

SLALOM COMMITTEE REPORT
2007 AGM Houston
By Steven Weinstein, Chair

The 2006 season ran well, with few if any problems. Participation continues to grow, with several clubs running slaloms for the first time, expanding the number of clubs participating.

The season also saw a record breaking performance. On August 13, 2006, Karen Jones drove a modified Series 3 E-type to a new North American record of 38.390 seconds. This performance smashed the record previously held by Gary Hagopian. We are anticipating a possible head-to-head competition this coming year at the Jaguar Challenge Championship in Indianapolis, as Gary and Karen have indicated that they plan to attend. And if prior record holder Art Dickenson shows up, as well as contenders Dick Maury and Jim Anderson, the competition could be hot and heavy. The year 2007 should be a good one for slalom competition.

We had no problems with regard to the rules or issues related to how slaloms are run in 2006. Also, no protests were filed and no complaints were received by the committee. However, we continue to have a problem regarding shared JCNA numbers and how they are entered in the scoring system. The problem manifests itself in several ways. If a husband and wife, for example, compete in a slalom and both are entered under the same number without the required differentiator being added to the number, only the fastest of their times shows up. The slower time is not shown in the national standings. A second problem arises when they compete together and their times are properly recorded using the added letters, but one or the other has competed in another slalom event and only his/her JCNA number was entered. Then we end up with three times showing up in the scoring system for two people. Hopefully, this issue can be resolved. We encourage all those running slaloms to look at this issue when entering results in the automated system on the JCNA website.

A related problem exists with regard to how membership and shared numbers are defined. The JCNA by-laws define a family membership as husband and wife. Questions have arisen regarding unmarried couples or, potentially, same sex couples, and whether they will be allowed to share a number, as well as parents and children. A proposal to modify the definition of "member" under the JCNA by-laws is being presented at the AGM and hopefully that will resolve these issues.

This year, because of changes in the rating of helmets and authorization by some sanctioning bodies that eliminated the use of Snell 95 and earlier helmets, the Committee revisited the issue of the use of helmets in JCNA slaloms. Most sanctioning bodies in auto racing are requiring Snell SA2000 auto racing helmets, or newer starting this year. The Chair contacted J.C. Taylor, our insurance carrier, and was advised that it did not

have a requirement for the use of helmets for sanctioned slaloms to be covered under the existing policy. In order to make affordable helmets available to participating clubs, the Committee has proposed to revise the rules to allow any helmet rated Snell 95 or newer, including SA and M (motorcycle) helmets to be used in JCNA slaloms. The main difference between SA (auto racing) and M (motorcycle) helmet is the use of Nomex fire resistant linings in the SA helmets. Protection from impact is the same for both types of helmets. The Committee recommends approval of this proposal by the AGM and that it be made effective for the 2007 competitive season.

Lastly, there is a continuing problem with representation on the slalom committee. Despite repeated requests, the Regional Directors for North Central have not provided any names for potential members of the slalom committee. That spot remains vacant at this time. And Rod Winegarner has indicated that he does not want to continue to participate, so a nomination will be required from the Southwest Region as well. Although no nomination was ever received from the South Central Regional Directors, that spot was filled when Dave Belanger, JCOH, responded to a request by the Committee Chair and volunteered to participate on the Committee. Art Dickenson from the Northwest Region, Ginger Corda from the Southeast Region and Steve Weinstein from the Northeast Region continue as members of the Committee. Steve Weinstein continues to serve as Chair, subject to the wishes of the President elected at the upcoming AGM.