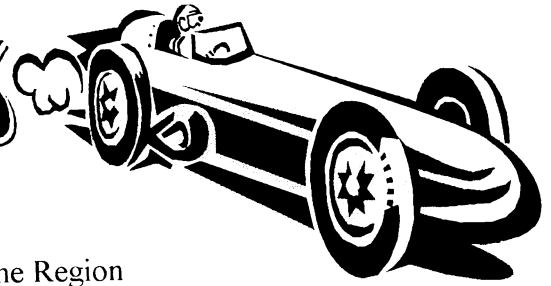


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WEBSITE DOWN

The Web site has been down off & on since November. Rick received an e-mail, which he forwarded to me, from our server apologizing for the hassle & offering either a refund or room on a different site with less room. We would have to cut out most of the pictures. We asked for a refund and should have it soon.

Ryan McDonald had been working on a site. We need to register a name which will cost us \$15.00 plus \$10.00 a month. This is twice what we were paying, so it has to come to a vote before the club. Ryan suggested we call the site the Montana SCCA and try to get the other two regions in Montana involved. This would bring down the cost and help us co-ordinate activities between the regions. The other two regions already have their own web sites, so I don't know how they would feel about joining a three region site. Also we need to make sure we are not confused with Great Falls who is the Montana Region of SCCA. *continued on pg 2*

MEETING MINUTES

Mark Richlen called the March 6th meeting to order.

Minutes were approved as printed in the February newsletter.

\$1886.79 in the Treasurer's account with two outstanding bill for printing of the newsletter and postage.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dennis McCollough confirmed the dates for Lewistown, June 2nd and Sept. 8. The site will cost us \$200 per day.

Jeff Hauck is looking into the Powell Airport. There is a new manager at the airport and Jeff is going to talk to the Mayor of Powell and possible the City Council.

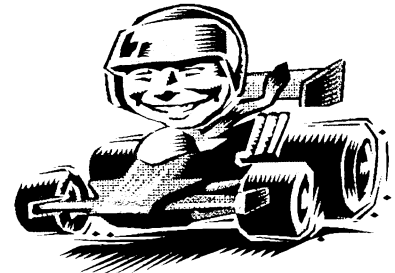
The National Guard site is confirmed for June 9th and July 21st.

Lowes is confirmed for July 7th.

Montana Rail Link wouldn't allow us to race on their lot.

Char asked Rick Borsheim to look for a site in Colstrip. *continued on pg. 2*

From your RE



The RE Column this month is written by the Asst. RE Mark Richlen.

Getting back to it.

First of all it is nice to be involved again with the SCCA and the Yellowstone Region. I was a member for many years of the old SCCM (acronym scum) and was an early R.E. for the Yellowstone Region. This column will be mercifully short because: 1. I have been away for awhile and really don't know much. (Several members will maintain that being away has nothing to do with it). 2. Since the season hasn't started yet, nothing strange, wonderful or controversial has occurred that begs comment.

In the capable hands of Dennis McCollough the competition schedule seems to be coming together. Looking at the number of events on the local schedule and assuming events will be scheduled in nearby Bozeman, by the end of the season we should be broke, broke and out of tyres. Grins in motor sports aren't cheap, but well worth it.

About the Secret Car Club. I cannot emphasize enough the necessity to raise the visibility of our organization. During the last several seasons of my non racing, I rarely saw announcements of autocrosses in the paper. The increased event fees for the upcoming season will need to be spread over more competitors. Increased visibility and more members may also make it easier to obtain new sites. So, somebody figure out something very clever to attract some attention, safe and legal of course.

ARE Mark Richlen

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NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis Hoeger came up from Bozeman to report on the Bozeman group. It was brought up that with the amount in their treasury that they could update their timing system. Dennis said he'd bring it up at their next meeting. Jeff Hauck offered to help with the upgrade.

The Yellowstone Region SCCA website is still down. Ryan McDonald, Rick Borsheim, and Jeff Hauck will pursue the web site. It is paid through June.

Mark Richlen has a copy of the bylaws, but hasn't gone over them. The Yellowstone Region would like to set it up where any chapter has representation on our board such as Bozeman and Idaho.

