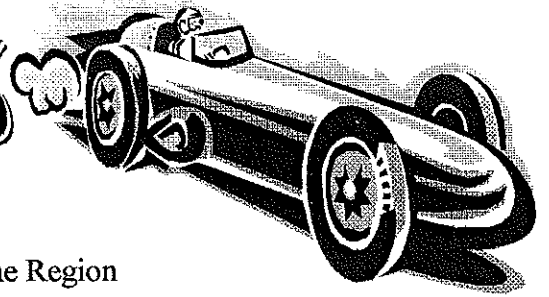


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LABOR DAY WEEK-END BUSY FOR AUTOCROSSERS

Sunday, September 2nd, Bozeman will host an event at the Ice Gardens at Four Corners. Registration & Tech open at 8:00, course open for inspection at 8:30, rookies drivers meeting at 8:45, drivers meeting at 9:00, first car off at 9:30 to 10:00. Entry fees are the usual \$20.00 for non-member & \$12.00 for members.

Monday takes us to Skyview High School in Billings, with about three to four acres of asphalt. The Billings course designers have gone all out the last few events & have come up with some real fun courses to run. It will be interesting to see what they do with Skyview. Registration & Tech open at 8:00-9:30, First car off by 10:00. Entry fees the usual.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of 8-01-01 at Elmer's.

Meeting called to order. Present are Dennis Mc, Ken D., Char & Kurt S., and Jim & Marcie A.

Motion to accept the minutes as in last Fast times, seconded & passed.

Treasurer's report: Balance in the checkbook with all bills current.

OLD BUSINESS:

We talked about fun runs or buck runs & may in the future as well. In billings, the buck runs are \$2.50, minimum of two for 45.00. Runs for non-entered cars are \$5.00 a run minimum of two for \$10.00. In bozeman, the fun runs are indeed buck runs, and for non-entered cars, it is a full entry fee, and a set maximum depending on the event chair. Since insurance goes with the car, a driver may drive another car which has been entered & the fun runs as above.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Motion to adjourn, seconded & passed. thank you to those who attended. Ken Decker

From your RE



Hello to all our members! You may have been wondering where your RE has been the last few months; like it or not, I'm still here. My personal schedule has kept me not only busy, but on the road as well. so, I hope to be more available for the rest of the year.

We don't have too many events left in our season. We've has a good season on the western side of the region & attendance seems to have picked up on the eastern side. It was a great article in the Gazette last sunday. I got a chance to look at it as I was waiting for a flight to Minnesota. That's the kind of article that should generate some new members & greater interest in our sport. Well done!! Can we follow that up with a PSA on the radio or in the Gazette before the next event?

If you have an interest in the Ice Gardens event on Sunday, September 2nd, take your time coming over the pass. We hope to get our Mustang friends taken care of first, before we get real active with our members. But, if someone is from out-of-town, we'll fit you in to the Mustang run groups. We won't know until sometime Saturday how many Mustang's we'll have at the event.

See ya on the street!

Dennis

August 5th MSU - Bozeman Event

Jim Arnett	Firechicken	CP	34.70
Rob Ridgely	Toyota MR2	DM	34.86
Joe Evers	Porsche 911L	ASP	36.73
Glen Novak	VW Rabbit	SM	36.93
Norm Williams	Honda CRX	ES	37.28
Ken Decker	Mustang GT	ESP	37.39
Rick Boscha	Subaru WRX	GS	37.49
Larry Day	Mazda Miata	BS	38.10
Steve Reihman	BMW M5	ESP	38.16
Tim Fontaine	BMW 2002	ES	38.60
Mike Wagner	VW Rabbit	SM	38.70
Hans Conser	Mazda RX-7	CS	39.03
Carl Strong	Subaru WRX	GS	39.10
Marty Westland	Mazda RX-7	CS	39.34
Dave Firth	Triumph TR6	FSP	39.39
Ed Prather	Mazda RX-7	CS	39.43
Todd Walle	Acura Integra	GS	39.60
Ray Reigenauer	Dodge Stealth	BSP	40.18
Tom Porter	Saab 900	HS	40.76
Roy Champim	VW Jetta	ES	41.22
Dave Kirk	Lotus Cortina	HS	41.35
Russel Kalser	VW Corrado	DSP	41.45
Shelly Nelsson	Mazda RX-7	CS	41.82
Art Stendal	Crown Vic	HS	42.20
Zach Fontaine	BMW 2002	ES	44.71
Marc Goldsmith	Crown Vic	HS	46.27

