

FAST TIMES



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April 1995

APRIL MEETING

The April meeting was called to order by RE Bob Grummett.

Minutes were approved as read in last newsletter with a correction of the two class additions. The correction is an over & under class-2,500 displacement, not pounds.

Treasurer reported a previous balance of \$2,678.58

Expenses of \$42.10 to Kristi Mathson for the newsletter, \$15.94 Kinko's, \$117.95 SCCA for books and permits, \$40.00 Pull Productions for the Go Show car display, \$542.00 Six Rebbles for the club trailer, \$171 Golden Recycling for the club trailer, \$293 UBC for the club trailer, \$22.73 to Kinko's for the newsletter.

Deposits of \$10.00 for hat sales, \$80.00 for books and permits, \$100 for SCCA renewals. Total \$190.00.

Current balance \$1,622.87

Treasurer report was passed.

Bill Schaff spoke on behalf of the newsletter staff and apologized to the region for printing an article in the newsletter that was found to be in poor taste. The staff will be diligent in editing any further articles submitted to the staff.

OLD BUSINESS

The club trailer was discussed. The trailer is very complete and usable. Some small additions will be included within the next week. It went extremely well and the people that helped in the project are to be congratulated. Thanks to Mini Motors, Dennis McCollough and Tour America RV for providing the facility's to build the trailer.

Dale reported that the ad in "Sports Car" for a timer brought no response. He reported on a system he has looked into that could fit our needs and is also talking to Scott Naylor about the possibility of designing a system that will handle our updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Business ads in the newsletter was discussed. Interest was expressed by certain individuals to buy space for advertising. Advertising space will be made available. See article in this newsletter.

The Bozeman event is cancelled for June 17-18. A replacement event will not be scheduled. The calendar is full enough for June.

Twenty rooms have been blocked out for Lewistown at the Yogo Inn for the June 3-4 event. Please make your reservations two weeks prior to the event.

Dwight and Dale will organize a committee to have dash plaques printed and trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in all classes. Dwight has provided the trophies. Bob will chair, Dwight will co-chair and Dale will Safety. SCCA rules and OSPO and OSPU classes with SCCA safety rules will be enforced.

Dean presented copy's of the revisions for the proposed points system, then reviewed with the members present. Dave moved we accept the points system as discussed, Bill seconded-passed. Thank you Dean for organizing the system.

Event chair for the May 7th event at Skyview will be Bill and Dean will co-chair.

Meeting adjourn.

BMSP-RAFFLE

A project that needs our support immediately is the sale of raffle tickets on the 16 foot tandem axle car trailer Billings Motor Sports Park (BMSP) is raffling. The raffle provides some immediate funds to help with legal and prospectus development and printing costs.

The drawing will take place at the Car Show we-SCCA- and the Drag Racers are sponsoring August 5th at the K-mart on 24th. The car show will be followed by a night autocross at COSTCO.

There will be a major supply of raffle tickets at Vo-Tech, April 23rd and at each event following. We should commit to selling at least 10 books of tickets. A book is only ten tickets, they are \$1.00 each or 12 for \$10.00. The trailer is first class in every respect. A real beauty!

- Built by RATCO Trailer in Billings.
- 16' Tandem axle, brakes on both axles.
- Bright red paint by Kenny Neibauer.
- Break away emergency brakes.
- 6' ramps with lockable storage underneath.
- Adjustable height removable ball receiver
- White spoke wheels.
- 7,000lb capacity.

RACING IS

On April first and second I was fortunate enough to participate in club racing...wheel to wheel at last. Trying to describe this experience is very difficult, but it is the most exciting thing that I have ever done. Alas, I am hooked...I must acquire tow vehicles, pit boards...wait...I'm getting off track. (No pun intended).

The driving school was fantastic. David Muramoto, a five time National Champion, was my instructor. He was very helpful. He showed me all the "good" lines for a front wheel drive car. With his help, my lap times fell and my driving ability increased as the day progressed.

The Rabbit was running great and it would stick anywhere on the racetrack. The new 5-speed really helped the ratio's between 2nd and 3rd and 3rd and 4th. I was able to keep up with most of the showroom stocks and IT cars. I even managed to pass a couple of its 240Z's, an ITC Opel and ITC Honda and a showroom stock Nissan NX2000. What a rush!!!

My many thanks to Kurt Schulz for trusting me with his car...my only regret...why didn't I go do this sooner? Also my many thanks to the people of the Colorado Region who were always eager to help out no matter what. You just don't know what you're missing 'till you've gone wheel to wheel.

Racing Addict: Tim O'Brien

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 3 Monthly Meeting
7:30 Doc & Eddy's -Broadwater
- May 7 Skyview autocross
- May 13 Dennis McCollough's
Birthday-Happy B-Day
- May 21 Lewistown autocross
- May 29 Costco autocross-evening

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1995 SCCA POINT SERIES

Requirements for registration:

- Member of SCCA Yellowstone Region
- Valid driver licence
- Vehicle must pass safety inspection
- Technical inspection on file to determine SCCA class
- Must work the events attended
- All modifications present, added, and/or deleted to vehicle will be reported to the Competition Chairman, Dwight Gilliland, to avoid protest penalties for improper classification during the course of the series
- Failure to meet registration requirements results in disqualification from that portion of the series of any kind.
- OSPU and OSPO will be divided at 2.5 liter engine size and use a PAX factor of 1.00 until a proper factor can be determined.

Points system:

- Points will be given for each entrant's fastest time per event.
- Drivers scores will be handicapped using PAX factoring per SCCA class in the technical file.
- Points will be awarded in descending order of PAX scores as 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-1-1-1 etc...
- Drivers accumulated high points for up to eight of the eligible series events will determine the driver of the year. Two day events count as double unless day one is a practice day.

