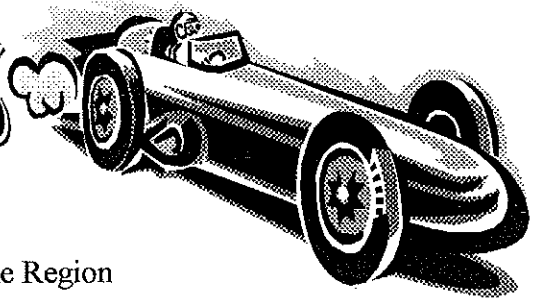


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TWO MONTHS LEFT IN RACING SEASON

We are starting the final two months of events for Yellowstone Region. Five event are planned over the next six weeks, four SCCA and one NWHCA. For SCCA we have Lockwood on July 29th, Bozeman-MSU on the 12th of August and two Labor Day (Sept 3rd) events. One is at Skyview High School in Billings & the other is Mustang Days in Bozeman.

On August 18th & 19th Black Otter Hillclimb will be held in Billings. This is sponsored by the Northwest Hillclimb Association. There is a flyer included with this newsletter. For more information call any of the officers listed on the side panel. Dennis Hoeger for Bozeman events & Dennis McCoullough for Billings & NWHCA events. Happy racing!

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of 7-11-2001 called to order. Assistant RE Brian Dean presiding.

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting motioned, seconded & passed.

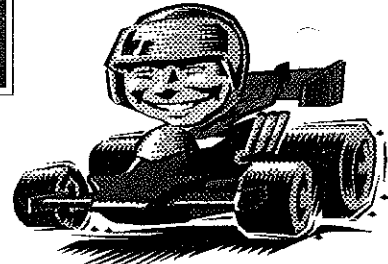
Treasurer's report: the checkbook balances at \$1222.82, with all bills paid or current. Our events have basically paid expenses if it is looked at in total.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was asked for a clarification on the fun runs rules. So far, it is the following: If you drive your own car & were an entrant for the day's events, or another car & were an entrant in the day's event, the cost is \$2.50 per run with a two run minimum, or \$5.00. It is up to the event chairman on how many runs may be taken or if any will be done at all. If a driver did not participate in the day's event, the cost is \$10.00 for two runs. It is \$2.50 for each run after that. Look for more info in the next FT.

MINUTES CONTINUED ON PG. 5

From your RE



I missed the Armory event because of commitments here, but I understand that many runs were had by the few who did enjoy the day. We need to make a concerted effort to attract some new, young driving talent in Billings. We talked about it this winter and someone volunteered to work on posters for parts stores, MSU-B, etc. , but like so many volunteer efforts it comes after regular work & sometimes it simply doesn't get done. How about a volunteer stepping forward to do some posters, we still have time left. It would be great if we could generate some interest during the Black Otter. Any thoughts? Any volunteers?

Well, I went to Top Gun as a representative of our region. Forty cars were there & the course on Saturday was a lot of fun. Unfortunately, the first cars off weren't off until 10:50, with the first run group finished at 11:50. It seems as though we had a pachyderm problem. Yes the circus was in town performing at the fairgrounds in the building next to where we were having our race. A part of the course swung around on a road by where the pachyderms, yes elephants, were hobbled. It seems that the elephant's owner was convinced that a car From the RE continued on Pg. 5

A TALE OF TWO SITES

It had the best of times, it had the worst of times. we had a new site, we had an old site. We had a few spectators, we had a lot of spectators. What the "Dickens" am I talking about? The Armory & Lowe's, of course, our last two Billings events. So, with hopes that memory serves, here it goes.

On July 1, 01, we set up a course at the Montana Army National Guard at 2915 Gabel Road. the lot is almost perfect, with no light poles & plenty of space. The pavement is the best & we put it to good use.

Event chair was yours truly, and the course was designed by Brian Dean & Dennis McCollough. With help from others, it was set up quickly enough & then with the computer skills of Jeff Hauck of Cody, the timer was put on line & worked well. In the trailer was Char Schulz taking care of things & when Jeff wasn't racing he & his son did their turn on the hot seat! Kurt Schulz was our Safety Steward, & he did the job even though he didn't race. Thank you. Without him, we wouldn't have had the event.

Dwight & Kristi Gilliland showed up with his latest Hill Climb assault vehicle. It was wicked fast, but of course needs shaking out since this was it's first run. The course proved well suited to help out.

