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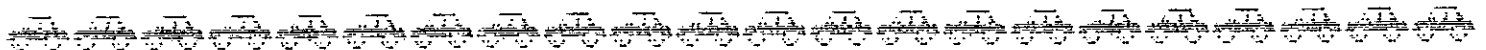


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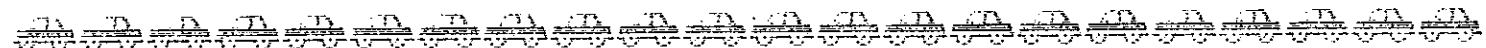
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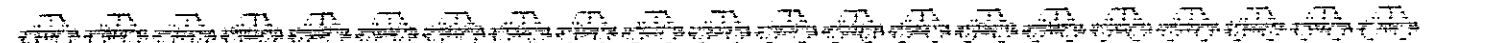
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SCHEDULE

- Oct 3 Meeting - 7:30 P.M. DDC & EDDY'S, 15th & Broadwater
- NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE ---- NOTE NEW MEETING PLACE
- Sept 15 Rallye-Kurt Schulz 259-2621, Dale Dinsmore 256-2212
- Sept 29 LEWISTOWN REVISITED-DALE DINSMORE 256-2212
- Oct 6 Auto-X - Skyview, Dennis McCollough 252-9687 & Dale Dinsmore, 256-2212, co-Chairs
- Oct 20 Auto-X - Yo-Tech - Bill Schaff 259-2071 & Dale Dinsmore 256-2212, Co Chairs
- Nov 3 Auto-X - Laurel - Dean Johnson, 628-6771 Chair



AUG 1ST MEETING MINUTES

Asst. R. E. Bill McKnight called the meeting to order.

Minutes were accepted as read.
No Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Talk went to changing the meeting place. Maybe a quieter place to show films, have speakers, etc., to increase attendance and membership. How about a membership drive? What plan of attack? Need a change of attitude. Talk club to club.

Dennis & Dale to chair next event or will find bodies to do same.

SEPT. 5TH MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by R. E. Kurt Schulz. Minutes approved as read.

Treasurer's report \$680.28 with Ck #705 to Kinkos missing, Bill Schaff has infor at home and should be in Aug bank statement. Around \$22.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

NAPA on Sept 21 & 22 canceled.

MLR Lot - No go. Mark will try thru another channel.

Kurt will check with Lockwood School. Shopko is a possible and maybe Club Wholesale.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Events: Sept 15th, Rallye. Kurt Chair; Oct 5th, Skyview, Dennis & Dale co-chairs; Oct 20th Vo-Tech, Bill & Dale, Co-Chairs; Nov. 3rd, Laurel,

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill would like to have any race cars at NAPA Parking Lot on Sept. 20-21. Another fund raiser for the Boy's & Girl's Ranch.

Dave moved to have meetings place at Doc & Eddy's on Broadwater. Jeff seconded. Passed. (Dave to chair)

Dave moved to adjourn. Dale seconded, passed.

Acting Secretary
Dale Dinsmore

Thanks you Dale for taking minutes since I was unable to. Char

probable Dean as Chair.

Proposed Bylaw changes were discussed, look elsewhere in newsletter for copy of proposals.

New officers candidates Bill McKnight, R.E.; Mark Richien Asst. R. E.; Kathie McKnight. Sec-Treas; Dean Johnson. Comp-Chair; Bill Schaff & Dale Dinsmore will do newsletter. Anyone wishing to run for office please call Kurt and get your name on the ballot. Voting will be done in Nov.

Bill McKnight ran into Tom Masterson and Great Falls would like to do another Lewistown. They ask if we could get the 29th of Sept. Bill moved we go Lewistown on the 29th. Dale seconded, passed.

Bill Mc. moved & Mark seconded that we adjourn, passed.

Respectfully, Char

FROM THE R.E.

IT SEEMS IM ALWAYS WRITTING ONE OF THESE COLUMNS. I DONT REALLY HAVE MUCH TO TALK ABOUT. GUESS ILL START WITH NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS.

DM CLAYTON HAS TAKEN THE SSB CROWN IN RMD. HE SHOULD HAVE A GOOD CHANCE AT ATLANTA. RANDY HOLLAND WENT PRO RALLEYING AND DUMPED HIS BLACK TRUCK. NOBODY HURT BUT THE FORD-HE DID FINISH. JOHN SMALL IS FOURTH IN SSC IN RMD POINTS-HE MIGHT GO TO ATLANTA. BILL MCKNIGHT WORKED THE DENVER GP-DANNY SULLIVAN BURNED HIS CAR UP ON BILLS CORNER-BILL HAD A GREAT TIME BUT I DONT KNOW ABOUT DANNY.

