

Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing Corporation, CVAR
Minutes of Board of Directors (BoD) Special Meeting
Thursday, 7 November 2024
Zoom Call

1. Attendees:
 - Danny Piott – President
 - Chris Kellner – Vice President
 - John Strnad - Treasurer
 - Steven Schultze - Secretary
 - Steve Coleman - Authenticity
 - David Lee - Board member at large
 - Colby Lemmons – Board member at large
 - Tom O’Grady – Board member at large
2. Call to order: The meeting was opened at 5:30 pm by Danny Piott.
3. Steven Schultze presented the Steering Committee recommended vision. This included recommendations to achieve the vision, background on how this vision was brought forth, and results of the survey. Steven Schultze and Steve Coleman answered questions on the committee’s recommendation. Steering Committee Vision Proposal attached to these minutes.
4. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Steven Schultze, Secretary

Steering Committee submission to the Board (October 2024)

The committee charter: The purpose of this committee is to develop a 3-5 year vision for CVAR. The vision is intended to develop strategic direction and facilitate planning efforts. It will serve as a document for CVAR Board members, aiding in their decision-making processes and in the establishment of priorities. It will assist in alignment of efforts with achieving the objectives of CVAR, as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Recommended Vision:

CVAR's vision for 2025-2027 is to explore and implement opportunities that enhance membership experiences. To support this vision, we will focus on two primary goals alongside our current offerings:

1. Enhance membership engagement and participation while steering the club toward long-term sustainability.
2. Be proactive in our relationships with other vintage racing organizations to coordinate event scheduling, explore rules alignment and define vehicle eligibility and rules for the future.

Recommendations of the committee for the Board to consider for application are the three areas listed. More information on the committee and information gathered and looked into to come to these recommendations is shared below these recommendations.:

1. CVAR's current rules and accepted cars should be more aligned with those written and/or accepted by other vintage racing organizations.
 - a. Based on membership input, consider the expansion of the cutoff year and accepted cars.
 - b. Consider a committee to proactively review and update CVAR's rules to more closely align with other vintage organizations. Recognize that our rules Change Process is, by design, narrowly focused to correct specific issues and may ignore a larger big-picture update.
 - c. Consider adopting a more open approach to rule change proposals when they are closely aligned to other vintage organizations.
2. Membership involvement and participation to spur growth, retention, and involvement of new members along with unique or enhanced member experience both on and off track.
 - a. Robust membership involvement and volunteering is critical to accomplish the wide array of tasks and duties necessary for the ongoing success of the club. Those duties requiring more extensive time should be considered for travel stipends or discounts to events.
 - b. Create an outreach program in local communities to get CVAR's name and experience shared. Examples include Cars and Coffee or social events.
 - c. Mentorship programs for new drivers to the club. This is for students and all new visitors coming to our events to race.

- d. Gatherings and socials during the race weekend outside of the on-track times. Non-race weekend socials in localized areas to bring the CVAR members together.
- 3. Stable and affordable race schedules with continued and mutually beneficial relationships with tracks.
 - a. Coordinate schedules across organizations.
 - b. Closer relationships with other nearby, regional vintage race clubs. This includes joint events and marketing activities.

The committee members were Steven Schultze, Steve Coleman, Bob Kramer, Jeff Garrett, and Elliot Barron. The committee held group discussions, reached out and interacted with individual members for input, and conducted a member survey (with 112 responses) to assist in the development of the recommendations. Below are the areas the committee saw as possible objectives to develop and the survey to assist in how we arrived at the recommendation above.

Focused areas. As we completed the discussions, we developed a top six priority list to then take to membership for their input on specific areas, not listed in an order of priority:

1. Robust membership participation (including a culture of volunteers)
2. Stable, affordable race schedules
3. Stable, mutually beneficial relationships
4. Relevant vintage car classes and car preparation rules
5. Add significant value and satisfaction through unique event experiences
6. Create awareness among potential members

Here are some of the committee’s thoughts on these and additional items:

