



Baby, It's Cold Outside and Inside, Too Hardy Souls Prevail at Reno's Test Day, School

If anyone needed reminding about the fickle nature of Northern Nevada weather, Reno Region's 2003 opening weekend should have left an indelible impression. It was, in a word, brutal, what with a cold, relentless wind, little or no sun, and even a few snow flurries thrown in for good measure.

"It was even bitter during the set-up on Friday," said John Evans, the event chairman. "I was just miserable the whole time. I sure was glad to see Don Smith show up early Friday to help, and then Mike Mulhall, Patrick Housel, both of the Riggs, and Dave DeBorde pitched in. I really couldn't have done it without them."

Around 50 drivers took part in the Test & Tune on April 5th, including a contingent of half a dozen Subaru WRXs (see *Road & Tach's* drive of a WRX on page 7).

April 6th, even as conditions deteriorated, some 35 students were on hand for the Solo2 school.

"There were a lot harder people there than me," Evans says. "I'm sure hoping it's warmer for the 26th and 27th." That's Rounds One and Two of the region's Solo2 series, also at Stead, and also chaired by John Evans, together with Mike Mulhall.

While conditions weren't bad if you were in a car, working the course -- which all the students had to take a turn at -- was an endurance test. "It was like being on an Antarctic expedition," one of the students, Marion Gandy, said. "In a few weeks we'll be out there getting roasted and sunburned. That's just the way it is around here. But I'm looking forward to next event."

*"I was just miserable"--
John Evans*

Competition Kicks Off at Stead on April 26th & 27th

The wide-open spaces of Stead Airport will host the opening rounds of Reno Region's 2003 Solo2 series on Saturday and Sunday, April 26th and 27th. Whatever the weather, the forecast calls for hot competition, lightning-fast action and high-horsepower thunder.

These two events will mark the official debut of Reno Region's new, high-tech timing and scoring system. In trials at the April 6th Solo2 school, the system proved easy to use and trouble-free, producing more information faster than the old system.

Schedule and class group details for Rounds One and Two are on page 3. To get to Stead Airport, proceed north of Reno on U.S. 395, exit and continue right on Stead Blvd. to Mt. Vida St., then look for the autocross activity near the Air Race grandstands.

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OVER-REVS

FROM THE EDITOR

BY JIM GANDY



We're underway again! Another season has started, and in just a few days comes our first weekend of real competition. If you're like me, the long off-season wasn't long enough -- somehow the months went by, and only a fraction of what I wanted to do to my racer actually got done.

But a couple of things were checked off the list, important things, since they'll allow my wife, Marion, to try her hand at our sport. She says she's watched long enough, it looks like fun, it's time to get behind the wheel.

That means my RX-7 road racer needed a passenger seat and harness, and also a quick release for the steering wheel -- otherwise climbing in and out through the roll cage has "chiropractor" written all over it.

Whenever I see a new person try our sport, I can't help but think that *every* driver, from teen to grandma, should be doing this. I've always believed our sport is different from any other. Of all the things a person can do as a pastime, avocation, hobby, or sport, autocrossing is the only one that has application in daily life, that *every day* makes life better for the participant and for complete strangers.

We all drive cars every day. It's a very risky thing to do. The brutal fact is that every person who drives on the street faces something like one chance in 4,500 of being *killed, this year*, in a traffic accident. Scary, isn't it? And that doesn't include those who are only injured, or maybe just get a bruised wallet.

Now playing adult league softball isn't going to help you beat those odds. Macrame won't do it, neither will fishing. Golf may be good exercise and relaxation, but correcting a slice and correcting a skid are two different things entirely. Hunting, playing guitar, birdwatching, tennis, water skiing, stamp collecting and handball are fun, but none of them are going to help you save the lives of everybody in your car when that idiot runs the red light at Virginia and Moana.

Solo2 can do just that.

Of course, motorsports is no guarantee you'll beat the odds. Whenever I get too wound up in this sermon, I remind myself of one of my own crashes. I had just won a race in my street-licensed showroom stock car, and I was on my way to the post-race party when I smacked into the back of a pickup truck. Hero to goat in an eyeblink. "Say, tell us about that damage, Jim!"

But wouldn't you feel better about driving every day if you were confident everybody else out there knew something about how their vehicle responds at the limit? If they knew just how fine the edge is between being in control and being at the mercy of the laws of physics? If they had the skills and confidence it takes to avoid panicking in a pinch?