The intense & much talked about rivalry between the ponies of Dale Dinsmore & Ken Decker was in full swing! We added new member John Warg & his Corolla, and Jeff Hauck & his Z of another color. It was a blast having Jeff accessible to race with since his main ride, which is 6-7 seconds quicker, was left at home. Feel free, Jeff, to keep that up!

Rick Borsheim & his Cobra from Colstrip was there & so was Mr. Arnett, who traveled home from Spokane the day before. We had new drivers, wives & friends of drivers, & had a great time. Thanks for showing up & driving & helping out. With appropriate apologies for omissions & outright lies, we can now move on to Lowe's Motor Speedlotte, Char. But first, we must thank MSG Osik & the Nation Guard for allowing us to use their lot. Their facility is first class.

Lowe's was basically secured & set up by Jim & Marcie Arnett at midnight on Saturday the 14th. This has to be done, since large RV's & such vie for our asphalt. It was a decent chunk of pavement, about 200' by 400' depending upon whose feet were pacing it off. Dwight G. said afterwards that he wasn't sure that Lowe's would be ok for his "Avenger", that is, too small. But the course was basically a figure 8 inside an oval, (check it out on the web site) which when run two laps proved to be excellent. We have some great course designers.

There were fifteen cars, and in the morning running one lap, we got two groups of four runs each. In the afternoon, we each got six more at two laps. It went quite smoothly, and was the usual fun.

The big difference between Lowe's & the Armory is exposure. We had a very large number of spectators, & extra people everywhere, though in complete safety at Lowe's. This is one reason we like to go there. We did indeed pick up a few serious & interested car lovers, including one each from Cody & Red Lodge. there were probably more. Another big difference for me & Ryan McDonald was one flat tire apiece. Mine came later in the afternoon & I parked it. Ryan's was after about his first run & he got it fixed & ran in the afternoon.

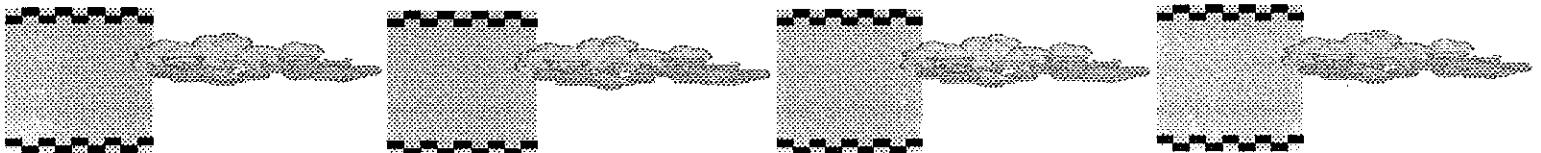
Some veterans whom I haven't seen lately were on the scene, including Wes Nelson & his CP Mustang. I got to do two fun runs in it just before the thunder storm (which though wild was mild in comparison). That was the highlight of my day, since in the afternoon, I got whipped not by one Dale, but two! Now if I can just get Wes to fix the power steering & add a tilt wheel.....(See Andre & Jim in the times, Wes ran in the a.m.)

A special thanks to Char Schulz for running the timing booth & helping to train anyone willing to give it a shot. Cool man & new member Randy Phillips got a taste of the timing experience. Hope it went well for you.

Finally, we must thank Kerry Naasz & Ken Hart for allowing us to autocross at one of our best sites. Kerry is leaving Lowe's. Good luck wherever you go!

For any of you who felt I left important things out, let's hear from you in the FAST TIMES!!

Ken Decker Results on pg 4



Falcon Finale - May 28, 2001

The Falcon Finale fundraiser was another great event. We saw several newcomers carving cones, like John Warg, looking rather experienced at autocrossing.....but he was claiming this was his first time. Casey Artz showed us what a SHO Taurus could do, & Ryan McDonald's Laser put on an impressive display of Turbo charged power. The Brelje clan brought out their kart, and the daughters conspired to beat Mom.

In contrast to the Lockwood School event, the Skyview Falcon Finale was a double lapper - 1 1/2 or so minutes long. This gave the drivers opportunity to put a little more heat into the cars & themselves. Coursemeister Brian Dean managed to set up a fast & fun course that held a broad mix of corners to whittle away on. First time corner carvers John Warg & Casey Artz were all smiles at the end of the day and mightily bitten with the racing bug. The Brelje girls dusted off the 5 hp kart & had an all day long battle for honors - unfortunately some laws of physics cannot be denied & Chelsie took fastest, Lexie second & Marjie was bested.