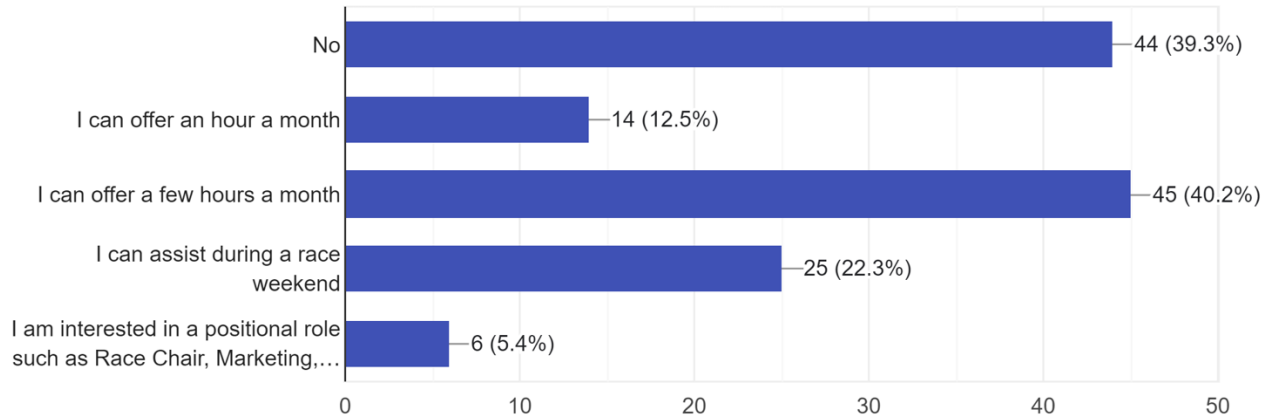
Objective	Activity
<p>Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Create awareness among potential members (car people? Racers?) · Outreach to students and potential members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Market through media and special events · Messaging at car shows and other venues · Develop communication strategies to keep members informed and involved · Define specific outreach activities to convert students to members
<p>Partnership with other vintage clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Closer relationships with other, nearby, regional vintage race clubs · Coordinated schedules · Common vintage race classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Create ambassadors to work with RMVR, VSCDA, HVR, HSR, SVRA? · Create joint events and possibly joint series · Develop joint marketing activities

<p>The Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Add significant value and satisfaction through unique event experiences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Diversify race types and formats* · Host special events and invited groups* · Create big event weekends · Host dinners, group get-togethers, and annual banquets · Collect feedback to ensure activities provide significant value to members
<p>The Cars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Relevant vintage car classes and car preparation rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Revise car preparation rules to reflect current vintage racing trends · Allow newer/different vintage car classes for inclusivity and relevance · Modify group formats to accommodate new car classes
<p>The Venues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Stable, affordable race schedules · Stable, mutually-beneficial relationships with tracks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Elevate relationships with tracks * · Secure permanent race dates for named events · Develop a long term plan/budget to afford COTA
<p>Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Engaged community · Spirit of camaraderie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Recruiting more volunteers from membership · Define volunteer roles *
<p>Mission and Vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Coherent and sustainable vision for the next 20 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Refine and clearly define and communicate the mission statement to reflect current and future club goals · Communicate the updated vision to the membership · Ensuring the vision and mission attract a younger generation of racers
<p>Sustainable vintage racing organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Financial and operational sustainability · Robust membership participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Creating a long-term plan for budgeting and funding ·

Survey results from 112 members:

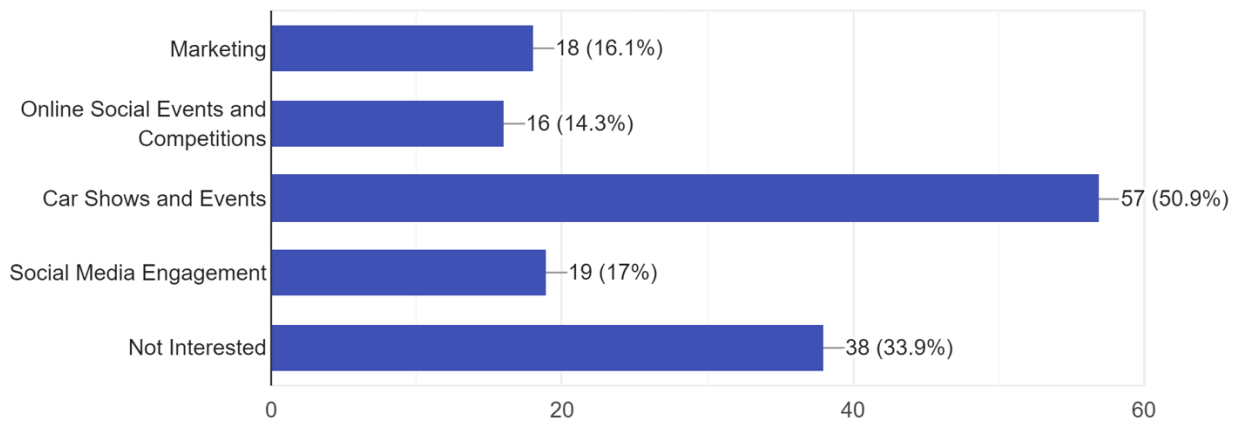
The club seeks volunteers to help with race weekends and ongoing operations, which vary in time commitment. Would you be interested in volunteering? They may contact you. Select one or more answers.

