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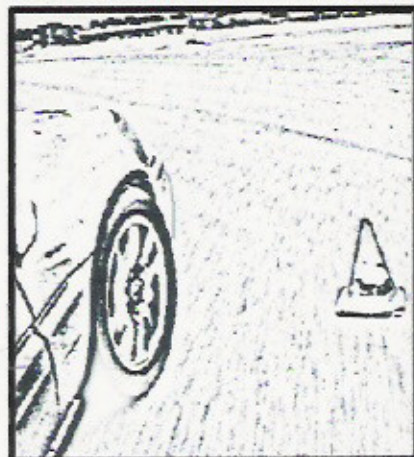
June Minutes

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

Old Business: It was reported that the Skyview event started almost on time, but we can still do better. A thank you was given to Kurt and Char Schulz for their help with the BBQ and registration. An observation was made that several DNF's occurred after the rain washed the chalk from the course.

New Business: Ryan mentioned that we should start looking for a new computer. Char suggested we investigate other timing systems and also thought we should check with SCCA to see what systems they are using. Mark Richlen was asked to do the research. We'll have BBQ at the Metra event. Entry fees at Metra were to be \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non. Members keep their car numbers and will have priority for them at events.

Meeting adjourned.



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EDITOR'S CORNER

The Evolution Performance Driving School Phase I was a great success, in my book. We were lucky enough to have a break in the weather so it was actually a fairly nice day out for the school. At least the heavy rainfall was saved for the next day. That could have been ugly.

I know that everyone who enrolled in the school had improved course times throughout the day. Everyone had very positive things to say about the new skills learned, EVO, and the instructors. I'll say it once again, EVO schools are a great investment and I highly recommend taking a course or two (or all of them).

The next phase is just around the corner and deposits can be made right now to reserve your spot. We have 9 more openings, as of today. The total cost is \$250.00 for the Phase II. Deposits are \$100. Just contact me with any questions you may have.

-Tammy McCollough

Thank you VERY MUCH, Char,
for
helping me out with the June newsletter!

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Hey all, just a few quick notes:

First, big thanks to Mark R., Mark B., and Kurt and Char for their "above and beyond" help at the Metra event. Everyone was timed by Mark or Mark, and most of us took part in the lunchtime feast provided by Kurt and Char. A big thanks to you!

Second, the lunches that we have been serving are not a freebie! We have to pay for all this stuff!! We're not trying to turn a huge profit here, just trying to break even. This includes the water and sodas that are available. If you eat or drink with us, please make a small donation. This fund usually ends up being donated to a worthy cause.

Third, we now have a new lighting system for staging and starting. Thanks to Mark for his work in the rain, and to Kurt for prodding enough to finally get it done!

Finally, our new registration system seems to be speeding things up a bit. If we can all remember to show up a little early to local events, it makes for a much easier day for all involved, and quite possibly more seat time for all drivers. We appreciate your efforts and lets see if we can get even better!!

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A quick reminder, there are still openings for the Phase 2 Evo school (you must have taken the Evo 1 to register). It is quite easily some of the, if not THE, best money you can spend to lower your times!!

As always, feel free to contact me, or any other board members with any questions you may have.

-Ryan Coler

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 has happened a few times and can happen again so be prepared. 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.
- We are getting several karters involved in our events now so some extra precautions when driving are necessary. They sit so low to the ground that its almost impossible to see them. We have implemented a plan to have an adult standing next to the karts in staging so keep your eyes peeled.
- With the new registration cut-off of 9:45, be sure to get to the event site and prepared to register well before that time. If you are late, you will not be able to run in the morning. BRING YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE WITH YOU FOR ENTRY!

*featured Member of the
month: Dennis McCollough:*

Dennis has been doing Solo II since 1985. Since he works exclusively on import autos for a living, he prefers to race them, being loyal to his "source of income" and standing behind what he works on. The best advice he has gotten was at the EVO phase 1 school, which was to put into practice looking ahead. It's also a skill that he takes to the streets in daily driving. All SCCA skills cross over to making you a better daily driver.

His proudest SCCA moment was a tie between his very first top time of day and beating his mentor and nemesis, Jeff Womack. A man, Dennis says, who could "drive the wheels off of any front wheel drive".

Dennis says that the absolute most important thing to address on a car for Solo II driving is suspension, specifically having good shocks. When asked about his favorite event, locally, Dennis says that it's "Metra, hands down, followed very closely by the Lewistown events".

He says that SCCA is the best outlet for competition and competitive driving, for those with the aggressive urge, and that the Yellowstone Region SCCA is a great club filled with a group of wonderful people and great friends.

Dennis is always around to help out the newcomers to SCCA, too.

Thanks, Dennis!

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.

FYI:

If people are wanting to have the privilege of fun runs after our Solo II events, we do need course workers for that to be accomplished. We were shut down on that at Metra due to lack of volunteers. (And I missed out on driving a beautiful Z06 due to no workers, thanks so very much!)

