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Fast Times Receives Award

Fast Times was awarded 3rd Place in Small Region competition at the National Convention in February. Thank you to all who contributed during the year to help win our Region this National Recognition.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of 2-5-03 called to order by Mark Richlen. Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Fast Times, seconded & passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT - The balance in the checkbook is \$1860.79. there is also \$100,00 out in the cash drawer, plus some SCCA return checks and the proceeds from the last autocross. Some bills due & current are BCS, Taylored, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

No bill has yet been received from Ryan M. for his services on the web-site.

Kurt Schulz gave Jim Arnett an award for his service to the club last season. It was a very large pen chained to a disc brake rotor. Jim as you may have guessed, was very humble and pleased with the presentation. There were more things offered to him and accepted by him, but dear reader will have to ask him about those.

Jeff Hauck discussed the display board with those present. It will come to about \$1200. plus \$100. for the proper software upgrade. We all thought that though expensive, it will enhance the event enough to make it worth it. con't on pg. 2

From your RE



From the RE A few bits from the SCCA National Convention:

We won 3rd place Fast Times newsletter for small regions. A big congratulation is in order for our newsletter editor, Char Schulz. Fast Times provides our club with an efficient way of getting info out to our club members; I depend on it to communicate with our membership.

In place of the Speed Freakz program, which has gotten bad press from the current members and also has proved disappointing to the Club, a new program has been developed. This program, called First Gear, is designed as a reduced cost option for new members under 21 years of age. It allows participation in all areas of the Club except road racing. Contrary to Speed Freakz, regions will receive their full Regional dues from this program, which creates a win-win bottom line. A standing ovation accompanied the energy and enthusiasm generated by this presentation.

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It will also leave those in the timing trailer in relative quiet to do their work. Drivers and spectators will immediately know times. It will also allow timing on various areas of the course with a little attention on the part of those who want to know.

ARE Ryan Coler wanted to make sure that our current power system will be sufficient, and it was eventually laid to rest that it will.

Motion to give Jeff \$1200. budget to get it done was seconded & passed.

RE Mark Richlen gave those present a handout on event guidelines that came from the Colorado club. We all looked at it and will hash things out more at the March meeting. These guidelines will be printed in the Fast Times when appropriate.

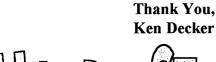
There was no new business. Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed.

MORE From the RE

Waivers and releases are fundamental! Though there have been cases when the waiver was not upheld, absent the waiver signature, there is essentially no defense. Rules for waiver signature procedures must be carefully followed. An example was cited where, in spite of a major on-track problem, the waiver protected the SCCA and the case was stopped on summary judgment, appealed and stopped.

Included in this issue are the proposed guidelines for our region. I took notes on our discussions at the last meeting; I hope I got it right. We will discuss these at the March meeting and hopefully vote on their adoption, we can modify any part of them so come with some additional ideas.

Mark Richlen





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Annual Dues For Yellowstone Region

	Nat	'l Reg	n Tot
Regular Member	\$55.00	\$15.00	\$70.00
Spouse	15.00	5.00	20.00
Family	85.00	20.00	105.00
Speed Freakz	25.00	5.00	30.00
SP-Competition	45.00	5.00	50.00

When changing your address, please use membership@scca.org, include your membership number with your new address or contact SCCA, P. O. Box 19400, Topeka, Ks. 66619-0400.

Toll Free 1-800-770-2055

SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY

We took a trip to Laramie & back this weekend and were stuck behind a snow plow for about twenty miles. It was a real experience. We do want to urge anyone caught in this situation to use extreme caution. The snowplow operator is just doing his job. Sometimes you are able to see enough to pass them and other times you must follow until they pull off the road. We were in Shirley Basin with a lot of wind, so were unable to see anything until he pulled off the road. Be careful and drive safe.

WANTED - P.R. volunteer for Yellowstone Region - Call Mark Richlen, 248-3473.

Southwest Montana Region (Pending) at Bozeman

We haven't heard anything from Bozeman since late last year. We hope to have an update soon. They are trying out new logos on their web site, so something is happening. The logo designs are great...check them out. Web address on back page of newsletter.

Thank You To

Cord Mitchell of Dent Works

for the use of his lot on Underpass Ave.



FOR SALE

VW Cabriolet, current GP Road Racing log book, VW Rabbit Sedan, road racing log book; double axle single car trailer. All goes for \$5000. Call Kurt Schulz 259-2621 or 252-2426 for details

FOR SALE

Datsun 510. old #71, looking for a new driver. \$1500 OBO - This car is fully race prepared, built by Dennis McCollough, and only driven by a little old man on Sundays. Call Bob Grummett 322-4615 for details.

EASTERN IDAHO SPORTS CAR CLUB

Officers - President Cal Craner 208-529-4999; Vice President Larry Hull 208-522-8439; Treasurer, Dave Krekel 208-524-1012

Next Meeting—The next meeting will be March 5th 2003 (Check with your local board members for confirmation) at Melina's in Blackfoot. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm. The food is good, the company is OK and if you want to make a difference in how our club works, this is the place to do it.

I don't have any other news on Idaho this month.





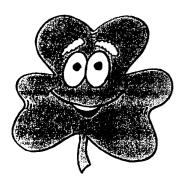
JIM ARNETT RECEIVES AWARD

As promised we can now reveal the awards given to Jim Arnett at the February Meeting. Jim was given a Grumpy Award, because he can get that way sometimes, like when someone takes his pen and walks away with it when he's trying to tech a car. So we gave him a pen cemented into a wooden dowel attached to a brake rotor with about two feet of chain. If this pen walks away, Jim should be able to find it! We also gave Jim a jar of Prozac Jelly Beans with the instructions to take one jelly bean and chew slowly....this should give him enough extra energy to beat the shout of the person who pissed him off in the first place. All kidding aside the Grumpy Award was a thank you for all the time he has given to the club in various positions while maintaining his "personality". Thanks Jim.

SCHEDULE

Meeting - Elmer's, 2455 Centi-March 5th Memorial Day & Labor Day have been confirmed at Skyview High School - May 26th & September 1st - Mark your calendar.

Anyone that has a possibility of a racing venue, please contact the competition chairmen. Tami McCollough for Billings 252-9687 & Joe Evers for Bozeman 585-8447.



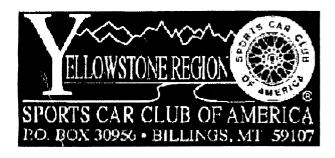
Have A Happy St. Patrick's Day

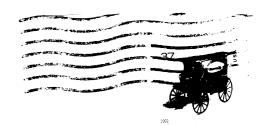
The MARCH 2003 meeting will be held on March 5th at Elmer's. 2455 CENTRAL AVENUE, Billings, at 7:30 P.M. See you there.

WEB Sites

Yellowstone Region 108 **Yellowstone SCCA.org** Southwest Montana Region (Pending) http://homepage.mac.com/mtcossie/swmtscca/ Montana Region (Great Falls) edwardaustin2000@yahoo.com or edwardaustin@yahoo.com Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club http://www.ida.net/users/lewisr/eiscc1.html Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell) www.users.qwest.net/~sharpguy/ Northwest Hillclimb Association http://users.bitsmart.net/rainbowtees/nha.html Magic City Speedway (Billings) http://www.magiccityspeedway.com/body_index.html Ryan McDonald streetracer.org Cars On Canvas www.cars-on-canvas.com

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Central Ave. 7:30 p.m.

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