112 responses

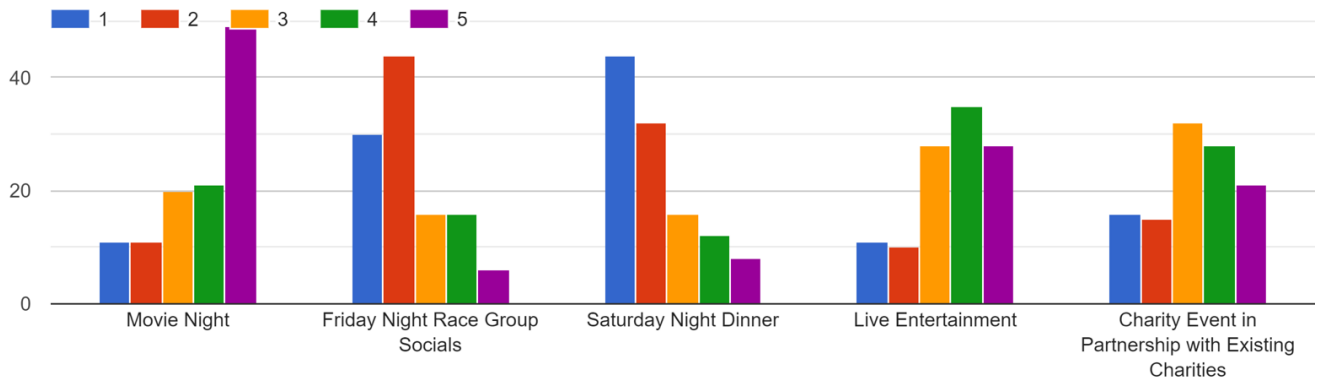


Would you be interested in helping attract new members through any of the following activities? If you're interested, your information will be shared with the Board for follow-up. Select all that apply.

112 responses



How can CVAR enhance the value and excitement of individual race weekends? Please rank the following options from 1 (most preferred) to 5 (least preferred). Note: You ... of the same number will not let you complete the survey.



What other activities should be considered to add value and excitement to a race weekend?

Update rules / add run groups to attract newer cars and younger drivers
 Lunch time ride arounds for spectators. \$20 donation to charity for two laps.
 Slow lapping at lunch
 SWAG merch
 Special/different races on Sunday or Friday afternoon. Run hallett backwards at least once a year....
 not sure
 Car shows and events as part of the weekend based around special guests and special guest cars. One of the things that attracted me years ago was you never knew who (Burt Levy) or what cars (Shadow or Can Am car) might show up that weekend.
 Burger and hot dog cooking for all the volunteers by the drivers.
 The single largest issue facing our club is the implementation of silly rules such as protests and the authenticity clock. Adopt rules that are consistent with other adjacent clubs such as VSCDA.
 Vintage car club affiliation on certain weekends, with track touring for a fee at lunch to fund a charity.
 Do what Goodwood is doing. Make it a big event that people who aren't racing can still have a ton of fun at
 Potluck Pitwalks- Everyone brings some finger foods and hangs out in their pits
 Live race streaming similar to what SVRA does. Maybe with a school partner for them to use as a credited class project to minimize any costs to CVAR
 need more race cars at the races
 Educational events of racing skills
 Food truck with breakfast and coffee, tire vendors have a car show at each venue inviting local car clubs, with track tours at lunch time. Beer and wine for competitors workers and guests for a

limited time when the track goes cold to start conversations with potential new members and bonding within the club.

A raffle

I think most people are already doing what they want when not racing. Many people hang out together. I do wonder if others may want to race RC cars at night.

Live entertainment could be story teller or known guest speaker

Not sure

informal membership meeting, town meeting style

Things that make it more exciting for my family to attend [food trucks, music, other activities (e.g. go cart racing)]. It would also be great to attract more spectators to watch the racing. More people = more fun.

Invited run groups (Allard, FJ, FF, Trans-am)

Pit Girls

special race events like blue flag, endurance, combined groups, reverse course

Change the format of some of the races like you are doing (blue flag special), reverse the direction, etc.

