



# Slideways

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 6

JULY, 2003

## 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.**

**July, 9th**

**At the Finish**

**Line Casino**



**SCCA  
Rocky Mountain Chapter  
Big Sky Region 38  
501 Jellison Rd.  
Kalispell, MT 59901**

**2003 Officers**  
**Chapter Executive**  
Tony Friar - Ph. 261-3463  
**Asst. Chapter Executive**  
Jesse Roberts  
**Treasurer**  
Jeff Lawler  
**Secretary/Newsletter**  
Shane Leland  
**Asst. Secretary/Newsletter**  
Greg Naive  
**Sponsor Relations**  
Russell Pandina  
**Website Address**  
[www.rmcbigskyregion.org](http://www.rmcbigskyregion.org)

### News From The CE

**First on the agenda:** Great Falls has had to reschedule top gun. The original dates were July 12th and 13th however there were some Venue Scheduling problems that prevented those dates from being used. The new Top Gun dates are July 19th and 20th. Both Missoula and us had events scheduled for those dates.

**Our event:** will continue as planned on July 20th, we are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause those of you planning on attending both events. We were not able to secure the college parking lot for any other dates in July and therefore had to make the decision to leave the event schedule as originally planned.

**Missoula:** has reschedule their event for July 13th at Frenchtown High School, Frenchtown MT. Please check their hotline or their website for more info. The hotline number is 1-406-541-0054 and their website address is <http://www.bigskyregion.org>.

**Minor Release Issues:** I hate to do this to you all, but it appears national is not satisfied with our Minor Release program, it appears, that both parents **MUST** sign the minor release, in front of the Event Chair, (Me). What this means for all of you with releases on file is that they will have to be reissued with new signatures from both parents unless I already have both signatures, I will check through all releases I have received to date and resubmit any that comply with the guidelines. I am not sure just yet on what to do if the second parent is deceased/out of State/ Etc. I will have that answer before the next event.

**Complaints:** I heard a few complaints about people not being notified of the event change in May to Memorial day, I apologize if you were not notified. We made an attempt to call everyone on the list. Please note that our website was also updated daily after the snow day until the reschedule occurred. If there is a change of date or Venue in progress from the original schedule, I will ensure the website is updated promptly. When we were snowed out that info was on the website by 9am that morning. When the event was finalized and the reschedule was permanent that info was posted by 11am on the morning of the 20th of May. Website Address - <http://www.rmcbigskyregion.org>

**Website:** I have updated the website, (finally) with the June results. Looks like we had a great turnout, and I heard from quite a few members who said a good time was had by all. Sorry I did not make it to the event, after working all night on my car the night before, I had another catastrophic engine failure, it is hard to keep the motivation after that.

**Trailer:** It sounds like the majority of you are happy with the new trailer purchase, I am glad that worked out well. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting this Wednesday and at the next event on the 20th. I understand some of you will probably still be attending Top Gun and we wish all of you good luck.

Tony

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER**  
**Big Sky Region #38 - Event Results - June, 15th 2003**  
**Be sure and Thank our Sponsor!**  
**Weaver Gravel**  
**1190 Elk Park Road**  
**Columbia Falls, MT 59912**

