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Skid Marks

----by Bill Taylor



Shameless Theft

The following is quoted directly from the "But Wait, There's More" page of the November 11, 2002, issue of *AutoWeek* magazine.

"Living Words

No matter how you spin that story, it still smarts

Word in the car world is that leading automaker of the Czech Republic, Škoda, is named for Emil Škoda who helped found Škoda Auto in 1905. However, a search through one Czech-English dictionary tells the real story. The top four translations of "Škoda" in order of precision read thus:

1. Damage.
2. Detriment.
3. Harm.
4. Pity."

Redux, Redone, Again

Also from the same issue of *AutoWeek* comes the info that Carroll Shelby, under terms of a deal concluded with Sanderson Sales and Marketing, will be producing 50 copies of the Ford GT500E. These will be copies of the 1967 GT500E seen in both the 1974 version and the 2000 remake of "Gone in 60 Seconds." These will be restored Mustangs fitted with Shelby-tuned engines and a host of modern up-grades. Unlike the originals, these will begin at \$80,000 and

run up to \$120,000. These will be produced by the same Carroll Shelby who has made a cottage industry (and a whole sub-class of the legal profession) in suing the bejabers out of anybody producing non-authentic Cobras. Hmmm...

Of perhaps greater interest, Shelby will mark 2003 with a "40th Anniversary Cobra Tour" which will make more than 30 stops across the country. Keep your eyes open and please let this editor know if you see a more definite schedule.

Gadgets Found

The old set of driving lights on the Fox decided to quit working a while back. Routine trouble shooting and replacement of the relay had no effect. Besides, these were several years old, cost a whopping \$15.00 on sale and had the usual rusting reflectors endemic to the cheap versions. Anyway, had to find something that would both replace them and fit within the penurious (cheap) operating budget.

During a visit to Central Sales, the home of unbranded, unknown and surplus materials of all kinds, I found a set of remote-operated halogen driving lights. Instead of having a wired switch carrying full amperage through the cockpit (as in the real cheap lights) or having to find a fuse and wire in a relay (as with the better sets), these are operated by a remote (read that "wireless") switch.

Installation takes a deliberate hour or slightly longer. It took longer to cut the old, rusted home-brewed mounts off and strip the old wiring. How well do they work? Don't know yet, but couldn't pass up the gadget. We'll see during the Winter Rallye Series. Besides, it looks like this system would be amenable to use with real, higher grade driving lights.

--Nuff Sed

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There's more than one way to comment on gas prices.



The good-ol' Flying Fox still runs the eastern regions. My red one is still jealous and wants a transplant!



Some roads have tougher hazards than others. I can remember looking up at scrub oaks on some flights at Fort Hood, TX. Camo-brown underwear can be very useful and fashionable.

Shameless Theft, Again, Too

Taken from the May 10-16, 2002, edition of the Moosemarsh News, page 2, in case you didn't make it to the Headwaters rally.

Problem Employees

This is funny and sad at the same time... Can you imagine working for a company that has a little more than 500 employees and has the following statistics?

- 29 have been accused of spousal abuse
- 7 have been arrested for fraud
- 19 have been accused of writing bad checks
- 117 have directly or indirectly bankrupted at least 2 businesses
- 3 have done time for assault
- 71 can not get a credit card due to bad credit
- 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
- 8 have been arrested for shoplifting
- 21 are currently defendants in lawsuits
- 84 have been arrested for drunk driving in the last year

Can you guess which organization this is? Give up yet?

It's the 535 members of the United States Congress. The same group of idiots that crank out hundreds of new laws each year designed to keep the rest of us in line.

Ed Note: The same group that just approved, through inaction, giving themselves a pay raise of more than 3% to a little better than \$155,000 per year.

OK, what does the above have to do with motor-sports? Absolutely nothing. It just shows that if you submit something, it will probably be published.



Mechanical unnatural acts being performed by the local cable company.

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Schedule of Events

December 14, 2002 -- Sno*Fall Winter Rallye
Randy Jokela, Rallymaster, 218-879-6221, Cloquet, MN

January 11, 2003 -- Minnesota Winter Rallye
Tim Winker Rallymaster, 218-729-0821, Duluth, MN

February 8, 2003 -- North Woods Drift Winter Rallye
Jon Anderson Rallymaster, 218-729-9390, Duluth MN

February ?, 2003 -- Lucas Flamethrower
Tentative

March ?, 2003 -- Keweenaw Winter Rallye
Tentative

More information about the
Arrowhead Sports Car Club
Winter Rallye Series on reverse.

For more information about starting locations and times, check the Arrowhead Sports Car Club website at www.arrowheadsc.org, or Contact the Rallymaster at least two weeks before the event.

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November 14, 2002

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Board Meeting -- Omitted

General Membership Meeting

Called to Order at 8:16 PM

Roll Call Omitted:

Members Present:

Paul Rosholt, Tim Winker, Jon Anderson, Bill Taylor

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Corrections:

- Jon Anderson was not at the October meeting

- Sno*Drift Rally will be last weekend of Jan.
- Camp Maxi rallycross will be 12-14-02

Reports:

Vice Pres:

- Ice Race/Rally Sprint will be held at Canterbury Downs 12-14-02
- American Rally Sport Group (ARSG is a part of USAC) will stage the Ramada Express Rally at Laughlin, NV 12-14-02.
- ASCC Sno*Fall Rallye 12-14-02.

Treas.: Balance is \$514.00.

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Old Business:

Highway Cleanup: Randy no present. Tabled.

Gilbert OHV Park: Bill and Tim will check out the location to assess its suitability for rallycross or other events.

Quadna Mountain is developing a facility that may be suitable for a rally school and possibly a Coefficient 1 Club Rally.

Winter Rallye Series:

- Lucas Flamethrower will be held 2-15 or 2-22, 2003. Feb. 22, is preferable.
- Keweenaw Winter Rallye will originate in Eagle Harbor, MI.
- Minnesota Winter Rallye (1-11-03) will tentatively start and end at the Buena Vista Restaurant and Lounge. FCO about 10:00AM.
- Sno*Fall: Randy will mail postcards with final details of time and location, as soon as he hammers them out.

New Business:

Nominations for 2003 Office

- **President:** Tim Winker
Randy Jokela
- **Vice Pres.:** Paul Rosholt
Randy Jokela
- **Secretary:** Bill Taylor
- **Treasurer:** Char Taylor
- **Competition/
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Constitutional Amendments may be in order to reflect current realities. Bill Taylor will draft two:

- Allow the President to serve successive terms.
- Combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15