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April Minutes

The meeting was called to order by RE Ryan Coler at about the same time Dennis McCollough knocked over Kurt's beer which landed on Kurt's wife, Char. The minutes were approved as published in Fast Times. The Treasurer's report was distributed.

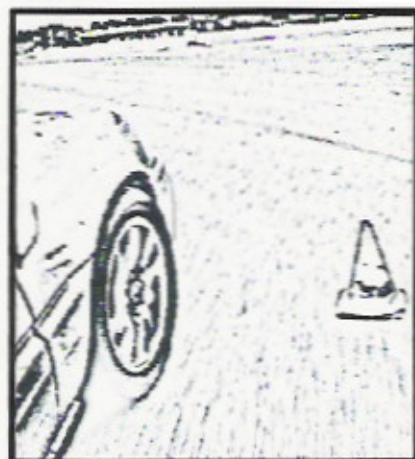
Old Business: A gift from the club in Brook Richlen's name was discussed. It was decided to contribute to a scholarship fund. Dennis McCollough is still working on a discount card. Ryan will work on PR. Scott Cranston, Competition Chairman, reported that the event chairs and safety stewards were assigned for upcoming events.

New Business: Scott Cranston has ordered rule books and stickers. Tire Rama has asked the club to provide timing and a course for an in-house event on July 23rd. It was decided to charge them \$500.00 for our services.

EVO School Tammy McCollough reported 5 entrants for Phase I and 1 entrant for Phase II.

(editor's note: this is just meeting minutes as discussed at the meeting and the EVO standing has changed dramatically.)

Meeting adjourned.



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EDITOR'S CORNER

The Evolution Performance Driving School Phase I school is just around the corner. I am excited to announce that we now have a 'full house' and enrollment is closed for that event.

The next EVO school will be a Phase II, later in the year, in September. Deposits for that school will be formally taken starting sometime in July but may be paid at any time. Again, schools are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. There are only 9 slots remaining, at this time, for the Phase II school.

We had a pretty nice turn-out at our first event of the season on the 17th. Lots of first-timers to welcome and I hope we will be seeing them again.

I was especially, and prejudicially, proud of one particular newcomer. My youngest child got her feet wet on her first course in her new go-kart. She was nervous at first but, in no time, was carving corners and floating the tail. She bobbed a few times but recovered nicely. Way to go, Mikala!

-Tammy McCollough

The first event of the year is now under our belt!
I don't know about anyone else, but I'm sure glad to be doing this
again!

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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

Mike Card giving fellow entrant Kurtis Bellamy a ride around the course.

Mikala Sherbrook, age 11, getting ready to break the timing lights at the finish line on her first day of racing, ever.

Fred Magers, showing us all why his license plate says "Whee".

Mark Brown giving Jim Arnette a talking to about the dangers of dropping fenders, grills, or other automotive paraphernalia on the course. Mark felt the talk was necessary since he was, after all, driving a Pinto. [Car # altered by editor. I figured that's what he (over)paid for the car. Nice cup holder too, Jim and Bobby!]

5 minutes into the first event of the 2005 season and our course workers are obviously hard at work and very concerned about the lunch break. Only 3 hours to go, boys!



First and foremost to all those who came to our VoTech event-thank you! Other than a small computer snafu, it went fairly smoothly for our first event of the year. We had a great turnout, and you couldn't ask for better weather. Quite a few first time drivers were there, and they were darn impressive!

Referring to the computer glitch-I'll apologize one last time. I know some of the times that were lost were certain people's best times (Randy R. and Dave M. come to mind), but no one, and especially our computer, is perfect. We did our best to make up the lost times by allowing extra runs. By the way, full results and some photos are posted on the website.

I would like to remind our competitors and spectators of a couple of things. First, it is the responsibility of all of us to be safe. I was impressed by driving of all of our competitors and I didn't see anything that made me very nervous as safety steward. Compliments to all! Second, everyone who attends our events represents our region. Drivers passing by on the street can't differentiate between spectators and drivers. Therefore, it is vital to our continued success that we all drive courteously on city streets! We don't need people leaving events doing burnouts. It attracts unwanted and unneeded negative attention to what we do. We all get our adrenaline pumping during events, but we need to be sure to turn it back off when leaving. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain sites to host our events, and all it takes is one complaint from a neighbor to shut us down. So, please, have fun, but remember, we are all extensions of the SCCA. Let's keep it safe and fun for all for years to come.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact any one of our board members, contact information is on the front page and on the website.

