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RRB Meeting Minutes

8/3/2026

Call to Order

Zoom meeting called to order on August 3, 2026 at 7:35 P.M. Central by Chair Jessica Toney. Attendees: Bob Sonntag (RRB, RRDC Liaison), Larry Scholnick (RRB, SPDIV RRS, NEC Liaison), Clyde Heckler (RRB, NEDIV RRS), Ed Sain (RRB), Heyward Wagner (RRB, SCCA Liaison), Peter Schneider (SCCA BoD RRB Liaison), Mike Toombs (SCCA BoD RRB Liaison), Charles Hanson (RRB Secretary)

- Charles Hanson distributed the edits of the July minutes on Aug. 3rd. Approved with 5 votes.

Standing Committee Reports

RoadRally Planning Calendar for August was distributed on August 5.

NEC Report (by Larry Scholnick, RRB Liaison)

- Discussion about possible host for 2027 USRRC and the rest of the 2027 schedule, but no commitments have been made. Larry made mention of “our friends in Indiana” referencing the Indianapolis and Southern Indiana Regions represented on the meeting by Charles Hanson and Bob Sonntag, respectively.

RRDC Report (by Bob Sonntag, RRB Liaison)

- The RRDC report was shared prior to the meeting with the expectation that it would be included in the minutes. It is included as an addendum. [Note: In summary the report is highly critical of the RRB, but did not report on any of the RRDC’s current activities or projects. The RRDC report reflects the RRDC’s frustration with the recent changes on how it is to operate relative to the RRB. Those frustrations ripple into the RRDC meetings and what gets attention in them. The frustration is shared by the RRB Liaison to the RRDC and is reflected in the Liaison’s Report summarizing the RRDC meeting.]

A short discussion followed, Jessica Toney mentioned a two hour phone call conducted between herself and Cheryl Babbe last year during which they tried unsuccessfully to come to an agreement on Cheryl’s priorities for the RRDC.

Activity Report (by Ed Sain)

- There have been no National or Divisional events in July, and none are scheduled in August.
- So far this year there have been 61 Regional events, about half of which have been Tours. The remainder were distributed among Course, Trek, GTA, and Social. Since Regional results are not required for sanction purposes there is no good way to obtain information on class distribution. Additionally, class definitions vary at the Regional level.

Old Business

- Incident Reporting System: Heyward started the discussion by stating that there have been no new incident reports from RoadRally, which is good news.
 - A technical bulletin has been posted to the SCCA site addressing Safety Steward responsibilities. Peter suggested sending an email directly to RoadRally Safety Stewards,

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- Regional Executives, and regular RoadRally organizers to ensure that they are aware of the bulletin. Heyward will work with staff to make this happen.
- Heyward suggested incorporating specific safety reminders into participants meetings, planning materials, and event instructions where appropriate with the goal of ensuring that appropriate safety guidance has been communicated before an incident occurs.
 - RoadRally Safety Steward licensing and mentoring requirements need clarification. Heyward explained that documented training / licensing is important from a liability perspective. Bob agreed to circulate a draft regarding the issue.
- There are two divisions that do not currently have an active Divisional RoadRally Steward; Rocky Mountain and Northern Pacific. Jessica volunteered to assume the position for NP Div, and Peter will approach Chris Robbins about taking over the RM Div. The SCCA website will be updated with these changes as they are confirmed.
 - Main Committee / Sub-Committee interaction: The RoadRally Board (RRB) is a Main Committee appointed by the SCCA Board of Directors for the purpose of administering the Road Rally Program of the Club and reporting to the BOD through the BOD Liaisons.
 - In order to accomplish its assignment the RRB has, in turn, appointed two sub-committees of its own; the National Events Committee (NEC) and the Regional Rally Development Committee (RRDC) which report to the RRB through their RRB Liaisons.
 - The NEC is responsible for coordinating the National and Divisional events that are jointly scored to determine the National Champions of the sport annually. They also serve as the principal review committee for revisions to the RoadRally Rules (RRRs) and the RoadRally Rules for Organizers (RFOs).
 - The RRDC was created for the purpose of assisting regions that would like to have a RoadRally program with guidance and assistance when requested. The RRDC came up with the idea of a RoadRally Road Map to provide regions with a basic handbook of what will be required to start a program from scratch. RoadRallies are run, and scored, in Legs (just like golf is scored by holes), so the chapters of the Road Map are called Legs.
 - Rules / Errors and Omissions material has been sent to staff for processing. Included were several membership-related wording changes that will require input from Membership/Program Services. It is hoped that responses will be available by the next RRB meeting in Sept.

New Business

- RRB vacancies: The RRB is allowed to have up to seven members (currently at **six**).
 - Editor's Note: Participants in the sport of RoadRally who would like to contribute to the future of the sport they love are encouraged to consider applying for RRB membership. Submit your interest, along with your qualifications to RRB@SCCA.com
 - By SCCA rules, Larry Scholnick will be leaving the RRB at the end of the year.
 - Bob Sonntag has stated that he does not want to serve another three-year term.
 - Charles Hanson has stated that he does not intend to continue as the acting secretary after 8/31/2026
- Quarterly Zoom: With no specific topics identified, the group agreed that it would be preferable to cancel rather than attempt to assemble an agenda at the last minute.

