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Event Chairs Must Be Members

Recently the RE has been getting correspondence from SCCA warning that sanction and insurance will be revoked if the individual listed as organizer on the sanction application has allowed their membership to expire before the event. SOOOO; RE-UP when you are supposed to and avoid problems.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of 4-2-03

Meeting called to order by RE Mark Richlen.

Motion to accept the minutes as in the last Fast Times seconded and passed. TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in the checkbook is \$1851.66. Bills outstanding: 69.60 Taylored, 1097.20 new display board, 82.00 last autocross at the underpass/overpass, 14.99 labels, and 44.00 for one half cost of ink cartridges use by our Fast Times editor.

OLD BUSINESS

There is no more word on the Corvette Club event. They are still looking for a site.

We have done no further work on Rallys. There is a lot of desire to have one, but the amount of work necessary is almost monumental, or so it seems.

There will be more on updated Guidelines in this Fast Times. There were more changes. so please be informed neighborhal



The Billings schedule is coming together very slowly, finding sites is an ongoing problem for us in Billings. We now have events scheduled for Lockwood and Skyview. The noise issue is going to become a problem at these locations, and if we want to keep them it will have to be addressed. We will have to develop acceptable noise level guidelines for some of our events: "mufflers required" is not a guideline, actual levels are.

I have a site acquisition packet available to give to parking lot owners. It contains a cover letter from our region, letter from SCCA and SCCA Event Insurance information; let me know if you need a copy. I will bring some to the meeting.

At one our earlier meetings we briefly discussed the idea of a road rally. I recently received a cover letter and survey from SCCA about the regions rally activities. The cover letter explained the "SCCA Road Rally Board has determined that we should focus our attention on building or rebuilding the SCCA Road Rally program from the ground up." The SCCA wants to assist regions in developing new road rally programs. I am sure we will hear more about this late

Mark Richlen

More Minutes from pg. 1 NEW BUSINESS

We discussed more site possibilities and future problems with noise regulations. The latter will probably become an issue for which we will have to be prepared. We decided that pretty much at this time, we can do nothing about screeching tires, but exhaust noise can be dealt with.

Motion to adjourn the meeting seconded and passed. Thank you to those who attended.

Ken Decker

A NOTE FROM SOUTHERN CAL:

I thought I would check in - Larry Althoff & I are STILL kicking around in Southern California. Larry has taken to Off Road Dune Buggy racing - so if you know ANYBODY who wants his Sports 2000 (with a extra cool "Hot Art" paint job) Let him know.

I have been keeping myself busy up here still - & still designing & painting cars. Find enclosed (wasn't able to get it to down load, if you want to see, contact Char & she will e-mail it to you) one of two Indy Lights cars I have done for the HSR vintage series here. Dwight knows the guy - Avik Avedisan. He has more of these things than you can shake a stick at...

With any luck - you may see me poking around this summer... Wonder what I will bring to play with...

Hope everybody in Gods country is well & happy.

Regards... Bruce Geiger <u>bgdsign@mindspring.com</u>

MAY 25TH

On May 25th, Yellowstone Region will help the Corvette Club put on their state autocross at the National Guard Armory on Gable Road. We need people to work the event...course set-up, tear down, course workers, timing (Jeff & Jeremy will do most of the timing), maybe registration, whatever it takes to run an event. This is their event, they just need help in putting it on, they will have a committee of people to direct and help us with this. They will have anywhere from 10 to 50 or 60 entrants. If time allows, we will be able to autocross with them. If they have too many entrants, of course we would not be able to autocross, but all we can do is try. Call Mark, Ryan, or Char and let them know if you are willing to help.

Set-up, registration, etc. 8:30 a.m. unless we tell you differently. Come to the meeting.

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

COMPETITION CHAIR TAMMY McCOLLOUGH

Hello again and HAPPY SPRING (its about time). I want to thank everyone who participated in the last Underpass event. I thought it was a blast, and it seemed everyone had a great time. There were a LOT of first timers that we were happy to welcome. Hopefully this season will see even more...and that we will be welcoming many new MEMBERS(!!!) as well. I would like to send out a special thanks to Dennis McCollough who really stepped up to the plate at that event. When our safety steward left, Dennis chose to stop competing and take over being the safety steward so the event could continue. THAT is great sportsmanship and Dennis is a true asset to the club. Be sure to give him a thank you of your own.