I know I would. Buckle up, Marion!

2003 Reno Region Solo2 Events

Date	Event	Site	Event Chair	Run Group 1 , 2 , 3 , 4	Points Event #
April 26	Reno Region Solo2	Stead	John Evans &	W, Y, B, G	1
April 27	Reno Region Solo2	Stead	Mike Mulhall	G, W, Y, B	2
May 3	Reno Region Solo2	Winnemucca	Randy Jones &	B, G, W, Y	3
May 4	Reno Region Solo2	Winnemucca	John Perry	Y, B, G, W	4
May 24	North-South Challenge	Hawthorne	Las Vegas Region	TBA	5
May 25	North-South Challenge	Hawthorne	Las Vegas Region	TBA	6
June 7	Reno Region Solo2	Stead	TBD	W, Y, B, G	7
June 8	Reno Region Solo2	Stead	TBD	G, W, Y, B	8
June 14-15	Porsche Club	Stead	Porsche Club	N/A	N/A
June 28	Reno Region Solo2	TBD	John Riggs Jr. &	B, G, W, Y	9
June 29	Reno Region Solo2	TBD	John Riggs III	Y, B, G, W	10
July 5	Divisional-tentative	Stead	D. Deborde, R.	TBD	N/A
July 6	Divisional-tentative	Stead	Jones, J. Perry & J. Uchytel	TBD	N/A
July 19	Reno Region Solo2	Stead	Mike Kapic &	W, Y, B, G	11
July 20	Reno Region Solo2	Stead	Jim Gandy	G, W, Y, B	12
Aug 9	Reno Region Solo2	Stead	Jeff & Christa	B, G, W, Y	13
Aug 10	Reno Region Solo2	Stead	Steele	Y, B, G, W	14
Aug 30	Reno Region Solo2	Boreal	TBD	W, Y, B, G	15
Aug 31	Reno Region Solo2	Boreal	TBD	G, W, Y, B	16
Sept 20	Reno Region Solo2	Hawthorne	TBD	B, G, W, Y	17
Sept 21	Reno Region Solo2	Hawthorne	TBD	Y, B, G, W	18
Oct 11	Reno Region Solo2	Stead	Pat Housel &	W, Y, B, G	19
Oct 12	Reno Region Solo2	Stead	Dave Heppler	G, W, Y, B	20

*Y = Yellow - Nxx (Street Tire)

*B = Blue - AS, BS, CS, DS, ES, FS, GS, HS, STS, STX

*W = White - SS, ASP, BSP, CSP, DSP, ESP, FSP, SM, SM2, SU

*G = Green - AP, BP, CP, DP, EP, FP, AM, BM, CM, DM, EM, FM, F125, FJr, SFJr

Note: Groups 1 and 2 run in the morning, 3 and 4 in the afternoon. If you're running in the morning, plan to arrive by 8:30 AM at the LATEST (the morning driver's meeting starts at 9:15 AM). Arrive by no later than 11:30 AM for the afternoon session, with the afternoon driver's meeting no earlier than 12:15 PM. This will allow time for registration, car prep and tech.

To balance the groups, classes may be adjusted at the event. Every effort will be made to keep the adjustments within their respective morning and afternoon sessions.

Call Dave at 775-267-4845 or Eric at 775-831-2773 for more information, or visit www.renoscca.com.

ATTENTION IN THE PITS

WORDS FROM THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

BY DAVE DEBORDE



REgion news -- April 2003

The weather was cold and the sun remained hidden most of the weekend. In short it was bone-chilling cold for our season openers, the Test & Tune Saturday and the Autocross School Sunday. Despite the cold weather, over 55 dedicated autocrossers showed up Saturday to shake down their vehicles and blow out the cobwebs that formed during the off season. Another 20 or so people showed up on Sunday to learn some of the finer points of Solo 2 driving. Not even the light snow and wind could dampen the spirits of this group of "students." Kelly, one of the new WRX drivers, when asked about the cold responded; "Yes, it was cold! But the fun made up for it in spades."

Being at the event without any wheels and having to watch everybody out there driving the challenging course that John Evans designed was particularly painful for yours truly. After turning down offers to drive a couple cars Saturday and Sunday, I found it impossible Sunday afternoon. Chuck Tischler thankfully came to my rescue and handed me the keys to his early Mustang. It felt sooo good to drive the course after the off-season. Chuck, thank you, thank you, thank you.

