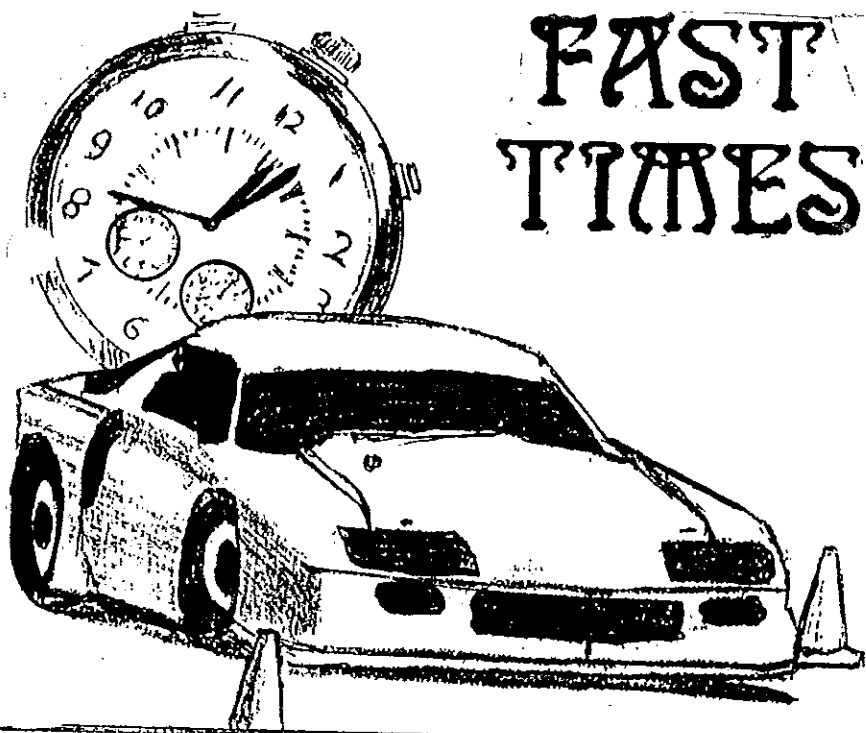


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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4 March. Club Meeting, Please note. The monthly meetings have been scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month.

HAPPY NEW YEAR MEETING

JANUARY 2, 1992

Bill McKnight opened the meeting

Eight people attended the meeting

The minutes were read and approved

Treasures report showed \$794.47 in the bank

Bill Schoff will submit bill next meeting for postage etc.

Correspondence was a thank you letter from the Family Billings library thanking us for the donation for kids auto magazine

Old business

Career center on hold as to what is going on with the cars

New business

2 events

Bozeman - June 6 & 7 at the college sub lot

Helena - Top Gun July 18 & 19

The Yokahama solo tour has no site for Rocky mt. event call Howard Duncan and look into getting event

Lewistown - set two dates (Dale) for May and September. Get Great Falls, Missoula, and Kalispell involved.

The lites and christmas tree for solo starts will be checked into by Dennis and Dale

Match racing - double elimination - no clocks - one who knocks down the least cones wins.

Gymkahnas some fun events

Meeting night - Dave made a motion to move the meetings to the first Wednesday of the month at Doc & Eddy's on 15th. Bill will call everyone to remind them of the change.

Events - Competition between the high schools to get some of our youth involved in our program. Dehlia will contact the editors of the school newspapers to get the program going. Get cops and kids, the corvette and mustang club and porsche club to challenges

Rally: Rod club, oldies, hospital interested, do 3 this year (ins.)

Meeting closed about nine

THE VALENTINE MEETING

2-5-92

Bill McKnight opened the meeting.

Twelve people attended the meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Correspondence : 1. a letter from the San Francisco Region about the Road Racing Championships.

2. Bill S.-Letter about the Can Am Series. You can rent them now.

3. Norm Williams Bozeman Event-Room will rent for \$9.00 per night and a snack-bar will be available. They would like a copy of our insurance policy. This information needs to be published in our next news letter.