Now, onto the good news/bad news section. The good news is that we have a few more events on the schedule firmed up. We have May 26 and September 1 at Skyview High School, June 1 at Lockwood School June 22 at the Metra's lower parking lot, and Lewistown Raceway on July 20 (not 100% firm on this one) and September 21.

Now, the bad news... we lost the use of Cord Mitchell's lot on Underpass Ave. We were also turned down flat by the people who own the Kmart in the Heights and the owners of Harts Furniture on 24th Street W (which I approached for a nighttime event). With the recent Military activity, we decided that it would be impolite to ask for the use of the National Guard Armory, so that is another lost site, for the moment. That leaves it difficult to get events scheduled but, rest assured, that I will continue to "scour the streets of Billings" to find future sites for events. I am currently working on the parking lot at Colestrip School and will let you know if it is a go.

Tammy McCollough

Annual Dues For Yellowstone Region

	Na	t'l F	legn	Tot
Regular Member	\$55.00	\$15.0	0 \$70	.00
Spouse	15.00	5.0	0 20	.00
Family	85.00	20.0	0 105	.00
Speed Freakz	25.00	5.0	0 30	.00
SP-Comp	45.00	5.0	0 50	.00
(Speed Freakz w	ill end	on Ju	ne 1s	t)
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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

Proposed Yellowstone Region Solo II Guidelines

All mandatory sections of the SCCA National Solo II Rules are adopted and enforced. These guidelines supercede all non mandatory sections of the rules.

Behavior at the Event

Drivers must drive in a safe and controlled manner at all times while on the site. Speeds in the grid and pit area must remain under 15 mph. Any extreme driving maneuvers such as tire spinning or "skid pad loops" intended to heat tires before reaching the starting line of the course are expressly prohibited in the pit area and may result in forfeiture of a run, or in extreme circumstance; expulsion from the event. Where it can be safely accomplished tire heating is permitted prior to staging. Spinning judged to be excessive and intentional will not be permitted on the course. Furthermore any extreme driving displays or unsafe driving behavior in the general area surrounding the event site including public streets are expressly prohibited and may result in the disqualification at the discretion of event officials. Good sportsmanship must be displayed at all times, objectionable language or clothing, bad language and inappropriate displays of anger will not be tolerated. Many of our events are held with the general public present; put our organization in a good light.

Event Schedule

- 1. The event chairman will determine and announce the date and time of the event.
- 2. Vehicle tech inspections will commence one hour before competition starts.
- 3. Course walk through and familiarization will commence fifteen minutes before start of competition.
- 4. Drivers meeting will be held just prior to beginning of competition; all drivers and workers must attend.

Car/Driver Limits

- 1. A driver may enter the event with two cars by paying two entry fees <u>unless</u>: the event is declared a competition for points, trophies or other special recognition or the number of event entries is such that entrants would not get the customary number of runs. A driver entering two cars must be available for course work on the regular schedule.
- 2. A car may be entered by no more that two drivers in the same class. This rule may be waived in certain circumstances.
- 3. If, during the event, a vehicle experiences mechanical problems resulting in its permanent withdrawal for the competition, the driver may finish his/her runs in another car.

Riders

Riders are allowed in competing vehicles. The riders must be at least 12 years old. The riders must also be wearing an approved, properly fitting helmet and seatbelt. All parts of the rider's body must remain inside the car while on course. All riders must sign liability release.

Entry Fees

- 1. Fee amount will be determined by the event chairman.
- 2. Non club member's entry fees will pay more than SCCA members.
- 3. Other recognized car club members will pay same fee as SCCA members.

- 4. Entry fee for first time novice drivers will be \$10.00.
- 5. Entry fees are non refundable after the start of entrants first run.
- 6. In the event that conditions become unsafe, the safety steward can terminate the event. Entry fees may be partially refunded at the event chairman's discretion.