The weekend season opener also gave us an opportunity to try out the new timing system. It looks like the software is powerful and has impressive capabilities. The timing system appears to be resistant of false triggering and extremely easy to set up. The entire system was surprisingly fault free considering this was our first attempt to use it. A big thanks to John Riggs (the senior) and Dean Benz for all your work implementing the system. Lest I forget, thank you Debbie Kerswill

for taking on the Chief of Registration responsibilities and for getting the driver information database ready for the new software. Our club is extremely fortunate to have this volunteer team working on this project. Please remember to thank them for all their good work.

Because of our Solo 2 event, it was impossible to attend the Reno Rally at Reno-Fernley Raceway, but word has it the event had over 20 participants and some good competition. I would like you, the members of the Reno Region SCCA, to keep open the possibility of engaging in Rallycross and Club Rally sometime in the future. I would be interested in talking with any members that would like to take the lead on getting the region involved.

The Reno NorPac Divisional Solo2 is coming closer to becoming a reality, with the tentative July 4th weekend likely to be confirmed by the time you read this. As soon as the date is solid, volunteers will be needed to arrange a host hotel, design tee shirts or other mementos, arrange for chiefs of course, grid, timing & scoring and workers. We will also need to arrange a social event and meals.

Finally, I am sure you noticed the awesome job Jim Gandy did on the March *Road & Tach*. Be sure to contact Jim if you would like to contribute an article for a future edition. Nice job Jim!

Dave Deborde

Regional Executive

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AT STEAD AIRPORT

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If you use e-mail and can receive this newsletter electronically, please let us know so we can remove your name from the mailing list. Contact Eric at egangloff@aol.com

NEWS & NOTES FROM IN & AROUND RENO REGION

THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

May is always challenging for Reno Region's Solo2 drivers. The month starts with the Winnemucca Challenge, a battle for bragging rights between Reno and neighboring Snake River Region. Then on Memorial Day weekend, Reno and Las Vegas Regions square off at Hawthorne.

Both events feature great competition as well as Saturday night parties, and advance registration is recommended. See page 6 for the Winnemucca Challenge entry form, and page 8 for the form for the North-South Challenge event at Hawthorne.

RENO REGION TO START JR. KART PROGRAM

John Riggs III has volunteered to serve as Steward of the new Junior Karter Solo2 program. As soon as SCCA National approves the necessary changes to our sanctioning agreements, kids as young as five years will be eligible to drive karts on Solo courses. Future issues of *Road & Tach* will have more details about this new program.

THE SEARCH GOES ON

At least three Reno Region Solo2 event weekends are still without chairmen (see the schedule on page 3). To volunteer, contact the Region's Activities Director Greg Benson at (775) 233-7947 or e-mail him at to_many_toys@hotmail.com.

RALLY 'ROUND THE LAKE, BOYS

The Rotary Club of Tahoe-Incline is putting on a "Lap of the Lake" charity poker run on Saturday, May 31st. Start and finish is at the Ponderosa Ranch, and among the vehicle classes are Sports, Classics and

Exotics. Prizes, lunch and a commemorative mug are included in the \$30 entry fee for car & driver (\$25 additional for passenger). For more event information, call Larie Trippet at (775)831-2038, or e-mail larie@gbis.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

At the April meeting, Mike Kopic volunteered to co-chair the July 19-20 Solo2 weekend at Stead. Somebody in the room asked him what kind of event he was planning. "It'll be clothing-optional," Mike said.

RENO'S DIVISIONAL DATE NOW FIRM

It took a while, but NORPAC Division has finally firmed up the Divisional Solo2 Championship series -- and Reno Region will host a round on July 4th weekend. The four-weekend series begins with San Francisco Region's National Tour event May 3rd and 4th at Atwater, California. Round #2 will be at Reno Region's new Divisional at Stead Airport July 5th and 6th. Round #3 is slated for Northwest Region's National Tour event July 26-27 at Bremerton, Washington. Wrapping up the series will be Snake River Region, hosting Round #4 August 9th and 10th in Boise, Idaho.

Divisionals exist as a separate championship (with titles available in all the usual Solo2 classes), and contenders for divisional championships must run at least three of the four weekends. Divisional entrants must also be SCCA members. Entering a divisional also qualifies a driver to go to the Tire Rack Solo2 National Championships in Kansas in September. Rumor has it several Reno Region drivers may make the trip this year.