And old-timer Dale Dinsmore re-appeared looking nervous & rusty in his new Mustang. We're all looking forward to a great battle between Dale & Ken in their 5.0 Fords as this season progresses.

Many thanks to Dale & Donna for the use of their house & their hospitality. The annual b-b-que was a great way to cap off the day.

Also, many thanks to all who showed up & helped run the event.

Dennis

Jim Arnet	Cheetah	70.46
Dennis McCollough	Oddity	74.844
Brian Dean	Civic	77.689
Al Walker	240Z	77.852
Rick Borsheim	Cobra	81.901
Ken Decker	Mustang GT	81.952
Ryan McDonald	Laser	81.992
Dale Brelje	Mustang	83.893
Dale Dinsmore	Mustang	84.783
Chelsie Brelje	5 Hp Kart	84.787
Marty Westland	RX-7	84.810
Phil Burrows	Mustang	85.543
Lexie Brelje	5 hp Kart	85.705
John Warg	Toyota	86.336
Josiah Rodda	Honda	88.312
Casey Artz	Sho Taurus	88.559
Margie Brelje	5 Hp Kart	89.076
Eric Schulz	Honda	97.679
Fred Rodda	VW	102.016

Bozeman Ice Gardens - 6-10-01

Rob Ridgely	Toyota MR2	DM	50.43
Norm Williams	Honda CRXsi	ES	52.49
Joe Evers	Porsche 911L	ASP	52.83
Glen Novak	VW Rabbit	SM	53.10
Dennis Hoeger	MG MGB	DSP	53.42
Bruce Wilson	Camero	FS	54.41
Larry Day	Mazda Miata	BS	54.45
Dave Firth	Triumph TR6	FSP	54.66
Mike Wagner	VW Rabbit	SM	54.66
Julian Morris	Subaru WRX	GS	55.09
Don Hoyt	Mustang	FS	55.46
James Raines	Mustang V-6	ESP	55.49
Pete Hendrickson	Mazda Maita	BS	55.56
Carl Strong	Subaru WRX	GS	55.79
Steve Reihman	BMW M5	SM	56.24
Susie Piper	Corvette	SS	56.52
Marty Westland	RX-7	CS	56.56
Brady Steinke	Audi A4	STS	56.82
Carter Disney	Toyota Celica	GS	57.00
Dan Dilorenzo	Mustang	SM	57.04
Jeff Richey	Porsche 911SC	AS	57.12
Tim Fountaine	Camero	FS	57.18
Hans Conser	Mazda RX-7	CS	57.25
Dan Hourigan	Mustang TTWT	SM	57.32
Eric Dawkins	Mustang	FS	57.51
J. P. Stendal	RX-7	CS	57.55
Mike Cok	Chrysler 300	HS	57.57
Nicke Coate	Dodge Neon	HS	57.87
Ray Reigenauer	Dodge Stealth	BSP	58.03
Roy Tunby	Toyota supra	GS	58.12
Joe Hupka	Corvette	AS	58.41
Robin Evers	VW GTI	GS	58.81
R. S. White	Corvette	SS	100.23
Lyle Cigler	Shelby GT350	FS	100.50
Jim LaPorte	MG MGB	HS	100.77
Rob Currier	Mazda RX-7	CS	101.20
Pete Nowolcoski	Plymouth Neon	STS	102.79
Preston Stoval	Firebird	SM	103.96
Nance Westland	VW GTI	GS	108.14
Ardi Santoso	Mazda RX-7	CS	115.63
Mike Dunsch	Honda CRX	HS	DNF

The Benefits of Growing Older, & you thought there weren't any!