4. The Casper Chapter would like a copy of our schedule. We should invite them up to race with us.

Old Business: 1. Kurt says that we must publish the change of meeting nights and vote again.

2. Bozeman event-Dean reported that it will cost \$400.00 to rent the lot. Dennis made a motion that we approve this event for June 6 and 7th. It was seconded by Bill and approved by vote.

The cost will be \$20-\$25 per driver for 2 days. \$20 for pre-registration. The cut off date will be one month ahead.

Dean will head the committee to assist with trophies, and publicity, etc. Dave had questions about trophies-who has old ones that could be recycled, etc.? Dave volunteered to clean up and refurbish any that are donated.

Old Business: 1. Dale-Lewistown- 2 events May 31 and Sept. 13th. Dean will submit for insurance after the dates have been approved.

2/ Is anyone interested? Date-July 25th and 26th. Bill McKnight will make some more calls-if not for this year-then for next year.

Note: You don't have to go to divisionals to go to Nationals.

New Business: News Letter Meeting-next week-Wednesday the 12th at Bills-940 Custer-need art work-7:30

May 23rd.-Mustang Invitational-Helena-Mustangs-Non Mustangs-at the airport-no dates have been firmed up.

Top Gun-July 18, 19th.

Schedule-Our Club-tentative dates-End of April thru September. Places-Skyview, Vo-Tech, ?Airport.

Kurt will be Rally Chairman. Dave will help him.

There was general discussion about insurance for different events.

Dale will check into getting an instructor for Solo II Safe Steward.

Tim O'Brien accepted the position of Publicity Chairman.

Treasurers Report-\$806.76 in the bank at this time.

Dean made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Bill seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Members stayed to view a video about the old days at Road Atlanta

FROM THE R.E.'S CORNER (TURN 3 SCR)

We have started out 1992 with a flourish. We have a new meeting night (be it sanctioned or not), some new faces at the meetings, and a great outlook for 1992. You can't beat that.

We have looked at a lot of things the last three meetings. The areas of extreme importance being: 1. new members, 2. events schedule, 3. mending fences, 4. and things in general. I'll try to address these items from my perspective.

NEW MEMBERS: We certainly need them. What do we do to attract them? We need to have meetings and events that will make people want to join us. We need to have meetings that are productive and do not turn into bitch sessions as in the past. We need to have a meal portion, meeting portion, and entertainment portion. If we want the new people and the old to come back you have to give them a reason to come back. Infighting among our people is not going to help get people to join in our program. We definately need to look at the other car clubs to get the quickest access to people who enjoy the same things we do. WE need to participate in things like the auto show at the Metra the 13th, 14th, & 15th of March. I will have a NAPA booth at the show that we can use to pass out membership information. If anyone is able to be there to help spread the word PLEASE contact me at w-245-6272 or h-256-7072. We have a lot to offer to the community between autocrossing, rallying, and road racing. Let's all be thinking about who we can contact and get the word out that we are here to play motorsports and they should join us. Let's double our membership in '92.

EVENT SCHEDULES: We have a full year in the planning already. We have scheduled two dates at Lewistown. I would like to see us combine an autocross with the road race play day. We can get more people to come and autocrossers can get a turn at a road course. There is plenty of room and we could do a half a day of each. We have a Bozeman date in June, Top Gun in July, and who knows what we might surprise everyone with in August. I know we want to have three rallies this year. We have a contingent ready to join us from the hospital. There is plenty of road racing to be done this year. With any luck I'll be running my car this year. I plan on doing some road racing and some autocrossing. Let's all do what ever we can do to make each event a success. Step up to the event chairpeople and ask them what you can do to help make each event work. Keep in mind that more members will help each event work better.

