

Fast Times



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Party and Annual Awards—by the Roving Regional Reporter

The Region's Year-End Party and Annual Awards Ceremony was held at The Windmill Restaurant in Billings on February 1, 2014. Despite the cold and snowy weather, there was a good turnout. The Region hosted hors d'oeuvres while members enjoyed socializing and "bench racing." The highlight of the evening was the awarding of the Region's annual trophies. The Dick Hager Memorial Spirit of the Sport Award was bestowed upon Chief Tim-



er Dean Johnson. Dean is a long-time member of the Region and a tireless contributor. The award is long overdue and well-deserved. Dean is well known for his love of Mazdas—both the rotary and conventional kind. When he is not racing, Dean works as a designer for Boise Cascade in Billings. The Grant Cameron Memorial Driver of the Year award went to new member Ben Caudill. Ben's first event ever was on Memorial Day at Skyview where Ben piloted his 2012 Ford



Fiesta to 17th overall. Two weeks later, Ben was at Yellowstone Drag Strip. A set of lowering springs and large sway bars helped propel him to 9th overall and 6th in the PAX times. By the end of the season, Ben showed that he has the "right stuff." Ben is from Kalispell and now lives in Billings; he is the Band Director at Park City Schools, and his other car is a '40-something Ford (?). Check out Ben's Facebook page. Congratulations, guys!

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"Memory Lane"—by the Roving Regional Reporter

Back in the day, in every registration packet at a car event (or in the envelope containing the "mimeographed" copy of the results snail-mailed a week after the event) was a "dash plaque." The dash plaque was proof that you were not just a poseur (poser)—you actually participated in a car event! On the back of each dash plaque was double-stick tape to facilitate the plaque's placement on—you guessed it—your dashboard. There were pluses and minuses to affixing the plaques to your dashboard.

On the plus side, a healthy array of brightly-colored and attractive plaques proved that you "had arrived" and were an active motorsports participant. On the downside, if you were truly active, your dashboard quickly ran out of space. Also, the double-stick tape sometimes let go too easily (or the opposite—wouldn't come off). Cleaning out my closet recently, I came across my collection of old dash plaques. At right and on page 2 are some examples of these mementoes. As

you may note, dash plaques are often modular with widths and heights that allowed for their organized placement. All plaques had at least three items of information—The name of the event, the date of the event, and the sponsoring organization. The plaques included are from the University of Wisconsin Motor Sports Club, Thee Royal Steeds Mustang Club, Wisconsin Corvette Club, Marquette University Motor Sport Club, American Motors Car Club (my favorite), and others.



What's Brewin'?' — From the RE



Sarah and I are pleased to announce the newest member of the Yellowstone Region family, Betty Elaine Brewer. Specifications: Beautiful and intelligent (like her mother); fearless and noisy (like her father).

On a sad note, long-time Region member Dwight Gilliland passed away on February 21st. Dwight had served as Member-at-Large for the past four years and was the Regional Executive in 1998 and an active member of the Region (and its predecessor, SCCM) for many, many years. During the

past two years, Dwight autocrossed his 1970 Lotus Elan. Prior to that, Dwight raced his "Avenger II," a purpose-built, open-wheeled A-Modified hill climb car powered by a snowmobile engine. Dwight designed and constructed the car himself. Dwight's wife, Kristi, placed first at Nationals with the car and Dwight had four top-ten finishes. I believe Dwight has had more FTDs than anyone else in the Region. A summer get-together in Dwight's memory is being planned. C.B.



Randy's Ramblin's — From the Comp. Director



An organizational meeting for Phase 2 of the timing trailer refurbishing was held on January 18th. I am pleased to report that Chief of Timing and Scoring, Dean Johnson, and his father volunteered to undertake the project. Dean's father is a former building contractor and well-suited for the task who was "looking for a project." There is no question that the trailer is in good hands and we look forward to seeing the refurbished trailer at the first event in 2014.

changes are in store for our Club's magazine, *SportsCar*. No longer will the magazine have Division Reports like the excellent column authored by friend of the Region, Dave Muramoto. Dave was kind enough to occasionally mention events from the Yellowstone Region and items from our newsletters. I, for one, will miss that. However, higher-ups have promised that *SportsCar* is being revamped in a way that will make it more relevant and user-friendly than ever before. Stay tuned! R.R.

On the national front, we received word that



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



I am pleased to report that I survived the Exotic Car Driving Experience in Las Vegas. For a blow-by-blow of the best morning I ever had in Las Vegas, click on the link on the homepage of the Region's Website.

Only the rental cars gods know what's in store for James and me this year. As usual, a full report and photos will follow.

The majority of "The Team" will be heading to our 50th state later this month. Number 1 Son and I are planning to participate in Maui SCCA's second autocross event of the year on March 23rd. Last year I wowed the crowd with a jet-black Ford Crown Vic.

Closer to home, I heard rumors that my Honda mechanic, Dennis McCollough, came out of his burrow recently and didn't see his shadow so he decided winter was over and it was time to end his hibernation. Dennis has provided assurances that the \$300 Civic will be ready for the Region's first event. As Randy says, stay tuned! J.



Monthly Region Meeting
March 4, 2014
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175 N. 27th Street
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6:00 p.m.

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