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- Peter discussed the SCCA program board/committee service agreement that Mike Toombs circulated. Board members were asked to review the agreement and direct questions or concerns to Mike.
- Jessica returned to the subject of the 2027 USRRC. Currently there are no volunteers to host the event and Jessica hopes to be able to announce the 2027 host at the 2026 event in Oct. Two potential host Regions were discussed and members of those regions are pursuing interest from their officers concerning the opportunity.
- Peter reported that the SCCA Board of Directors is looking for the Road Rally Board to develop a **five-year plan** for the program, ideally beginning early next year.
 - Jessica volunteered to lead the effort and proposed a small working group of two or three additional people. Larry and Ed volunteered to join the group. Jessica plans to start an email thread within a week.
 - Heyward encouraged the Board to explicitly define what success looks like for RoadRally and suggested several possible measures.
- Nikki has posted the proposed changes to the RoadRally Championship rules to the SCCA website. Clyde will make a broadcast announcement this week to the members who commented last year reminding them to comment again this year.
- Colorado Adventure Rally should be viewed as a strong example of making Road Rally approachable and enjoyable while creating enthusiasm around the program. Highlights were:
 - Entertainment
 - Discovery
 - Vacation
- **Community & camaraderie:** At least four potential future adventure rally concepts / locations have been suggested. Heyward emphasized the importance of establishing consistent standards before the concept expands too far. Concerns include:
 - Maintaining a consistent participant experience.
 - Establishing expectations for technology/apps.
 - Defining what qualifies as an Adventure Rally.
 - Avoiding a situation where any three-day rally is marketed as an Adventure Rally regardless of format or experience.
 - Moving carefully enough that future events strengthen rather than dilute the brand.
- Heyward mentioned that he has had a conversation with a potential sponsor for future Adventure rallies and that they are interested. Discussions will continue and the RRB will be informed.

Adjournment

- The next RRB meeting is 9/10/2026 at 7:30 P.M. Central via Zoom.
- The meeting was adjourned on 8/13/2026 at 9:33 P.M.

Quarterly Zoom Possible Topics

Topic

Date Added

Date Used

Fastrack® news

official SCCA member notification

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MSR rally registration templates	6/13/2024.....
Jim Crittenden's new GPS rally program	postponed.....
SCCA registration template	1/9/2025.....
RRDC topics – start/promote rallies	2/13/2025.....
Photography/video for rally promotion	2/13/2025..... 4/24/2025
Larry Scholnick's alternative Richta timing log	4/10/2025..... 7/24/2025
Various types of route instructions	5/11/2025.....
Intro to Course/Trap rallies	5/11/2025.....
Route instructions, Word and/or Excel	5/11/2025.....
Who does what?	6/12/2025.....
Game/Tour/Adventure (GTA)	1/8/2026.....

Addendum:

In the interests conserving RRB meeting time, the RRDC Liaison's report was shared earlier on 8/13 (yes, the day after the date in the report) with the RRB via the rrb@scca.com with the understanding the report would be included in the minutes.

Attachments: RRDC Report

Memorandum

To: RRB
From: Bob Sonntag, RRDC liaison to the RRB
Date: 8/12/2026
Subj: August 13, 2026 RRDC Report with concerns about roles, priorities, & workflow

Topic #1: Why the recent & sudden push to change RRB & RRDC workflows?

At the August 6, 2026 RRDC meeting it remained clear that there is significant interest in why there is such a recent & sudden push to change how work flows between the RRB & RRDC. Presumably the same changes apply to the NEC and the NEC's work is a better-defined task.

Answering the *WHY?* is very important to the RRDC members. What's driving the need for this change?

The RRDC would like the RRB to clarify RRB-RRDC workflow changes that have actually been implemented and those still under consideration. Changes of this nature require buy-in by the participants.

I am unable to address those topics clearly or sufficiently. There's RRB discussion, sharing of how things are with other programs, and then no clear answer. Only comments of "that's not how other program boards & committees work." The Solo program with its 12-14 committees is the example mentioned most.

If the RRB, another group, or individual is driving how the RRB, NEC, & RRDC are to interact, I think the RRB, NEC, & RRDC all need to be in the same meeting at the same time to receive

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the same proposal for the new scheme and how it will change the roles and interactions. I would expect the proposal to include an implementation plan with a timeline. A presentation followed by think-time, a Q & A review, and then the decision. Implementation is the last step.

It would be good to include the DRRSs too.

I'm saying "proposal" because all but one of us are serving in volunteer positions. A dramatic change to these positions and how they are to function may lead those involved to reconsider their willingness to serve in the altered environment. Then what? What's the contingency plan?

I don't think we are turning volunteers away now. It's difficult to successfully fire volunteers. It is very easy to push them on to other things.

Topic #2: What's the "official" current state of things?

As things are now, what's expected of the RRDC? Is the RRDC expected to:

- 1) Proactively identify and develop opportunities to facilitate & support Regional programs?
– or –
- 2) Primarily respond to specific tasks assigned by the RRB?

If the latter, then the RRB must SIGNIFICANTLY overcome its history of poor communication and unresponsiveness. This option would greatly increase the RRB's role in guiding the rally program and developing & managing tasks spanning all aspects of the rally program. I'm not sure the RRB has demonstrated that ability or vision.

Topic #3: RoadRally Road Map, Leg 2

Another area of focus at the RRDC meeting was Leg 2 of the RoadRally Road Map. At the last RRB meeting (July 9), the discussion & decision was to ask the RRDC to set the target date for completion of Leg 2. That would be better than the RRB imposing one. Cheryl's answer, on July 11 was:

"Ballpark on RoadRally Map Leg 2 (and Leg 3) is not something I can answer between meetings of the RRDC Team. Were I pressed, I would say prior to the 2027 Convention would be my ideal goal."

The discussion last week on Leg 2 worked around to an RRDC observation that there was no-to-little interest in progress reports on the Road Map until the discussion about how work and tasks are to flow between the RRDC and RRB began.

One RRDC member shared that the Road Map was – and is – an RRDC initiative. Leg 2 is not a trivial effort. If progress on the Road Map is becoming a measure of RRDC productivity or effectiveness, then perhaps the RRDC should table the Road Map and thereby eliminate the many steps of Leg 2 being measure of anything. A tabled Leg 2 would also free resources for things like the flow diagram of membership and waiver requirements for rally events.

There was, well, had been no material comment on the reasonableness or unreasonableness of a convention goal shared until Tuesday evening.

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On August 11, Jessica emailed me to share that “higher-ups” are saying “we need it done sooner” and how to ask for that from the RRDC. That comes a month after no complaints, no comments, and no questions. Seems fair to have assumed the target goal was alright when shared.

Jessica’s email continued that the “higher-ups” prefer before November so that the SCCA BoD could review it before the end of the year. As I write this, there is no further identification of who the “higher-ups” are. November is about 50% less time...and I’m sure Leg 2 is to be without a corresponding 50% cut in expected content or the enabled doubling of the volunteer’s time and attention.

In my August 11 reply to Jessica, I suggested that the “higher-ups” make their pitch for an earlier delivery to the RRDC directly. The direct expression of interest may translate into additional motivation. I have not received a response.

Topic #4: RRDC effectiveness?

The RRDC cannot grow rally programs in regions that do not have at least some existing interest. “Facilitate and support” (RRDC charter), is not “fabricate from nothing.” In the RRRs, page 11, it’s “coordinating and administering the promotion and expansion of the SCCA RoadRally Regional program.”

Asking the RRDC questions like “how many regions have you approached?” is not helpful.

The RRDC has, and will, responded quickly to the few region requests for support it receives.

The RRDC has a real hesitancy to cold-call a region and then answer too many questions, with “we’ll get back to you.” For illustration, working through likely early questions led to noticing the RRSS application required a signature from an individual holding a position that doesn’t exist. Hence, the push from the RRDC to get the RRSS license process clean and aligned with reality.

The RRDC’s exploration of what the DRRSs have been doing led to a proposal from the RRDC to the RRB that was then taken on by the BoD Liaisons and is now proposed as Appendix D to the RRRs, with the DRRS role including more program promotion responsibilities.

The RRB’s lack of response to a January/February email asking if things would continue with a new RRDC leader as they had under the two previous RRDC leaders has not helped.

- The RRB is yet to respond -- unless the discussion of changes to the workflow is to be taken as the answer.
- While the Solo program and its many committees and boards may operate one way does not mean it MUST BE THE way for RoadRally, with just three groups, to operate. (It’s difficult to include the DRRSs as a group. They do not interact as a group. Not to mention that an expired membership was not noticed for 18+ months and there are now two open spots. Let alone last year’s adventure with the unfulfilled SE Division position until Philip Cheshire spoke up thinking he was actually the guy before he was actually the guy.

NOTE: In checking Philip’s spelling and division, I see that former member Paul J Eklund is still listed as the NPDiv steward and ditto for Steve Gaddy who emailed the RRB that

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he was letting is SCCA membership lapse and thus resigning from the RMtnDiv position at the end of May.
<https://my.scca.com/eweb/dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=bcresults&committeecode=DRRS>

Topic #5: Tread carefully, RRB

What has the RRB asked the RRDC to accomplish that has not been addressed?

What does the RRB believe the RRDC should be doing?

The RRDC remains committed to strengthening and expanding Regional RoadRally. The RRDC recognizes that not every idea will be adopted and that the RRB as responsibilities and duties the RRDC does not.

At the same time, the RRDC believes it should be able to identify opportunities, investigate problems, come up with recommendations, and present them to an RRB open to new ideas.

I have serious concerns that the remaking of the workflow relationship between the RRB, RRDC, and NEC will push RRDC members to other areas where they may feel their volunteered time, talent, and effort will offer more reward and appreciation. Their local rally programs come first to mind. I'm sure other areas of interest are readily available too.