MENDING FENCES: If this offends anyone or gets you to thinking maybe it is meant to. But in all seriousness, "if the shoe fits - wear it." Since I have been involved with the region there has been a lot of indifference, back biting, bitching, squabbling, and just plain hatred between ourselves and our friends in the Northwest that belong to the Great Falls club. Rivalry is great but what has been going on is sheer stupidity. The goings on at the meetings kept me away from a lot of the meetings. I had considered returning

to the Colorado region as region of record. After some long talks with my wife I decided to take the step into the position of R.E. I wanted to see if I couldn't help to "mend some fences." People we need to be on friendly terms with each other and our neighbors. We need to work together to further the S.C.C.A. cause. If we don't get it together there won't be the possibility of a road race facility at Lewistown, the possibility of another Pro Solo or a Yokahama Solo Two event or a divisional. If we keep going the way we were no one will want to participate in any event here. Just because someone doesn't like the rules in one club doesn't mean those rules are all bad. It is just the way the members of that club want to run. It doesn't mean that we all have to agree on how things are done. Not everyone agrees with how things are done. Example: I road race. If I don't agree with all of the rules (which I don't), but I want to fast then I compromise and go racing. If I decided to go to a vintage race I would have to abide by their rules. At this point in my life I don't like their rule of no passing in the turns. Therefore I choose not to go vintage racing. That doesn't mean that they have rules that are rotten, bad or distasteful. It is what they want to do. Maybe when I am eighty I'll want to go fast but not pass in the turns. The point being - if you want to run at events in other areas then you have to run with their rules. If you can't do this then you choose not to go. When people come here they choose to run under our rules. Now if groups want to get together and combine their rules that is truly working together. Competition is healthy and without it there would be no contests of skill and speed. What I am saying is we need to work together not against each other. Strength of action lies in members. Members who will work well together and with other groups they participate with. Working together will create better events and attract more members to our ranks. It has taken two years, but I felt now is the time to say, "Let's mend some fences, become friends, and have one hell of a lot of motor sports fun in '92.

THINGS IN GENERAL: I am looking forward to a great year for the Yellowstone Region and our FRIENDS in Great Falls, Helena, Bozeman, Idaho, and Wyoming. I have some friends from Colorado who will join us for some autocrosses this summer. Casper, Wyoming has asked for our schedule so they can run with us and for us to come and run with them. I'll be making some road racing trips, a couple of trips to Lewistown, take a shot at Top Gun, and run some events in Billings this year. I invite all of you who receive and read this newsletter to join me and my friends for a great year. Let's show Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming that S.C.C.A. is alive and well.

YEAH!

Good Motoring;



Bill McKnight

Yellowstone Region R.E.

Bozeman Challenge Auto-X

Although it's the middle of winter, work is progressing on an event in Bozeman at the University. I have been working with Conference Services to iron out the details of using the Gatton Lot. I believe I have eased everyone's safety concerns. These concerns arise from the fact that the University has never done this kind of event before.

The event is scheduled as a two day affair to be held June 6-7, 1992. I would like it to run like a divisional event, using one course Sat. and a different course on Sun. Car classing will be done under 1992 SCCA Solo II rules. The use of two courses accomplishes two things: 1) you get some variety over the course of the weekend and 2) the pavement doesn't get trashed from heavy use. Winning times will be the total of best times on each course.

Because school is not in session at this time we have the opportunity to stay in the dorms at a very reasonable rate; \$9.00 single, \$13.00 double. We can also arrange to have a grill open in the S.U.B. for lunch so that food is just across the street. This also means that indoor restrooms are also available. (What a BONUS!)

This is not to say that everything is rosy. Because the lot is open at all times to anyone with a sticker, there is an issue of cars being left in the lot. I can put notices in the Staff Bulletin and The Exponent but this is no guarantee. We will be responsible for moving the cars out of the way. I propose to videotape the operation to avoid any problems with the car owners. Safety and Security seems to be satisfied with this. The lot is also expensive to rent (\$400 for the weekend). Because of this the entry fee will have to be around \$20. This doesn't seem outrageous to me for a two day event. I also believe there is a chance to get some sponsorship from a local car dealer (this is not nailed down yet) to offset some of the expense.

