



The Newsletter of the Snell Memorial Foundation

This is the fifty fifth of the Foundation's newsletters to the helmet manufacturing industry. The fifty fourth was sent out in September 2010. Comments and items for inclusion in subsequent issues are invited.

Manufacturers' Meeting

The Foundation's annual manufacturer's meeting will be held the evening of February 17, 2011 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, at the Westin Indianapolis Hotel, 50 S. Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Coffee and soft drinks will be served. Snell certified manufacturers are invited. Other interested parties must contact the Snell office in California for details.

Holiday Schedule

The Snell Lab will be closed for annual calibration and maintenance from December 20th, 2010 until January 10th, 2011. Testing services will resume on or about the second week of January 2011. Due to the testing backlog, submissions not currently in hand may not be tested until after the new year.

Snell Board of Directors

At the meeting of the Snell Board of Directors held on October 21, 2010, Dr. Harold A. Fenner stepped down from the office of President. He will continue to serve as a board member and to participate in the conduct of Snell standards and programs.

Dr. Daniel J. Thomas is the board's new president; Mr. William Muzzy, the Vice President and Treasurer, and Dr. Thomas A. Gennarelli the Secretary. Snell also welcomes a new member, Randal P. Ching, Ph.D., Research Associate Professor, Director of Applied Biomechanics Laboratory of the University of Washington.

SA2010 FHR Addendum

The addendum to SA2010 concerning frontal head restraint (FHR) systems is mostly complete but

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some revisions regarding test procedure are still in draft. Even so, testing to the FHR addendum is under way and submissions are invited.

All helmets submitted for SA2010 and equipped with appropriate tether mount hardware will be subjected to the loading tests specified in this addendum. Qualifying helmets will be eligible for a "SAH2010" certification assuring that the frontal head restraint provisions have also been met. Helmets previously certified to SA2010 may be resubmitted for testing to the addendum.

Snell Test Services in England

HPE in Farnham, Surrey, can perform certification testing to Snell standards. Manufacturers are welcome to arrange for testing there. If the manufacturer requests it, HPE will forward certification test results to the Snell Office here in California so that Snell certification can be granted. HPE will bill separately for their services but the Foundation will complete the enrollment of the helmets into Snell programs at no additional expense.

Contact information for HPE is as follows:

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Submissions for Certification

When submitting helmets for certification testing, please make sure that all the helmets are complete and in ready-for-use condition. All the samples should have all the necessary face shields, peaks (eye shades) and other accessories included with them. Lab managers may grant one-time exceptions to this policy but exceptions will

be rare. If an exception is necessary, ask in advance, before sending samples.

Certified Products Lists

Please check the Snell certified products lists at www.smf.org periodically to be certain that all listings are current and correct. Spreadsheets detailing brand, model and size designations for each certified helmet are available to certified manufacturers on request. Let us know about misspellings, omissions and helmets which have gone out of production. We'll make all the necessary corrections saving you, your customers and ourselves some unnecessary heartache.

FIA Technical List No. 25

Snell SA2010 and SAH2010 have been added to FIA Technical List No. 25, "Recognised Standards for Helmets". Helmets meeting standards on this list are accepted for use in most FIA events.

In Memoriam

James B. Barnes, Snell's Senior Electronics Engineer, passed away September 28, 2010 after a short illness. He is greatly missed.

Comments and Suggestions

Please direct any comments, suggestions or complaints about any aspect of the Snell programs or services to Ed Becker.

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