Captain Snatch Block

All I can say is "thank you" to everyone who participated in the season's opening Solo II event at the College of Technology. Almost 1/3 of the entrants were "rookies" and all did well in their respective classes. The afterfunction was at Godfather's Pizza on 24th street but we had neglected to announce it at the driver's meeting. That won't happen again. Next, as for the "flow of the day", for the newcomers out there, depending on the number of entrants, we may continue the daily schedule without a formal lunch break. Tech inspections and registration starts as early as 8am but is usually really going at 9am. Those who show up late disrupt the event, particularly when only a few hard working people are running the event. I will be discussing the possibility of a policy change, at the next meeting, to disallow registration after 10am on any event day. More on that in the next newsletter.

On Race Day, Remember...

- If there are two run groups, you are to be working when you aren't running. This is non-negotiable and mandatory. If there are more than two run groups, you WILL have an assigned time to work. If you don't work, the event is delayed and WILL NOT START until all workers are in place. If you fail to work, you will NOT have times posted as they will be dropped from the computer prior to printing out at the end of the day, PERIOD!
- Watch for workers who may be trying to "flag you off" during your run. This did happen a few times on Sunday but met with little success. Don't worry, you WILL get to run again. Just drive slowly back to the pits or to start line to see what happened and get directions. cont...

HAPPY BELATED ANNIVERSARY

to

Mark and Delia

Richlen

celebrating 32 years

4/6

*featured Member of the
Month: Kurt Schulz*

Kurt started his racing career back in '62, racing a go-kart when his dad was stationed in England. His first SOCA event was a National Road Rally in 1964, racing a Corvair.

After a stint in Vietnam, Kurt autocrossed a Cortina GT in St. Louis in the 1st Capitol Mustang Club.

After leaving the service, he moved to Montana. His first Solo II event was in 1972 where he drove a Spitfire. He road-raced from 1987-2001. His favorite car that he drove was the hot-rodded Formula V (when it worked). He claims that "driving the V was more fun than sex". Well, Kurt, I'll leave that one alone. His first love is still road racing. He says that, while he enjoys Solo II, autocrossing after road racing is like "slow dancing with your sister".

I asked Kurt if he lived to be 125, would he still be racing. His answer was, "As long as they have hydrogen powered wheelchairs, I suppose so". I think that means he is hooked. He does say performance driving is "in his blood". He also gives a lot of credit to having a very supportive wife.

He reminds us that Solo II is a great thing to get young drivers involved in. Due to the important driving skills and car control that are learned in competition, they become better equipped to avoid accidents on the street.

His advice to newcomers: "If you think you're fast, you're probably not, so find an

REMINDER:

Nitrous bottles and other pressurized containers will NOT be permitted in any vehicle during competition!

It is best to just remove the bottles while you are at home.

That keeps us all safe and helps prevent theft.

On Race Day, Remember... (cont)

- Watch out for go karts, their drivers, and children in general. They are small and aren't always easily seen. We make it our policy to have someone walk next to the karts for their protection so, if you see some strange person walking along in staging, try and keep in mind that they are probably "marking" a kart.
- Another reminder about the karts is to extend to them the same courtesy as you expect. Just because they are smaller and pit in a separate area (mandated for their safety), doesn't mean they should be crowded out and blocked from pulling into staging line. This was a problem at the last event, that it was difficult for them to get staged because full sized autos were preventing them from lining up. Don't get angry if someone stops you from progressing to allow a kart to get in. Chances are, that kart was sitting there, ready to go and running for quite some time and just prevented from staging, long before you arrived at your spot. I promise, you will ALL get your turn(s).
- Lastly, only one person should tell you what to do so ignore everyone else. Starter starts, not the guy/gal in the timing trailer and the pit boss directs you in staging, not the starter or anyone else. The starter doesn't clear until OK'd from timing. Too much watching the wrong person was going on at the event and isn't going to be tolerated in the future, for safety's sake.

Don't forget to bring your friends & come join us for the Metra event and the two Lewistown events.

These are huge events that you do NOT want to miss!!

YRSCCA SCHEDULE 2005

- May 15- Lewistown
- May 29- Evolution Performance Driving School Phase II (Skyview)
- May 30- Skyview
- June 12- MSUB College of Technology (formerly VoTech)
- June 19- Metra Park (upper parking lot) TELL YOUR FRIENDS!!
- July 10- MSUB College of Technology (formerly VoTech)
- Aug 7- Lewistown
- Aug 20-21- EMS Facility (Helena) NorPac Divisional Solo II
- Aug 21- Black Otter Hill Climb
- Sept 4- EVO Phase III (at Skyview HS)
- Sept 5- Skyview

REMINDER: After the SCCA meeting on May 4 (8pm), there is a surprise party for Dennis McCollough's 50th birthday. This will be a complete & unexpected surprise to him. 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. Everyone will yell "SURPRISE" when he emerges.