Watch future issues of *Road & Tach* (and check www.renoscca.com) for full details about Reno Region's divisional event.

WOULD YOU BUY A USED BUS FROM THESE PEOPLE?

A large crew turned out Sunday afternoon, March 23, at Dave and Carol DeBorde's in Minden. Besides downing a few brews and grabbing munchies provided by Dave and Carol, the hardy volunteers cleaned the region's equipment bus and inventoried supplies. Left to right: Dave DeBorde, Patrick Housel, Theo McCormick, Jim Gandy, Carol DeBorde, Patty Evans, Sugar the dog, John Evans, Steve Waclo. Not pictured: Dick Lewis (somebody had to take the picture!).



ENTRY INFORMATION

WINNEMUCCA CHALLENGE

WINNEMUCCA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

SPUDS vs. SLOTS

MAY 2-4, 2003



EVENT SCHEDULE:

Late registration: 4:00 – 7:30, Friday the 2nd, at the event site.

Car Safety Inspection: 4:00 – 7:30, Friday the 2nd, at the event site

Course Open for Walking: 4:00, Friday the 2nd

Hotel/Motel Information: Mention SCCA Gold Country (800)346-5306 10 rooms

Holiday Inn (800)262-8901 20 rooms

Days Inn (800)548-0531 20 rooms

note: no rooms available at Red Lion Inn

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ENTRY FORM -- CLIP AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS BELOW

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No.() _____ Email Address _____

SCCA Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Emergency Contact _____ At the Site Yes / No

Class _____ Car Number _____

Work Preference:

Course _____ Grid _____ T&S _____ Impound _____ Safety _____ Tech _____

Co-Driver _____

Class _____ Car Number _____

Fees: \$60.00 SCCA Member \$70.00 non-SCCA Member

Saturday night banquet will be held at the Red Lion. Bar Opens 6:00 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. Your entry fee includes the banquet & a T-shirt Large, X-Large Limited number of XXL. Sizes _____

Additional meals: Adults \$20.00 Children 5-12 \$10.00. Number of additional meals: _____

Additional T-shirts: \$10.00. Number of additional t-shirts _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____ (Please complete an entry form per driver)

Mail Entry Form to: Peggy Jones, 1615 Shadow Lane, Sparks, Nevada 89434

BOOST FAZE

DRIVING SUBARU'S WRX 'TWINXT THE CONES

It looks like the SCCA's tie-in with Subaru will make a real impression on grids at Reno Region's events this year. With a half-dozen new WRXs showing up for the April 5th Test & Tune, and several on hand for following day's Solo2 school, there may be times this year when ten percent or more of Reno's event entry will be a single model of car, the turbocharged, all-wheel drive Subaru WRX.

By now you're aware of the WRX's reputation as a screaming bargain, performance-wise. But what's it really like driving a WRX on a Solo2 course? *Road & Tach* donned a helmet to find out.

Our thanks to John and Patty Evans for letting us get behind the wheel of their brand-new yellow WRX four-door at the Solo2 school on April 6th. On the skidpad at the previous day's Test & Tune, the Evans found out that at low speeds, the WRX understeers. In fact, it plows so much that they opted to take off the high-dollar Hoosier competition tires for Sunday's event, replacing them with the factory all-season radials. "We were just scrubbing off the front tires like they were pencil erasers," John said. "We've got some shocks on order that should help."

Thus forewarned, we headed onto the course.

Almost immediately, it's apparent the WRX has two personalities. Before the turbo boost builds up, it's a mild-mannered sedan with excellent, supportive seats. But on-boost, it's quite simply a rocket, hurtling forward at a rate that your senses aren't quite prepared for. That's because a two-wheel drive car with similar acceleration will invariably spin the drive wheels, while the Subaru has no such drama -- it just leaps ahead.

But by then the next corner is on you. The WRX's suspension is firm for a street car, but nowhere near racercar-like, and the brakes are well-balanced and easily modulated. There's some body lean in quick transitions, suggesting beefier anti-roll bars might be a plus.

In the school's 270-degree turn, the WRX's understeer



The Subaru WRX Sedan: room for five, 21 MPG, a mere \$24,000. For that, you get 227HP, 0-60 in 5.7 seconds, 0.84g cornering, *and* all-wheel-drive.