*Why do they call it tourist season,
if you can't shoot any of them?*

WATCH OUT FOR MOVING PYLONS

School has started again & we all need to be aware of the children. They are excited about getting back to classes & don't always look where they are going, so as drivers we have to be extra careful. School zone speed limits will also be back in force, so slow down and stay alert. From a Mother who had a child hit by a car I ask you to drive smart. I don't want any parent to experience that, take it from me, it's not fun getting a phone call from police dispatch, saying Mrs. Schulz you're son was hit by a car! The drive to the hospital, the emergency surgery, the weeks he spent on crutches, and finally the ticket for jay-walking. Believe me, nobody needs that, so be extra alert. Thanks, Char

August 22, 2001 - PSA

It was announced 8-22-01 that SCCA will move it's National headquarters from the Denver suburb of Centennial (previously known as Englewood) to Topeka, Kansas. Topeka is the home of the SCCA Solo II Championships. This move will be completed by November 2002. To read the 4 page press release go to SCCA.org & read the entire document.

SCCA has been throwing the idea around about moving since they sold their building a couple of years ago. This was just one possible move discussed by the powers to be, Atlanta was the other one. They wanted to move and the Heartland is a lot more centralized then Atlanta would be. This will be quite a move after almost 30 years in the Denver area.

Not only are they moving, but they are bringing Pro SCCA back to the fold. This may be good or bad, it's one of those wait & see things. Is the focus of SCCA going to change from the grass roots to Pro? I sure hope not, the ratio of amateur racers to pro racer is real lopsided in favor of the amateurs. As amateur racers we need to keep a close watch. There will probable be a lot of personnel changes over the next couple year, I just hope they find someone who knows the postal code for Montana is MT. not MO!

*One of the benefits of growing older is there's
nothing left to learn the hard way*

SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY

In the finally month of racing, remember to drink lots of liquids when at the race sites. When you're out in the sun you can dehydrate faster than you think. If you are thirsty, you have already started dehydrating. If you quit sweating, you're in real trouble and need to seek medical attention immediately. So keep that bottle of water, sports drink or juice close and wear a hat, carry an umbrella or seek the shade.

HP3C

Some of the regions across the country with access to road racing sites are holding **High Performance Car Control Clinic's**. They use real race courses & it's almost as safe as Solo II. Safe enough that you need nothing more than what you need to drive an autocross: a car with seatbelts, a helmet, no roll cage, or driving suit. It starts with a school with a personal instructor on a 1:1 or 2:1 basis, then a test ride in your car with you in the passenger seat. The track is almost the same as the racers will be running on during the same week-end. They add pylon chicanes to keep the speed down - theoretically topping about 85 mph. There are very strict passing rules/zones. The catch is only stock trim car are allowed. SP & STS may be allowed, but Prepared are not, even if it has two seats. The up side is up to about two hours track time. The Salina Region in Kansas has held these, Yellowstone doesn't have access to a road racing track so it's not something we could do unless we traveled out of region, but just wanted to let you know what's happening in other Region's. If you want to know more contact Dennis H. or Char & ask for a copy of the July 2001 RE News.

