

Fast Times



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GM Petroleum II-(No rain this go-round!)

Michelle and Riley Dignan left their home in Sidney, Montana, at 4:00 a.m. to christen their new Subaru WRX STI at GM II. In addition to their infant daughter, they brought blue skies and pleasant temperatures. Driving in his first autocross ever, Riley was pleased with the performance of his wife's car and hoped to return soon.

Similar to the previous event at Skyview, all drivers got 8 runs each.

"Mr. Evo," Kirtis Bellamy was blazingly fast with hit Mitsubishi Evo MR. The upgraded Lancer was tough to beat, but ultimately, Nels Jensen and Dave Marble did just that—with only .0408 separating the three. Nearly two sec-

onds behind Bellamy was our very own Chris Brewer with Dean Johnson slotting in 5th position. James and Kaitlin Reuss finished in that order in 6th and 7th position.

Al Merkel left the Nissan at home, but thrilled the crowd with his new Chevrolet Camaro SS. (Observers declared the burnout contest between Al's Camaro and Jerry Tillinger's Roush Mustang to be a tie.)

In the battle of the black Subaru, Doug Mill's WRX came out on top with Jim Coon's STI close behind. Freddy Valencia's STI pulled up the rear. (As a side note, the Region's photographer found it extremely difficult to sort out photos of three black

Imprezas.)

Over the winter, Jackie Bell put some new wheels and tires on her Mitsubishi Eclipse and she no longer finds herself at the bottom of the results "heap." In fact, PAX results placed Jackie 10th out of 19 entries! Good job, Jackie!

Jerry Tillinger and Monte Steffan from the local Mustang club are sorting out their big 'Stangs and showing some real promise. Gary Glasgow enjoyed the sunny day with his beautiful blue Cobra and took his runs with the top down. (Gary's car is featured on the masthead above.)

Everyone had a good time and took home a little sunburn. J.

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Rockin' at Rimrock Auto- by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

The initial plan was to use both the front lot and the fenced-in rear lot to double the paved area on which to lay out the course. Unfortunately, a motorcycle training program limited the "playground" to the same area used last year for the International Mustang Meet.

Newlyweds Randy Roberts and Jolene Roberts cut short their honeymoon at Moab, Utah, to show off the newest addition to their family—a green VW GTI! Once the F Street Prepared beast came up to operating tempera-

ture, "Team Roberts" swept the class. Jolene's best time was only 0.583 seconds behind Randy's.

Jerry Tillinger had some problems in the early going that put him on the trailer—literally. (Upon careful review, the best guess was his navigator pointed him in the wrong direction!)

The Dignans made another trip over from Sidney, but this time both Michelle and Riley drove the silver Subaru. We hope to see the Dignans at more events!

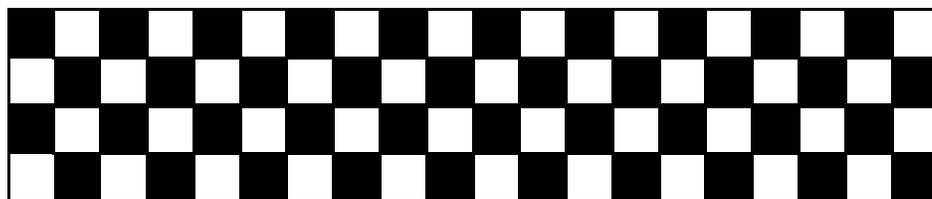
Jerod Staebler drove Cranston's Teal 'Stang to FTD with Nels Jensen's Corolla only 0.496 seconds back. Dave Marble was 0.683 seconds behind Nels, and newcomer Doug Hill was another 1.087 behind Marble. Some close racing, to be sure.

Jackie Bell's recruit, Connie Glass, showed incredible improvement over the day at her first event ever. Connie coaxed her black Volvo S70 to a final time that was nearly 10 seconds faster than her first run!



Newcomers Ryan Elliot and Eric Mayer battled their Honda Civics with Ryan besting Eric by 0.474 seconds.

PAX times put Nels Jensen on top, with Chris Brewer, Jerod Staebler, and Dave Marble following.



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Cranston's Corner — From the RE

By all reports, offering reduced entry fees to members of other local car clubs has been well received and is helping "spread the word" as to what the Region has to offer. It is great to see so many new faces!

I am pleased to report that the new timing system has been working well and more members are becoming proficient in its use. The glitches that have come up have been relatively minor and the software has truly been "user-friendly." Hats off to Vitek at AXWare Systems!

I will not be at the Skyview II event on July 11th because I will be on vacation at Flathead Lake. (If anyone wants to drive the 'Stang while I'm gone, I will put the keys on the visor.)

Don't forget that the GM Petroleum event on August 21-22 will feature a drivers' school on Saturday evening followed by a "test-and-tune." Similar to last year, Saturday evening will be a relaxed affair designed to minimize the stress for new drivers and folks just wanting to "give it a try." SC (Sent from my BlackBerry Smartphone.)



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

Two apologies are in order. First, many of you noticed the distinct pink tinge in photographs from the Skyview event. I traced the cause to an inadvertently-changed camera setting. Apparently, when you set the "white balance" to "auto" and set the picture resolution at its lowest setting, things that should be white—like clouds and white shirts—take on a pink tone. I tossed out most of the off-color pics, but couldn't resist including the picture of Dave Marble in the last newsletter with what looked like a bright pink shirt. Astute (and old) readers will recall President Rich-

ard M. Nixon's famous quote: "only clowns wear pink shirts." (Just kidding, Dave!) My second apology is for not getting the GM Petroleum results posted immediately following the event. I found the task to be impossible when you leave the flash drive containing the results in the timing trailer.

Last, I can report that my pickup has been repaired following my close encounter of the worst kind with a parking bollard in a Laurel parking lot. For those of you who were not at Skyview, I have included above a picture of the

outsized "door ding." I was executing a tight right turn to avoid another metal post when I heard an expensive scraping along my right rear door and the panel immediately behind. Luckily, my Farmers Insurance agent, Roger Daniel, informed me that the repair was covered by my insurance and that it would not cause an increase in my premiums. (I will confirm that after I receive my next renewal.) The body shop at Lithia Dodge did a great job replacing the door and the back third of a new door frame. The only unfortunate thing was that I couldn't blame anyone other than the nut holding on to the steering wheel!

J.

2010 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

Date	Location
May 1-2	GM (cancelled)
May 15-16	Lewistown (with PCA)
May 30	Skyview H.S.
June 13	GM Petroleum
June 27	RAG Truck Center
July 11	Skyview
July 24-25	Lewistown (cancelled)
Aug. 8	RAG Truck Center
Aug. 21-22	GM Petroleum
Sept. 5	Skyview
Sept. 18-19	Lewistown (with PCA)

Monthly Region Meeting
July 7, 2010
GH&R Law Firm
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6:30 p.m.

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