

356CAR Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Kim at 6:30 via Zoom.

Members present were Kim Nelson, Mike Gabbard, Barney Speckman, Craig Chu, Dana McDaniel, Elaine Cannon, Mike Terzich, Tom Sansone and Steve Stiles. Board Member not in attendance: Larry Anderson. Also attending were non-voting members Bob Cannon, Jack Banville and Kathy Sansone. Jim and Tina Lauer were also in attendance. A Quorum was present for the meeting.

Minutes from the August 7, 2024 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

2025 First Quarter 356CAR events: Barney

In our February 2025 meeting, we will focus on planning for the new year. Barney will get his committee working on this for the Feb meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2026 North Meets South Plans: Jim and Tina Lauer.

Jim and Tina will be chairing the N/S event again and want to explore the Embassy Suites in SLO. Management at the Suites were difficult to deal with in 2024 but Joy is willing to coach from afar. Bob has some reservations about the venue. Tina and Jim agree and want to explore other venues. We need a venue with more than 120 rooms and with banquet facilities for at least 300 people. Pismo Beach, Paso Robles are possible locations as well as Cambria Pines. The Embassy Suites seems to meet all our needs in spite of the problems. Jim and Tina will begin this process by exploring the Suites rates for 2026.

Accident and Release of Liability Form: Mike Gabbard

The development of this Release of Liability form has been in the works for several months. Mike has consulted several others for their input. This is not an all encompassing form from a legal standpoint and it is designed to protect members in the Club with a level of "deterrence". The form is designed to be signed at each event including breakfast meetings tech sessions and other Club activities when held at a Club member's property. It's written in plain English. There is no perfect wording but an article in the next newsletter outlining the need for the form may help Club members understand the need and intent.

Motion to approve the use of the form as presented was offered by Barney. Elaine seconded. Approved unanimously by the Board.

2025 Gathering of the Faithful: Barney

Wine and Roses in Lodi is a strong venue possibility. Bill Hinkle is gathering the details. Maybe in October 2025. The Grand Island Mansion is also a possibility. We will survey the membership in an email blast, to see if they have a preference, before a final decision is made.

Car Events:

Sacramento: Jack Banville is working on the planning for several more events: More guys are interested in doing some work on their own cars so Jack is exploring more “hands on” tech sessions.

Tech Session: Carbs tech session by Paul Frame at Kim Nelson’s garage on November 2nd. It was well attended and lots of information shared by Paul and those in attendance.

Foothills Drive: Jack has been working on a few ideas. A drive designed by Donal Smith which ends with lunch at Poor Reds is in the works for a mid-week event.

A tech session at Reinhardt’s re: transmissions is also in the works.

Sacramento Breakfast Meetings schedule for 2025: Kathy Sansone

Kathy presented the list of breakfast meetings in 2025 and their locations. We still have two months which have not been claimed.

We will begin the year, January and February, at the CAM. March will be at Shriner’s Hospital. April will be at Tom and Kristi Besemer’s in Grass Valley. May is still open. June will be in Lake Wildwood at Annette and Fred Huberty’s home. July will be at Elaine and Bob Cannon’s home. August is still open. September will be at Jim McMahon’s home. October will be hosted by Brenda and Mike Terzich. Kathy and Bob Murray will host in November. The December meeting will probably be replaced by the Xmas party at Rachel and Kim’s.

Monterey Breakfast Meetings: Steve Stiles:

Saturday breakfast meetings are becoming larger with more in attendance. Drives after the breakfast are popular. About 25 attend.

Bay Area: No report.

BOARD REPORTS:

Treasurer: Elaine Cannon

Elaine submitted her report to the Board via email. We reviewed the report at the meeting. The Club’s financial position is strong. We are still trying to sell off the SWAG from North South. Kathy Sansone is helping with this.

The West Coast Holiday made money. 356CAR will get back some of the sponsorship money we advanced for the event.

Advertising: Mike Terzich

Renewals went out in October. This is the time of year we remind advertisers to renew their ads. Trevor Works is a new advertiser. Some sponsors require an invoice so Mike sends them out.

Club Membership: Dana McDaniel

Current membership status report sent to the Board by Dana. We have 277 members and 201 co-members. 64 have not renewed and are expired. 3 new members have joined since the last report. The Board is willing to help by sending out emails.

Insurance/Elections: Mike Gabbard

Details on this issue are listed above.

Historian: Craig Chu

Craig plans to add to the photo display using current events and photos. He wants photos from the events to add to the list. Craig received some positive feedback on the "In the Rearview Mirror" column in the newsletter. Craig is publishing some articles which have been in previous newsletters.

Web Site: Bob Cannon

The list of service shops are now on the web site. If there are any additions, let Bob know.

Newsletter: Elaine

Elaine is always looking for photos and stories about our activities as well as the breakfast meetings. Please forward your copy to her for consideration.

The meeting ended at 8:10pm.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Minutes Submitted by Tom Sansone, Secretary