Thanks, again, to everyone who has donated to his gift! A one week condo vacation in Las Vegas and round trip airfare has been purchased (May 14-21)!! I am SOOO excited to see the look on his face when he opens the card signed by all his true and special friends who bought it for him. I just know that card will always be treasured. The real gift, though, is for him to be surrounded by many friends, reminding him of how blessed he is to have them, so PLEASE COME and help celebrate his special day.

Since money is still coming in, it's been going to spending money for him (and only him-I have my own). If you want to chip in and add your name to the card, its not too late. Just contact me. Donations can also be made to the "kitty" jar, anonymously, at the party, but you won't be able to sign the card because it will be with me in the meeting. There is over \$50 in there now, with more rolling in daily.

Also, if you have ANY old photos of him, please bring them to share on that night and post them on the display board that I will have up at the party (I'll have Scotch tape there to put the photos up on the board with). Then, just grab them back before you go. I have baby pictures and I know that you don't want to miss that!

There will be cake and ice cream there but any food and/or drinks from Fuddrucker's will be at your own discretion.

Classified Ads

Available for all SCCA members to advertise items for sale or wanted to buy.

just contact the editor prior to the 15th of the month to get it into the next newsletter.

DOG FOR SALE: 8-month old registered Pomeranian, \$300.

Does many great tricks. Super 252-9506 or 861-2268

RACE RESULTS FROM APRIL 17

Mark Brown	34:221	CRG
Scott Cranston	38:489	Mustang
Marc Pankratz	38:807	Mustang
Dave Marble	39:157	Mini Cooper
Mike Card	39:225	Impreza
Kurtis Bellamy	39:337	Prelude
Marcie Arnette	39:397	Bill Scar
J Ruess	39:607	Corvette
Mike Moore	39:709	WRX
Ryan Holly	39:826	Civic
Tammy McCollough	39:828	CR-X
Steve Goff	39:898	300ZX
Randy Robinson	40:114	280Z
Joe Bonini	40:158	Cobra
Ryan Coler	40:198	Corolla
Matt Sparboe	40:772	Mustang
Doug Riley	41:472	Impreza 2.5
Rod Soulek	41:544	Mustang Mach I
Steve Gruver	41:544	Corvette
Fred Magers	41:765	Porsche 944
Cy Kindsfather	41:867	Firebird
Rick Goff	42:009	WRX
Jim Arnett	42:562	Pinto
Bobby Arnett	43:457	Pinto
Tom Aldrich	44:009	Civic SI
Sean McCarthy	45:109	Camaro
Mikala Sherbrook	45:719	Kart
Joanne Gruver	49:338	Corvette
Marietta Reviczky-Dolan	49:374	Mini S
Jacob Brown	50:010	Baby Kart

WEB SITES

-Yellowstone Region 108

www.yellowstonescca.com

-Southwest Montana Region

www.swmtscca.org

-Montana Region

www.geocities.com/montanascca/

-Northwest Hillclimb Association

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

-McCollough Photography (SCCA event photos & more)

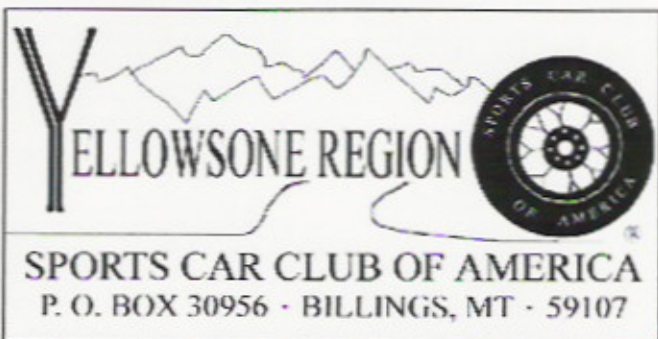
<http://www.gallery.com/mccolloughphoto/> (type exactly or get xxx site)

-Evolution Performance Driving School

<http://autocross.com/evolution/>

*Do you know the 4 seasons in
Montana?
Almost Winter, Winter, Still Winter
and
Road Construction.*

Fast Times



Dont forget to
tell your friends about
SCCA SOLO II.
First-time racer's fee
is only \$10

Next Meeting:
May 4, 2005
at
Fuddruckers
875 Main St
Billings
at
7:30pm.

Hope to see you
there!

