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MEETING ATTENDANCE VERY POOR

The last two meeting have had very poor attendance. Being an officer is not a social position. What happened to our Re & Asst. Re.? We are not even able to pay bills without at least two officers there. Dennis M. usually attends even when there is no meeting, but was not able to attend the Sept. meeting due to the fact his car was wrecked in a hill climb in Oregon over the Labor Day week-end.

It's nice to see the officers & members participating & hosting events, but come on guys there's more to SCCA. Please endeavor to make the meetings. Your input is important. We sure could have used it for the decision on Lewistown...which was reinstated after it was canceled. If we had had more input we may have been able to avoid that problem. This club is what you make it!!

MEETING MINUTES

Here are the minutes (more like seconds):
Meeting of August 1, 2001.

Present at the meeting: Kurt & Char Schulz and Ken Decker.

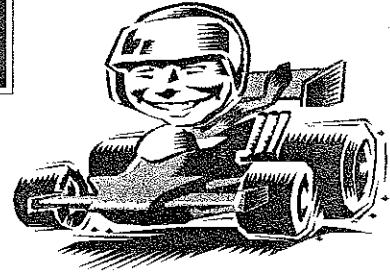
We talked about two things basically, and one was the buck run concept. what we finally came up with is that the only charge in Billings is that buck runs are now a dollar. Every other concept remains the same as reported in past newsletters. The event chair of course controls how many such runs will be available or even if there will be runs..

Since we have an extreme shortage of Safety Stewards, including none available for the Lewistown event, we decided to cancel the last event of the season in Billings. We made preparations to contact as many of our members as possible. (Ed note: With Kurt, Ken & Char the only ones showing interest enough to attend the meeting, nothing else could be done!)

In the offing, we may have a minimum number of our members become Safety Stewards, and if that number is not reached, events will always be in danger of cancellation. This year, we were lucky.

Meeting adjourned.
Ken Decker

From your RE



Well, it looks like our season has come to an end with a successful event at the hospital in bozeman.

It seems to me that we've had a successful season this year, but I think there's room for improvement in how we promote our events, mentor rookies, and recruit and maintain members in our Region. We did have great articles in the Gazette and the Powell paper on autocrossing.

As we wind up this season I am looking for volunteers for next year who will head up an effort to better promote our events and recruit new members. We all know that there are folks out there who would like to race their cars, but they don't know we exist. We need to find a way to find them, bring them into our club and keep them once they've joined.

Special thanks to Dennis McCollough for serving as Competition Chairman, Ken Decker for serving as Secretary/Treasurer, Brian Dean our Assistant RE and especially Char for getting the newsletter out and keeping me on schedule.

As your RE, I haven't chaired many of our meetings this summer because I've been traveling on business. As a matter of fact I'll be in Denver during our October meeting, but I know Brian is up to the task - he's had plenty of practice this summer.

See you at the November meeting.

Dennis

With all that has happened in DC & NYC this last month, we all need to take some time to explore our feelings.....this editorial from Leonard Pitts of the Miami Herald sums it up for me.

We'll go forward from this moment.

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It's my job to have something to say.

They pay me to provide words that help make sense of that which troubles the American soul. But in this moment of airless shock when hot tears sting disbelieving eyes, the only thing I can find to say, the only words that seem fit, must be addressed to the unknown author of this suffering.

You monster. You beast. You unspeakable bastard.

What lesson did you hope to teach us by your coward's attack on our World Trade Center, our Pentagon, us? What was it you hoped we would learn? Whatever it was, please know that you failed.

Did you want us to respect your cause? You just damned your cause.

Did you want to make us fear? You just steeled our resolve.

Did you want to tear us apart? You just brought us together.

Let me tell you about my people. We are a vast and quarrelsome family, a family rent by racial, social, political and class division, but a family nonetheless. We're frivolous, yes, capable of expending tremendous emotional energy on pop cultural minutiae - a singer's revealing dress, a ball team's misfortune, a cartoon mouse. We're wealthy, too, spoiled by the ready availability of trinkets and material goods, and maybe because of that, we walk through life with a certain sense of blithe entitlement. We are fundamentally decent, though - peace-loving and compassionate. We struggle to know the right thing and do it. And we are, the overwhelming majority of us, people of faith, believers in a just and loving God.

Some people - you, perhaps - think that any or all of this makes us weak. You're mistaken. We are not weak. Indeed, we are strong in ways that cannot be measured by arsenals.

Yes, we're in pain now. We are in mourning and we are in shock. We're still grappling with the unreality of the awful thing you did, still working to make ourselves understand that this isn't a special effect from some Hollywood blockbuster, isn't the plot development from a Tom Clancy novel. Both in terms of the awful scope of their ambition and the probable final death toll, your attacks are likely to go down as the worst acts of terrorism in the history of the United States and, probably, the history of the world. You've bloodied us as we have never been bloodied before.

But there's a gulf of difference between making us bloody and making us fall. This is the lesson Japan was taught to its bitter sorrow the last time anyone hit us this hard, the last time anyone brought us such abrupt and monumental pain. When roused, we are righteous in our outrage, terrible in our force. When provoked by this level of barbarism, we will bear any suffering, pay any cost, go to any length, in the pursuit of justice.