Fun Laps

- 1. Event chairman will determine if fun laps will be permitted.
- 2. For drivers entered in the event the fun lap fee will be \$1.00 per run.
- 3. Drivers not entered in the event may take two runs for \$10.00.
- 4. Orientation run with instructor is not be counted as a run, orientation runs are not to be conducted at speed.

Karts

Karts are eligible for entry in Solo II events. SCCA National Solo II rules for karts will apply.

Junior Driver Program

SCCA National Solo II rules for Junior Driver Program will apply.

Classification

- 1. Classification of cars will be according to current Solo II rules.
- 2. Non SCCA car clubs may class themselves using their customary classes or use SCCA classifications.

Penalties.

- 1. Penalties will be assessed or not assessed for displacing pylons as diagrammed in the SCCA National Solo Rules.
- 2. Pylon location will be marked by at least a single line describing the outer edge of the pylon base.
- 3. The penalty for displace pylons shall be two seconds per pylon unless otherwise specified at the driver meeting.
- 4. The penalty for displacing any of the pylons protecting the timer is an automatic DNF.
- 5. Situations arising from a driver encountering a down pylon or involving course deviations will be governed by the appropriate sections of the SCCA National Solo II Rules

Protests & Grievances

Protests and grievances shall be presented to the tech committee and event chairman. Any deviations from guidelines are subject to the board approval.

Other Items

- 1. New entrants should be assigned an experienced driver to help with familiarization.
- 2. Awards, if any, will be presented at the after function, after tear down and cleanup is completed.
- 3. Location of after function will be decided by the event chairman.

Guidelines 4/02/03

SAFETY SAFETY

. I know everyone is chomping at the bit to race and it's hard not to start early on the city streets. However, if you start early on the city streets, you will not have the money to race after you pay those hefty fines. Some of you have been able to slow that urge with the early racing at the Underpass Ave. events, so be patience, the schedule is coming together and there will be plenty of racing for all.

UNDERPASS AVENUE RESULTS FROM 3/30/03

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Nick Longin 30.28 Tammy McCollough 30.56 Ryan Coler 30.68 Luke Bonner 31.20 Brian Lehfeldt 32.58 Rick Moen 32.91 Larry Mora 32.96 Mark Richlen 32.99 John Williams 33.12 Andy Pirami 33.19 Jason Sanchez 33.27

THANKS ONCE AGAIN TO CORD MITCHELL FROM DENT WORKS FOR THE USE OF HIS LOT ON UNDERPASS AVE. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE LATE RACING LAST YEAR AND THE EARLY RACING THIS YEAR THAT YOUR GENEROSITY ALLOWED SCCA - YELLOWSTONE REGION.

SCHEDULES

These are dates for Bozeman, Billings, Great Falls Solo II Events and the State Corvette Club Autocross.

May 11 - Ice Garden, Bozeman-SW Mt Region

May 25 - Helena Regional Airport Facility-Mt. Region

May 25 - Corvette Club State Autocross - Nat'l Guard Armory - Billings-Yell. Region*****

May 26 - Skyview HS, Billings-Yell. Region

June 8 - Bozeman Hospital -SW Mt. Region

June 1 - Lockwood HS, Billings-Yell. Region

June 15 - Lewistown - Yellowstone Region

June 22 - Metra - Lower Lot-Yellowstone Region**

June 22 - Helena Regional Airport Facility-Mt. Region**

July 6th - Bozeman Hospital -SW Mt. Region

July 27 - Ice Garden, Bozeman - SW Mt. Region

August 17 - Ice Garden, Bozeman-SW Mt. Region

September 1 - Skyview HS, Billings-Yell Region

September 7 - Helena Regional Airport Facility-Mt. Region

September 21 - Lewistown - Yellowstone Region

***** Corvette Club State Meet at the National Guard Armory on Gable is tentative as of 4/27, but looks good. Yellowstone Region is timing and helping them set the course and run the event.

** There will be discussion at the meeting about having these two events on the same week-end. Hopefully we can come up with a solution so that both events will be successful.