Social games or tournaments, i.e. cornhole

Class / Race Winners hat, t-shirt, cheap trophy, neck medallion, like SVRA hand outs. I have several from SVRA fun to have in my office for friends to see

None

Have an experienced driver/instructor show best line around a track using video.

Have each group grill burgers or ? on different Friday night as a mixer between groups so member will get to know fellow racers and workers. Offer worker rides at the end of Friday test & tune.

It might be fun to have someone call the races live over the radio. Play by play type of thing
none

tech sessions.... i.e. tire selection, suspension setup, tuning, etc.etc.

blue flag special

Podium awards

professional race driver/racing related celebrity talk/instruction, vintage race car prep.

Sponsorships to get more spectators

I am very new so I am not sure about a lot of this.

Track walk

skid pad tour. Pro lap tour.

can't think of anything

Youth & Vo-Tech tours & involvement during race weekends

the drifting ridealongs at ECR seemed pretty popular.

Race group socials

The points system does not work well for group 3 because it is a single-class group.

I would be agreeable to allowing any race worker drive a lap one of my FFs behind a pace car during lunch break or other convenient time to show appreciation for their efforts.

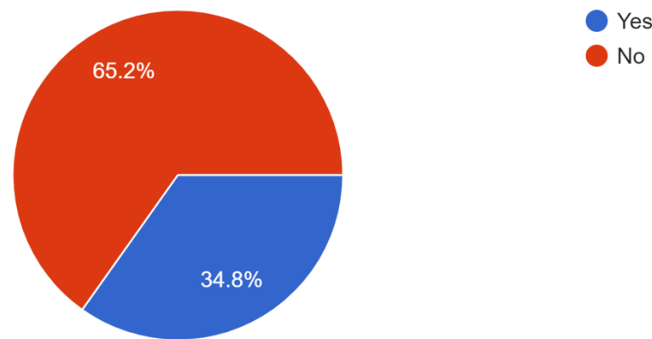
More race weekends

Australian Pursuit Blue Flag Race

Work on new venues
 Q&A with the board
 The Black Jack was fun.
 In-car Video screening sessions/gatherings
 May be make all points races on Saturdays and reserve Sunday for charity and or fun races, such as Blackjack and Blue Flag Special races. Advanced racing School.
 Stop managing the group like an HOA.
 Recognizing drivers for accomplishments and the spirit of vintage racing
 Early entry/free entry raffle
 Autocross and socials
 Ride along during lunch. Car parades for invited car clubs.
 anything new would be good, parties etc..

Are you interested in having an Annual Awards Banquet in conjunction with our annual meeting?

112 responses



Are you interested in participating in non-race events such as banquets, dinners, socials, or movie nights, coffee and cars, etc.? If so, please specify which events appeal to you.

Coffee and cars
 no
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 Socials
 Yes
 Coffee and cars
 dinners or get togethers
 I'm not much for social gatherings. Cars and Coffee sounds interesting.
 None
 coffee cars, car porn socials
 As a member of other car clubs, I am already engaged in many of these activities
 Annual awards banquet.
 Coffee and cars, socials, and dinners

Not Interested

I am out of the majority of club members ' geographic location. I do not have to time to drive 4+ hours for a social event. If it costs money, save to fu ds for race events.

No. I like to concentrate on more attendance and spectators on our race weekends.

yes and no. do not live close enough to participate in south or central TX events, but would if i did.

Coffee and Cars type events and upper end car shows across the CVAR area

I would participate in a social, dinner, and movie night.

Car Shows - CVAR should participate in one during the summer when we are not racing. Maybe one car from each race group.

This is a maybe

banquets, dinners,

Car related activities, fun drive on the weekend, arriving at a restaurant or bar, c&c is a good way to market ourselves.

Dinners, happy hours, socials

Cars &Coffee

Maybe a local happy hour

go cart nights - racers competing in the same type of vehicle.

None

Coffee and cars, regionalized socials

Not much, maybe a Louisiana members coffee and cars sort of social

Yes, I would attend anything CVAR did in my city

maybe pick an off-season car show, one in each major market and ask CVAR members to gang up and promote CVAR?

Socials, dinners

Generally no, but I do think participation in local coffee and cars or car shows is a great way to market CVAR and possibly gain some new members/spectators.

I'm based quite far away from most members so while I'd like to, it may not be realistic.

yes. coffee & cars and dinners

Coffee and cars with racers in the city you live in

Regional social event (1 per year - Xmas?). I hosted a Christmas party for San Antonio last year.