OUR ANNUAL RUN-A-ROUND AT LEWIS TOWN WAS A BLAST AND FOR THE FIRST TIME NOBODY BROKE! ELI ANSELM showed up and EVERYONE DROVE EACH OTHER'S CARS. FUN IN THE FAST LANE.

A PERFECT DAY FOR IT. 4 TEAMS RAN THE RALLYE WITH THE ANTON'S WINNING IT. WE MISSED A LOT OF MEMBERS-THERE WERE NO WATER BALLOONS.

WELL SO MUCH FOR IDLE CHIT-CHAT. NOW BACK TO THE OLD, HARD LINE. WE NEED HELP! TO MUCH IS BEING DONE BY TOO FEW. IF WE DONT ADVERTIZE OUR EVENTS, THEY WILL CEASE TO EXIST. THE HEART AND SOUL OF ANY CLUB IS IT'S MEMBERS AND LATELY WE HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE HEART. I KNOW IM PART OF THE PROBLEM, I DID MISS A MEETING-THE FIRST IN 2 AND 1/2 YEARS. WITH SUCH POOR LEADERSHIP WE ARE BOUND TO FLOUNDER IN THE MIRE. WE HAVE A MEETING COMING UP SO BE THERE-I WILL.



FLASH

Word has it, that there are a lot of bummed out autocrossers, because they missed out on last Lewistown Autocross.

So here's the solution. We're gonna run it again.

September 29th, you too can write your name on the Lewistown grid. As always, please contact Kurt Schulz or Dale Dinsmore for more information, and to give an accounting on how many wish to participate.

Kurt 259-2621 Dale 256-2212



TWOFER RALLYE

Two for the price one - You got it two Rallyes for the price of one. That's right or is that left...a gimick and a hare & hound...come one come all for fun.fun.fun. Starts at Billings Foreign Car Service at 11:00 a.m. on Sept 29th.

\$5.00 per car.. see you there for more information call Kurt at 259-2621 or Dale 256-2212.

WANTLAND'S WORDIES

The object of a Wordie is to figure out the familiar phrase or saying represented by the letters in each box. Naturally, all of our Wordies are racing related. To solve the puzzles, look for the way the letters are arranged, their style or their location. To get you started, the answer to the first Wordie on row 1 is FIRST (OVER)ALL. Good luck on the rest of them. The answers are on page 25.

STEER

	FIRST ALL	COOL LAP	BORE		RUN AREA
P I T		WARE NOMEX	PIT	WORKER	RADIUS
	TOW	FINISH	CLFIRSTASS	$2x+3y=FORD$	BED
	TOURING TOURING	60° 70° 80° LAP	SWIN REN	PAVING MOM	SPLIT
	ROLL	POINT INDI	BRAIN	JECFUELION	SPIN
	MARKER	START	FOR U L A M	GRID E K A M	WHEEL

BREEDING CREW FOR FUN AND PROFIT

by JJ Ellis & K Petersen

Crew are a strange breed. For years people have attempted to raise them, with mixed results. When raised properly with the correct amounts of food, shelter and exercise, they can offer years of pleasure and usefulness. Breeders have commented on the amusement provided by watching the life cycle of the crew. Their feeding habits and breeding and sleeping activities have given endless hours of fascination for the whole family.

After interviewing many breeders, we've come up with some guidelines for successful raising. We've been assured that these are tried-and-true methods. We've also listed the common mistakes.

TAMING YOUR CREW

Crew are naturally mistrustful of Nomex, and even the smell can make them skittish and fearful. Approach gently, and entice with coffee and snacks. Give them duties gradually, and for the first few weeks show them by doing what you'd like them to do.

NAMING YOUR CREW

Any name is suitable that describes your crew or shows your high regard--such as Ace, Buddy, Skipper, Supreme Being. Whatever you do, don't call them @#&\$\$!. They will turn on you. (See the section under Common Diseases.)

SHELTER

WRONG: Let them sleep in the car--or worse, on the ground in tents. Allow them to stand outside at the track in the rain, heat, dust and cold.

RIGHT: Put them up in a nice motel (minimum of \$40* per night). Only one crew per bed. Let them view activities from the motor home which you provided for their comfort.

SHELTER DURING BAD WEATHER

WRONG: Let them wear large green garbage bags with holes for arms and head. Tell them not to get any green plastic on hot engine parts. Consider the hot engine to be sufficient heat. Complain bitterly about the noise when they can't hold tools in their numb fingers (after all, you're hung over from last night's party). Supervise their work from the comfort of your RV.