Southwest Montana Region (Pending) at Bozeman

Contacts: Marty Westland - 587-0075 and Joe Evers - 585-8447

So far we have these dates:

May 11 - Ice Garden

June 8 - Hospital

July 6 - Hospital

July 27 - Ice Garden

August 17 - Ice Garden

FOR SALE

Datsun 510 Built by Dennis McCollough-full Solo 2 Race prepared - \$899.

Tire Trailer - Built by Dwight Gilliland - stable at 110 - \$699.

Race car trailer 18' steel bed, over tire tie downs, tire rack, polished alum. tool box & more \$2499.

Call Bob Grummett 322-4615 for details. Photos on the web site.

EASTERN IDAHO SPORTS CAR CLUB

New Club Officers President – Larry Hull Vice President – Joe Kremer Treasurer – Dave Krekel

Next Meeting—The next meeting will be April 2, 2003 at Melina's in Blackfoot. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm. But if you want to eat, some of us show up as early as 6:30.

Club meetings are the first Wednesday of most months - February, March, April, May, June, August, September, and October. July is usually too close to the July 4th race to bother with a meeting. Meetings are held at Melina's Mexican Restaurant, in Blackfoot. The address is 321 N. Main. The meetings start at 7:30 PM. However, come at 6:30 and have dinner before the meeting.

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• ,	April 26-April 27	ArcoAirport, Arco Wes Stewart 681-3409
• .	May 17-May 18	Pocatello Airport, Pocatello Joe Kremer 237-8665
• ,	June 7-June 8	Pocatello Airport, Pocatello Chuck Bissey 237-6353
• ,	June 21-June 22	Hillcrest High School, Idaho Falls Mike Sutton 529-5214
• ,	July 4-July5	Hillcrest High School, Idaho Falls Chris "the gimp" Clark 552-9584
• ,	July 12-July 13	Arco Airport, Arco Wes Stewart 681-3409
•	August 16-August 17	Bonneville High School, Idaho Falls Brian Coulson 528-7361
•	Sept 13-Sept 14	Arco Airport, Arco Wes Stewart 681-3409
•	Sept 27-Sept 28	Pocatello Airport, Pocatello Leah Street 523-8657

Classifieds

1993 Mazda Miata, Black with red leather interior, killer stereo. R package suspension with limited slip. Leah Street - 523-8657.

If you have any good Ideas for event sites, Please let me know at lewisr@ida.net
The Boise Region has a new web site check it out www.snakeriverscca.org
The Utah Region SCCA will be hosting many races this year. If we don't have a race for you to go to, check them out. www.team.net/urscca/.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END - FULL OF RACING

The 24th of May should be spent decorating family graves and honoring those veterans who served our great country. Because on Sunday the 25th we expect to see you all at the National Guard armory on Gabel Road to help and probably race with the Corvette Club at their state meet. On Monday we will meet at Skyview High School for the Falcon Finale Fund Raising Solo 2 event. All the proceeds over our expenses are donated to the non-alcoholic graduation party for seniors at Skyview High School. At Skyview course set-up starts early, about 7:30 a.m., registration & tech from 8:00 to 9:30, first car out at 10:00 a.m. Fees for member \$15.00 and non-member \$25.00. We will have a barbecue during lunch. We'll probably do something like a hamburger or hot dog, salad, drink, chips

and cookies or brownies & drink for a set price of about \$3.00 or \$4.00. This should be a lot of fun for the week-end so mark your calendars and get rested up for a week-end on the go. Do take some time during the week-end and remember our dearly departed and to give thanks for the Armed Forces who have served and are now serving our country and the world.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On a recent flight from Tampa to Seattle, I experienced service that was not only unacceptable but has caused me not to fly this airlines in the future. It was not because the flight was delayed 5 hours and my bag was lost, it was because the employees who represented the airlines were rude, uncaring and would not listen.

Is United Airlines a bad airlines? No. Do they have great employees? Yes. Are they leaders in the industry? Yes. Having said that, two employees made my experience so miserable, I don't want to go back.

By now, most of you have figured out where I am going with this. There are SCCA members who leave our club, race with competing organizations, stop donating their time and resources and share their miserable experience at the SCCA with others.

