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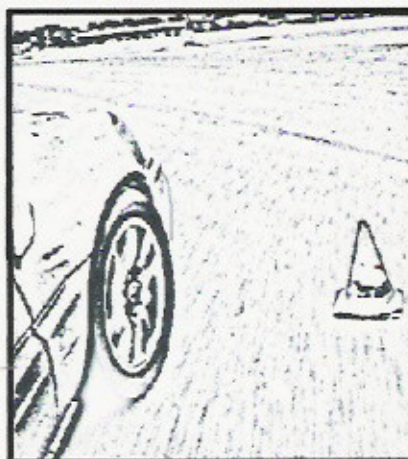
www.yellowstonescca.com

February Minutes

Meeting was called to order by RE Ryan Coler. The minutes were as approved as published in Fast Times. The Treasurers report was distributed.

Old Business: Tammy McCollough has gotten confirmation of dates for EVO. See the schedule inside. The new Lewistown fees have been announced and have increased to \$350 per day. The motion to re-open newsletter distribution without paying the \$15 annual fee did not pass. Any non-member wishing to receive the newsletter will need to pay the fee or see it on the website.

New Business: A motion was passed to allow karts to compete at the Lewistown events. Concessions will be made in the form of a separate area for the young drivers and that karts will run at a different time than cars. It was passed that the club make a donation to a breast cancer foundation in honor of the Richlen family. Mark Brown was reaffirmed as the "go-to man" for all karting questions, particularly about karting safety. Kurt brought up the possibility of putting on a driving clinic for the youth at Harvest Church. Scott brought up the idea to offer an "Officer's Challenge", inviting local law enforcement officers to compete with us at one of our upcoming Solo II events. It was discussed that we need to appeal to more people to boost membership enrollment in SCCA and, specifically, for our region.



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EDITORS CORNER

Evolution Performance Driving School has been confirmed for 5/29 (Phase II) and 9/4 (Phase III). If you aren't familiar with EVO, check out their website at (www.autocross.com/evolution/). \$100 deposits for the May school are now due. The total cost will be announced ASAP. All EVO schools are advertised and open to anyone, out of state or in, and are limited to 12 drivers per event. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Phase I completion is required for Phase II enrollment, Phase II for Phase III enrollment, and so on.

I'd also like to add another reminder that non-members who wish to receive the newsletter, there will be a charge of \$15 per year to do so. Also, if there is anyone who would rather get the Fast Times via email, please contact me and we will begin with the next one.

-Tammy McCollough

The 2005 schedule is starting to fill out.

Check it out, inside.

Evolution Performance Driving School (EVO)

Ok, so you've all been hearing the hype, lately, in The Fast Times. Some of you, however, may not know what all the fuss is about. Heck, maybe you don't even know what EVO is. Well, I'd like to give a little bit of information about the school. Information that isn't just on their website so you don't have to worry about bias. I'd also like to offer a few testimonials from some of the locals who participated in the Phase I school last year. Phase II is an intensive day of learning to read a course and drive it. Drivers should have completed Phase I, at some time, to enroll, as this more intensive course, builds on the skills learned in the Phase I. Like Phase I, the student must provide an SCCA Solo II legal car with two seats. This is because the school is run like any other Solo II event for the driving portion. The difference is that there will be "classroom time" and competition-style driving WITH a national champion driver in the car with you to both drive your car (and probably beat you in it) and sit as passenger, giving instructions and suggestions as you drive.

Phase III is more about learning to read a course and best take advantage of the walk-throughs. It also covers how best to run the slaloms, when to brake, the best (fastest) lines to take and more. Students must have taken Phase I and II to enroll. This phase will deeply analyze different course segments via computer.

I urge all of you to consider an EVO school this year. Remember the Kinser philosophy: "A car is only as fast as the driver makes it... the driver is the most important "go fast" part in the car". Below are a few testimonials.

You get to have multi-national champs telling you AND showing you how to better drive your car. Do you know how much that is worth? The best part is that they are not front or rear-wheel drive biased. They know 'em both. -Dennis McCollough

EVO was my first experience in a formal driving school. I was apprehensive and the cost was hard to justify but that all went away three minutes into the school. The instructors weren't just national champs, they were real people and they had talent coming out of their ears. EVO is one of the best things I've done for ME. It was, and will be, worth every dollar and minute spent in attendance. -Scott Cranston

I think EVO bumper stickers sum it up well, saying "I suck a little bit less now". I thought I knew how to drive fast and well but BOY what an eye-opener to see drivers, who don't even drive my kind of car, get in and beat all my best times on the course. The school was so helpful that I think it would help drivers more than money spent on racing tires. I'd gladly spend the money again. This is one of the best values in autosports. -Bob Christensen

I was going to spend over \$5000.00 and drive across the country for a driving school but I can't imagine it would've been better than the EVO school! -Tammy McCollough

YRSCCA SCHEDULE 2005

Apr 17- MSUB

May 15- Lewistown

May 29- Evolution Performance Driving School Phase II (Skyview HS)

May 30- Skyview

June 12- MSUB

June 19- Metra Park (upper parking lot)

July 10- MSUB

July 17- Helena ESF (Big Sky Region)

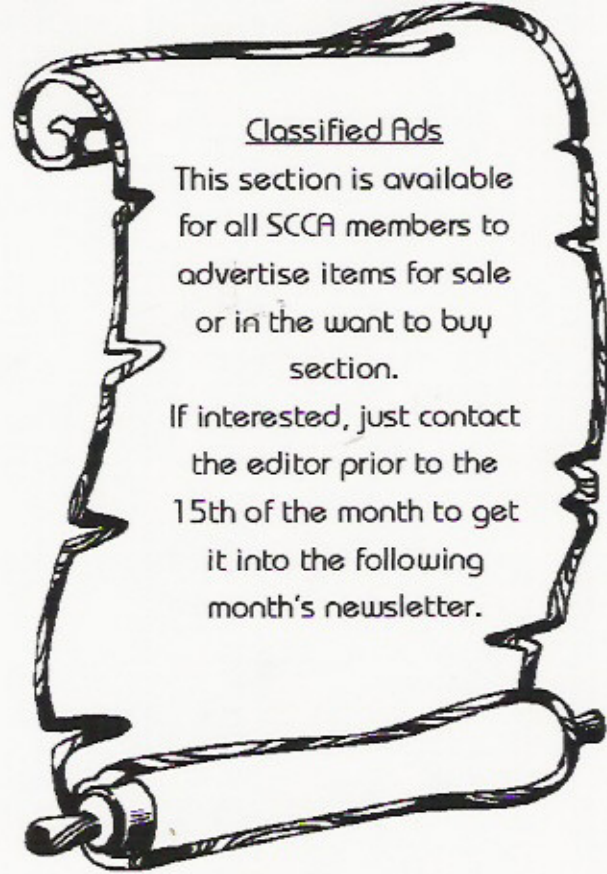
Aug 7- Lewistown

Aug 21- Black Otter Hill Climb

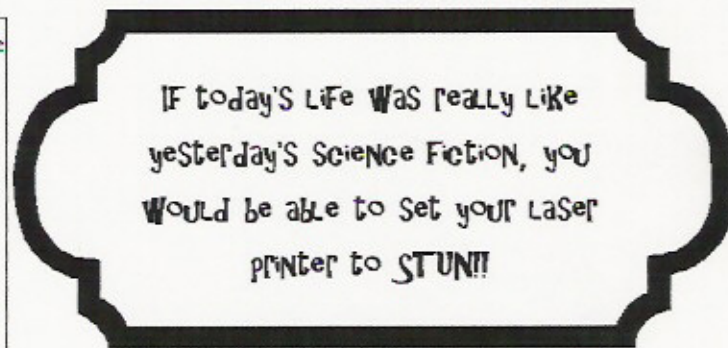
Sept 4- EVO Phase III (at Skyview HS)

Sept 5- Skyview

Sept 18- Helena ESF (Big Sky Region)



Here's a "heads up" that after the SCCA meeting on May 4 (8pm), I will be having a surprise party for Dennis McCollough's 50th birthday. This will be a complete & unexpected surprise to him so I hope you can make it. If you don't go to the meeting, it's ok. Just wait outside the meeting area (left) with the others until the meeting ends. Also, if anyone would like to donate \$5 to his gift [a vacation for him (I pay my own way)] & signature on the card, email me at mcolloughphoto@aol.com for details. This will be a really great time for him, so join us!! -Tammy



CAPTAIN SNATCHBLOCK

Another month has rushed by and I have some really good news. We have the upper lot at Metra Park again. This year it is scheduled for June 19, in the hope that I will not COOK MY AGING BRAIN in the hot July sun this time.

Our first event will be at MSUB(Votec) on April 17. I would like this event to be the first training day for all of you who are Safety Steward WANNA-BEEEEEEEEES. I know it doesn't sound like fun and it is not (j/k). It is, however, necessary and important to the future of your favorite Sunday activity(Solo II). OK, so you would rather be doing something else? Then go do it on another day and come to MSUB and start training as a safety steward. I'm not kidding, WE NEED YOU! No safety stewards means no Solo II racing.

Thanks again

Scott Cranston

WEB SITES

-Yellowstone Region 108

www.yellowstonescca.com

-Southwest Montana Region (Pending)

www.swmtscca.org

-Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club

www.ida.net

-Big Sky Region (Missoula/KalisPELL)

www.users.qwest.net/~sharpguy/

-Montana Region

www.geocities.com/montanasccla/

-Northwest Hillclimb Association

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

-McCullough Photography (SCCA event photos & more)

<http://www.gallery.com/mccolloughphoto/> (type exactly or get xxx site)

-Cars On Canvas

www.cars-on-canvas.com

Next Meeting:

March 2, 2005

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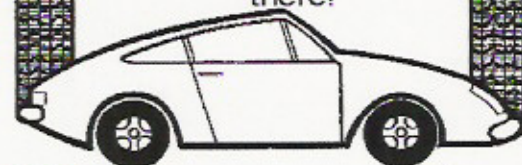
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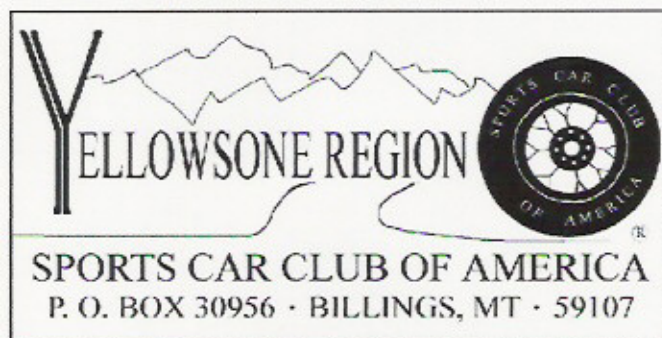
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

-If a man is alone in the woods and there is no woman near enough to hear him, is he still wrong?

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Yeah!!

SPRING is just around the corner.

