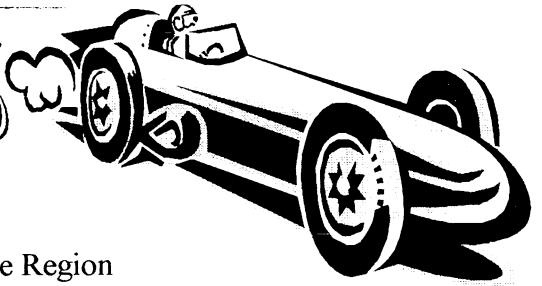


RE. Coler - write note about noise problem -
toll to Coney - site acquisition - part

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Good-by Speed Freakz, Hello First Gear

Speed Freakz will be finished on June 1st. A new membership called 1st Gear will replace the Speed Freaks Program. This will be for young people under the age of 21 and the cost will be \$45.00 per year. This will include a subscription to Sports Car (a \$24. value), insurance benefits and discounts on club merchandise, products & services. It does not include ability to hold Club Racing, Pro Rally or Solo I Comp. license. 1st Gear will begin on June 1st. If you now hold a Speed Freakz license and would like to renew at the Speed Freakz rate you have until June 1st to do so. After that the rate goes to \$45.00. Out of this \$45.00, the region will receive a complete regular membership fee and the balance will be kept at national. That's a difference of \$10.00 per SF...we had 15 SF at one time, so it can count up.

From your RE



Just a short note. First, an apology to our members in Bozeman and Eastern Idaho for being Billingscentric. I have been referring to the Yellowstone Region Guidelines as such without mention that these apply only to events sponsored by the Billings group. I made the revisions we discussed at the last meeting to the guidelines, hopefully we can wrap this up and go on to other things.

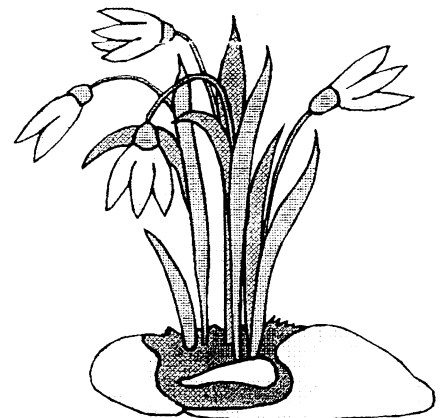
Mark Richlen

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of 3-5-03
The meeting was called to order by RE Mark Richlen.
Motion to accept minutes of last meeting as in the Fast Times seconded and passed.
TREASURER'S REPORT:
Balance in checkbook is \$1770.59. There are bills to Taylored and BCS to be paid.
OLD BUSINESS:

The new timer equipment has arrived.
continued on pg 2.



Spring is in the air, kinda, Montana Spring anyway .

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More Minutes from pg. 1

NEW BUSINESS:

The Corvette Club wants us to help out with timing and workers(?) for an event they are planning. They have their own insurance and will pay the club \$200.00 for our trouble. They are working on a site, and it may be a day before we have an event and are kind of ready to go. We said OK.

Can we do a rally? They are a lot of work, but there seems to be enthusiasm for doing such events as we have done in the past. The thought is to do a fund raiser type of event with a "gimmick or theme". We will be looking at this as time goes by.

We went over the guidelines for the upcoming season and they should be in this issue, with changes as we went over them at the meeting.

There will be an event at the end of March. Please look elsewhere in the Fast Times for info.

Dave Eberts brought up discussions on Safety Stewards and safety in general. We need to be sure, among other things, that everyone in any areas with even a remote possibility of danger needs to sign the waiver. It is suggested that that be a worker position as important as being on the course or grid or starting line. It just cannot be the duty of the registrar. This person has plenty to do as it is. So, be aware out there that you will need to take seriously your duties while you are not on the course.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and passed.

Thank you to all who attended.

Ken Decker



**COMPETITION CHAIR
TAMMY McCOLLOUGH**

Hello again to all from your friendly neighborhood comp chair, and "Happy Spring". I hope everyone who has participated at our last few "snowman" events has had as much fun as I did. It was as much fun to drive as it was to watch everyone slippin' and a slidin' around the courses. I have, however, had about as much of this SNOW stuff as I want for the year and hope that the event on the 30th (still at Cord Mitchell's lot on Underpass Ave) will be a little dryer!

I did get preliminary approval for at least ONE MORE event at Lockwood. They have a lot of stipulations and we're still hashing out all the details but it looks like a "go" for one more event. The biggest stipulation they have, at this time, is that no loud cars participate so they can be "good neighbors"...I guess that means the Chevelle (land yacht) stays at home, sniff sniff. Hey, does that mean Dwight drives the RV instead of the Avenger??

**Southwest Montana Region (Pending) at
Bozeman**

**Contacts: Marty Westland - 587-0075 and
Joe Evers - 585-8447**

**WANTED - P.R. volunteer for
Yellowstone Region - Call Mark
Richlen, 248-3473.**

**Annual Dues For
Yellowstone Region**

	Nat'l	Regn	Tot
Regular Member	\$55.00	\$15.00	\$70.00
Spouse	15.00	5.00	20.00
Family	85.00	20.00	105.00
Speed Freakz	25.00	5.00	30.00
SP-Comp	45.00	5.00	50.00
(Speed Freakz will end on June 1st)			
1ST Gear (under21)	30.00	15.00	45.00



It's been so long since we've had good rains in this region, that many of us could use a refresher course in driving in the slick. Just take it easy until your old skills come back, just like riding a bicycle. Happy driving and watch out for the other guy. Stay safe and save your racing for the events.

