

## November Board Meeting Minutes

By Jeff Cowan

Interruptions by Chris Webber

November 14, 2007

Round Table Pizza

Board members in attendance: Mike Mills, Mark Dadgar, Kelly Collins, Jonathan Bensen, Jeff Cowan, Tammi Hull (eventually).

Board members not in attendance: Chris Webber.

*My apologies to those who were hoping for Chris's witticisms. He'll be back next month. ~ JC*

*(Oh, he's back right now, reviewing these here minutes, baby. Let the witticising commence! ~ CW)*

Members in attendance: Chu Chiang, Mike Zampiceni, Terra Conlon, Percy Chow, Alan Macias.

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Membership Report:

- Club Sportiva (an exotic-car time-share type company) contacted us back in September about extending an offer to our members. Cowan has replied to their email but so far, no response.
- Habitat for Humanity event has happened, Cowan is waiting for a report and possible *Bombe* story.

*(Aw yeah! That story had BETTER be the Bombe! I mean, what's the point of writing up a story if it isn't going to be the bomb? I mean, it's got to be so bomb, it's bomb dot COM, yo! ~CW)*

- Area Rep Report:
  - East Bay: Chow is tracking an idea at Tommy T's Comedy Club, a possible event at the San Ramon Golf Club (that would involve golfing). There is also a possible detail clinic with P & S Sales, a national manufacturer and distributor of industrial-strength auto-detailing supplies
  - San Francisco: Ken Glidewell is working on various drive ideas and possible Formula-1 viewing events.
  - No other area rep updates to report.

Social Events Report:

- o SF Moma event scheduled for December 2 to see the BMW Art Car.
- o Canepa Design tour scheduled for February 23, 2008.
- o Working with Kris Linquist. to tour Jacques Littlefield's military tank exhibit in Los Altos Hills. We're waiting for a date from the folks that run the tours. They're pretty booked up.
- o Winter Party:
  - Mills will be contacting *Bombe* advertisers for raffle prizes.
  - It was noted that there was a misprint in the *Bombe* on the Winter Party ad. The title text for some reason did not appear. (*Webber has a sneaking suspicion that the text didn't appear because it wasn't printed. However, it could have been, you know, really really small print. Or printed in white, on a white background. Maybe it was printed very lightly, and so you had to really squint to see it. You know, there could have been a lot of reasons, but Occam's razor says that you have to shave off the things that make you look stupid, like handlebar mustachios, or excessive back hair. Or something like that.*) We don't know what caused this, (*had Webber been at the meeting, we would have gotten to the bottom of this. Webber loves a mystery. Webber has begun referring to himself in the third person. Webber is embarrassed, and a little carried away.*) waiting for Kelly Kirkland to hear back from the printer.
  - All other planning details are well in hand.
- o Formula-1 2008 televised events at BMW of SF. Mills to follow up with contact at BMW SF.
- o The city of Campbell is holding their first all-German car show next year on October 19 in conjunction with the city's Oktoberfest celebration. Cars 25-years and older are welcome.

*(They should call it Smogtober-fest 2008 ! Come on! That's hysterical. You laughed a little, you know it. Greenies. ~CW)*

- o Festorics team is recommending some changes for 2008 event.

#### Driving events report:

- o Autocross season is now complete. Classification system is going through annual refinements for 2008 season. Dates for 2008 are being planned.
- o Car-control clinic organizers are hoping to increase number of events to five, plus a Street Survival School. It takes volunteers to pull that off—lots of them. Bob Goebel and Dadgar are discussing the possibilities.

- The last Club Race of the year was at Buttonwillow. We are exploring opportunities with NASA.

*(Apparently Buttonwillow was good, but an outer-space race would be just so much more exciting. Oh wait, you mean the OTHER NASA. Shoot! Space has so much more runoff room than the local tracks.)*

- High-Performance-Driving-School Report
  - November Infineon event was spectacular—a sold-out event. The team did a nice job bidding farewell to long-time chief -driving instructor Bruce Nesbit. Advanced-passing rules was successful.
  - We have dates locked for 2008 events. A January Laguna school confirmed, and a possible second date at Laguna on the horizon.
  - A process is being put in place to handle tasks formerly managed by Nesbit.
  - We helped the Sierra chapter run their first track event at Fernley Raceway in Nevada.
- Dealer presentation – Dadgar will follow up with Stevens Creek BMW.
- Treasurer Report:
  - Still trying to collect receivables. Hull is forever optimistic this will get resolved before we have to write it off. In spite of receivables issue, our chapter is still in a good financial state, and better than when Mills first took over.
  - Q3 financials still need to be posted to the website.

#### Secretary Report:

- Webber not in attendance. *(And the meeting was so short! ~ CW)* Collins informs us that the BMW-Sauber tech session event is January 4, 2008 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.. Event is nearly sold out and a wait list will be formed. *(Wow! Awesome! ~CW)*

#### Communications Report:

- Web status: Joomla software being implemented by Chow. Dadgar and Collins will manage after site is launched. Targeting February 2008.

#### Vice President Report:

- Banks are not willing to refinance our chapter truck out of Bensen's name. Mills exclaims, once again, that a solution needs to be found.
- Waiting for Goebel's recommendations on improvements in the VIP program.

#### President report:

- We have a new merchandise vendor, Charlton Commerce. They focus on embroidered apparel for clubs, associations, and businesses. (*Charlton!?! The geeky kid from "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air?" Alfonso Robero is hilarious! I loved him on "Silver Spoons" with Ricky Schroeder. Ah Charlton. Er, no. Carlton. Oh, hell. Never mind. ~CW*)
- Election update: over 50 votes, and counting. This is a record turnout!

Meeting is adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

*(Thanks, Jeff, for taking notes! ~CW)*