

Monthly TRAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 13th, 2007

Northside--Steak and Ale

19 Members attended.

President Steve Horant called the meeting to order.

Secretary Karen Martin read the Minutes from the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Don Cumberland reported that he received 7 checks for \$20 each, for membership renewal.

Past Treasurer, Dick Martin turned over all of TRAC's records and the amount in the bank account is \$3902.03.

There is also \$3183 in our CD account. There were no bills to be paid.

Don opened a checking account for TRAC at M&T bank, choosing that one because of the convenience of many locations.

Tech Session:

Fourteen people attended the November 10th tech session of carburetor maintenance and overhaul in Dick Martin's garage. Work was done on Buzz Warrens and Mark Schmall's cars. Seven of the people were new faces at a TRAC event. All thought the session, led by James Meechie, was very informative. James told the attendees at the November meeting that if anyone had questions concerning their carburetors, he would be glad to answer them. The next tech session will be at Barry Shuster's and will be on fabrics, interiors and convertible tops. The date will be announced.

Winter Dinner:

TRAC's Winter Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 26th, 2008 at the Sparrows Point Country Club. It was voted and approved to give a \$25 subsidy for each member and a guest, from the actual cost of \$60. It was voted and approved to pay the disk jockey \$275, and increase of \$25 over last year's cost. After checking with other disk jockeys, this price was found to be reasonable. Ben Heller will head a committee to handle who will qualify to receive Club Awards at the dinner. Don had suggested emailing tickets to dinner attendees, but it was decided an email detailing information would do as well.

Al Schmall Award

An award to honor Al Schmall was approved by the previous Board of Directors, but criteria was

never established. The new is discussing various ways to honor Al; one suggestion was to make a donation to charity in Al's name. The particulars will be discussed and decided on at a later date.

New Business:

Starting in 2008, TRAC will hold a January meeting (January 8th), which has not been the case in the past years. It will give people the opportunity to pay for their dance tickets.

Brits By the Bay:

Larry Allen and Mark Schmall agreed to co-chair BBTB 2208, which will be held on October 18th, and hopefully will be held annually on the third Saturday in October. Dick Martin met with Ranger Rick Holt and while the park could not guarantee that date every year, they can "pencil" it in each fall, and if it does not conflict with a "county event", we can have the date. Members said that date will be a great way to "close the car show season" and will give us many opportunities to publicize BBTB at all of the other car show.

Point System

Steve Horant proposed a "point system" where members would accrue points for participation in various events, meetings, etc., with a reward for the member with the most points at the end of the year. There was much discussion on this, with some members opposed to it, and others wanting more information. Don Cumberland said he had tried to implement such a plan, but members weren't interested. Steve will give a full report his thoughts about how the plan could be implemented and what the "reward" would be at the next meeting. It was suggested to get more details and see how members feel about it.

Topless Drive:

Steve Horant discussed having an overnight drive to Skyline Drive, possibly in early June. It is about a three hour drive. Members said they would like to have more information on the drive.

Upcoming Events:

James Meechie will chair the Hounds and Hare event.

Chris Horant will chair the Poker Run and he and James would like two trainees to work with him.

Summer Picnic:

There was discussion over changing the date of the summer picnic because August is extremely hot, and this should be presented to the Board. The picnic has always been held in August to celebrate the month that TRAC started.

Steve Horant has arranged for the Sunset Restaurant and Steak and Ale to give TRAC a monthly gift certificate (alternating between restaurants) which will be raffled off at each meeting. The purpose is to encourage "north side members" to attend south side meetings and vice versa. Scott Debow won the Sunset gift certificate.

Steak and Ale will give us menu options for ordering at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM