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Notes from the Editor:

For those who read the Newsletter, you will notice the brevity of this month's issue. If there is info that you would like to see in Fast Times, by all means, please get it to me and I will see that it gets into the Newsletter.

MEETING of MARCH 1ST

Meeting called to order by Kurt Schulz.

Motion to accept minutes as in Newsletter seconded and passed.

Treasurer's report: All bills current. Balance reported the same as at last meeting due to no activity.

Old Business:

Committee reports:

BMP: No new developments since last report. As a reminder, autocross could be held on the drag strip itself because there will be plenty of pavement.

Car Show: Fliers will be available at next meeting. The RC Club will be there for sure. No problems have been reported concerning the event.

Solo Rules: Randy handed out an "Event Chair Worksheet" which in a logical way spells out what needs to be done for the event to take place. It needs to be filled out by the Event Chairman as things fall into place. It should make things go smoother from the get go.

Dave Eberts presented the following: two 3x4 boards will be posted. One half of one board will have the event site drawn out and work positions will be marked. The other half of this board will have event information and the names of all the people pertinent to the particular event.

The second board is the sign up for workers. The worker board must be completely filled before we turn a wheel!

This committee also wants guidelines for all responsible workers. For example, the starter is responsible for the workers for a given run to be in their proper places, as well as simply pointing a finger at a racer when it is time to start. He or she must be sure that the course is clear and safe before a start.

Further things to be remembered: helmets will be teched, though not by the people teching cars; racers are responsible for classing their own cars and there will be someone available for information as necessary; it will be a priority to get all people to sign the proper waiver (passengers, spectators, as well as racers), which will be one of the first things to do upon arrival at the site (probably at the same time helmets are teched.)

The committee would like to use both timing cards and timely posting of the results after a run. The timing cards would facilitate starting cars as quickly and safely as possible.

Dave E. motioned to purchase bathroom wall boards as necessary and have them lettered as necessary. Seconded and passed.

John Hailstone (assistant RE) said he would like to see workers better identified at an event and there was agreement. Something like an "answer person" perhaps could be dressed in an easily identified vest or such to point people in the right direction. As an alternative, all workers could be so identified.

The whole point of this is to clearly assign specific jobs to workers so that they can do their duty and be done with it so they may participate, if they want, in the race. It is definitely desired that those running the timing trailer, teching cars, etc. not always be the people who are approached with questions about the event. Since they are more visible, it often happens that they are distracted from the important task they have volunteered to do.

More old business: At last meeting, as reported in the Fast Times, it was motioned and passed to allow only SCCA sanctioned programs at events (such as Speed Freakz). Bob Grummet offered a compromise for his youth group. He noted the following: that his kids were 15-16 year olds for the most part, that there would be perhaps 2-3 cars with 2-3 drivers each at the most, and that the cost of Speed Freakz was a hard sell for the parents of these kids. Even though it was pointed out that with this membership "Sports Car" and other goodies were included, Bob said that due to the age of the group this was not much of a draw.

Compromise: that each racer in his group pay the member cost of each particular event (which may vary some from event to event). This way the club will not lose money and the kids will get a bit of a break.

It was motioned that Bob's group, organized and adult supervised, be allowed to race at member rates. Seconded and passed.

New Business:

Kurt Schulz motioned to have the club buy a new canopy and table at Costco to set up at events for registration purposes. This would be a focal point for racers etc. to go to and would offer protection from the elements for the registrar, helmet tech., etc. The canopy is 11x11 and the table is about 40"x30". Costs are \$190.00 and about \$20.00, respectively. It is reported that these are very handy and usable items and would benefit the club. Seconded and passed. Kurt will take care of it.

Kurt reported some on the Convention and came back with useful information for the rules committee. He said that the convention this year was not well received by delegates, but there were some good events. Next year the convention will be handled by the Denver region instead of the national office and promises to be a good one.

He mentioned the new SCCA program called Rallycross. It essentially involves an autocross, though on dirt. There was

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some excitement about it and it will be on the agenda eventually. It is for off-road type vehicles such as pickups, SUV's, etc. It is not just an idea, but a new SCCA sanctioned program. The BMP at this time is a viable place for such a course.

Bob Arnett returned the check for \$65.00 to procure the helmet as reported in the last FT. He said that they wanted \$100.00 for it. The check was voided, and there was no further discussion of club helmets. Snell '83 helmets will be legal for one more year, since the 2000 Snell has not been formalized.

Jim Arnett handed out the necessary forms to the event chairmen who were present for upcoming events, including Lockwood, Skyview, and Lewistown. Lockwood is moving along smoothly and we all hope for a safe, efficient, and SCCA legal event.

Members should remember that we are guests of the lot owners, and if any damage to a lot becomes evident, the race is over. Skyview, for example, has a new surface of some sort that was very expensive. It should be well cured by the time of our race, but it will be watched.

New places to race may be checked out by some members and will be reported on as they come up.

Motion to adjourn the meeting seconded and passed. Thank you to all who attended. There were too many to name individually.

Ken Decker

NOTES FROM BOZEMAN:

Rumor has it that the folks in Bozeman have tentatively scheduled Autocross events for

Memorial Day Weekend

July 16th

Labor Day Weekend

Stay tuned for further details

SCHEDULE 2000

April 5	General Meeting 7:30 pm @ Brunos
May 6	Car Show @ Bumper-to-Bumper
May 7	Autocross @ Lockwood
May 21	Autocross @ Skyview
May 28	?? Autocross@Bozeman
June 4	Autocross @ Eagle
June 18	Autocross - Lewistown
July 2	Autocross@ Columbus
July 15/16	Top Gun Autocross
July 16	?? Autocross@ Lockwood

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July 30	??	Autocross @ Eagle
Aug 13		Autocross @ Skyview
Aug. 19/20		Black Otter Hillclimb
Aug 27	??	Autocross @ Columbus
Sept 3	??	Autocross@Bozeman
Sept 8-15		Nat'ls -@ Topeka, Kan
Sept 10		Autocross - Lewistown

Schedules for Neighboring Clubs
can be found at the following WEB sites:

Montana Region (Great Falls)	http://me.mygarage.com/scca.html
Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club	http://www.ida.net/users/lewisr/eiscc1.html
Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)	http://people.montana.com/~sharpguyl/
Northwest Hillclimb Association	http://users.bitsmart.net/rainbowtees/nha.htm

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