

# SVTOA Meeting Minutes

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| <b>Meeting Date:</b> | May 11, 2006 – 7:00 pm |
| <b>Location:</b>     | Dixie Ford             |

**In attendance:** Iain, Bert, Nigel, Richard, Ron, Mary, Kelly, Sylvester, Stacey, Ron W, Laura, Stuart, Andy S.

- We welcomed everyone and introduced our newest member, Ron W. – Black Mach 1 owner

## New Business

- We reviewed some club information
- Since there have been a lot of new members we reviewed some important information to refresh everyone's minds and to make sure that the newer members are aware of some important information.
- A brief history:
  - We are an incorporated Not-for-Profit Corporation and it is the directors and officers responsibility to
    - Ensure proper compliance with all legislation relating to corporate matters, tax issues and privacy concerns and much more
  - Directors Ted, Laura and Iain
  - Officers are Ted, Laura, Iain, Ron, Mary and Andy
  - We are sponsored by Ford with oversight from SVTOA National
  - necessary to comply with Ford and SVTOA National requirements
  - This is what makes us different than other clubs
  - In addition to the legal obligations we must follow both Ford and SVTOA national require that we meet specific standards of conduct and it is the responsibility of the directors and officers to ensure those standards are met

## Privacy Issues

- Privacy issues are a major concern. It is important that we comply with the privacy legislation requirements to ensure the privacy of our membership personal information
- The Board will be meeting to discuss our current Privacy Policy and ensure that it complies with the legislation and make any necessary changes
- Until the new policy is finalized, there will not be any further membership lists provided
- If you wish to contact another member, send your request to the chapter director/membership coordinator and it will be forwarded on to the member you wish to contact

## Membership Lists already in circulation

- Cannot stress more how important it is to keep that information confidential, it cannot be copied or emailed to anyone
- If you are sending out an email to other members when there are non-members included in that email, members email addresses **must not show on the email** – use bcc feature on email
- If you have an email that you wish to send to all the members it should be done through the chapter director to ensure consistency and professionalism when communicating to our members, confidentiality of information, and will also include all the members as there may be some not included on the list or those who do not have email.

## Releases

- There is a new of adult and minor release/waivers that we will be using
- ensure that next time you are required to sign one you read it over so that you know what you are signing
- A copy of it will be posted on the website if you wish to review it
- Releases/Waivers must be signed for ALL driving events which are SVTOA functions (there could be exceptions to this). That includes events that we are driving too as a group of SVTOA members, on

- track, cruises, road rally, autocrosses etc. - Any event where wheels are turning a release is required.
- Releases/Waivers are required to be executed by every adult in attendance including guests and if a minor is present a waiver executed by the parent or guardian
- Failure/refusal to sign a release/waiver will mean you cannot participate with SVTOA in that event
- This is an insurance requirement

### **Chapter Leadership Training**

- Event that National used to hold
- We will be doing our own version
- Chance for everyone to join us learn all the details of the chapter, why and how things are done, what is required of a chapter director, officer etc.
- Chance to discuss ideas on various topics and lots lots more
- Great chance to really see the inside of chapter operations
- AND of course, there will be some fun time as well
- Details will follow later on this year
- IT WON'T BE BORING!!!! But fun and interesting and will make your membership experience even better.
- Even if you are not interested in working as a chapter director or officer this event is still for you lots for you to learn and do

### **Cruise**

- Thanked those who attended had some new faces as well
- Had 10 cars in attendance
- One concern – received complaints that speed was a bit of an issue – will be addressed for the next cruise

### **Niagara Show**

- Show was good
- Could become an annual event

### **Reviewed Survey Results**

- Results will be posted on the website
- Overall seemed positive
- Participation idea to get more members involved
  - Have a spokesperson from 4 groups who is not currently a board member, All Mustangs, All Contours/including SHO, All Focus including Mazda P5, and All Trucks including Rangers
  - That spokesperson would be responsible to bring information about their groups vehicles, whether it be technical information or things specific to that group, event ideas/activities and present the information to the board for an upcoming meeting
  - The idea is to get new people involved in the club and also to add variety of topics to meetings and events that may not otherwise get included
  - This will help ensure that all the members feel part of the club and gives them a voice
  - This is a pilot project and we will see if we can make it work and make it grow if possible.

### **Incentive Program Reminder:**

- Attend 6 events in the year and get a free hat or t-shirt (only one item per person)
- We showed our new hats
- End of the year there will be a recognition awards given to the top 2 members who attend the most events

### **AGM**

- Thanked everyone for attending
- Was very successful
- Merchandise has been ordered, extras have been ordered speak to Laura or Iain for details
- Should be available within 2 weeks

## **Q & A**

- A comment was made about the new magazine. Many were not happy with it
- Laura explained that they are just getting the magazine up and running and have some great plans in store for the magazine. It won't be the same as it was but it will get better.
- There will be member input again and also events listings as well.
- The first SVT Enthusiasts magazine was only a few pages long and didn't really have much information in it.

## **Events:**

- Discuss recent upcoming events
  - May 13 Dyno day at DaSilva Racing
    - \$45 for 2 pulls + \$15. for air/fuel
    - 9 am – 12 pm-ish
  - May 27 Drag day at St Thomas
    - still waiting on further details from LAMC
    - 9 am – 12 pm-ish
  - June 2 –4 Carlisle – Andy is going and he said he would write something about the event
  - June 8 – monthly meeting
  - June 11 – GTAMC BBQ –
  - June 18 – LAMC BBQ –
  - June 21 – First official Maplevue Meet for SVTOA-Toronto
  - July 15 – Club BBQ discussed briefly how it all works

## **Saving fuel discussion:**

- Discussed article.
- To see article you can go to [www.carcarecanada.com](http://www.carcarecanada.com) and go to car care articles [Save dollars and the planet by rethinking what you drive and how.](#)
- Discussed other ways to save money on gas as well

## **Other Matters:**

- Hand out certificates to those members who were not at AGM but at the meeting

Adjourned meeting