METRA RESULTS - June 19 (combined course times)

Jim Amett	1:30.507
Tammy McCollough	1:41.708
Dennis McCollough	1:43.335
J. Reuss	1:46.118
Jim Coons	1:46.634
Coby Christensen	1:46.924
Matt Dillon	1:47.040
Dave Marble	1:47.415
Ryan Holly	1:47.529
Scott Cranston	1:47.543
Mike Moore	1:48.187
Marc Pankratz	1:49.325
Ryan Coler	1:49.424
Dustin Hansen	1:49.503
David Sims	1:50.608
Doug Hall	1:51.057
Conrad Czechel	1:51.841
Kurt Schulz	1:52.396
Jonathan Brinkman	1:52.689
Steve Gruver	1:52.778
Jacob Brown	1:52.989
Brian Donahue	1:53.689
Lisa Hall	1:54.686
Mike Johnson	1:56.227
Robert McCleeve	1:56.768
Doug Riley	1:56.984
Ryan Elliot	1:57.066

Metra Results, Continued

Steve Goff	1:57.147
Mathew Rukstad	2:00.277
Harvey Johnson	2:04.405
Jackie Bell	2:05.779
Josh Marko	2:06.557
Shirley Heep-Ellis	2:07.805
Mikala Sherbrook	2:25.416

YRSCGA SCHEDULE 2005

July 3- Skyview High School

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

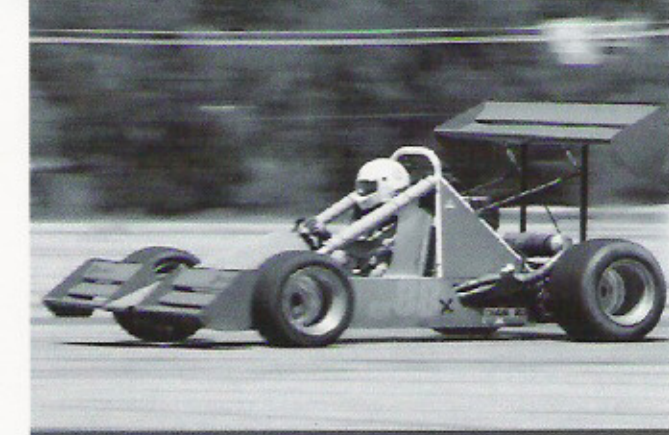
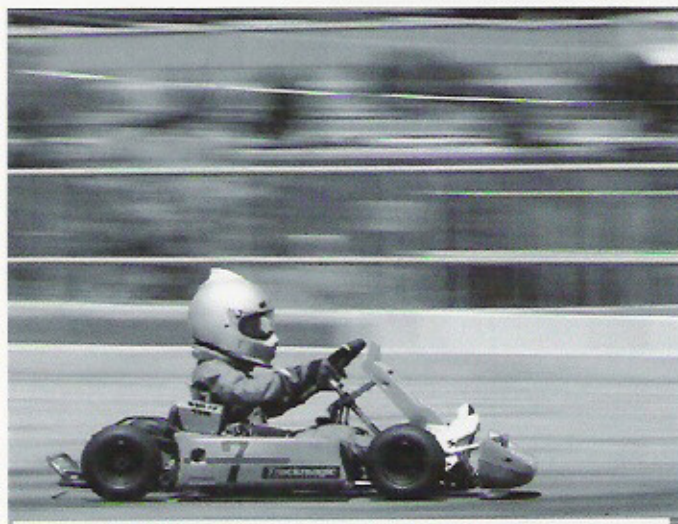
Sept 4- EVO Phase III (at Skyview HS)

Sept 5- Skyview High School

HELP

On July 23, we are helping
out at a Metra
event for another club,
setting up, timing and working
the course.

Volunteers are needed!
Contact Mark Richlen
for details.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

Jacob Brown, running with the big boys!

Steve Goff and Harvey Johnson teamed up in this Neon.

Scott Cranston showing us how its done in his Mustang.

Dustin Hanson is having a good old time in his yellow Protege MP3. Glad you joined us for the day, Dustin!

Shirley Heep-Ellis taking a trip around the course in her gorgeous Porsche 911.

Jim Arnett, kicking butt and taking names. Congrats on TTOD!

WEB SITES

-Yellowstone Region 108

www.yellowstonescca.com

-Southwest Montana Region

www.swmntscca.org

-Montana Region

www.geocities.com/montanascca/

-Northwest Hillclimb Association

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

-McCollough Photography (SCCA event photos & more)

<http://tmccollough.photosite.com/> &

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

-Evolution Performance Driving School

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

*What do you call a
trail through the garden
at the mental institution?*

A psychopath


Next Meeting:
July 6, 2005
at
Fuddruckers
875 Main St
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at
7:30pm.

Hope to see you
there!



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