The Yellowstone Region would like to wish Bob Grummett well, our thoughts are with him.

Meeting adjourned.

Oh then here comes Dave Eberts just in time to bring us some information on the street race, June 14, 15, 16, 2002, in Cheyenne, Wy. put on by the Council of Motorsports Club, Rocky Mountain Region, Inc. I've heard it's a fun filled 3 day event with not only vintage and street Solo II racing, but BBQ's and dancing as well. If you would like more information on this event check our www.cmcrmr.com.

Kristi Gilliland



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If we decide to have our own site we need a name other than Montana SCCA. We could use Yellowstone SCCA. Bring your ideas to the meeting and we can discuss what we want for the Yellowstone Region website.

Meanwhile those of you who have access to the web, look up Ryan McDonald's web site, www.streetracers.com, it's great. Also check out the Idaho site, <http://www.ida.net/users/lewisl/eiscl.html>, it a nice site. Both site show what can be accomplished. Also check out other regions web sites through scca.org.

Many of you will remember Dick Darnell. Dick was a member of the old SCCM and raced many Black Otter Hillclimbs. Dick passed away earlier this month, he was 59.



check out the web site for SCCA National at scca.com - our regional web site is down but will be up and running again soon.

SCCA UNIVERSITY

REPRINT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER SCCA RE NEWS

As big a business as motorsports has become, it is imperative that SCCA invests in the training of its regions, staff and members

Without a doubt, our people are the best in the industry. all sanctioning bodies have relied heavily upon the SCCA experts in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

The SCCA University was unveiled at our National Convention to the delight of all attendees. This formalized National training program will develop the curriculum, identify the participants, and provide an on-going consistent training and most importantly, invest in the future of all motorsports.

The SCCA University will give all of our members the opportunity to learn new skills and enhance current skills, while *maintaining the fun*, camaraderie and friendships that are part of the SCCA membership.

Our University is the first of many steps that will put the SCCA in the mainstream, as well as secure our future as the true leader in all of motorsports.

I look forward to seeing you in class soon!

Steve Johnson, President and CEO, SCCA, Inc.

The Powell Airport Event has been canceled. The FAA has told Powell City Council that their funding will be pulled if they schedule events other than those related to aviation. The Pocatello Airport Events have also been canceled for much of the same reason. Idaho will probable have events around May 19th & June 9th, but do not have a place yet. From the sounds of it the FAA is using Sept. 11th to rid the small airports of all events that have nothing to do with aviation. This is going to put a cramp on some regions and chapters. Urge all members to look for autocross site within your area.

NATIONAL OFFICE 800 NUMBER CHANGES

The new 800 number for the National Office is 1-800-770-2055. Please make a note of this for your future calls to National. The Membership Department is now open on Saturday mornings from 7 to Noon Rocky Mountain Time, for question on validity of membership and competition licenses.



The number to call is 1-800-770-2055 ext. 357 or the you can try the regular number of 303-694-7222, ext. 357.

The Valvoline Runoffs schedule has been announced. They will be held in Mansfield, Ohio from September 20-22, 2002. The Qualifying & Race times will appear in the Supplemental Regulations in the May Sports Car. Due to the management changes at the Speed Channel and different focus of their programming, it doesn't look like we'll have television coverage. Anyone wanting the full article from the RE News, contact Char.

EISCC NEWS

Pocatello Airport is not available for the May & June races. Unfortunately, FAA regulations will not allow us to have events at the Pocatello Airport at this time. According to the airport manager, it may still be possible to get into the airport for Octoberfest but the previously scheduled May and June events are out. We have high hopes of being able to locate a couple of new sites so that the scheduled events can take place. Check the web site and your news letters for more information. We will try to let everyone know as soon as possible what will happen to our events.

The Rotary Club or Teton Valley wants to put on a Hillclimb and autocross at Grand Targhee the week-end of August 16, 2002. This will be a fund raiser for the Rotary Club and a lot of fun for us that like to drive fast up hill. More information will be provided as soon as it is available. this event has a good chance of happening so put it on your schedule.

