

YELLOWSTONE REGION SCCA FAST TIMES

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September 1998

A STANDING OVATION TO THE WORKERS

The racers of hillclimb 1998 and the membership of the Black Otter Hillclimb Association would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the workers who donated their time and expertise to make this event happen.

The Rimrock 4x4 club members, family and friends who acted as corner workers and communications.

Lazetta Morris who served as on sight emergency medical assistance.

Pastor Tim Ryan & other members of The Chapel of Hope Church For feeding the hungry

Mark Richlen filled the tough job as "Pit Bull" and kept everyone in line.

Dennis Waldron and his lovely wife Angela who made sure everyone was lined up to take off up the hill.

Cybil Layton and Mike Moore who toiled with the task of timing and scoring.

Deitze Auto & Truck Salvage who provided us with a tow truck.

Dale and Donna Dinsmore handled registration and T-shirt sales.

Tim Urbaniack and his film crew for filming

Car Quest for the donation of some great gifts that were given away as consolation prizes.

Tour America for the use of a RV for registration

If we haven't spotlighted every job, it's because there were too numerous too mention. Each and every task performed was vital to the success of this event. Our gratitude for your selfless efforts cannot be measured. You are all "Kings of the Hill"!

Hillclimb Quote

"Well, if yours needs that much wing, I'm going to put an enclosed trailer on top of mine!"

Jim Arnett talking to George Bowland

33RD RUNNING OF THE BLACK OTTER HILLCLIMB

Without a doubt, this hillclimb had to be one of the best that I've ever been to. And what made it so great? A combination of great weather, great competition, and some pretty great driving on the part of several participants. The only real problem was a still too new to be trusted computer system that was defeated by the hill, not the first timing system that the hill has killed. A quick switch to the old and reliable timer and we were off and running once again.

The biggest story was the gentleman from Ohio, George Bowland. He pushed the overall record to a place where I never thought it could be put—a blistering :52.361. George has promised to come back next year with a few friends to try their luck on our little hill.

In over thirty years of trying, no one has accomplished what our own Jim Arnett has, and I am sure that several have tried to beat the one minute barrier with a production based vehicle. It takes skill, horsepower, and a stick-um to do this, and Jim seemed to find just the right blend of each to turn a :59.875 in a Trans-Am.

George Bowland and Jim Arnett are welcome additions to the very elite group of men who have succeeded in conquering the hill that bites. A lot of people have tried to attain this goal, and more are going to try. Welcome George and Jim to the Black Otter Hillclimb Sixty Second Club.

As you read the times and results for the 1998 Hillclimb, remember there is a story behind every name on the list. Some are even true, but it represents a tremendous effort on the part of everyone listed and would take volumes to tell each one. The thirteen new records speak for themselves and for the drivers determination. I'd like to express my thanks to each and every person who pitched in and helped the '98 hillclimb to become one of the best around. Again there is not enough room to list by name all who volunteered their time and effort, but you know who you are and what you contribute. Thank You!!

Dennis McCollough
Black Otter Hill Marshal '98

D Stock		
*Rob Masee	300ZX	1:15.51
Frank Michand	Alfa	1:16.48
E Stock		
*Don Ray	Capri	1:13.73
E Stock Ladies		
*Rhoda Hailstone	Capri	1:17.01
F Stock		
*Dane Venema	BMW	1:06.41
Bruce Wilson	Firebird	1:08.99
G Stock		
Dale Breljie	Mustang	1:10.86
G Stock Ladies		
*Margie Breljie	Mustang	1:15.60
A Street Prepared		
Tom Masterson	Porsche 911	1:08.14
B Street Prepared		
*Mark Weirich	260Z	1:04.79
C Street Prepared		
*Mike Morters	Porsche 914	1:11.09
E Street Prepared		
Lance Hogan	Mustang	1:06.36
Tim Urbaniak	Firebird	1:11.14
Scott Hayden	Camero	1:14.41
GT 1		
Brian Wood	Mustang	1:07.09
GT 2		
*Paul Smith	240Z	1:02.94
John Small	Porsche 911	1:04.63
Dave Bowland	240Z	1:04.89

GT 4		
Murray Levdar	Civic SI	1:12.60
OSPU		
*Dennis McCollough	Civic	1:04.39
OSPO		
Dick Sheesley	260Z	1:07.10
OSPO Ladies		
*Kristi Gilliland	260Z	1:11.54
SPU		
Carl Somerton	Datsun 1200	1:05.95
SPO		
*Jim Arnett	TransAm	:59.87
Modified V		
*Joe Schlautmann	F-V	1:02.74
Formula Libre		
*George Bowland	Bowland Spec	:52.36
Bill Schaff	Goblin	1:02.26
Marty Johnson	Form. Toy	1:03.58
Dave Eberts	Lil'jugs	1:03.77
Jeff Janzer	Form. Toy	1:05.68
Formula Ford		
*Sherm Johnston	Formula Ford	1:02.48
A Sports Racer		
Dwight Gilliland	Cheeta	58.22
4x4 Class 1		
Tim Mayo	Bronco	1:05.82
West Nelson	Bronco	1:06.21
2WD Baja		
*Erik Hall	F-150	1:10.08

* New class record

SUGGESTIONS???