Event Name: Weaver Gravel

Location: FVCC

Car #	Driver	City, State	Car	Time
<b><u>Novice Class</u></b>				
67	Justin Gove	Columbia Falls, MT	Dodge Shadow	1:48.673
48	Jesse Perry	Kalispell, MT	Dodge Shelby	1:54.000
52	Bob Rinke	Kalispell, MT	Chevrolet Corvette	1:59.992
<b><u>ST4 Class</u></b>				
77	Zach Hertlein	Kalispell, MT	Honda Prelude	1:46.622
13	Shaun Pandina	Columbia Falls, MT	VW GTI 337	1:47.499
77x	Brandy Hertlein	Kalispell, MT	Honda Prelude	1:47.663
22	Casey Schwab	Polson, MT	Honda Prelude	1:48.173
54	Rick Kern	Missoula, MT	Dodge Neon	1:48.255
<b><u>ST6 Class</u></b>				
4	Dick Haberkern	Whitefish, MT	Datsun 280Z	1:45.902
<b><u>ST8 Class</u></b>				
XY	Joel Schoknecht	Kalispell, MT	Chevrolet Camaro	1:44.368 FTD/ST
95	Adam Granley	Ronan, MT	Ford Mustang	1:44.165
F	Craig Eff	Kalispell, MT	Chevrolet Camaro	1:45.172
55	David Torgerson	Whitefish, MT	Chevrolet Camaro	1:47.861
11	John Bianchi	Lake Havasu City, AZ	Chevrolet Corvette	1:48.197
41	Jeff Mikleutch	Florence, MT	Ford Mustang	1:50.068
<b><u>RT4 Class</u></b>				
34	Bill Dicus	Missoula, MT	Datsun 510	1:38.910 FTD/RT
02	Greg Naive	Kalispell, MT	BMW 2002	1:42.165
46	Jeff Lawler	Kalispell, MT	Mazda RX7	1:42.699
88x	Mikal Werre	Kalispell, MT	Toyota Corolla FX-16	1:44.362
42	Kevin Hursh	Kalispell, MT	Mazda Miata	1:46.251
88	Bill Simonsen	Bigfork, MT	Toyota Corolla FX-16	1:51.685
46x	Deb Hall	Columbia Falls, MT	Mazda RX7	
<b><u>RT6 Class</u></b>				
66	Brian Weaver	Columbia Falls, MT	Austin Healey Sprite	1:43.597
96	Art Weaver	Columbia Falls, MT	Austin Healey	1:57.518
<b><u>RT8 Class</u></b>				
465	Russ Pandina	Columbia Falls, MT	Chevrolet Camaro	1:39.771
70	Roger Gussner	Kalispell, MT	Ford Mustang	1:40.806
33	Jeff Hahn	Potomac, MT	Ford Mustang	1:41.321
3	Eric Pitt	Kalispell, MT	Chevrolet Monte Carlo	1:41.800
9	Walter Davis	Stevensville, MT	Ford Mustang	1:48.174

ST4 = Street Tires/4 cyl/12a Rotary

ST6 = Street Tires/6 cyl/13b Rotary

ST8 = Street Tires/8 cyl

FTD/ST = Fast time of Day/Street Tires

RT4 = Race Tires/4 cyl/12a Rotary

RT6 = Race Tires/6 cyl/13b Rotary/Red Devil

RT8 = Race Tires/8 cyl

FTD/RT = Fast Time of Day/Race Tires

# Focus on Safety

The Following articles were taken from *'The Safety Belt'*, They have been copied in their entirety and with all credits given to the original authors. If any of you find any other good Safety related articles you would like to see in this section, please email them or their location to me (if on a website) and I will do my best to get them into this new section of the newsletter.

## [Plurality of Duties](#)

**By John Leberman, Editor  
Safety Belt**

Section 5.9 of the Solo II rules says: "The same person may hold more than one official position except that the Chief Steward and the SSS may not serve in any other official capacity." But what does that really mean to each of you who are licensed Solo Safety Stewards? In a nutshell, it means far more than just the words "official capacity."

When you're working in the capacity of a Solo Safety Steward - whether you're the Event SSS or just substituting for the Event SSS while he/she runs - that's ALL you can do. You can't walk the dog. You can't watch the kids. You can't prep your car or help anybody else prep theirs. You can't take action shots for the club newsletter. When you're working as the SSS, that's your full-time duty. If you let your guard down for one minute, Murphy's law says that's when a security infraction will occur.

## [When to Give it Up](#)

**By John Leberman, Editor  
Safety Belt**

Let's face it - Solo competition is FUN! If it weren't we wouldn't be doing it. But, like all forms of motor sport competition, it does carry a certain amount of risk. Here's a scenario to consider: You've got a good run going for you; the adrenaline is pumping; you feel like you're "at one" with your car. Then, suddenly, something happens - you

overcook a maneuver or you have a mechanical problem. Now, all of a sudden, you're out of control. What do you do? At this point, we would HOPE that you remember the old adage that many of us try to preach during our drivers' meetings: "Bag a run to save the course workers or your car!" And, if you were not preaching that adage during your part of the drivers' meeting we would certainly hope you start doing so.

Remember that time lost on an autocross course can never be made up. So why try to be a hero? None of us likes to have to fill out an incident report. So doesn't it make sense that anything we can do up front to lessen the chance of an incident is time well spent?

And, before I get too far away from the issue of course workers, here's something else we would hope that you stress at your drivers' meetings. The course worker positions are determined prior to the start of the event by the Event Chairman and/or Course Designer. Then they're approved, and/or adjusted, by the Solo Safety Steward. If it becomes necessary during the course of an event to re-adjust any of those worker positions, the Solo Safety Steward should have the final say on where they're located. Workers should not arbitrarily move their worker station without first consulting with the SSS. We want our course workers to be safe. And we, as solo Safety Stewards, should certainly be open to their input on the safest location to be. But it's up to us to make that final determination.