The next official club meeting is scheduled for April 3rd at Melina's in Blackfoot. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. as it has in the past. Our meetings are full of familiar faces every month, lets see if we can add a couple of new people at the meetings this year. Remember, you have no real reason to complain about anything if you don't attend the meetings. One vote can make a difference.

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Spring

NEWS FROM YOUR BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE DENNIS HOEGER IN BOZEMAN

The only news from "this side of the hill" is that we did have a meeting on Thursday March 14th. We have been asked, and will have a booth at BAC II, April 4, 5, & 6. This is a home show held in the fieldhouse on the MSU campus, but we've been asked to participate (at no cost) because they are interested in getting away from being strictly a home show. We will have four cars there, with literature and members available to answer questions.

We don't yet have any sites finalized for the upcoming season, but we're still working on MSU (it takes them awhile), Ice Gardens, Hospital and Gordy will be meeting with the folks at the Three Forks airport to see if we can use some of their pavement.

Three or four new members ask for applications at the meeting, so our ranks are growing.

Dennis Hoeger

Effective June 1, 2002 SCCA National dues will be as follows:

Regular Membership	\$55.00
Spouse Membership	15.00
Family Membership	85.00
Speed Freakz (Regular)	30.00
Speed Freakz (Competition)	50.00

Regional dues (except Speed Freakz) will be additional depending on the amount established by an individual's Region of Record.

This dues structure will be reflected on future/new membership applications available from SCCA National Office. This is the first increase since June 1998.

The Solo II Safety Seminar will be held at lunch time at the Lockwood May 5th event. We will start passing the video around at the meeting and hopefully everyone wanting to apply for a Safety Steward license will be able to watch it before May 5th. Please sign up at the meeting or contact one of the officers of your intentions.

SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY

Those of you who did not use the winter months to check out your safety equipment need to get going. Check your seatbelts for wear & tear, your helmet for damage & legality, your driving suit & shoe (those of you who use them) for any wear. Race season is just around the corner. Be a boy scout and be prepared!

SCHEDULE

- April 3 Meeting - Elmer's, 2455 Central Ave. Blgs.
- April 3 Meeting - Melina's - Blackfoot, Idaho
- April 27-29 Arco Airport - Arco, Idaho - 208-523-9746
- May 5 ~~Lakewood - Billings~~ ←
- May 11 Hare & Hound - Idaho Falls
- May 27 Skyview - Billings
- June 2 Lewistown - Lewistown, Mt. / Billings *Prin*
- June 9 Nat'l Guard - Billings *Prin*
- June 14, 15, 16 - Cheyenne Wyo. Street Race - CMC
- June 30 ~~Lakewood - Billings~~

July 21st - National Guard

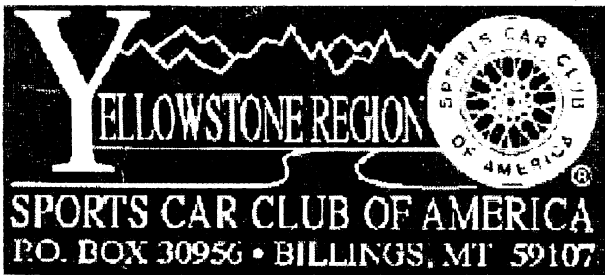
The May & June Airport events at Pocatello have been canceled. They are looking for new venues for the races. Likewise the Powell Airport June event has also been canceled. Any event with Airport in it's name is iffy, so call the comp. chairmen in your area to be sure the event is on.

The April 2002 meeting will be held on April 3rd at Elmer's 2455 CENTRAL AVENUE, Billings, at 7:30 P.M. See you there.

WEB Sites

- Yellowstone Region 108 pending
- Montana Region (Great Falls) eeastin@msn.com
- Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club <http://www.ida.net/users/lewisr/eisccl.htm>
- Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell) www.users.qwest.net/~sharpguy/
- Northwest Hillclimb Association <http://users.bitsmart.net/rainbowtees/nha.html>
- Magic City Speedway (Billings) http://www.magiccityspeedway.com/body_index.html
- Ryan McDonald www.streetracer.org
- CMC - Cheyenne Street Race www.cmcrmr.com

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