...on boost, it's quite simply a rocket, hurtling forward at a rate your senses aren't quite prepared for.

becomes all too apparent, resisting all attempts at correction with the wheel or throttle. There is an answer, however, and it's the same fix for the WRX's turbo lag. Left foot braking can perform miracles, tightening lines when necessary as well as keeping boost up.

Crossing the finish line, one thought dominates: "I want more of this." On the school course, there were only four short shots of full boost, and it's an immediately addicting sensation. You feel it in your whole body, and yet the WRX remains so composed; there's no raucous noise, no screeching rubber.

Other cars are this fast but at a lot more money (Porsche Carrera 4). Direct competitors like the new Neon SRT-4 are not nearly this refined on the street. It's no wonder

Subaru is selling all the WRXs they can make, and it's also no wonder WRXs are becoming a common sight on Reno Region Solo2 grids.

Given a rainy day, could a street-legal Subaru set Top Time of Day? --JG

ENTRY INFORMATION:

**2003 NORTH-SOUTH CHALLENGE
LAS VEGAS REGION vs. RENO REGION SCCA**

May 24 & 25, 2003 Hawthorne, Nevada

Site: Mineral County Airport, Hawthorne, Nevada

Headquarters Hotel: El Capitan Motel & Casino, 1-800 922-2311 for reservations. You MUST reserve early and you MUST tell them that you are with SCCA in order to get one of our pre-reserved rooms and special rate. Rooms are limited!

Friday registration and technical inspection will be held at the El Capitan Motel from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Saturday registration and technical inspection will be at the airport 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM. Course will be open for walking as soon as it is completed Friday evening and on Saturday & Sunday AM.

Here is what you get for your \$55 entry fee: Two days of autocrossing, Saturday night banquet, Trophies, Memento 2003 T-Shirt, Pizza party at awards presentation and more fun than you can stand!

Hawthorne is a small town in Nevada on US 95. Both the Airport and the El Capitan Motel & Casino are on the main highway... you can't miss them.

If you register before May 18th you will pay \$55 when you come to registration in Hawthorne.

If you register after May 17th you will pay \$65.

If you want extra Tee shirts they will cost \$5 each, state size.

If you want extra banquet meals they will cost \$20 each, state quantity.

More questions ??? Contact Rick at ckostelaz@wizard.com. or 775 727-1936 or www.lvrscga.org

To register via e-mail, go to www.lvrscga.org

This year's event is being hosted and organized by Las Vegas Region SCCA, Rick & Barbara Kostelaz.

NORTH-SOUTH CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM -- CLIP AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS BELOW

Name _____ Class _____ Region _____ T shirt size _____

Car Number 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ 3rd choice _____

Second Driver _____ Class _____ Region _____ T shirt size _____

Car Number 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ 3rd choice _____

Extra Banquet Tickets _____ (\$20ea) Extra T Shirts (\$5ea) _____ Size _____

Send your check with for \$55 each entry post marked before 5-17 (\$65 after 5-17) + extra items.

Mail to: North South, 2160 Heritage Dr., Pahrump, NV 89048. Make check payable to SCCA LVR

Your email address _____

This year's event is being sponsored by Las Vegas Region, Sports Car Club of America

TRUE CREW STORIES



Editor's Note: The following is 100% true. The name(s) may have been changed to avoid embarrassment. True Crew Stories are things that happened in association with our sport, not on-track or on-course. Have a True Crew Story to share? Call Jim Gandy at (775) 267-1183 or e-mail him at jrgandy@earthlink.net.

The year? 1978. In his fifth season of showroom stock racing, Jim had never used a trailer -- he didn't believe in it. Showroom Stock was for *street* cars, he thought. Racing out of Austin, Texas, Jim started 1978 with a brand-new Dodge Colt. He scored some National wins, and by late spring his thoughts turned to vacation. He planned his ideal get-away: two weeks on the road and two National races, including the June Sprints at Road America in Wisconsin.

The last week of May, he packed the little Colt to overflowing with camping gear, tires, tools (he at least bought a roof rack), and, oh yes, luggage and dog food. Did I tell you he was taking his girl friend *and* his German Shepherd?



The subject of our tale, in a happier moment.

