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SCCA, Rocky Mountain Chapter - Big Sky Region 38 Newsletter

NEW! - Rocky Mountain Chapter Official Website

We now have our own website at - <http://www.rmcbigskyregion.org>

Club Meeting

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

April, 9th

At the Finish

Line Casino



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News From The CE

The Next meeting will be Wednesday April, 9th at the Finish Line at 7:00 p.m. we need to have as many of the officers as possible attend this meeting. We have quite a few details to finish up on before the first event at the end of this month.

This months event for Kalispell will consist of a one day test and tune on Saturday, April 26th and then a one day event on Sunday April 27th. The entry fees will be the same for both events and we will try to get in as many runs as we can on Saturday while we have participants willing to run and the length of the day allows. Missoula's first event is this weekend at Big Sky High School, I am doing my best to be there so maybe I will see some of our local group there as well. You need to be checked in by 9am in Missoula.

The events this year will be scheduled a bit earlier in an effort to be able to consistently get more runs in and still be able to finish at a decent hour with all of the cleanup chores. We have increased the entry fees for members to \$15.00 and non-members to \$25.00 to help in offsetting some of the additional cost of trophies/plaques this year as well as increased event insurance costs. We have decreased the Novice entry fee to \$10.00 to try to encourage more first time participants. We have set a deadline for check in of 10:30am, and a drivers meeting at 11:00am, unless you pre-register for the event no additional participants will be allowed after that time. We understand some of you have other obligations and will gladly except pre-registration with the understanding if you do not make it to the event before completion of the first round you will not be allowed to make up that round.

If anybody out their has any additional ideas for sponsors or would like to sponsor an event through your own business please let either Russell Pandina or myself know. We have compiled a sponsor benefits package this year and have included an outline of all advertising & benefits available for the different levels of sponsorship.

National News

SCCA Youths: the 'Speed Freakz' program is OUT - You are now in 'first GEAR'!

The limited success of the Speed Freakz program has pushed the national SCCA marketing and sales people to revisit the ideas of a youth program. The program that will replace Speed Freakz is called **'first GEAR'**. There is a wealth of information regarding this change on the national website and in the National RE News so we will reprint an article with some of this info on our local website as soon as possible. One of the things this means for those of you that are a part of the Speed Freakz program now is that as long as you renew your membership before June 21, 2003 there will be no change in dues for this year. After June 21, 2003 the membership cost will be \$45.00 per year and is limited to participants 21 years of age or younger, at 22 years of age a regular membership is required. So even if your membership expires after June 21, 2003 it will save you a few bucks to get it renewed before that time. Please check our website, or the national website for more information on **'first GEAR'**!

On your Mark, Get Set, Lets Go and have a great race season - it is finally here!

- Tony Friar