*You know you're from Montana when you know all 4 seasons:
Almost Winter, Winter, Still Winter, & Construction*

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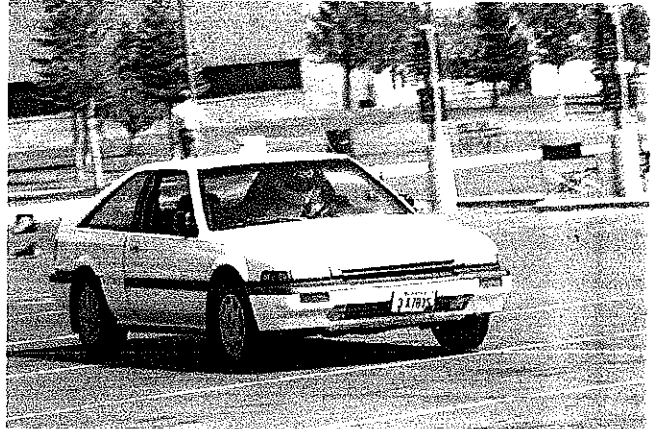
SCCA members who participated in the BOHC on August 18th & 19th. did well. Congratulations go to Dwight & Kristi Gilliland for top time in Men's & Women's for the week-end. Kristi is the second woman to join the 60 Second Club and holds the overall hill record for ladies. The Sixty Second Club is for racers who have finished the course in 60 seconds or less.

Dennis McCollough & Dave Eberts finished 2nd & 3rd behind Dwight; Dale Dinsmore set a new class record in FS; Bobby Arnett took 1st in GT1, followed by Gordon Gollehan; Brian Dean took 2nd on DS & Jim Arnett set a new class record in SPO.

Other racers included Bill Schaff in ASR; Dale Brelje in ESP; Marge Brelje in ESPL (new class record); Rob Massee in DS (new class record); & Alan Walker in GT2. For the old timers Dick Sheesley from Worland, Wyo. set a new class record in OSPO. It's hard to remember whether Dick or Dwight have raced in the most BOHC's.

You know that indestructible black box that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff? Or maybe the cars we put our teenagers in. And if flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the *terminal*?

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SCHEDULE

Sept 2 Bozeman Mustang Days - Ice Gardens -
-DATE CHANGE -
Sept 3 Skyview
Sept 9 Lewistown
Sept 16 Bozeman - Hospital

The September 2001 meeting
will be held on Sept. 5th at
Elmer's, 875 Main Street, Billings
at 7:30 P.M. See you there.

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Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club
<http://www.ida.net/users/lewisr/ciscc1.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)
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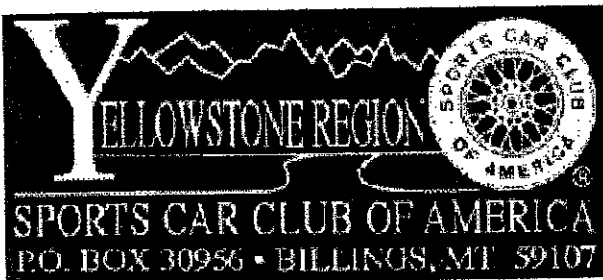
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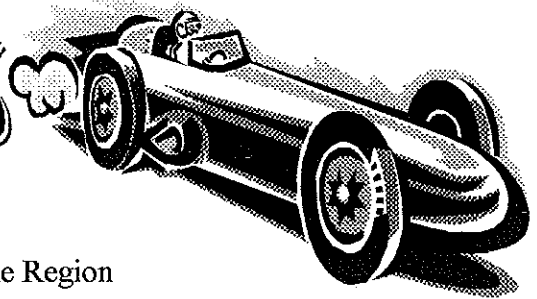


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7:30 p.m.

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TWO MONTHS LEFT IN RACING SEASON

We are starting the final two months of events for Yellowstone Region. Five events 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.

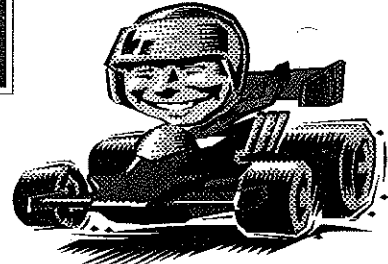
Treasurer's report: the checkbook balances at \$1222.82, with all bills paid or current. Our events have basically paid expenses if it is looked at in total.

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