Cars and coffee in the DFW area to generate interest in vintage racing. Selected car shows with real vintage race cars of various groups

Coffee and cars. Dinners.

Yes, I'd like to network with and meet other drivers near my hometown car shows etc.

Not really

Live outside of headquarters region

all

Maybe Coffee and Cars.

not really

Tech sessions

Vintage race cars @ Cars shows have proven to create interest in our sport.

I live in a remote location not close to other club members.

Car shows

Yes but it can simply be organic and regional. Some do this already.

cars and coffee

No I try to make all the CVAR races couldn't commit to additional time

No - We are all too dispersed.

coffee and Cars

Cars and Coffee

No - People are from all over. No central place to meet for things like movies.

I attend car shows all the time and talk about racing in CVAR and specifically FV racing to anyone who is interested.

Yes, but finding a "neutral" location may be a challenge to ensure good level of participation.

Advanced Driving School. Maybe drive all cars down into Decatur on Friday night to engage local community more. May be the same at NOLA.

Once a month meet up of some variety.

dinners

Maybe a cars and coffee

No

Yes but depends where

Coffee and cars, socials

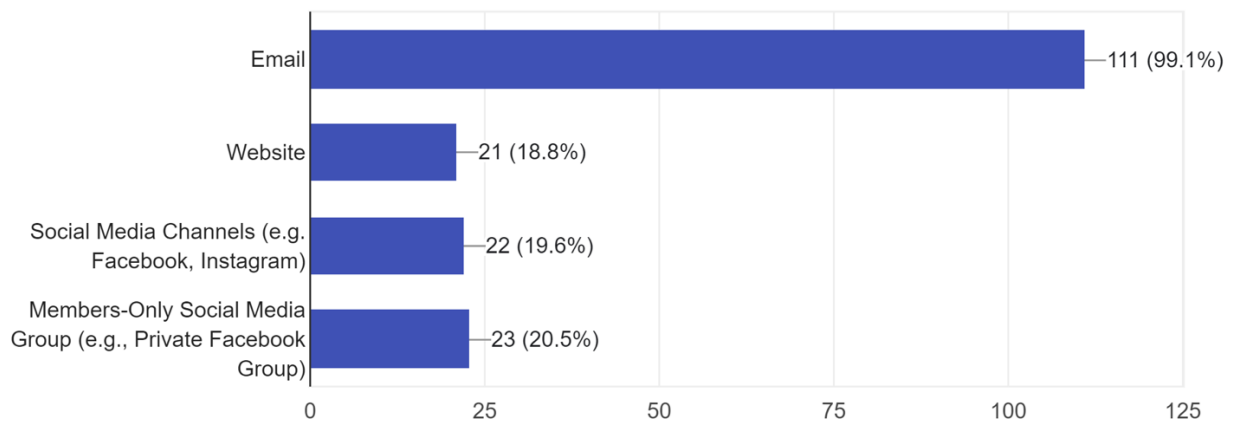
Dinners and socials

yes i'm interested

Which communication method(s) do you prefer for receiving updates and information from CVAR?

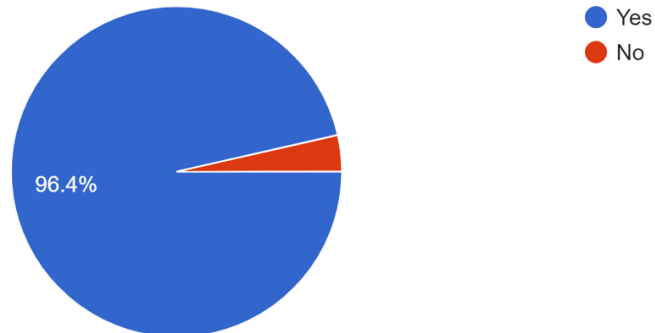
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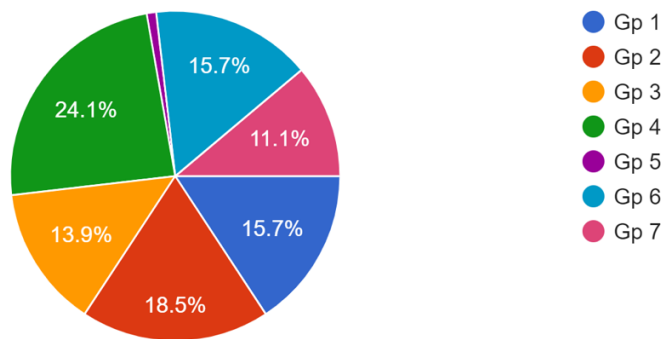
Are you a CVAR competition (racing) member?

