

# FAST TIMES

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## MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by R.E. Ryan Coler.

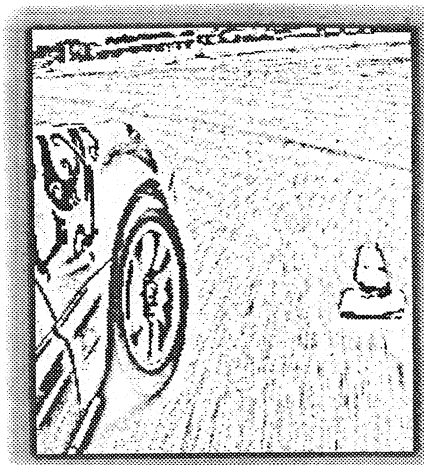
Mark Richlen moved and Scott Cranston seconded the minutes of the October meeting be approved as published in Fast Times and treasurers report was given.

Old Business. Ryan reported the packages were sent to Iraq.

New Business. EVO Phase II and III schools were discussed. Tammy McCollough will check on the availability of dates. Tammy requested the club purchase Desktop Publishing 2000 to publish the newsletter. No new nominations were made for Region offices. Scott moved and Kurt Schulz seconded the ballot be accepted by popular acclimation.

Kurt moved & Dennis McCollough seconded the meeting be adjourned.

-Mark Richlen



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**Just filling up space,** thats what Im doing with this particular article.

This is my first ever newsletter so forgive any oddities that you see. Ill get the hang of it.

I want to let you all know that Im doing calendars for 2005 featuring photos of different cars at various events over the season. If you want to buy one, please contact me.

-Tammy

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Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

The Annual Awards and Christmas Party was held at Mark & Delia Richlen's on December 18th. After filling ourselves with hot bean dip, shrimp, mussels, Chinese pork, veggies and sugary goodies, Kurt Schulz handed out a few awards. There were two Rookie of the Year awards. One to Jacob Brown as the youngest rookie ever for Yellowstone region, at only 8 yr old. The second one went to Reese Newman, even though she isn't listed on our roster. Her membership was paid back in May, but something happened to it and we will get it straight after the first of the year. Both Mark Richlen & Dwight Gilliland were inducted into "The Order of the Golden Hammer & Paintbrush", for the updating and maintenance of club equipment. They rebuilt the inside of the trailer, and painted and put SCCA signs on the trail

We continued with a plaque to Dave Eberts. Dave turned 60 this year and hung up his racing shoes. He sold his car to Marty Westland of Bozeman and is going to spend more time with family, traveling with wife Jean and fishing with the grandkids. Dave joined SCCA in March '86, just two months after we organized, and has been a force in the club since that time. He has raced since '86 and was one of the few who opted to go to safety steward school, becoming an instructor. Every event that Dave attended, he worked...safety steward, tech, course worker, starter, set up, tear down...you name it he did it. To honor Dave we decided to retire his number. As of 12/18/04, #33 is retired in Yellowstone Region Solo II Racing. Dave says he'll be around some and, when he is, we can expect him working where we need him. Thank you Dave!

We've had our Christmas party and many post-event barbecues at Mark & Delia's over several years. We've always thanked Mark but never Delia, so this year we thanked Delia Richlen with a plaque for opening her home and heart to SCCA. Ryan Coler was thanked, as Webmaster of 2004, with a Spiderman plaque, for designing/maintaining the club website. Mark Brown was given a plaque with a big screw on it letting him know that we believe he "Got Screwed" at Te Gun 2004. Plaques were given to Char Schulz as the Dick Hager Memorial "Member of the Year" 2003 recipient and to Tammy McCollough for being the Grant Cameron Memorial "Driver of the Year" 2003 recipient. The 2004 Dick Hager Memorial "Member of the Year" and the Grant Cameron Memorial "Driver of the Year" both went to Ryan Coler. Ryan will have these two trophies for one year and will receive a plaque after next year's winners are voted on. Kurt turned the floor over to Mark Richlen who had a couple of presentations.

Mark commented about maintenance on the club equipment and how difficult it was in light of one member's ability to break taillights on the trailer...so he gave Dennis McCollough a box of broken taillights to remind him to be more careful in the future. After we quit laughing with Dennis, Mark turned serious and presented me with a plaque in recognition of years of loyal and devoted service to Yellowstone Region. I wasn't expecting this, but it is very nice to receive thanks. The bottle of my favorite cognac, Courvoisier, that went along with the plaque will be savored. Good party, good food, good company!

-Char Schulz

# SCCA CHRISTMAS PARTY '05



^Hey! Who moved the on button??



<<<Dwight,  
just spreadin'  
the Christmas  
cheer. Isn't that  
romantic? So,  
Kurt, didn't  
anyone ever  
tell you three's  
a crowd?



^ALL RIGHT, KURT!!  
You can let go  
of my trophy now!



^MASTER OF CEREMONIES



^Thanks, Delia!!