In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.....No one expects you to run into a burning building.....You have a party & the neighbors don't even realize it.....You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge....You're secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either

Bozeman Hospital - June 24th

Rob Ridgely	Toy. MR2	DM	114.67	Nicke Coate	Dodge Neon	DSP	125.03	<p>You consider coffee one of the most important things in life...Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.....You sing along with elevator music.... You have an age advantage whenever you want to use it.</p> <p>www.send4fun.com</p>
Norm Williams	Honda CRX	ES	115.24	Rick Boscha	Subaru WRX	GS	125.91	
Glen Novak	VW Rabbit	SM	115.88	Dave Kirk	Lotus Cortina	HS	125.99	
Joe Evers	Porsche 911L	ASP	116.24	Derek Gustafson	Porsche 944	CS	126.08	
Gordon Gallehon	Corvette	BP	117.88	Rob Currier	Mazda RX-7	CS	126.44	
Pete Hendrickson	Mazda Miata	BS	118.71	Eric Dawkins	Mustang	FS	127.15	
Dave Firth	Triumph TR6	FSP	118.94	Roy Tunby	Toyota Supra	GS	128.87	
Rick Borsheim	Cobra	DM	119.52	James Raines	Mustang V-6	SM	129.13	
Mike Wagner	VW Rabbit	SM	122.75	Chad Marlon	VW Beetle	FSP	129.21	
J.P. Stendal	RX-7	CS	123.07	Dan Dilorenzo	Mustang	SM	131.68	
Bruce Wilson	Camero	SS	123.86	Ray Reigenauer	Dodge Stealth	BSP	132.10	
Hans Conser	Mazda RX-7	CS	124.04	Michael Rittell	BMW 2002	ES	136.60	
Steve Reihman	BMW M5	ESP	124.27	Marc Goldsmith	Ford Crown Vic	FS	144.20	
Marty Westland	RX-7	CS	124.47	Betsy Blacker	BMW M5	ESP	144.40	
Jim LaPorte	Mazda 323 GTX	DSP	124.66					

MORE MINUTES

We need more Safety Stewards. this issue has come close to canceling events. If a SS wants to drive, we need an assistantSS. This really means that we need two per event, and the event chairman cannot do both at one time.

We will order the Safety Steward video & will get together with Jim Arnett to get another SS school going. We have several people who are interested. If other members are interested & we we don't know about it, please call Jim Arnett. The school will most likely be at least partially conducted at an event.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Picket of the Gazette is interested in doing an article on our club. she will not be able to make the Lowe's event, but a photographer may be ther eto get it going. The Sec-Treasurer gave her some more dates, & perhaps she may be at the July 29 autocross at Lockwood. Please come & race!

It was pointed out that the August autocross schedule is somewhat skimpy. The 5th or the 12th would be possible. If you want to run, Bozeman has at least one event (the 12th of the month), and the Hillclimb is the 18th & 19th.

There being no further new business, it was motioned to adjourn, seconded, & passed. Thank you for the members & board present.

Ken Decker



More RE: would leave the course, hit & kill one of his four legged performers. Never mind the fact that you'd have to get through two dumpsters, a semi trailer and a chain link fence before you touch one of the big guys. so, a lunch break was taken to get saome concrete barriers in place to protect the pachyderms. The rest of the day went well for most competitors. I was the only DSP & Alan Foss, Missoula, was the only FP with his Mustang, so we were paired up. As luck would have it, I beat Alan by 0.12 seconds for the day. but after taking two \$2.00 fun runs, the green MG gave up her engine. Sounds a lot like rod bearings. So there was no Sunday racing for me. I packed up & went home.

I didn't feel much like driving to Billings for the Lowes event after just having returned from Great Falls, but it sounds like it was fun, with lots of spectators & lots of runs. Work has it that "Hairy" did a good job of breaking cars. Well Dennis, I guess it was our week-end.

We'll be racing in Bozeman on the 22nd at MSU near the corner of College & 11th. I hope this gets to you in time & I hope we see you all there.

I'll be waiting for all those volunteers to call on our membership drive.

Dennis

Some of these apply to autocrossing & some to road racing & some to both.

You know you're a hard luck racer when.....

- ...you've thrown more rods than you have bones to your dog.
- ...the local NAPA names their new building after you.
- ...all the corner workers know you by first name, not car number.
- ...you paint your car orange to save on paint costs.
- ...your other hobby is making gavels out of burnt pistons,
- ...you remember the best day of your life, your wife left you, your dog ran away, but your car finished.
- ...the only time you see the checkered flag is when your car dies on the front stretch.
- ...you've never had to visit impound after a race.
- ...the tow truck driver tells you where to paddock to make his job easier.
- ...you bring two of everything to the track, but still have to pack up & head home a day early.
- ...when you unload the pylons they run from you.
- ...you legally change your name to "Pylon King".
- ...after your run, fresh course workers are always rushed out.