After camping at places like Arches National Park in Moab, Utah, car and crew made it to Seattle. They registered for Northwest Region's Memorial Day Regional/National, got set up, got the car teched, and sat back to wait for practice to open. As Jim had hoped, there wasn't much competition; a couple of LeCars -- easy points for the taking.

But the first practice session was late. Very late. Then the Chief Steward called a drivers' meeting. Pack up, he said, our corner communications system has gone down, it can't be fixed, I won't allow radios, so this weekend is cancelled, your refund will be mailed.

Stunning news. However, there was nothing to do but pack up and hit the road again, this time with a couple of extra days to make the 2,000 miles to Wisconsin. After camping for several days in Idaho, the little Colt and its crew crossed the prairies, finally setting up camp in the paddock of Road America.

By now you're getting the drift, so let's cut to the gruesome part. It's the big race, thousands of spectators, yada yada. The Showroom Stock grid has over 70 cars, 20 or 25 of them in the Colt's SSC class. Jim doesn't want to return to Texas without at least a few National points, so he's gritting his teeth. In the race, he's doggedly holding onto tenth in class (good for one, count 'em, one point at that time), when Mr. Eleventh brakes a little too late and punts Jim into one-and-a-half barrel rolls.

Roll the car, roll the credits, right? Nooo, our tale is not yet done. Tune in next month to find out whether there's a limit to what can go wrong. --JG



Summit Display Increases Reno Region's Visibility

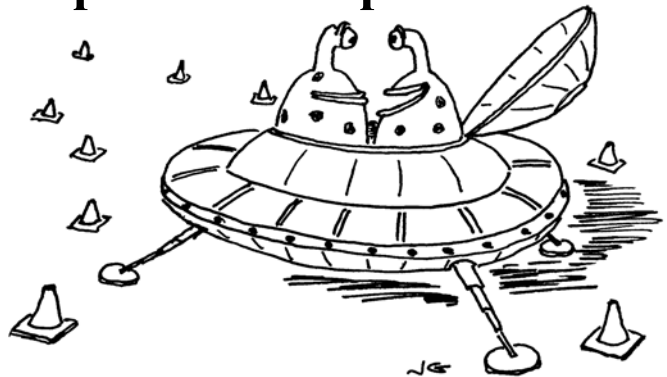
Spreading the word was the goal of the region's display at Summit Racing's store and warehouse in Sparks on Saturday, March 22. According to Edy Eddins, who coordinated the display with Summit Racing, the word got out about Reno Region, Solo2, and the SCCA. "There was a steady stream of people all day, and we gave out a lot of literature. I think there were even a few new members signed up," Edy said.

Several Reno Region members brought their cars to the parking lot display, including Pat Housel, Lucas Kootz, Dave DeBorde, B.J. Filarski, Dave Dunbar, Greg Benson, John and Patty Evans, Andrew Silva, Jim Uchytel, John Townley, Debbie Kerswill and others.

One of Reno Region's new banners remained behind after the display, going up on the wall inside Summit Racing's retail store. Check it out the next time you're in Summit.



Top Time Warp 2



"Don't tell Tech about the new hyperdrive coils. They'll bump us to Street Prepared!"

MEETING MINUTES

Carol Deborde, Secretary

SCCA Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2003

Attendees: Greg Benson, Debbie Kerswill, Dean Benz, Mike & Joanne Kapic, Jim Gandy, John & Helen Perry, Pat Housel, Lucas Kunze, Lee Mitchell, BJ & Victoria Filarski, Chuck Tischler, Mike Mulhall, Heather Money, John Riggs, Jr, John Riggs, III, Jim Uchytel, Eric Gangloff, John & Patty Evans, Dave & Carol Deborde, Craig Cummins, Pat Costin.

Meeting brought to order at 6:35pm by Dave Deborde, R.E. Dave welcomed all members and went around room with introductions.

Secretary Report: The March 2003 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Report: Patty Evans reported the beginning balance as of March was \$5,045.28. Expenses for month were \$1,479.56 with an ending balance of \$3,565.72 and two CD's in amount of approximately \$8,200.00. There was some discussion regarding newsletter expenses. If a member receives a paper copy and would like the email copy, contact Eric Gangloff. It will help reduce expenses.

OLD BUSINESS:

Safety Steward School: Dave thanked Dick Lewis for an informative and productive meeting. We should have about five or six new Stewards this next year.