No one else  
will talk to him



PHOTOS ON  
THIS PAGE  
WERE  
BROUGHT TO  
YOU COURTESY  
OF A JOINT  
EFFORT BETWEEN  
CHAR AND  
TAMMY.

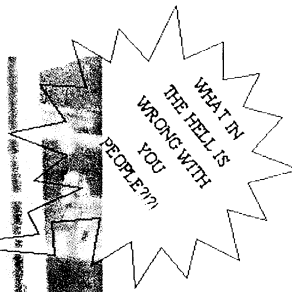


^ Cant...(grunt) smile...(strain)  
they'll think...(gasp,pant)  
I like...(sweat) the...(turning red)...  
award.

I coulda been a contenda. (Hey guys, I  
think this is a bolt, not a screw) V

^So, who's the cute blonde standing next to  
the old guy? She must be after his money.

^ Oh, spidey! You're my hero!!



WHAT IN  
THE HELL IS  
WRONG WITH  
YOU  
PEOPLE??!!



< Yeah, and  
Im cute,  
too!!



Hello all, and welcome to 2005, the year that 4 cylinder imports rule the local SCCA scene (oh yeah! oops. did the editor just type that out loud?!!)

For those of you that weren't there, you missed a great party at Mark's house. Lots of great food and comraderie. Kurt did an excellent job M.C.-ing the event, and a great time was had by all. Several awards were given out, butcheck elsewhere in the newsletter or on the website for details.

As far as this past season goes, I thought it was great. In my memory (which is only good for the last 3 years) we had more events last year than ever before, and saw lots of new folks trying it out. Hopefully we will continue to see new faces this year. The club held its own this year. We got some new cones, fixed the trailer and P.A. systems, and also had a fairly large amount of charitable contributions. I'm looking forward to 2005 being better than the last!!

One quick note, the website may be down for a couple of weeks in early January as I'll archive all of last years stuff and freshen the site up for the new year. We should have a forum also! Hopefully we all had a great holiday season, with Santa bringing us all new go-fast goodies for our cars. Remember to drive safe, and I'll see you again in the next newsletter!! -Ryan Coler

**EDITORS CORNER**

First, Id like to take the time to say what an honor it was to serve as Competition Director for 2003 and 2004. It was an experience, to be sure. I wish the best of luck to Scott Cranston, who will be taking over for me in the upcoming season. I wasnt able to get ahoid of him in time for publication of this newsletter (SCOTT, CHECK YOUR EMAIL, WILL YA) so there isnt an article from him this time around. I also wasnt able to get his phone number but I will have it in the next one. Im looking forward to seeing the schedule, as I think he was planning to start working on it soon.

Id also like to welcome aboard Mark Brown as Assistant Regional Executive. He is replacing the kindest, sweetest, hardest working man(hey, I gotta get those brownie points wherever and whenever I can), Dennis McCollough. The position of Member at Large is a board-appointed position and the board hasnt, as yet, chosen the officeholder. That information should also be in the next newsletter.

Ill wrap up here but would like to pass on a thought or two. Right now, there are a whole lot of crises in the world. The war in Iraq, the tsunami victims, earthquake victims, you get the picture. There are a lot of charitable organizations that have sprung up to help these folks out with various forms of relief. They are worthwhile causes to contribute to, even if its just in thoughts and prayers.

That said, I hope you all had a wonderful 2004, a blessed Christmas and that you will have a safe and happy New Year's Eve and 2005. Be careful out there. Not everyone drives as well as I do. (ok, I was joking, sheesh).

**BEST BETS 2005**

- Mark B. will be working an isolated corner at Top Gun with a rope attached to a cone saying "they wont get me THIS time".
- Mark R. will take his car in to have the rust removed, only to find out that just leaves the seats and steering wheel.
- Marci A. will drive in a straight line and realize those cones are laying that way for a reason.
- Dwight will make another car, one that needs jet fuel and will be so light that it comes with an anchor (yes, Dwight, I do realize thats impossible).
- "Reese" will finally come around a corner so hot that her car tips over instead of just coming close.
- Ryan will finally beat a Honda.
- Matt Walsh will have saved the \$.95 so he can buy the other can of spray paint to finish painting his car so it will be saved from being towed as junk.
- Jacob will have grown enough to finally be able to see over the cones while driving his kart.
- Tammy will start beating Dennis again, and all will be right with the world.

**AS MENTIONED EARLIER IN THIS NEWSLETTER WE AHVE STARTED LOOKING INTO THE NEXT TWO PHASES OF THE EVO PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL.**

**IF ANYONE HAS ANY INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN EITHER OR BOTH OF THESE PLEASE CONTCT EITHER ME, SCOTT CRANSTON OR DWIGHT GILLILAND**



What an awesome looking car!  
Look at those sleek lines, that sexy wing, oh, those dragons & flames!!  
i bet its really fast!!  
(ok, so I had space to fill...)



**CLASSIFIED SECTION IS AVAILABLE FREE TO SCCA MEMBERS**  
So contact me prior to the 10th of the month to place your ad.

The following article is provided by Assistant RE, Mark Brown, and is an excerpt from Popular Science magazine (2/04), written by Preston Lerner.