We would like to see the tradition of the Black Otter Hillclimb continued, so we are asking you, the participants, to help us out. What would you like to see done different, or changed. Do you have any questions, suggestions or names of people who would be interested in attending the 34th running of Black Otter Hillclimb in 1999. If so we want to hear from you. Please contact:

Alan Walker • 925 3rd Ave. North • 248-1463

SAY...WHAT'S UP?

I just wanted to let you know that this is an out of the ordinary newsletter. With the Northwest Hillclimb Assoc. sanctioned event of the 33rd Running of Black Otter hillclimb, I have decided to run the timed results in the SCCA newsletter. Because a lot of the Yellowstone members participate or spectated at the hillclimb I feel that it would be fun for everyone to see all the times and the thirteen new class records. The year is winding down and the last few articles should have an update on the Billings Motorsports Park, a questionnaire on go-karts, wither they should race with us on solo two events, elections and of course our annual Christmas Party. If any of you would like to add an article or two please feel free this is your newsletter too!

Kristi Gilliland

Yellowstone Region SCCA Publisher

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

The September meeting was called to order by Assistant RE: Jim Arnett

Minutes were approved as printed in last newsletter.

Old Business:

Next years go-kart program was discussed with no real conclusion. Single ways to clean up the inclusion of karts into the main stream.

New Business:

Lewistown and Walmart are covered for event chairperson. Skyview will be an open drivers school and Walmart promises to be larger than Eagle in lot size. An after function will be held afterward at a pizza parlor and expenses paid by the club. Everyone is welcome to come.

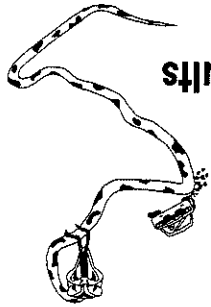
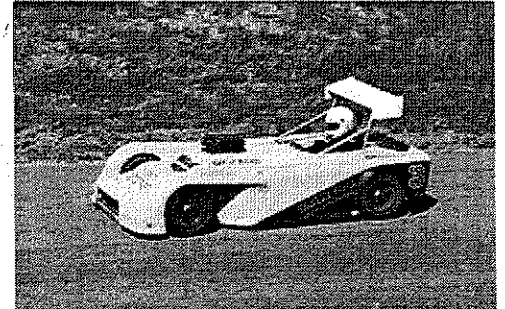
Bill Schaff moved we adjourn, Dale Brelje seconded, passed.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

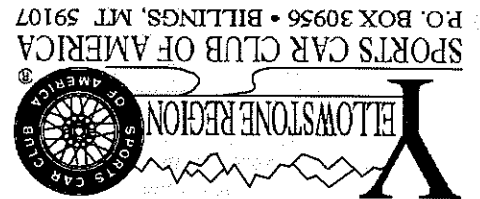
Oct. 7 Monthly Meeting • 7:30pm
Bruno's on 1st Avenue

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Some people are just born to drive! This member built his own race car before he was old enough to drive it and when he was, he went racing! His love for cars took him all over, he has raced professionally and has built and designed many cars. It is a real privilege to have someone so knowledgeable with in our club. The car he drives now he built from two bars of metal on up to what looks like a screaming yellow can-am car. If you guessed that this member is our own RE-Dwight Gilliland you are right, so if you have any questions on aerodynamics or how to get your car to run faster just call him at 259-0358, he might also talk you into getting some parts powder coated too!



Black Otter
Hillclimb Results
in this issue!



LEWISTOWN SPEED...

If there is one autocross at the end of the year not to miss, it's Lewistown. We had a really good turnout for the one day event. A lot of people drove down from Great Falls. We all had plenty of seat time until you didn't want to drive anymore. Those who didn't get tired of driving had broken their cars called it a day. Jim Arnett's Trans Am gave it's all at Hillclimb and gave it up at Lewistown. Bill Schaff's Goblin broke twice and still made it through the day. Dane Venema's showed that his BMW flies no only on but off the track too! Tom Masterson in his Porsche reploped his private bit of wheat field for the fall. Alan Walker finally got to drive his 240Z and showed that all his hard work he put into it was worth while. (In the latest Idaho Hillclimb Alan took second over all to back that up) Once again Dennis McCollough proved that you could build a Honda Civic that is much much faster than it has a right to be. It's Lewistown...a lot of fun what more do you need to say

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Get your shirt while supplies last. One for \$12, Two for \$22, three or more for \$10 per shirt. If you would like to order or pick one up you can do so at BAP of Billings at 923 2nd Ave. North • 256-2212, ask for Dale Dinsmore.