

Hello SM Racers,

First of all we'd like to welcome you to the NASA Utah 2020 season! These are unprecedented times and we're very happy that you've decided to race with us. We're very excited about the resurgence of the class and as such have dedicated a full-time individual to be the class director.

Todd Green will no longer be splitting his duties between TT and SM. As well as having a more focused director, a committee of seasoned racers and NASA officials have worked hard over the off season to come up with a plan and guidelines to make the class the best we can and to address issues that you have brought up with us from the previous season.

To this end, we had planned on having both a general meeting and a separate seminar on how to improve your racing experience, but as you are all too aware COVID-19 has changed all of that. We still plan on having these meetings as soon as it is safe to do so, but for now, this letter will address just some of the more critical points:

1) Reducing contact

We are club racing. No one wants to be fixing damage from contact on their car after every race. Attrition is also the enemy of growth.

Part of this is on you as racers, but part of it is also on us. We'll address what we think you can do to minimize contact in a future meeting, but on our part we plan on having more transparency and consistency. All contact must be reported and logged. We will have an online record of all incidents with a brief synopsis and our decision available to everyone.

2) More thorough tech

Don't worry, we're not pulling heads, but we have scoured the rules and talked to other regions about easy and fast things to check every weekend. We are working towards a more efficient impound so we can send more cars over the scales, starting with several each session with a goal of seeing all of the field checked.

3) Socializing (as soon as COVID-19 permits)

It's always different when you know the face behind the helmet. We want to keep the momentum we have and continue to foster growth. Getting to know your fellow racers goes a long way to achieving this.

Weekend notes: We will not be gridding by lap times for the qualification session this weekend. In order respect the states guidelines for social distancing, it'll be a first to grid running order like we used to do. The races will be gridded by your qualifying times however. We will post grids

electronically, as well as post them at Registration. We will be running outer loop on Friday AND Saturday, but will return to East track for Sunday.

SM was big enough to get its own run group!

Everyone should be forming up on the clubhouse straight please. Keep it clean and tight for formation until the green!

In conclusion, welcome back and we're so excited to see what the class holds in store for 2020 and have great expectations for the things to come.

Sincerely,

Todd Green and NASA UTAH