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The Board of Directors teleconference in June provided a few facts that I can share.

The year to date budget for the club is behind schedule because of lagging membership renewals (THANK-YOU Avectra software). This situation is a result of membership renewals going out three weeks late in May and two weeks late in June. National hopes to be a little more on top of this soon. On the plus side, Pro Racing is twenty-seven thousand dollars ahead of budgeted profits for the year to date. This is due in part to higher than expected Miata entries, and the fact that many World challenge teams paid an entire season's entry fee upfront.

Entries for the Kohler Run-Offs are behind budget due to the online registration being delayed. (See Avectra above). The President of Avectra recently visited the home office personally to work out the few small remaining problems. Payment in full for the software package has been held until EVERYTHING is working as promised. Steve says, "The software is just a few hiccups away from working."

Speaking of the Run-Offs, the bid will go out at the end of June and is due back October 15<sup>th</sup>. Club racing is expecting to receive five or six bids. This is up from the two they received last time, which speaks to the product and what it has done. Unfortunately we cannot put the particulars of the bid on the web site due to business considerations.

By now the "new" redesigned SportsCar should be in your hands. I HOPE you like the new look as much as I do. By the way, SportsCar is fourteen thousand dollars ahead of budget for the year to date. Because the club is behind budget for the year to date they have cutback on travel and delayed the hiring of two new staff members.

A tip-of-the-helmet goes out to John Forespring & company from the NW region for putting another great Dryad / Shitepoke rally. Or that's what I am told so I owe you guys two rally appearances. Another tip-of-the-helmet goes out to the Oregon Rally group for helping out the SRF sponsored BBQ at Rosecups.

Until next month, play safe. Whether it's Solo, club racing or rally we need you.