### **Pitting the Superkart Against Rivals** (edited due to space limits)

Hail to the superkart! It leaves a standard sports car like the Miata in the dust, and even the Corvette, with its beefy hp and flashy top speed, is a pokey 25 seconds slower per lap. The superlight superkart (just 462 pounds) accelerates faster than the Corvette and is nimbler in the curves. The Champ car bests the kart, and no shame in that: It costs 20x more and requires an entire support crew.

**CORVETTE Price:** \$50,000 **Engine type:** V8 **Displacement:** 5.7 liters  
**Peak power:** 350 hp **Hp/liter:** 61 **Weight:** 3,100 lb. **Hp/pound:** 0.11  
**Lateral acceleration:** 0.92 G **0-to-60:** 4.8 seconds **Quarter mile:** 13.2 seconds  
**Top speed:** 175 mph **Lap time (2.38 miles):** 1:50 **Cost per second gained\*:** \$2,500

**SUPERKART Price:** \$30,000 **Engine type:** Two-stroke **Displacement:** 0.25 liter  
**Peak power:** 90 hp **Hp/liter:** 360 **Weight:** 462 lb.  
**Hp/pound:** 0.19 **Lateral acceleration:** 2 Gs **0-to-60:** 4 seconds **Quarter mile:** 12 seconds  
**Top speed:** 150 mph **Lap time (2.38 miles):** 1:25 **Cost per second gained\*:** \$143

**MIATA Price:** \$25,000 **Engine type:** Inline-4 **Displacement:** 1.8 liters  
**Peak power:** 142 hp **Hp/liter:** 79 **Weight:** 2,400 lb. **Hp/pound:** 0.06  
**Lateral acceleration:** 0.88 G **0-to-60:** 8.1 seconds **Quarter mile:** 16.3 seconds  
**Top speed:** 121 mph **Lap time (2.38 miles):** 2:00 **Cost per second gained\*:** NA

*Performance data for production models from Car and Driver. Some performance data for Superkart is estimated. \*The additional amount of money driver must spend to gain each second on the racetrack, using the Miata as a baseline. (Re: HP per liter. A superkart delivers 360 HP per liter and a Champ Car delivers 264 HP per liter. That same HP to liter ratio would apply to shifter karts as well.-Mark Brown)*

## WEB SITES

-Yellowstone Region 108

[www.yellowstonescca.com](http://www.yellowstonescca.com)

-Southwest Montana Region (Pending)

[www.swmtscca.org](http://www.swmtscca.org)

-Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club

[www.ida.net](http://www.ida.net)

-Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)

[www.users.qwest.net/~sharpguy/](http://www.users.qwest.net/~sharpguy/)

-Montana Region

[www.geocities.com/montanascca/](http://www.geocities.com/montanascca/)

-Northwest Hillclimb Association

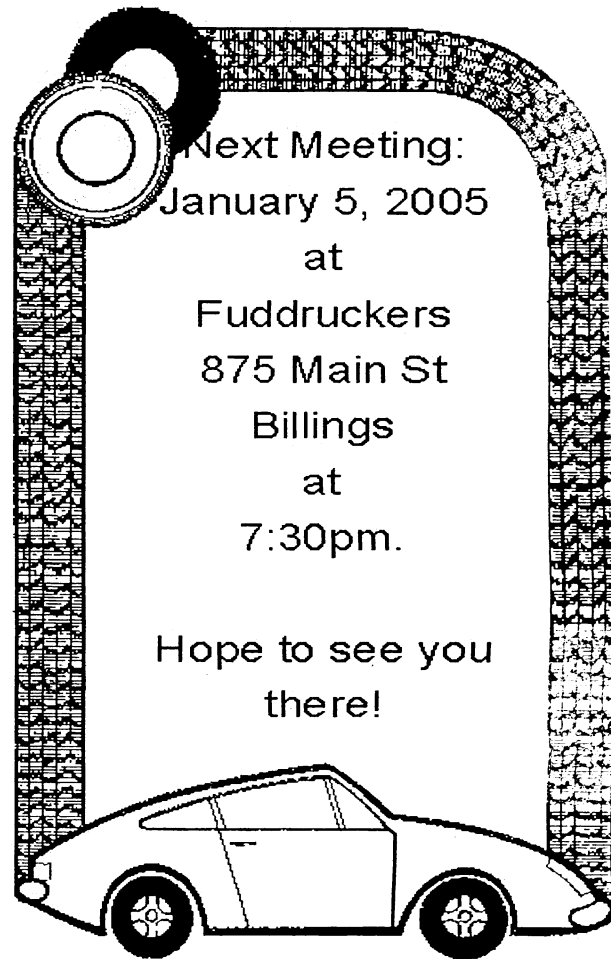
<http://www.nhahillclimb.org/>

-McCullough Photography (SCCA event photos  
& more)

<http://www.gallery.com/mccolloughphoto/>

-Cars On Canvas

[www.cars-on-canvas.com](http://www.cars-on-canvas.com)



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