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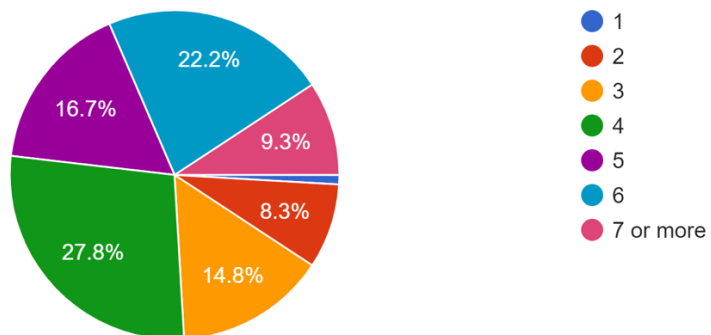
What Group do you primarily race in?

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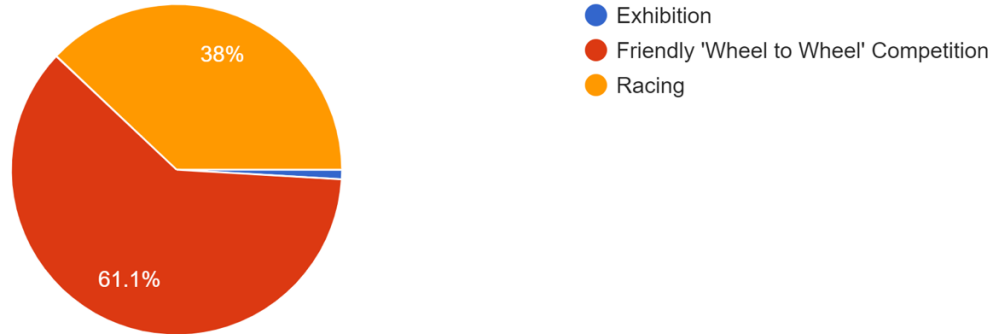
How many race weekends do you race in a typical year with all organizations

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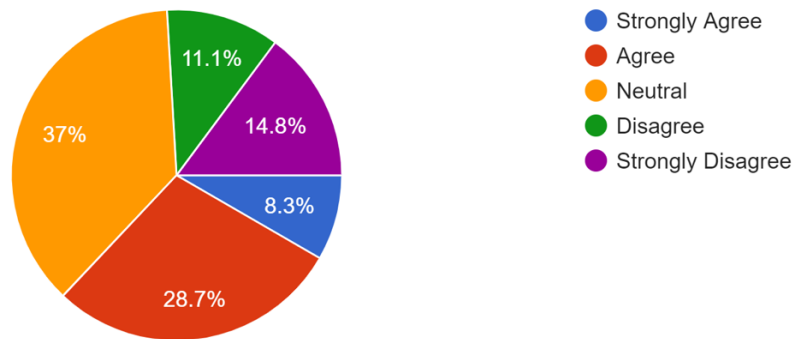
Do you consider driving with CVAR to be exhibition or racing?

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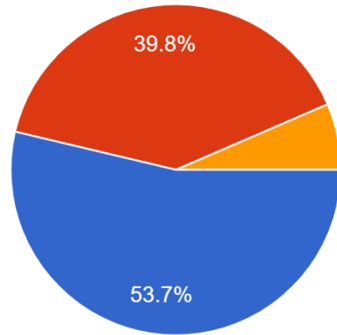
Is the Championship important to you?

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CVAR uses the term 'authentically prepared' to describe our cars and racing standards. Which of the following best aligns with your view of 'authentically prepared' for CVAR?

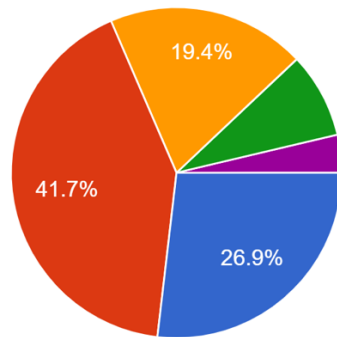
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- Cars prepared within CVAR rules.
- If the car is approved to race in any VMC organization it is then 'authentically prepared'.
- I don't care about authenticity, I only want to have fun.

What is your opinion on aligning CVAR's car rules with the rules of non-profit clubs such as VSCDA, RMVR, VRG, VARA, and SOVREN?

