

The Panic Slip

October Meeting Highlights

October's meeting went pretty much according to the slated agenda. Of particular note was a delay in electing club officers. This was needed to permit extra time for nomination of candidates for Regional Executive and Assistant Regional Executive...more about that in a bit. We also had one new member (Jeremy Shaw) and one returned-to-the-fold member (Kat Hardy) volunteer to help out in the event chair functions – many thanks to them for stepping up!

A special thanks to Kat for also volunteering to coordinate our 2012 season banquet. We'll be enjoying our festivities at the Amigo Lounge on January 31st with a taco and nacho bar provided by Region 105 for our members at no cost.

We have had quite a few members step up to help manage next racing season; however, we've delayed elections until November's meeting to continue searching for nominees as next year's RE and Assistant RE. We've had a few tentative suggestions but thus far the members offered the positions have had to graciously decline their nominations. We have some previous officers that have offered to step up if needed but ideally we'd like to have some of our newer members step in to bring a fresh perspective to the organization and our functions. If you have any suggestions or nominations, please contact Dustin (dustin.ostberg@gmail.com)

or simply shoot any e-mail to the Panic Slip staff and we'll get the word to him.

Next Year's Events

Although we're still pursuing getting onto Malmstrom's flightline next year, we've made alternative arrangements for more events next year. We're expanding the number of reservations we have for Expo Park events as well as scheduling additional races down in Helena. With lots of work from our membership (especially Jeff Thill), we're looking a full racing calendar for next summer!

Racing Tips from the Grid

This is a new periodic addition to the Panic Slip intended to share both technical tips on improving your car as well as technique tips on improving your driving. Your submissions are welcomed!

This month's tech tip starts with the basics. There are many different places to start with bringing down your race times...many racers opt for higher performance tires, suspension improvements, engine upgrades, and other mechanical enhancements to make their cars faster. All of these are fun and will improve your car's capabilities; however, the most basic and lasting improvement can be made to one common part – the steering wheel nut (i.e. – you)!

One of the first places to start improving your driving skills is driving ahead of your car. Most novice drivers and even some more experienced veterans tend to drive from cone to cone through the course, concentrating so intently over their hood on their approach to the next obstacle that they fail to plan their follow through. Proper follow through helps to set your car's balance, approach angle, and speed for the next cone or gate, resulting in a smoother, faster run.

November Meeting's Tentative Agenda

- Call to order
- Reading of October minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Old business
 - o Nomination of officers
 - o Vote for 2013 officers
 - o Malmstrom access for 2013
 - o Proposed 2013 race schedule development
 - o Street Survival Update
 - o Annual banquet
 - o Top Gun Point Revamp
- New business
 - o None slated yet but there's sure to be some come up!
- Open discussion

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. In case you can't make it, Happy Thanksgiving!



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