Conference Services will be drawing up a contract for me by the beginning of Feb. All of the specifics will be put down on paper so there won't be any surprises. When this is worked out it will be passed on so everyone knows what's going to happen.

The only way this event can be a success is to have a good turn-out from all regions. I urge all of you to reserve June 6-7 for this event. I also welcome any and all input or suggestions to help make this an enjoyable weekend for all. I can be reached at work at 994-6147 or at home at 587-7971.

Come enjoy good camaraderie and good racing!

Norm Williams

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 1992

Apr, 5.	Rally
Apr, 26.	Vo-Tech
May, 17.	Skyview
May, 31.	Lewistown
June, 6-7.	Bozeman
June, 21.	Rally
June, 28.	Vo-Tech
July, 18-19.	Top Gun
July, 26.	Rally
Aug, 2.	Skyview
Aug, 16.	Vo-Tech
Aug, 30.	Skyview
Sept, 13.	Lewistown
Sept, 27.	Rally

The Yellowstone Region plans to stage two events at the Lewistown T and E course. The club will also conduct a two day event at MSU in Bozeman.

The Montana Region will hold its annual Top Gun event in Helena Mont.

Please post this schedule for further reference. These events should be confirmed by checking your monthly newsletter, or by contacting your comp chairman.

EDITORS PAGE

The Yellowstone Region would like to thank outgoing R.E. Kurt Schulz for his hard work and guidance over the last two years. At times we may find it easy to overlook the many thankless jobs that the R.E. must undertake. Kurt has proven himself to be a true sportsman.

This editor would also like to thank Char Schulz for her past work on the newsletter staff. Please enjoy your well deserved vacation.

Welcome Bill McKnight to the R.E. position, and Kathleen McKnight will fill the Sect/treas. slot for 1992. Best of luck to all the new officers of Yellowstone Region.

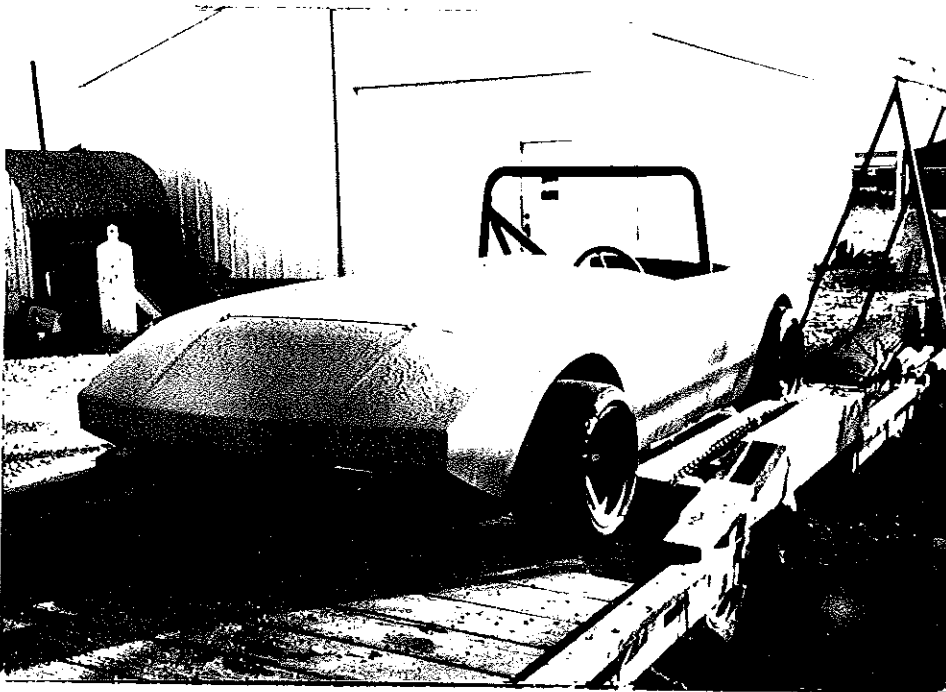
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