RIGHT: Give them properly fitted rain gear that you've selected (and paid for). Provide enclosed, heated trailer with TV (and optional VCR hookup). While crew is breakfasting, be sure to check the propane tank--be sure there's enough gas to provide their heat and hot water.

FOOD

WRONG: Let them forage for nuts, berries and tubers, or bring their own (and yours). Worse, expect them to cook for you over a smoky campfire. (Rationalize this by saying that the smoke keeps the bugs away.)

RIGHT: Provide a leisurely breakfast. Lunch is optional, provided breakfast was filling. Dinner should be at least \$15* a head, plus drinks. Under no circumstances are you to feed them outdoors.

CLOTHING

WRONG: Tell them to bring their own. Complain about the smell by the third day. Make them work downwind.

RIGHT: Provide coordinated crew uniforms--hats, tees, shoes, pants. Jackets should be reversible, or the team logo should be mounted with Velcro, to avoid embarrassing them if you screw up out there.

GROOMING

Note: This category is especially important, as crew has a tendency to quickly develop an unpleasant odor reminiscent of CAM 2, oil, mud and sweat.

WRONG: Indicate sink or rain puddle and make pointed remarks about the smell.

RIGHT: Provide hot showers, nicely scented soap, and large, soft, fluffy towels.

SLEEP

WRONG: Let them curl up under the trailer once you decide it's too dark for any more work to be done. Awaken them at 8 a.m. because there are only three more hours until hardship practice and you want your breakfast. Set them to work doing tire temps, as you've always wanted to know how they change as the sun comes up and the frost burns off.

RIGHT: Allow a minimum of eight hours, undisturbed by the driver who is in the motel parking lot under the car and moaning while trying to patch the nine-inch hole in the oil pan with racer's tape. Waken gently--the smell of fresh coffee should work. Allow crew to shower before you to be sure they get sufficient hot water.

TRAVEL

WRONG: Never race less than eight hours from home. Let them drive the tow vehicle through the 5 p.m. New York traffic; take over when you reach the track gate. Make no stops; remind them of the coffee can under the seat. Position one crew on the trailer with the car because you forgot the hood pins.

RIGHT: Travel no more than 20 minutes from home, including the stop for coffee. Tow vehicle should have a stereo/tape deck, velour reclining seats and a large thermos of fresh coffee. Don't make them drive. Under no circumstances wake them just because it's 3 a.m., raining, and you're lost in downtown Binghamton.

DRIVER ETIQUETTE

WRONG: Be nasty, indifferent. Call on Thursday night and order them to drive to your garage (which is at least 50 miles from their home) to put in your engine so you can run on Friday. Forget to pick up the hoses. Send them to the parts store, which is one block from their house.

RIGHT: Thank at least hourly. Show concern for their well-being. Inquire about the family, kids, pets. Offer to perform maintenance on their personal cars. Hire an independent mechanic (at your expense) to relieve them of strain. Socialize regularly with them during the off-season. Invite them to dinner, holiday parties, and your kids' weddings.

RACE PARTIES

WRONG: Don't let them attend; socializing with competitors' crew could be demoralizing and could cause your breeders to die off quickly or run away. Instead, have them practice pit lane maneuvers until proficient. Tell them you could return unexpectedly from the race party and catch them slacking off. Follow up with spot checks.

RIGHT: Escort them to the party, and introduce them proudly to other drivers. Shrug off your accomplishments and concentrate on theirs instead. Use appropriate adjectives like "marvelous" and "superb."

VICTORY LAPS

WRONG: Have them line up in pit lane and cheer as you drive by to pick up the checkered flag.

RIGHT: Make sure each crew gets at least one victory lap during the season. Follow with champagne. During the interviews, make it clear that you couldn't have done it without them.

LIFE SPAN

WRONG: Start them working shortly after you have separated them from their mothers. Use them until their speech is gone, then tell them that, since they are burned out and no longer useful to you,

* In January 1989 dollars--Ed.

they might as well go out and become race workers. **RIGHT:** Although crew have been known to be a remarkably hardy, cheerful and long-lived breed, it's best to use them only during their ages 20-25. After age 25, retire them to the position of breeding stock, or give them the title of Crew Chief. Make sure you provide for their food and shelter for the rest of their lives.

COMMON DISEASES AND TREATMENTS

RASHES. Usually caused by uniforms made from cheap material. **Cure:** obvious.