When changing your address, please use membership@scca.org, include your membership number with your new address or contact SCCA, P. O. Box 19400, Topeka, Ks. 66619-0400. Toll Free 1-800-770-2055

SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY

After reading this in the RENews I thought this was just right for our safety column.

Event Safety and Your Region - Watch Those Wheels
By Al Mitcheli SSC Chairman

An incident occurred recently that caused me to reflect on the impact that it could have had on our sport. During timed competition at a Solo II event, a competitor had a wheel failure. The tire and wheel assembly separated from the car and traveled a good distance before expending its energy and coming to rest. There were no injuries. Those that were at the event and witnessed this anomaly now understand the reasons behind the need to keep proper distance for workers and spectators from the competing vehicles. My concern is that not everyone who competes or visits our events was at this event and we could have people involved in our sport, including Solo Safety Stewards, who may not understand the need for proper spacing to assure this type of incident would not produce an injury. The tire and wheel assembly could have injured any one it hit.

The prescriptive distances in the rulebook are the minimums. Never hesitate to increase the spacing if you are of the opinion that it needs to be greater. Always consider that an incident could happen and leave space to keep workers and spectators out of danger. The spacing can be increased by moving the course or the spectators to increase the separation. In some cases you may need to close a section of the course to spectator viewing because you have no further means of achieving adequate space.

If you are the Event Solo Safety Steward, during your announcements at the drivers meeting, it would be good to advise competitors of the need to inspect their wheels regularly for cracks and early signs of failure. Our type of events require sharp transitions of the vehicle and with the tire compounds that are currently available, greater than normal side deflection loads are exerted on the wheels. This deflection will sometimes result in the formation of cracks. This can happen on all types of wheels. Routine inspections during preparation for an event will allow a competitor to spot small cracks and give them a chance to replace the wheel before it fails. You should also caution that painted wheels, especially powder coated finishes, can mask the crack and leave it undetected visually so you must also look for imperfections developing in the finish which could mean there is a problem below the finish.

AUTOCROSS

March 30, 2003

Underpass Ave.

Registration 8-9:30 - Run til we drop. May be the first dry autocross of the season.

See you all there!



**April showers bring May Flowers
& Mayflowers bring pilgrims.
So enjoy what we hope
will be a wet spring.**

**Thank You
To**

**Cord Mitchell
of
Dent Works**

**for the use of his lot on
Underpass Ave.**

FOR SALE

Datsun 510. old #71, looking for a new driver. \$1500 OBO - This car is fully race prepared, built by Dennis McCollough, and only driven by a little old man on Sundays. Call Bob Grummett 322-4615 for details.

SCHEDULE

April 2 Meeting - Elmer's, 2455 Central
March 30 Autocross - Underpass Ave.
Memorial Day & Labor Day have been confirmed at Skyview
High School - May 26th & September 1st - Mark your
calendar.

Anyone that has a possibility of a racing venue, please contact
the competition chairmen. Tami McCollough for Billings 252-
9687 & Joe Evers for Bozeman 585-8447.

The APRIL 2003 meeting will
be held on April 2nd at Elmer's,
2455 CENTRAL AVENUE,
Billings, at 7:30 P.M.
See you there.

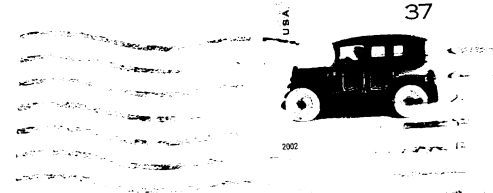
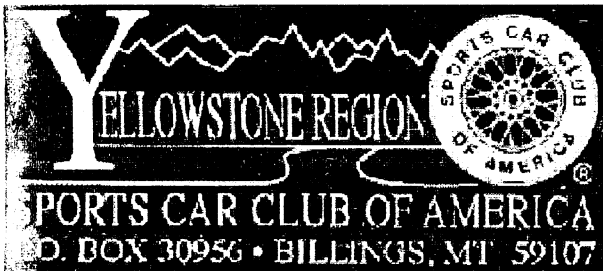
WEB Sites

Yellowstone Region 108
[Yellowstone SCCA.org](http://YellowstoneSCCA.org)
Southwest Montana Region (Pending)
<http://homepage.mac.com/mtcossie/swmtscca/>
Montana Region (Great Falls)
edwardaustin2000@yahoo.com or
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Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club
<http://www.ida.net/users/lewisr/eiscc1.html>
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
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Cars On Canvas
www.cars-on-canvas.com



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Inside This Issue:

April 2nd- Meeting Elmer's, 2455
Central Ave. 7:30 p.m. - We will
vote on the guidelines.
March 30th - Autocross - Overpass
Ave.

May 26

(Roundup Mile marker 16 - don't track)

