

YELLOWSTONE REGION SCCA FAST TIMES

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April 1996

A GREAT START TO THE SEASON

The season opener at Vo-Tech was an unexpected surprise. Forty entrants made the field at this usually limited event.

Vo-Tech is a versatile yet small course and usually does not generate a huge contingent, however 40 racers must be some kind of record for the facility.

The course was set up by event chairman Bill Schaff and co-chair Dale Brelje. The course utilized the entrance road to the facility for a high speed sweeper. This layout has been found to offer the most welcome option for course layout and allows the cars to stretch their legs slightly on an otherwise restricting course.

Registration problems were experienced and for this I blame myself. I have since gained permanent registration personnel for the season in order to expedite the process and relieve our computer operator to perform his own specific duties.

Most classes were well represented from Porsche's of the Rineland to Pony Cars from the Ford stables to 510's from the land of the rising sun.

Our fearless competitors from the Bozeman area were there in force. It's good to see you cutting cones again Norm. I hear we might of seen the last run of the Dauntless RX3 wagon of Marty Westland, soon to be replaced with a modified of his own design.

Note to Donna Hager: When you drive someone elses car, your suppose to kick their butt!

Blaine Boothe, Joe McLaughlin, Jerimiah McCoun and Scott McKnight, a young and up coming team from Columbus took there turns learning the limits of the team owned 510's. You all did a fine job in your first event and you are all very fortunate to have a coach like Bob Grummett. He knows every way to shake an extra second out of a race car, keep your ears and eyes open.

Special thanks to Dale Brelje my co-chair, Dave Eberts for hauling out the trailer, Dean for keeping books, Dale Dinsmore for safety and all the corner workers who put up with the chilly weather and kept us all running safely.

This was our first event of the year, many lessons learned. We will work to clean our procedures. Those of you with a noise problem in your cars were warned. Change it or risk your eligibility.

Fill out your entry forms properly, it saves a lot of time at registration. Remember your car class and pick a car number and stick with it.

Thanks to all the entrants we'll see you all at the next event.

Bill Schaff
Event Chairman

RE NOTES

As we enter into our 1996 season I would like to welcome all our past and future racers back to the autocross scene. The Yellowstone Region has experienced substantial growth over the last few years and we always have room for more.

One small problem with our membership list is the lack of youth entering the frey. To combat this age malady, we have instituted a program of incentives to the younger racers in order to introduce them to all that SCCA has available. Any group who wishes to represent their school, church group, or youth civic group in the form of an organized, supervised team, may send their request to the board of directors. Once approved, the team members will be granted special discounts and follow special rules while racing in our regular autocross events.

Another program this year is our ongoing support for the construction of the Billings Motorsports Park. Entry fee's have been altered this year to generate a donation to the BMP. An unbelievably great turn out at our Vo-Tech generated \$180 for this worthy cause.

The recent chili feed held in the Metra conference hall outlined the plans for the Motorsports Park. Representatives from all racing groups gave short summations of how the park will benefit each group, and the SCCA is a major player in all phases. Gerry Thomas of the Billings Tradeport Authority laid out the financial strategy and made the case for the need for membership in the fund drive. To be blunt about it, your individual donation is vital to the success of this project. 1500 members at \$30.00 per member is the immediate concern. BMP has approximately 1/3 of those and they need the other 1,000 in a bad way. As racers and auto enthusiasts it should be clear to you the necessity of racing facility. If you are sitting around waiting to see what happens, make it happen, and do it now. In this newsletter you will see a BMP membership application, please fill out and send in today.

Remember the general meetings every month on the first Wednesday, 7:30 pm, at Doc & Eddy's on Broadwater. Voice your concerns and help guide your club.

Bill Schaff
Reginal Executive

AS		
John Small	911	76.85
Dan Keenan	911 SC	79.72
Mike Atkinson	911T	80.78
DS		
Dave Sharpe	CRX si	78.50
Norm Williams	CRX si	79.13
Tim Fontaine	BMW	79.72
Tim O'Brien	Datsun	85.91
FS		
Brad Davis	Trans AM	87.34
Mark Warden	Camero	88.37
GS		
Dale Brelje	Mustang	80.73
Roy Tunby	Supra	83.65
Tom Johnson	Supra	85.01
HS		
Gorson Golehan	Cavelier	79.06
Tony Hoffman	Audi	83.10
DSP		
Joe Evers	Rabbit	77.07
Erik Walstrom	GTI Rabbit	79.05
Debbie Housel	Scirocco	79.18
Patrick Housel	Scirocco	79.57