PHONUS INTERRUPTUS. **Symptoms:** hangs up when you call, especially when it's Monday and you want to rebash the weekend one more time, or when it's Friday evening and you've changed your mind and decided to run at Bryar tomorrow after all. **Cure:** Limit discussion of weekend to 10 minutes maximum while you're driving home; wait until the crew falls asleep in the back seat to begin. Ask then at least four weeks in advance if it's okay for you to run at the event.

SPOUSAL SYMPATHY PAINS. Seen in mates of crew. They usually observe crew abuse before the crew is aware of it. **Symptoms:** snarls at you from behind the motor home; screams "It's that #@ç*(% for you!" when you call; returns your Christmas card marked "MOVED--UNLISTED ADDRESS"; grabs the children away

as you walk by. **Cure:** CEASE MALTREATMENT OF CREW AT ONCE. Note: Crew young will also react to crew abuse. They may respond by pasting Rambo stickers over the oil and temp gauges, leaving half-chewed Ring Dings on the race car seat, or turning on every switch in the motor home and on the dash while it's parked in the paddock.

I'M-MAD-AS-HELL-AND-I'M-NOT-GOING-TO-TAKE-IT-ANYMORE SYNDROME. This is the most serious disease noted, and can wipe out your entire breeding colony. Due to improper handling, their normal good nature changes beyond repair. **Symptoms:** holds lap board upside-down or backwards; goes in for coffee as you pit; does tire pressures with a lug wrench; spills coffee (with sugar) into the fuel cell "accidentally"; cheers for your competitors; leans against the motor home picking nose while you push your car through tech. **THIS IS CRITICAL, AND POSSIBLY CONTAGIOUS. IF IT IS OBSERVED IN YOUR CREW, YOU MAY BE INVITED TO VACATE THE PREMISES, AND YOUR COMP LICENSE MAY BE LIFTED IMMEDIATELY.**

CONCLUSION

We find this to be a comprehensive manual on crew raising. Breeders with different viewpoints are welcome to send in their comments, which will not necessarily be paid attention to. Send comments or rebuttals to: Karen Petersen, 18 Grove Street, West Hartford, CT 06110.

Proposed changes in Bylaws

1. Delete from Duties of the Assistant Regional Executive duties the sentence reading:

HE WILL MAINTAIN A CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO PREVENT CONFLICTING SCHEDULES.

2. Add to Duties of the Competition Chairman the following:

HE WILL MAINTAIN A CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO PREVENT CONFLICTING SCHEDULES.

HE WILL APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE THE INSURANCE FOR EACH EVENT AND MAKE SURE EACH EVENT CHAIRMAN IS PROVIDED WITH NECESSARY COPIES OF INSURANCE BINDER FOR USE AT THE EVENT AND FOR PROPERTY OWNERS. IT WILL BE HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP TRACK OF THE INSURANCE ACCOUNT IN THE REGIONS NAME AT THE NATIONAL OFFICE.

HE WILL EITHER CONTACT THE NEWS MEDIA FOR EACH EVENT OR ASSIST EACH EVENT CHAIRMAN IN THIS CONTACT. IT WILL BE HIS RESPONSIBILITY THAT NEWS MEDIA CONTACT BE MADE.

1991 SCHEDULE

SEPT 15
SEPT 29
OCT 6
OCT 20
NOV 3

RALLYE - SOCIAL EVENT
LEWISTOWN REVISITED
AUTO-X - VO-TECH OR SKYVIEW
AUTO-X - VO-TECH
AUTO-X - LAUREL

THE RALLYE

The Rallye was held on Aug 4th, starting from Billings Foreign Car. Talk about panic, the first car out of the lot (Dave & Jean Eberts) went the wrong way. They realized their error and circled around and went the correct direction. Kurt thought maybe he made an error. Dave & Jean redeemed themselves later in the rallye when they were the only ones to get "Quinn" on a question about eskimos. We dr

ove all over the west end of Billings and answered many questions about many subjects. The team of Anton/Anton took first place, it was nice to see Steve & Jeri again. Char & Paul Schulz took second, Dave & Jean, 3rd, and Guy & Amy Rolando took fourth. We had fun and then ate chicken provided by the club and salads provided by everyone else. Nice rallye and good company. Thanks Kurt & Dale for the time spent on the rallye.

WORDIES

Solution to the Wordies are, starting with the top row, left:

First overall; cooldown lap; big bore; oversteer; runoff area; pit out; nomex underwear; pit stop; corner worker; decreasing radius; flat low; did not finish; first in class; formula ford tilt bed; improved touring; warmup lap; winners circle; moving up in the pack; down shift; rollover; braking point; brain fade; fuel injection; spin out; back marker; split start; formula V; makeup grid; open wheel..... did you get them all?

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