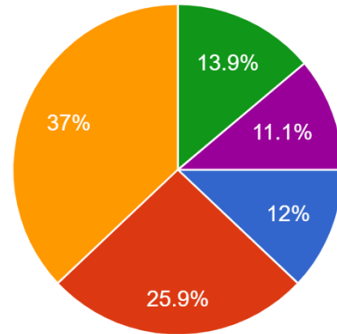
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- Strongly support alignment
- Support alignment
- Neutral
- Do not support alignment
- Strongly do not support alignment

What is your opinion on aligning CVAR's car rules with the rules of SVRA and HSR?

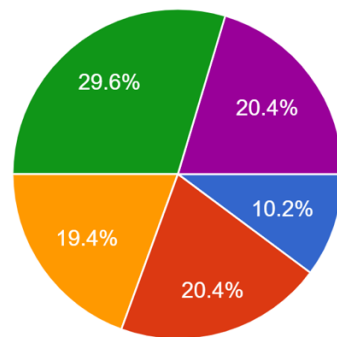
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What is your opinion on CVAR's 1972 cutoff date?

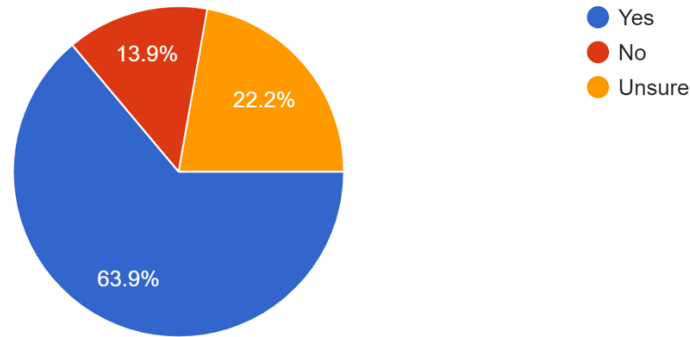
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- Strongly prefer to keep the same
- Prefer to keep as is
- Neutral
- Prefer to move beyond this cutoff date
- Strongly prefer to move beyond this cutoff date

Would you support changes to the run groups to accommodate the expansion and addition of new car classes? (Cars such as Formula Mazda, Miata, or Stock Cars.)

108 responses



Which of the following do you believe adds the most value and excitement to your race weekend?

108 responses



What unique race formats would you recommend to increase excitement during the weekend? Additionally, which car groups would you suggest inviting for featured weekends?

Enduro

not sure.

Enduros

short term enduros, prevwar, european classics, "modern" soecific classrs gustvweekends

Inviting special groups

not sure

Invert the field from Saturday on Sunday. two driver Endura, meaning mandatory driver change.

Unique format is not important. More track time is. Practice days why on run two groups, open

wheel and close wheel. If that doesn't work add small and large bore so there are a total of 4

groups. More track time for every one. For tracks like ECR, if it is not a race throw the checkered

flag on the back straight. This will save a great deal of time waiting for stragglers to run a cool down lap.

Maybe some team enduros. Focus marque weekends. Formula Mazda or other stuck in between groups could be given an opportunity to race in their own specialty group.

Passenger hot laps during lunch

Have a special run group for the various invited guest run groups ie: Formula Mazda or TransAm or Miata's any and all

The previous question on race group changes does not allow comment so I'd add here. If we would embrace FM (Formula Mazda) then it would be time to create G8 or a fast wings open wheel class. It could then include current FB, FA, FV FJ (Disc brakes) and the occasional F5000 or vintage F2 - F3 car. G6 have been very accommodating to allow cars faster than FF1/2/3 to the point of us FF guys having to "mirror race in a class that was intended for us. This would also increase revenue. The original FM STAR Mazda's have been demoted in National class by the SCCA so the timing could be good. 20-30 cars within the CVAR racing & membership area. British/German/Italian/etc., possibly spec series like Miata/Boxster to expand our membership reach

enduro and other formats , Austin Healey, Jaguar marque, Formula 1,

I like enduros, larger grids but I need to think more about this.

Enduro / Spec Boxster

Unique or alternate formats are fine, as long as they don't reduce our current on-track time.

Bugatti, Allart, etc

Rabbit race for last group races on Sunday, the slowest cars get to leave first with gaps calculated for faster cars. In theory we all finish together.

