!

How do we make this stuff fun?

For the Tech staff –

For Drivers and Crew-



RULES CLARIFICATION AND INTREPRETATION +

What do you have questions about?

New GTX Class

SMG into AS

Roll cage checking procedure



What has been protested last year?

List and discuss.

Runoffs?

Results...



How can Tech get better organized?

Tech Plans

Forms/Documentation

Assignments

Meetings

Supplies

Tools

Procedures



How can we help competitors be compliant?

-Know the rules and have the latest information so we can answer their questions.

-Inspect their cars for compliance – post qualifying and post race. Look at their cars for items not on the approved compliance plan. Point things out and suggest they make changes with no penalties.

-Refer them to subject matter experts – Engine builders, prep shops, car constructors. Suggest resources you know might be at the track.

Examples: Starter on SM, Nissan 350Z.



What have we checked? What has been on our Tech plans?

List.



What have we found to be non-compliant?

List.



What have we learned at the Runoffs that can be applied at other races?

List/Discussion



What tools have we developed and used to do compliance ?

SM Compliance Kits.

SM Stall Test Kits.

Whistler

Gear Ratio checker

Class specific tools – from Enterprises



What can Tech do to improve?

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Eliminate Tech! (just kidding)

“TECH IS NOT THE BAD GUY” – Tech helps insure a level playing field.

Attitude! (Customer Service – Steve Pence)

More knowledge and experience

Add more resources – Tech Staff

Recruiting and Retention. What are you doing to get more tech people? What else can we do to get and keep people?

Get more access to internet at race tracks

Get trained

SFI Certification



How can we help other specialties?

Tech Plan to Chief Steward

Check tow hooks

Check correct number, size, on the hood?

Can we eliminate printed tech cards from T&S? How?



Where will Tech be in 5 years?

Electric and Hybrid cars?

Safety equipment? New FIA Helmet standard, Right side nets, safer barrier material on driver side roll cage

What else is new or in the works?



SUMMARY

Today we:

- generated new ideas
- learned new methods
- discovered new sources of information
- shared our expertise

Hope this has inspired you to try something different at your events this year! Let's begin working on improvements for 2019 and our next 75 years!



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THANKS!!!

