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And You Thought You'd Heard The Last From Us

General Meeting of 10/6/99

(1) Meeting called to order by Cary Devitt (R.E). Present were Jim Arnett (Comp. Chair), Randy Devitt (Sec/Treas), Ken Decker (Representing the new member contingent), Kurt Schultz (Representing old members and old people in general), and Marcie Arnett (Jim's better half and his support group).

(2) Minutes from the previous meeting: None

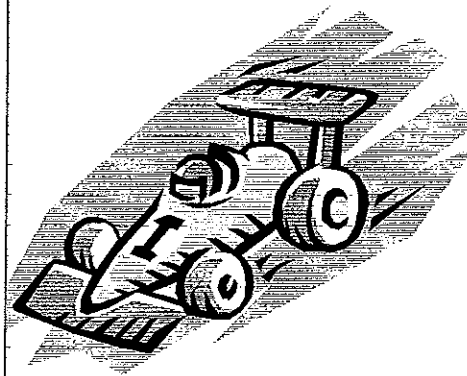
(3) Treasurer's report: Balance of the checking account is \$1733.94. All bills current.

(4) Old Business: None

(5) New Business: In depth discussions about the following:

Newsletter - or lack thereof. Without the newsletter and member communication we cannot hope for much of a club. We have a rather tentative volunteer for next year.

New Officers - it's that time again. At the next meeting on NOVEMBER 1st at Brunos on 1st Avenue North we will be taking nominations or you can mail them in to the clubs PO Box or Email the Sec/Treas at rdevitt@aol.com. Then at the general meeting on December 1st we will vote in the new sacrificial



OK, YOU MISSED THIS MEETING, MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR THE NEXT ONE ON NOVEMBER 1ST.

lambs. Again your vote can be E-mailed or snail mailed.

Event Sites - Times they are a changin. We have a few good sites that we can depend on (kind of like the weather) but we are always in need of more. If you know of any new sites let one of the board members know.

Billings Motorsports Park: What's going on? Kurt Schultz is going to attend their next meeting on 10/11/99 and update us.

(6) Meeting Adjourned - Bar closed (not necessarily in that order).



A Veiw From The Blind Eye

I figure the "Blind Eye" column will be used for filler, fodder, or just plain drivel. Please take the time to read the disclaimer at the bottom of the page, so you will know that you can't blame anyone.

My thoughts today have drifted toward the question "What brings us to the club?" I have always felt that there are three major driving forces that push a person toward our club.

The first can most easily be described as "the need for speed". Now who doesn't like to go into a four wheeled, controlled drift?

The next would be the "competitor". Whether you are after "fast time of day", "fastest in your class", or just to beat the guy that sneered at your Gremlin.

The last element would be the social aspect. Just being around people that have a similar interest.

The reason I bring this up is just to suggest that we all have a certain degree of each of these traits. As we make complaints, suggestions and changes to the club, we should all look not only at what is important to ourselves but at what may be important to other members of our club.

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Letters to the Editor

Of course there are no "Letters to the Editor," since we are just getting this thing going again.

But if you have any questions or comments get them to The Editor by one of the following means:

(1) At the General Meeting that is held at Brunos at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month

(2) Snail mail to

The Editor
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(3) E-mail to

DeadCone@aol.com

We are looking for articles by anyone because I have

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HELP WANTED

I came up with the following list in regard to the looming election of new board members. I also listed all the other jobs that I could think of that have to be covered to put on an event. Although we have to have a board to attempt to keep things organized, we also need people taking care of all these other jobs. If you have any interest in any of these positions or ones I didn't list, please let one of the Board members know. We have all been witness to the burnout caused when one member tries to do too much.

BOARD MEMBERS:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: President

ASSISTANT REGIONAL EXECUTIVE: Vice President

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Record minutes, count money, pay bills.

COMPETITION CHAIRMAN: Insure events run smoothly and safely per SCCA National (paperwork, insurance, etc.).

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Driver of drivel. Without a newsletter the club loses its member communication.

TECH OFFICIAL: Insure competition vehicles meet minimum safety requirements.

CLASS OFFICIAL: Help registrant classify competition vehicles.

REGISTRAR: Insure proper registration at events, i.e. forms, collection of fees, releases, waivers, etc.

MEMBERSHIP/PUBLIC RELATIONS: Develop plans to increase membership.

SITE ACQUISITION: Locate and pursue new event locations.

EQUIPMENT: Transport and maintain Equipment/ Timing trailer.

TIMING EQUIPMENT: Maintain, set up/tear down computer and timing equipment.

Racing Is All In The Colors

Well here I sit. A nice weekend. My car is loaded on its trailer and I am ready to go racing. One would think with three regions to choose from, one would find somewhere to race. I think the phrase "all dressed up and nowhere to go" applies. Well I am either saved or doomed, as the infamous "Panic Slip" has just arrived. So Roger is bored and wants some controversy. Something must be wrong here. I'm all ready for a good controversy and I find that I agree with Roger. Real race cars should be RED. But being a logical person let's see what Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary says. . . .

Red - a color whose hue resembles that of blood or is that of the long-wave extreme of the visible spectrum (sounds like Farfignugen); one who advocates the violent overthrow of an existing social or political order (now this is what racing's about).

Blue - marked by low spirits, melancholy; profane, indecent; any numerous small chiefly blue butterflies (Now everyone equates little butterflies with race-cars and speed).

White - color of milk; a mass of albuminous material surrounding the yoke of an egg (throw in sausage and we can have a fast breakfast); not featuring open warfare but involving oblique methods, e.g. propaganda or bribery (further proof of the

white car versus accurate timing lights).

Black - dirty or soiled (seems like these guys are always changing tires); characterized by the lack of light (sounds dim to me); very sad, gloomy, or calamitous (are we having fun, yet?) (I must admit though, black cars are pretty hot - when left out in the sun-too-long).

Silver - a white metallic element that is sonorous, ductile, very malleable, capable of a high degree of polish (sounds like it

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needs some heavily polished sway bars and the driver has to wear gold chains).

Brown - any of a group of colors between red and yellow in

hue, (can you imagine this guy coming up to an optional slolam and have to make a decision when he can't make up his mind as to what color he is) of medium to low lightness (see dim).

Yellow - become yellowish through age, disease, or discoloration (like a brown car that tried to be red, but got sick and became yellow); ordinary news sensationally distorted, e.g. yellow journalism (boy, I don't think I even want to touch that one, but it seems to fit); cowardly (must have something to do with curbs).

Well, there you have it according to the dictionary. I hope this doesn't offend anyone, but I sure am glad I drive a red car.

A few Fig Newtons to you all

(Reprint of an article I wrote for the Panic Slip in Great Falls)

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already used up the bulk of my drivel. Soon I will have to resort to plagiarizing. So if you have some drivel of your own get it to me.

Those of you who are computer literate feel free to submit articles via the net, but I would prefer to receive the attachments in a "text" format.

One last thought - the board would like to start accumulating E-mail addresses. For event notification and whatever. So drop an E-mail to me or the Sec/Treas.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10/17 AutoCross at the Montana State Highway Dept. at 8:30 a.m. Hosted by the Montana Region. Thanks to Ken Decker for finding out about this event from Tom Masterson in Great Falls.

11/1 General Meeting at Brunos at 1002 1st Ave. N.

I know that the schedule is pretty slim so if you have anything that you feel should be in the Schedule of Events, please let the Editor know.

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