I tell you this without fear of contradiction. I know my people, as you, I think, do not. What I know reassures me. It also causes me to tremble with dread of the future.

In the days to come, there will be recrimination and accusation, fingers pointed to determine whose failure allowed this to happen and what can be done to prevent it from happening again. There will be heightened security, misguided talk of revoking basic freedoms. We'll go forward from this moment sobered, chastened, sad. But determined, too. Unimaginably determined.

You see, the steel in us is not always readily apparent. That aspect of our character is seldom understood by people who don't know us well. On this day, the family's bickering is put on hold.

As Americans we will weep, as Americans we will mourn, and as Americans we will raise in defense of all that we cherish.

So I ask again: What was it you hoped to teach us? It occurs to me that maybe you just wanted us to know the depths of your hatred. If that's the case, consider the message received. And take this message in exchange: You don't know my people. You don't know what we're capable of. You don't know what you just started.

But you're about to learn.

The only thing I can add to this editorial is "GOD BLESS AMERICA".



Skyview Labor Day Event

Brian Dean with help from several people set up a great course. Everyone had about 10 runs thanks to Marty Westland, who made the journey down from Bozeman to be the Safety Steward for the day. This was after a big Mustang event in Bozeman on the 2nd. Thank you Marty. (Marty also went to Lewistown to Safety Steward for the day - another day without racing - Thanks again Marty)

CP	Andre Truchot	Mustang	1:00.992
	Wes Nelson	Mustang	1:03.390
CS	Bob Keefe	Miata	1:04.118
CSP	Corbin Maher	Civic	1:01.064
DM	Rick Borsheim	Cobra	1:00.974
DS	Brian Dean	CRX	1:00.200
F125	Mark Brown	Kart	:51.932
FP	Jeff Hauck	260Z	:57.844
FS	Joe Bonini	Mustang	1:02.858
	Dale Dinsmore	Mustang	1:03.154
	Heather White	Mustang	1:09.096
SM	Phillip Burrows	Mustang	1:04.095

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I still have not received results for several of the events, Lockwood, July 29, Bozeman, Sept 2nd, Bozeman, Sept 16th. As soon as I receive these results I will print them.

You might be a racer if.....

The requirements you give your real estate agent are (in order of importance):

- 8 car climate controlled garage with an attached shop
- Outside parking for 6 cars, a motorhome, a crew cab dually, a 28' enclosed trailer and a 34' 5th wheel.
- 3 phase 220 V outlets in the garage for your welder.
- A grease pit.
- Convenient to a hazardous waste disposal site.
- Deaf neighbors.
- Across the street from a paint and body shop.
- Some sort of house with a working toilet on the property somewhere - or - hookups for the motorhome.

You walk proper lines through the grocery store.

You measure all family acquisitions in terms of the number of race tire that could have been purchased. "You know well that Orthodontic work is the equivalent of three sets of tires.

You sit in your race car in a dark garage and make car noises & shift & practice your heel & toe, while waiting for your motor to get back from the machine shop.

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SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY

Now is the time to go over your safety equipment to see what needs replaced. Christmas is just around the corner so start dropping those hints or in some cases fill out the order blank & leave it in a prominent place so that you get exactly what you want or need. This is also a good time to plan your rebuild time around the family activities. This is sometime hard to do, but don't forget the family.

check out the web site
<http://yrscca.enthusiasts.org>

Just read in the morning paper that Elmer's on Main will soon be Fuddrucker's, if the beer & wine license is approved by the city council. We will probable have to find a new place to meet, at least for a few months, please put your thinking caps on & come up with a meeting place.

more you might be a racer if....

Your grandmother is shocked to find you have a pair of jammies that cost \$400.00 and the seat doesn't even drop down.

You remember the dates & details of every race you've ever been in, but can't remember your phone number.

You always late apex the intersection & try to pass a few cars coming out.

You save broken car parts as "mementos".
 Remember: never turn your back on a race car.

SCHEDULE

It's time to start thinking about what events we want for next year. The Lewistown events need to be set up early in the year or we can't get any dates. Powell would be nice to do again if there is interest in traveling down to the wonderful facility they have at the airport. Now is the time to discuss the events & sites available & decide which ones we want to pursue next year.

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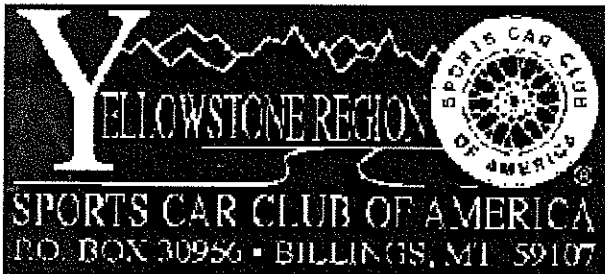
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**The October 2001 meeting will
be held on Oct. 3rd at Elmer's,
875 Main Street, Billings at 7:30
P.M. See you there.**

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