

YELLOWSTONE REGION SCCA FAST TIMES

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April 1997

APRIL MINUTES

The April meeting was called to order by RE: Alan Walker

Minutes were approved as printed in last newsletter.

Old Business

Autocross sites: Looks like Eagle Hardware may not be available. We have not heard from Bozeman on a confirmation on a lot and a date. Top Gun has been changed to July 19-20. The Corvette Club is still looking for an autocross site, another possibility is the Billings Auto Auction location. We will have to canvass Skyview and distribute an info sheet on who we are what we will be doing and when we race. This sheet will also have phone numbers of members and the principal at the school so that they can contact them with questions. Along with the info sheet we will also hand out F brochures. If you would like to come out and help, we will meet at the Skyview parking lot May 3rd at 1:00pm.

Go-Show had a large number of entrees. Dave Eberts took the time and sat at the booth talking to people and distributed schedules-thanks to all that helped.

Go Carts were seen at the Go-Show. We are still discussing about having them at an SCCA event. Wes Nelson is going to check with cart owners to determine the interest in time events. Pat Polk wants to see an entry level class for younger racers. He has offered to bring carts to the events for tryouts for entry level. There is a 45 day advance notice on insurance for a cart event.

New Business

Jerett Miller has just opened Rocky Mountain Tire and Lube in Red Lodge and has offered us great deals on tires. If you need more info call Jerett at (406) 446-3199.

Bill Witcher is working with Sports Car to put in an article on the Billings Motorsports Park (BMP) and would like help getting the drawing of Phase I, which is the drag strip, with 1.4 miles of the Road Course. Dwight Gilliland and Dale Dinsmore will help out.

The Yellowstone Shopper put together a great article on the local motorsports event lighting Black Otter and SCCA. If you would like copies you can call George Harper at the Gazette 657-1370.

There will be a 3.5 mile Baja In Powell, WY at 8:00 am: April 26th-bikers and quads together along with normal 4 wheel classes. Questions on these types of events call Wes Nelson at (406) 256-6348.

Dave Eberts motioned we get the club trailer out of storage and get it ready for the season. We need to purchase a box of pylons, Bill Schaff offered to get the cones from Safety Center. Tim O'Brien will work on lettering for the club trailer. Dale will inventory the forms. We will contact Dean Johnson on timing.

MEMBERSHIP

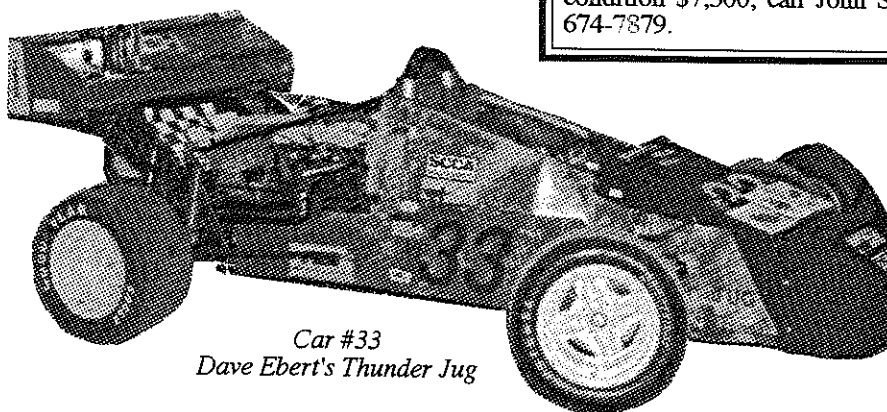
It is a smart and economical move to become an SCCA member. The dues are \$50.00 for single & \$75.00 for a family membership for a year. You also get a subscription to Sports Car, which will keep you up to date on national events. Your insurance at an event is also covered a lot better than if you were a nonmember. The membership also lets you race at any of the Yellowstone SCCA events for \$12.00 an event verses nonmembers at \$20.00 an event, a real savings! With the number of events we have scheduled you will more then pay for your membership in savings. If you need a membership form give Ron Walker a call at 259-6585 or stop by Pierce Automotive 1225 Broadwater and see him, or you can stop by and see Dale Dinsmore at BAP 923 2nd Ave., 256-2212, he sells all sorts of go-fast parts too!