Summit Promotional Day: It went very well and there seemed to be a lot of interest in the club activities. Dave thanked Edy for his coordination of the event and those that came to help and brought their cars for show.

Bus Clean-up: Dave thanked those that came out to help clean the bus. The transmission seems to still have a leak. John Evans bought extra transmission fluid to keep in the bus for emergency. Dave will try and get it fixed in the near future.

Test & Tune Day: John Evans, event chairperson, passed around a copy of the course. John had emailed everyone how the event would be run (three groups). For those that miss the morning drivers' meeting, they will have to wait until afternoon to participate. There is one price for the day. John plans to set up the course on Friday and could use help after 11:00am. He will set up on Sat. at 7:30am and again needs help setting up. Annual Tech will be available at 8:00am until drivers meeting.

Drivers School: John wanted to stress safety and we may need two Safety Stewards as well as many instructors. Plan to have two groups (run & work). Hope to have 3-4 runs each with students. Plan to show new students how to actually run an autocross in afternoon.

Reno Rally: Dave reminded us that there is a road rally this weekend also (4/5-6/03). We do not have anything to do for it.

Solo II Divisional: Katie Elder is trying to finalize the Divisional series and she has us scheduled for July 5-6, but there are some conflicts for that date so Dave has given her a few other dates that might work. As soon as it is finalized we will need people to promote the event. Katie has secured Kumho Tires as a sponsor.

Banner – Decals – Posters: Dick Lewis has ordered two all weather vinyl **banners** for approximately \$160 each. One will be used at Summitt Racing for awhile. They should be ready for pick up. Mike Mulhall had **decals** make made, and we have sold several already. The supply is in the bus.

Chris Causey offered to make **posters** for distribution in the area promoting the event dates. Dave called them - "Annual Awareness Documents". Patty got the schedule cards and passed them out.

Winnemucca update: John Perry, event chairperson, told us that he has ordered the awards, tee shirts (Helen & Peggy made the design to be used - a slot machine with spuds in window & cones in tray). The shirts should be about \$6.00-\$7.00 each. Still need to order Porta Potti. John will contact Winnemucca to be sure all is ready. Greg Benson indicated the paper work was in place. If someone only wants to attend one day it will be ok and a charge of \$20.00 will apply for members & \$30.00 for non members. John Perry will contact Don Miller to see where the roving trophy is. Reno won last year but didn't receive the trophy. John would like to have help setting up. He plans to have a social Friday evening round their motorhome & Dave & Carol's.

Jr. Carts: After some discussion a motion was made by Dean Benz to allow Jr. Carts at the Winnemucca event and for the season allowing 5yrs & up. It was seconded by Eric Gangloff – motion carried. John Riggs, III would like to be the youth sponsor. Dave will contact National to see if we can get authority to have Jr. Carts at our events. If for some reason we can't get the sanction for the event, we will use Idaho's sanction & Don Miller as the sponsor. Eric suggested we contact Ed Diederich of Northern Nevada Cart Club at 775-847-5218 to help set up a Jr. Cart program.

Event Chairperson: There are several events in need of chairpersons. Mike Kapic and Jim Gandy volunteered for July 19-20 at Stead. A brief discussion took place about Boreal event and having another Bar-B-Q. John Riggs, Jr. will ask if the Nelsons are interested to doing it again. Dave asked for a budget to be submitted for any event where club money will be spent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Registration: Debbie Kerswill has volunteered to be the Chief Registrar. Schelley Nelson had volunteered but is unable to do it because of other obligations. Debbie will

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follow up on the registration supplies and cards. If we need more, she will order them. Thank you Debbie. She will be in need of help, so if you are interested in helping at registration, contact Debbie.

Annual Tech: We will be doing Annual Tech again this year. Pat Housel said to bring your rule book to get your annual tech sticker. They plan to use two stickers – one in the rule book and one for the car. Annual Tech has not been approved by SCCA National for all regions – it is still in the trial stage.

Timing & Scoring: John Riggs, Jr. reports the new system is up and running. He plans to have it available for the first points event in April. We will use the system and the old paper cards too.

National Convention: Eric Gangloff indicated he had a great time and it was informative. See the

March Newsletter for his report. Eric presented Dave with a plaque from NORPAC for his participation at this yearsyear's convention.

