



# Slideways

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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>**

## ***Next Event!***

### ***Elite Audio***

***Sun, Aug. 17th***

***At FVCC Don't***

***Miss out on all***

***the Fun!***



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## News From The CE

**Registration:** The earlier we can get started the more runs we can get in during the day. Deadline for registration will be 10:00 a.m. this will insure all tech inspections can be completed by 10:30 a.m. and the drivers meeting can be held at 10:45, with the first car on course at 11:00 a.m. If you need to you can pre-register with me by phone at 406-261-3463 either the night before or that morning before 10:00 a.m. if you have other commitments. If there is no answer on my phone, leave a detailed message, stating Car Class, Name, Car Number, and Member status. We will get you inspected as soon as you arrive and collect your fees. You will forfeit any runs that have completed when you arrive.

**Our event:** I would personally like to see five or six runs per event every time. In order to attain this there have been several suggestions by different members. One of these is to do away with the buck runs. By doing away with buck runs all together this will allow more time for runs. Another is to run each run group through twice before switching course workers. I feel this would save a great deal of time during the day. If we have five runs during the day we switch course workers five times, we spend a considerable amount of time waiting for workers to get to their positions or to get to their car to be ready to run. The time spent switching positions could be better spent on an extra run during the day. I would like to try both of these suggestions at the next event and see if we can maybe even get in six runs. The other benefit to running two runs per group is warm tires and familiarity with the course.

## **September is Autocross Month!!**

**Missoula September 1st:** The next Missoula event is scheduled for September 1st at Karl Tyler Chevrolet. The hotline number is 1-406-541-0054 and their website address is <http://www.bigskyregion.org>.

**Helena September 7th:** The next event at the emergency services facility is hosted by region 105, the great falls club on September 7th, those events are always a great time. For more information contact myself or Ed Austin at [eeaustin55@msn.com](mailto:eeaustin55@msn.com).

**Kalispell September 14th:** Our Next FVCC event is scheduled for September 14th at the college.

**Missoula September 21st:** Missoula is hosting a second event in September on the 21st at Big Sky High School. The hotline number is 1-406-541-0054 and their website address is <http://bigskyregion.org>.

**Minor Release Issues:** Lets all remember we need signatures from BOTH parents for annual minor releases to be issued or for any minor to ride in a car.

Tony

# Focus on Safety

The Following articles were taken from '*The Safety Belt*', They have been copied in their entirety or excerpts taken and summarized, with all credits given to the original authors.

## *Dealing with a Crash*

*By John Leberman, Editor  
Safety Belt*

In the Solo II environment a "crash" is highly unlikely. However, as unlikely as it is, the potential exists. How does one respond? At most venues, there is the availability of rapid response from emergency services, so focus on what needs to be done in the SHORT term (roughly 5 minutes or so).

**1. Do not remove an injured** driver from a car without medical personnel present unless there is an **immediate** and sever danger of fire. Do your best to stabilize the driver's head and neck from motion; don't manhandle them; and do not attempt to extricate the driver unless they are in a life threatening situation already. For example: sever fire or stoppage of breathing.

**2. Do not remove a** driver's helmet. If they want it off, let them remove it. They're unlikely to hurt themselves removing a helmet, however, you might. If they're unconscious and **not breathing** then *that* becomes the priority.

**3. Make sure the driver is okay,** Ask if he/she is okay, where he/she is and what happened. If they seem confused, DO NOT leave them alone. Call for an ambulance and keep them in their car until emergency help arrives. If they have already gotten out of their car, and start showing signs of confusion, keep them seated and comfortable and call for the ambulance. Do not take chances.

**4. Be prepared** to report to arriving medical crew any things that you noticed (flushed,

rapid breathing, confusion etc.) if the driver was involved in some form of impact, describe it as best you can to the ambulance crew. They *will* want to see the helmet if it has been removed. The more information you can give them from the outset the better care they can give.

**5. Help emergency crews** by directing traffic, covering with flags, extrication, or anything else they request such as getting supplies or equipment from their rig, etc.

**6. LEARN ALL YOU CAN ABOUT CPR AND FIRST AID** Those first two minutes are always the most **IMPORTANT**.

## *In Case of FIRE!*

*Excerpts from Safety Belt,  
Summarized by Tony Friar  
Editor Slideways*

**1. Call 911 Right away.**

**2. Don't panic**

**3. Get the driver out of the car**

**4. Get as many bottles to the fire as quickly as possible**

**5. Don't give the fire any more air than it already has**

**6. If you have a large number of hand held bottles, or if you have the big 75lb+ bottles, you may try to attack the fire directly**

**7. Protect yourself and the driver first. The car can be replaced you can't!**

Keep your response simple, keep your head, and keep yourself safe. It's not the most likely of things to occur at an Autocross but it can happen. And we should all be prepared to handle it if and when it does occur.