1997 RACE SCHEDULE

May 4 Skyview High (Falcon Finale)
 May 25 Host: Corvette Club at Skyview
 May 26 Costco
 May 31-June 1 Lewistown
 June 15 Town Pump (Columbus)
 June 29 Bozeman
 July 18-19 Top Gun (Helena)
 Aug 2 Costco (night event)
 Aug 10 Skyview High School
 Aug 23-24 Black Otter Hillclimb
 Sept 7 Lewistown
Tentative race

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

This month spotlight member is Dave Eberts. He served as the SCCA Yellowstone Region Member at Large for the last two years.. Dave has a lot of enthusiasm for racing and has helped the club obtain a majority of our racing sites. Dave isn't afraid to get out there and introduce people to racing and helped out at the Go Show talking about club racing. Dave is always willing to lend a helping hand for club activities or to helping another competitor with their car. He Drives Thunder Jug an A Modified Formula car. He has built this car from scratch and after several years of development and VW power this year it will show up with much more power by Ford. Thanks Dave for your hard work and great enthusiasm.



Car #33
Dave Ebert's Thunder Jug

CANVASS SKYVIEW

The first event of the season is the Skyview Falcon Finale, May 4th at Skyview High School in the Heights off Wicks, with entry fees being donated to the Falcon Finale non-alcohol graduation party. Like last year we will need to go around and canvass the neighborhood and distribute flyers to the residents so they know what is happening at the parking lot and that it is a sanctioned organized group and not some kids racing around at the school. We also are going to hand out BMP (Billings Motorsports Park) brochures too. If you would like to come and help canvass the area we are meeting at the Skyview parking lot at 1:00pm, May 3rd. If you would like to join the group for lunch at Elmers on Main in the Heights at noon before hand you are welcome to do so. Until then pray for sunshine and no more snow!

FROM THE RE

Welcome spring of '97 and an SCCA autocross season. I am Alan Walker your new RE for the SCCA Yellowstone Region.

I would like to welcome the new SCCA members and the old to an exciting new year of autocrossing in the Yellowstone Region. In talking to new and old members through the winter, it seems there is some real excitement for the 1997 season. Our first event is May 4th at Skyview High School. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Here's to a safe, fun packed year:

RE: Alan Walker

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 3rd	Canvass Skyview 1:00
May 4th	Skyview Falcon Finale
May 17	Baja-Obstical course- Billings For info call Wes: 256-6348
May 24-25	Baja in Powell, Wy For info call Wes: 256-6348
June 4th	Monthly Meeting • 7:30pm Doc & Eddy's on Broadwater

FOR SALE

1969 PORCHE 911, Power sunroof, Spoilers, Konis, Alloy wheels, excellent condition \$7,500, call John Small (307) 674-7879.



The Go Show at the Metra in mid March didn't generate as much interest in SCCA as I had hoped for. Even the possibility of a road race course at the Motor Sports Park didn't seem to excite many people. It seems that the dominant mentality of this area runs in a straight line, drag racing, or in the dirt, stock car racing, as in looking at our display duhh... You run these cars out at Bolero? But what can you expect from a crowd whose dominant foot wear is cowboy boots or whose pants are baggy, hat on backwards, mouth breathers? I spent a lot of time there and anyone that showed even the slightest interest got subject to my best sales pitch.

In our display Al & Ron Walker had their Datsun 240Z looks good! Dwight Gilliland had his new full bodied modified, looked fast! Bill Schaff had his little red open wheel modified and with his new body work made it look good and fast! I had Thunder Jug there, looks blue and yellow. Dennis McCollough had his little red Austin Mini there as well and it seems that this car always attracts the most attention no matter where it is.

I like to remind everyone to check their units


over so you can pass inspection. Minimum helmet requirement this year is a Snell SA or M85 for autocrossing. Seat Belts in sedans or full harness for open cockpit cars. Make sure your battery is secure. Check your engine belts and hoses along with fluid levels, wheel bearings, tie rod ends, steering box and the lug nuts for tightness. Check the fluid levels. Adjust brakes, or make sure you have a decent feeling pedal. It would help if you would get, or find

someone with a Solo 2 rule book and classify your car. I really don't have the time to do it at the first tech inspection so I will just give you a rule book and have you look it up anyway. This will save a lot of time and frustration for everyone if you can determine what class your car falls into beforehand but if you can't figure it out, someone will help you out.

May all your asphalt be firm and warm.
Dave Eberts.



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Go-Show line-up left to Right: Dave Ebert's Thunder Jug, Dennis McCollough's Austin Mini, Dwight Gilliland's Modified, Bill Schaff's Goblin and the Walker brothers 240Z car.