Written by Paul & Kurt Schulz on one of those long, boring, early tows home from Colorado



Rick Borsheim, in the Cobra, at Skyview.

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**Results for National Guard Armory - Billings
July 1, 2001**

AM	Dwight Gilliland	Avenger	:51.574
AM	Dennis McCullough	Oddity	:51.774
AM	Kristi Gilliland	Avenger	:54.735
CP	Jim Arnett	Firechicken	:53.251
CP	Philip Burrowes	Mustang	1:02.798
DSP	Ryan McDonald	Laser	:57.355
ESP	Ken Decker	Mustang Gt	1:00.924
FM	Rick Borsheim	Cobra	:58.407
FS	Jeff Hauck	280Z	1:00.594
FS	Dale Dinsmore	Mustang	1:00.970
HS	John Warg	Corolla	1:01.522
SM	Corey Sherwood	Honda CRX	1:05.239

**Results Lowe's - July 15, 2001
Morning Runs**

AM	Dwight Gilliland	Avenger	:27.762
	Kristi gilliland	Avenger	:29.593
FM	Rick Borsheim	Cobra	:32.909
CP	Andre Truchot	Mustang	:33.122
	Wes Nelson	Mustang	:34.023
DS	Rob Massee	Nissan 300Z	:36.457
DSP	Ryan McDonald	Laser	:32.141
ESP	Ken Decker	Mustang GT	:33.890
	Dale Brelje	Mustang	:35.240
FS	Dale Dinsmore	Mustang	:33.812
GS	Brandon Hill	Impreza	:34.932
HS	John Warg	Corolla	:35.860
SM	Jim Arnett	Honda Civic	:31.664
	Corey Sherwood	Honda CRX	:34.853

Afternoon Runs

AM	Dwight Gilliland	Avenger	:54.515
	Kristi Gilliland	Avenger	:57.639
FM	Rick Borsheim	Cobra	1:03.908
CP	Andre Truchot	Mustang	1:02.195
	Jim Arnett	Mustang	1:02.299
CSP	Casey Artz	Scirroco	1:13.804
DS	Rob Massee	Nissan 300Z	1:14.413
DSP	Ryan McDonald	Laser	1:03.073
ESP	Dale Brelje	Mustang	1:05.285
	Ken Decker	Mustang GT	1:06.445
FS	Dale Dinsmore	Mustang	1:04.631
GS	Brendon Hill	Impreza	1:04.631
HS	John Warg	Corolla	1:08.850
SM	Dennis McCollough	Honda Civic	:59.859
	Corey Sherwood	Honda CRX	1:07.086

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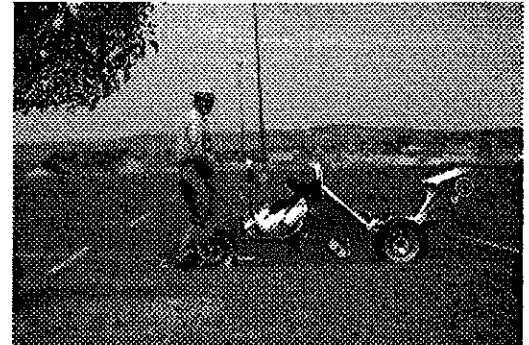
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Marty
Westland
in his
RX-7 at
Skyview.

Dennis M.
getting
ready in the
Oddity at
Skyview,
with Mark
Richlen
looking on.



SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY

**Solo Safety Stewards are needed in
Yellowstone Region. This requires watching a
1 hour video, then working several events
along side a licensed Safety Steward. Give it
some thought, if interested call Jim Arnett,
652-9262, for Billings or Marty Westland,
587-0075, for Bozeman. Then they will be
able to set up a time to do a training session.
With more stewards in the region, we will be
able to spread the work load around. Do your
part...become a Solo II Safety Steward
trainees today.**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

July 29 Lockwood
Aug 12 Bozeman - MSU
Aug 18-19 Black Otter Hillclimb
Sept 3 Skyview
Sept 3 Labor day - Mustang Day - Bozeman
Sept 9 Lewistown
Sept 16 Bozeman - Hospital



Jim Arnett
in the
Firechicken
at the
Armory

The August meeting will be held
on August 1, 2001, at Elmer's, 875
Main Street, Billings Heights, at
7:30 P.M.

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Billings

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Mustang Days, Sept 3rd.

Results, Results, Results