Awards:

- There will be an awards banquet at the November club meeting.

- Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, series tokens given to all competitors.

Required info. to be on hand at registration:

- SCCA SOLO II rules
- SCCA Yellowstone Region series rules
- Listing of PAX factoring system
- Listing of Event procedures and itinerary
- Lots of enthusiasm

Event Chairman responsibilities:

- Event liability insurance two weeks in advance
- Media notification in advance per media scheduling
- Outhouse and all racing equipment
- Must know all safety and tech crews
- Must design course, pit areas, and spectator regions
- Drivers meeting
- Handle protest and worker requirements
- Must be aware of Series rules and requirements

Points will be given out at the following autocrosses this season:

May 7 Skyview
 May 29 Costco
 June 3-4 Lewistown Raceway
 June 10 Denny Menholt Chevy
 July 2 MSU Eastern
 August 5 Costco
 August 13 Skyview High School
 Sept. 10 B.C.O.T.
 Sept. 24 Skyview

BMSP

The Billings Motor Sports Park Association (BMSP) is in the late stages of developing a PROSPECTUS and Fund raising plan that should result in significant fund raising this year. It is possible that construction could begin next year, with the initial events next fall. A dream come true for us-SCCA and all other auto enthusiast both spectator and participant.

The BMSP will include a 1.8 mile road race course, a 1/4 mile drag race strip, skid pad and 4X4 off road course. The road course includes an area that can be used for autocross while the drag strip is in use. We will no longer have to beg for asphalt, we will have our own. For major autocross events we can use the 1.8 mile road course. It also means SCCA club racing and vintage racing will occur in Billings.


Of course we-Yellowstone Region- will have to play a major leadership roll in implementing road racing. It will take a team effort by all of us, we will be busy learning to be, and training course workers, organizing events, hosting events, all the time adding to our membership. Possibly forming a sister club to organize and put on vintage racing events. It will be a rewarding time, an opportunity to put something back, to provide for those that follow. Of course we will have to participate and enjoy the competition, the G's the thrill of being on the edge, the smell of burnt rubber and noisy racing engines like never before!!!!

1995 RACE SCHEDULE

May 7 Skyview-BBQ following race
 May 21 Lewistown Raceway
 May 29 Costco (observed Memorial Day)
 June 3-4 Lewistown Raceway
 June 10 Denny Menholt Chevy (tentative-evening)
 July 2 MSU Eastern (lot near the tennis courts)
 July 15-16 Top Gun in Helena
 August 5 Costco (evening autocross)

August 13 Skyview High School
 August 26-27 Black Otter Hillclimb
 September 10 B.C.O.T. (formerly Vo-Tech)
 September 24 Skyview-BBQ following race
 September 30-October 1 Pocatello Idaho

If you have questions, need further information or would like to help with an event please call: Dave Eberts at 252-4717 or Dale Dinsmore at 256-2212.



Hats with the clubs logo are now available at BAP. Cost is \$10.00 per hat and are offered in black, white & blue.

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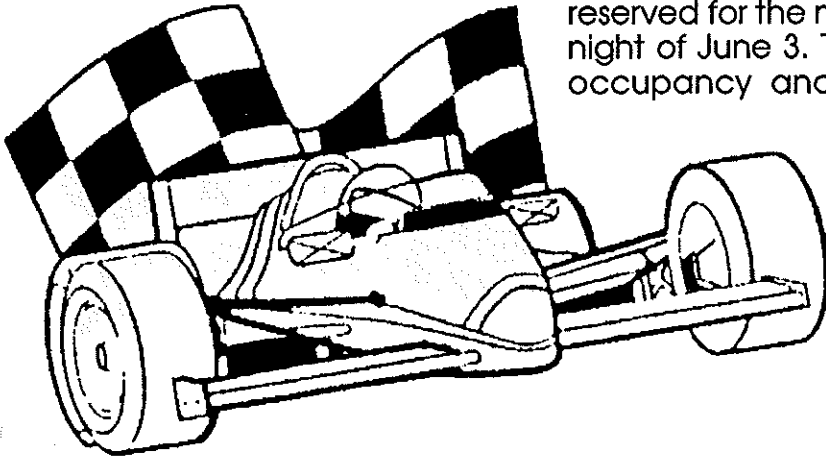
PRE-REGISTRATION

LEWISTOWN

R A C E W A Y

June 3 & 4

Lewistown is the Yellowstone Region biggest event this year. We plan to have a lot of people and a lot of fun at this two day event. Enclosed you will find a preregistration form. Please fill this out and send back to Dale Dinsmore • 923 2nd Ave. North • Billings, MT 59101. The cost of this event is \$25.00 for two days, a real bargain! Trophies will be awarded on Sunday. There is a block of four rooms reserved for the night of June 2, and a block of 20 rooms for the night of June 3. The rate for these rooms are \$44.00 per single occupancy and \$54.00 per double occupancy, (plus the accommodation tax). Please make your reservation ASAP, these rooms will only be on hold for us until two weeks prior to the event, which is May 19th.



You can call the Yogo Inn for reservations
at: 1-800-860-9646

When making your reservations please use
the "Sports Car Club" name to receive the
special rate that they have set up for us.

LEWISTOWN

R A C E W A Y

PRE-REGISTRATION & ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ DRIVER LIC. # _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE# _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CAR MAKE _____ MODEL _____ COLOR _____

SCCA# _____ CLASS _____ CAR# _____

CASH CHECK

Please fill this out and send back to Dale Dinsmore • 923 2nd Avenue North • Billings, MT 59101.

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