Events: We have not received the contract back from Stead yet. However, they have agreed we will be able to use the site without any problems using last year's contract until the new one is finalized. Included in this year's contract, we have requested we have food vendors at the event. They agreed it would be okay, but we will have to put in a request 30 days prior to the event each time we want them there. Dave will take care to follow through with this.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted, Carol Deborde, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Patty Evans, Treasurer

BALANCE AS OF 2/28/03		5,045.28
March disbursements		
3/1	#2883 Eric Gangloff	Natl convention expenses -429.08
3/20		Bank monthly fee -10.00
3/21	#2884 Jim Gandy	Road & Tach expenses -144.08
3/23	#2886 SCCA Natl	Tech inspection supplies -51.29
3/23	#2887 Stead Airport	4/5-6 site fee -1,000.00
3/29	#2888 John Evans	Event supplies -38.81
3/29	#2889 Patty Evans	Timing computer monitor, event supplies -361.30
		TOTAL MONTHLY OUTFLOW -2,034.56
March deposits		
3/17		Rule book sales 15.00
3/17		Membership fees 130.00
3/20		Bank fee 10.00
3/28		Rule book sales 60.00
3/28		Decal sales 170.00
3/31		Membership fees 170.00
		TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME 555.00
BALANCE AS OF 3/31/03		3,565.72

CLASSIFIED ADS

Road & Tach classifieds are free to SCCA members. To place an ad, contact the editor (see Club Officers, page 2)

PARTS. New custom height Harddog hardcore four-point roll bar with diagonal and harness bar for Miata. Provides helmet clearance for this 6'2" driver. I do not think it will fit under a soft top. \$375. New Eibach 2.5 inch racing springs, 200 lb. 8 inch, 350 lb. 7 in ch. \$160. Used (4k miles) Spax Miata springs. Street spring that lowers without severe stiffening. Set \$140. Used (miles unknown) Rod Millen Miata racing springs. Lowers and stiffens. Set \$100. Used Jazco molded racing seat with black fabric cover. Fits Miata, uncomfortable but very light and fills SCCA CSP requirement for passenger seat. \$40. Four Bridgestone S03s in 215/55-16 size. Two days of autocross and

about 3500 miles street use. A very high performance tire, okay in wet but not good in snow. \$200 for the set. Four '03 factory WRX rims, \$350. John Evans, (775) 828-0608 or jeracer@nvtbell.net.

1973 DATSUN 240Z, Runs Great, Roll Cage, Fuel Cell, 10 Wheels, etc... Road race or Auto-X: B/SP, EP or ITS. Needs good home, bought another race car and it needs \$\$\$ \$5500. Call John, (775) 972-7232.

RACING SEATS. A pair of lightweight (10#) buckets. Fit any car and have 5-pc. harness slots. With brackets. \$125 for both. Mike Kapic, (775) 853-3918.

1979 VW SIROCCO. Multi-year region champ, F Street Prepared. Good tires, Kumho Ecsta V700. \$1,500. Pat Housel, (775) 287-1410.

THE MARGIN OF VICTORY

In a sport timed to the thousandth of a second, the difference between winning and losing could be one small suggestion. One of the most common autocross mistakes is not using all the track. Entry points, apexes, and exit points are important because you should be right on them, every time. Miss an apex by two feet, and somebody else is going to get down the next straightaway two MPH faster than you -- and you're going to get beat by two tenths. Learn how wide your car really is, then learn to place it right next to the cones, turn after turn.

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Upcoming Events:

April 26 & 27: Rounds One and Two of the Regional Solo2 Series -- Stead Airport, Reno. *Details and entry form inside.*

May 3 & 4: The Winnemucca Challenge, Reno and Snake River Regions square off for Solo2 bragging rights. Counts as Rounds Three and Four of the Regional Solo2 Series. *Details and entry form inside.*

Meeting:

May 7 (Wednesday). General Membership meeting at Austin's Restaurant, 7671 South Virginia St., Reno (just north of the Winner's Corner at Longley & S. Virginia). Meeting starts at 6:30. Ordering dinner? Plan to arrive by 6:00.

ATTENTION NON-MEMBERS OF RENO REGION:

If you have not attended a Reno Region event recently, this may be your last issue of *Road & Tach*. Plan to participate again soon, or better yet, join the SCCA!

COMPUTER LITERATE? If you prefer to get *Road & Tach* electronically, contact Eric Gangloff (see Page 2) to remove your name from the U.S. mail list and save the Region \$\$\$!

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