Mustangs and minis, Multi-class races (e.g. trans-am)

Have an exciting time whenever able to participate! Maybe a class for non-vintage conforming as an exhibition race.

any and all for group 2

unique race formats enduro, blue flag special, run track in reverse direction

no answer

No preference

Historic TransAm

An annual FJ event would be great but probably not practical. I run an FJ so am biased. I am preparing an FF and an FV to be able to participate in larger fields. The FF and FV events at Hallett are fun.

Red River Triumph club; DFW MG club, Cowtown Corvettes, Reverse starts/ tag team

I think we have been doing a good job so far.

none

Invite clubs of vintage/classics/street rods/non-race performance cars to participate in speed-controlled exhibition events - possibly passing the 'bug' to more people to become CVAR members and vintage racers

MG Vintage Racers

Enduro on Sunday morning. Invite formula Mazda

I am very new to all of this and don't have an opinion About most of this stuff. You ask about authentically prepared. I believe that means trying to keep your car as close to what it would've been. Only changing things for safety or because you can't get the original anymore.

Le Man start

Pre-war. Sports Racer. Period-correct replicas.

Mentor/Student race with combined times matched against others, also suggest expanding the Student program to more than 2 weekends a year to add opportunities for more members.

None. Our standard format is fine and provides plenty of track time. I did not care for the recent blue flag special. Sending us out on cold tires and cold brakes was unwise in my opinion. The only format I would advocate is split starts for the Formula car group. Also, when we had Formula Junior in our group that caused a bit of trouble as well. They are fast in a straight line but tend to be slower in the corners. That can lead to tense backups. Sort of like DRS "trains" you see in F1.

I have no thoughts on this.....I do favor the last race of the weekend being the points race.....just as in SCCA since its formation. It is sad when particates leave and so few stay for last race.

I recognize that my answers are biased on Gr 3, I would have different opinions in other groups. I want Gr 3 to stay Monoposto and the only other vintage group running a similar Monoposto rule is VSCDA. RMVR is struggling to get enough entries to keep up and lets anybody run. SVRA is 'run what you brung', I could run a current SCCA car with SVRA. That said, I race with SVRA and HSR when I want to race on those tracks. Outside Gr 3, why not let FM or SM (1600) run if you are letting FF Swift run Gr 6? But that's not my race group, let the group decide who gets in. A simple (probably existing) restrictor plate will make a SM run like a MGB and a FM run like a FF3. And the ex-SCCA drivers need to learn vintage spirit. Outside Gr 3, rule alignment should be per the group, but please don't sell Gr 3 out with a CVAR-wide rule alignment. For the last question, Gr 3 already mentors novice drivers and struggling drivers. And we really race, but within the vintage spirit. I am a Gr 3 driver instructor.

I believe CVARs standard race format as it has been in the past with split starts and separating the FFs from the faster cars is the best possible(safest) format for group 6. The big advantage of a split start is that when the FFs catch up to the other slower but higher performance group 6 cars everybody is more spread out and passing is much less stressful for the car being passed and the passing car. The potential danger created when open wheel cars with some skilled drivers and some not so skilled drivers are forced into many passing situations due to reverse grids is concerning.

I would be ok with inviting other cars to run with CVAR if they meet our standards. I am not interested in inviting Miata's or Chump cars etc.

Inverted start, any additional group is fine by me.

Kastner cup!, I like the reverse grid races

Blue flag. Pre-WWII Group. MG Feature Group.

I like current formats, not a fan of enduros or blue flag special.

Handicap reverse starts

Invite Formula Mazda, Spec Miata 1600 to see how it works. This form inadequate because for some questions I don't agree with any of the possibilities, nor are you giving anyone a chance to give open input. For me this invalidates the undermines the usefulness of the survey

Enduros. Minis. All Italian car fields. I'd like to see drivers meetings move to an online format where you read and acknowledge notices electronically - 7a is too early for groups that run at 10a-awaking at 5am adds to fatigue late in the day-the topics are often repetitive and some drivers don't even attend. Lunchtime is another option.

Porsche (lots of PCA clubs in Texas, but not sure of number of vintage applicable / authentically prepared cars there would be), Jaguar, Triumph, Formula Mazada

None

Not sure

YEE HAW TEXAS is a blast as is the marque specific races like Triumph or Mini or formula Vee Autocross

Finding the car types that have a unique event or date in history (anniversary) to call them together. In addition to those we already run, maybe a European challenge event to bring in cars from other organizations.

lets try something and see it works. Try everything

Would you be interested in mentoring novice drivers and students to support the retention of newer members? If interested, your information will be shared with the Chief Instructor so he may contact you.

108 responses

