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### **GOOD NEWS**

Well, talk about boring! No rollover, only one small fire, no fighting drunks, no allegations of a “fix”, no dual payouts, and the cops didn’t even have to show up! The **2002 State Fair Demolition Derby** was a huge success, even if it was without the drama and controversy of previous years. The hits were hard, the mud was tasty, and an overflow crowd got to see a great show that was on time.

Thanks are simply not enough! **Ed, Tom, Darrell, Mort**, and all the rest of the club did a terrific job overseeing this event. Ed and the tech crew started early in the morning and were joined by the rest of the crew as the day progressed to keep things moving smoothly. This club, in addition to the three free ExpoPark dates we earn by working the Demo Derby, is getting a reputation for hard work and smooth event facilitation. You ladies and gentlemen do nice work! It shows. Great job all around and kudos to all who were there. Again, the entire club benefits from the efforts of those who eat some dust and give freely of their valuable time. A hearty “CRUNCH” to everyone who helped.

### **SAD NEWS**

We had high hopes of returning to Malmstrom Air Force Base this year and into the future. We knew that right after 9/11 there was no way to get back to those pristine taxiways, but this spring’s Sportorama held out hope that we, too, could return. Not so. The powers that be, the MAFB administration, consider the Sportorama to be a big community relations deal and are thoroughly prepared to take the necessary extra security precautions to assure its success. But we, the SCCA, are small spuds to them, and they cannot justify the work, coordination, and cost for our small group. So until the national defense posture changes, we will not be back to MAFB anytime soon. Rats! But keep the faith, hope springs eternal.

### **REMINDER NEWS**

Have you shopped or bought anything at **Bumper-to-Bumper Champion Auto Parts, Ike & Susan’s Lounge & Casino, or Pizza Hut** lately? And did you say “Thanks” to them for sponsoring Top Gun? Just checking. It’s not too late, you know. Do it. Or else. We know where you live, so don’t make us come there.

### **THE BIG AUGUST NEWS!**

Yup, the Helena Regional Airport event is a go! Sunday, August 25, 2002. Be there. Guaranteed fun; by actual scientific testing, nearly 23% more fun than is legally allowed in most states. The legislative special session didn’t cut this at all. Details:

- The event starts early Sunday. The course will be set by 7:30, and early registration and technical inspection are