ESP		
Lance Hogen	Mustang	76.04
Wes Nelson	Mustang	77.90
Jim Arnett	Trans Am	78.17
Gerett Miller	Mustang	80.19
Tim Urbaniak	Firebird	85.62

BP		
Michael Morters	Corvette	82.38

FP		
Kurt Schulz	Rabbit	75.64
Rich Hardy	RX7	76.82

AM		
Bill Schaff	Goblin	72.16
Dennis McCollough	Goblin	72.97
Dean Johnson	RX?	73.39
Dave Eberst	TJ2	76.80

OSPU		
Blaine Boothe	510	81.14
Bryan Grummett	510	82.20
Joe McLaughlin	510	94.69
Jeremiah McCoun	510	98.11
Scott McKnight	510	105.39

OSPO		
Marty Westland	RX3	78.35
Dale Dinsmore	510	79.41
Mark Alzhiemer	RX3	79.99
Kristi Mathson	240Z	84.89
Donna Hager	510	86.06

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

May 1	Monthly Meeting Doc & Eddy's 7:30
May 5	Skyview
May 18-19	Lewistown
May 27	Costco
June 5	Monthly Meeting Doc & Eddy's 7:30

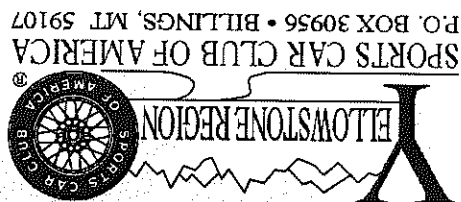
IN SYMPATHY

Here's to the Walker brothers, Alan and Ron, who weren't able to make it out to the first a... ss. They have been really busy rebuilding the engine and sprucing up the Z car for the season. They even had a parts car that they let me buy a radiator for my Z car, since it went out the last race of last year. Well on Saturday night I get this call from Al saying, "Have you installed that radiator yet?" I replied, "Yes, and I'll be racing tomorrow, are you? There was a long pause and a little chuckle of embarrassment before Al finally said, "Well, we just got our car together and took it on a test run. "Did she run great?" I asked, knowing I was going to have competition. "Yes, but we put a hole in our radiator." Gee what could I have said to make him feel better except that I was sorry to hear the bad news. Well just to let you guys know I had a great time and my runs were wonderful, thanks to you two for the radiator!

Kristi Mathson

LEWISTOWN RACEWAY

The Yellowstone Region two day event is coming up in just a few more weeks, May 18 and 19. There is a block of rooms reserved for us at the Yogo Inn for the night of Friday, May 17 and Saturday May 18. The rate for these rooms are \$44.00 per single occupancy and \$54.00 for double occupancy, plus the accommodation tax. You will need to call for reservations at: 1-800-860-9646. Please make your reservations ASAP, these rooms will only be on hold for us, SCCA, until two weeks prior to the event, May 18. When you call be sure to mention SCCA for these special room rates.



APRIL MEETING MINUTES

The April meeting was called to order by RE Bill Schaff.

Minutes were approved as printed in last newsletter.

Old Business

Bill reported on the radios that the club had purchased. We now have three FM radios. He discussed the options that the new radios will have. After the discussion Dave moved to have Bill purchase battery backups for the radios and Bob seconded, all passed.

Bill covered projects that needed to be completed on the club trailer and set a date of 6 to handle them.

discussed the two day event that will be at Lewistown on May 18th and 19th.

1. motorsports chili feed will be on April 14th, everyone should plan to be there and bring someone with you.

New Business

Raising money for the motorsports complex was discussed. After much discussion, Kurt moved that the entry fees for 1996 be \$15.00 for members and \$17.00 for non-members. Dave seconded and all passed. Bob moved that a special rate be imposed for special youth groups of \$5.00/entrant with the restrictions of 3 runs/driver and no more than 4 drivers per car with the approval of the board of directors. Dale seconded and all passed.

Donna Hager will be having the club bar-bque at her house after the May 5th Auto-X.

Dave, Bill and Dale will be on the committee to see the neighbors that live around Skyview High School for the 1996 season.

Bill has talked to the Bozeman people about having an Auto-X in Bozeman. They are working on an event sight as we read.

The April 21st event at Billings Vo-Tech will be chaired by Bill Schaff and co-chaired by Dale Brelje. Dale will be the safety steward.

The May 5th event at Skyview High School will be chaired by Dale Dinsmore and co-chaired by Dave Eberts. Bill Schaff will be the safety steward.

We discussed the possibility of having a member of the year award. This was tabled for the time being and will be covered at a later meeting.

Dave moved that we adjourn, Dale Brelje seconded and all passed.