Is the SCCA a bad organization? No. Does the SCCA have great employees and members? Yes. Is the SCCA the industry leader? Yes. As with United, one member or employee who represents the SCCA can have the same effect on our membership that the United employee had on me.

We all need to work together on this. No member is more important than another. We are all dependent on each other to enable us to enjoy our passion of racing.

Before your next encounter or decision regarding something related to the SCCA take this simple test. Am I being friendly? Am I having or enabling someone to have fun? Am I being fair?

If you can't answer yes to these questions, take a step back, take a deep breath, assess the situation and try

Fun, Fair and Friendly should not only be a part of the SCCA but hopefully a part of your everyday life. I thank all of you for being active SCCA members and

making SCCA the leader it is.

~~Steve Johnson

reprinted from the April 2003 SCCA RENews

Scca is requesting that we use the proper brand & SCCA motorsports identification, distinguishing between Road -Performance - Pro & Club Rallys in all articles & web sites. Also, they ask that we please check the usage of "Autocross" in articles. The correct name is Solo 2. A lot of us old duffers were autocrossing when SCCA was still referring to activities that measured skill of drivers on small courses defined by pylons as gymkahnas. Although it will probable tax our "senior" brains we will strive to make this change, but don't get upset if we revert to autocross from time to time during "senior moments"!

SHAMELESS ENTERTAINMENT

For those of you who never saw the Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930s and 1940s. Before the Interstates, when everyone drove the old 2-lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the country side in farmer's fields.

They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet...and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream.

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD TO GAIN A MINUTE YOU NEED YOUR HEAD YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT

Burma Shave

DROVE TOO LONG DRIVER SNOOZING WHAT HAPPENED NEXT IS NOT AMUSING Burma shave

BROTHER SPEEDER, LET'S REHEARSE: ALL TOGETHER, GOOD MORNING NURSE

CAUTIOUS RIDER TO HER RECKLESS DEAR LET'S HAVE LESS BULL AND A LOTS MORE STEER

Burma Shave

Burma Shave

SPEED WAS HIGH WEATHER WAS NOT TIRES WERE THIN X MARKS THE SPOT Burma Shave

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF PAUL FOR BEER LED HIM TO A WARMER HEMISPHERE Burma Shave

AROUND THE CURVE LICKETY-SPLIT IT'S A BEAUTIFUL NEW CAR WASNTIT

Burma Shave

NO MATTER THE PRICE NO MATTER HOW NEW THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE IN THE CAR IS YOU Burma Shave

A GUY WHO DRIVES A CAR WIDE OPEN IS NOT THINKIN' HE'S JUST HOPING Burma Shave

AT INTERSECTIONS LOOK EACH WAY A HARP SOUNDS NICE **BUT IT'S HARD TO PLAY** Burma shave

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL EYES ON THE ROAD THAT'S THE SKILLFUL DRIVER'S CODE Burma shave

THE ONE WHO DRIVES WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING **DEPENDS ON YOU** TO DO HIS THINKING Burma shave

CAR IN THE DITCH DRIVER IN THE TREE THE MOON WAS FULL AND SO WAS HE Burma Shave

PASSING SCHOOL ZONE TAKE IT SLOW LET OUR LITTLE SHAVERS GROW Burma Shave

Did you know shaving cream is just fluffed up soap? Makes a great "in

I know this dates me, but these really bring back a lot of memories, I remember my Dad would read the messages as we went down the road and everyone in the car would scream BURMA SHAVE at the last sian. What fun! Char (reprinted from April 2003 SCCA RENews)

SCHEDULE

May 7	Meeting - Elmer's, 2455 Central
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July 6th Bozeman Hospital Ice Garden, Bozeman July 27

August 17 Ice Garden, Bozeman

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.

Helena Regional Airport Facility

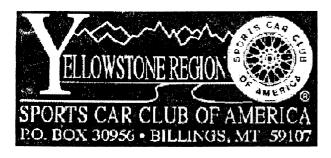
The MAY 2003 meeting will be held on MAY 7th at Elmer's, 2455 CENTRAL AVENUE, Billings, at 7:30 P.M. See you there.

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

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