

# FAST TIMES

P.O. Box 30956 • Billings, Montana 59107

May 1995

## MAY MEETING

The May meeting was called to order by RE Bob Grummett.

Minutes were approved as read in last newsletter.

Treasurer reported a previous balance of \$2,283.84

Expenses of: April 27 SCCA audit fee \$72.00, May newsletter \$72.45, Costco-BBQ Supplies \$54.57, Lewistown track rental one day event \$100.00, June newsletter \$63.88

County Treasurer for trailer Serial Number \$5.00, Trailer Licence \$52.23, Lewistown two day event \$200.00, SCCA audit fee's for Skyview, Costco, Lewistown \$165.00, SCCA memberships 1 single, 1 family \$113.00

Deposits of: \$180.00 from Skyview, \$405.00 from Costco, \$120.00 Lewistown one day, Lewistown Two day \$520.00, Hat sales \$10.00 SCCA renewals of \$135.00.

Current balance \$2,283.84

Outstanding bills: Billings Construction for two autocrosses \$100.00, Chamberlin Portables for Lewistown \$27.50, SCCA audit Lewistown \$72.00.

Bill moves we pay the bills, seconded, passed. Treasurer report was passed.

## OLD BUSINESS

Dave is going to write an article for the Costco event. Bob reported on the Lewistown event. The people from Great Falls had a great time, good step up. The Porche drivers preferred the pylon course over their own wide open course. Many thanks to the Great Falls, Bozeman, Belgrade and our own Billings drivers.

## NEW BUSINESS

Bill and Kristi will reorganize the racing form box as well as redesign any needed forms and printing.

Strategy was discussed for Top Gun. Most classes are covered, we need stock drivers. Great Falls will be using an eleven class system as opposed to a five class system used in the past. Bob will inquire to Great Falls to check on how final scoring will be done.

Gazette Grand Prix practices will be June 10, June 24, and July 1. We need volunteer workers.

July Tech June 18, Dave will chair, Rich Hardy

co-chair and Dale will safety.

Dave took the video tape of the April 27 autocross to Community 7 for viewing on Public Access TV.

The members will promote 20 free entrees for the Costco event on August 5, on the radio stations.

Dave and Dwight will arrange for decals on the club trailer.

Dale moved we adjourn, Dave seconded, passed.

## GO-KART RACE

On June 25, we helped with the first Go-Kart practice at the Metra lower parking lot. Using cones to set up the course, we did a series of esses and a couple of straightaways. After lunch we widened the course to allow the cars to run side by side and added a passing lane, this made things a little more exciting. A lot of the people who had cars last year are running them again, so we had a lot of familiar faces and experienced drivers.

We have one more practice day, June 1 at the lower parking lot of the Metra before the Big Sky Road Race on July 4th. The plan for the race is to do the course layout on Sunday night then on Monday the Gazette will set the course up with the hay bails and tires, all we have to do is show up on Tuesday. The racing begins at nine and we will have heat races throughout the day until three. Our club is in charge of the course, control the start and finish line, hold the driver meetings and take charge of the pit area. After the race you are free to attend the other activities at the Metra including the Firework display. If you could help us in any way please call Dale at 256-3008.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 1	Go-Kart practice at the Metra
July 2	MSU-Eastern -Lower lot by the tennis courts
July 4	Go-Kart races
July 5	Monthly Meeting -7:30 Doc & Eddy's -Broadwater
July 15-16	Top Gun in Helena
August 5	Show-n-Shine at K-Mart 24th St. - Autocross in the evening at Costco

## TOP GUN 1995

How about an August Head Line "Yellowstone Region Drivers Win Top Gun Trophy". We haven't won Top Gun for several years, our friends to the east-Montana Region-have controlled the cup much to long. Lets bring it back to our Yellowstone Region.

To win the cup we will have to go to Helena July 15-16 in force. We especially need help in the following classes: Sedan class-stock sedan, not a factory performance version. Production-sedan with some modifications or a factory performance version Prepared-slightly modified factory performance car-5.0 Mustang.

Lewistown provided some insight of the Montana Region, they have a very capable group of drivers especially Mustangs of all modification level and Porches. Not unbeatable however, we have Mustangs, RX's and Cameros that are very capable of first place class, not to mention 520's and 260's.

Of course winning is important but more important is the fun of competing against and socializing with drivers from all over Montana and Idaho. Great people, interesting equipment and very capable drivers. A fun week-end in Montana's State Capital.

Make your plans, let's go get them. Bozeman, come in force-Norm, Marty, Ray, Gordy and friends. We look forward to seeing you Gals and Guys from Idaho, it will be worth the trip!

In the back of the newsletter you will find a preregistration for Top Gun. If you have questions on classifications or Specs call Bill Schaff, Dale Dinsmore or Bob Grummett. Also please let us know if you can attend. Remember it is a two day event, times are combined two day times.

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## MEMORIAL DAY RACE

I arrived at the Costco site at about 6:30 or so and unloaded my car off the trailer, dropped the trailer and was stringing banners by 7:30 or so, when my co-chair Bill Schaff arrived. Bill pitched in immediately and we finished stringing the banners and setting up the course. Since this was the first time ever at the Costco site we had to make several adjustments to the original layout but we were pretty much set up by 9 am. What with some late registrations and tech inspections, sound meter checks etc.; we got off to a rather late start again. With the first car off the line it became apparent that there was a serve dip in the middle of one of the turns at about mid course and that your car took one hell of a knock if you went through it to fast. I also heard some grumbling about the severity of the lane change, but I think that if Grant were still alive he would have smiled about the deviousness of this particular strategy. The lane change was at the top of a slight rise so if you were going any speed at all, your unit would be slightly unsettled upon entering it. The idea was to get you to scrub off speed before you entered the hard corner with the dip in it; but that didn't work very well. I'll think of something else next time. After a few runs, Bill Oaky noticed that the surface of the asphalt was starting to lift in a couple of corners (where parked employee's cars had leaked oil etc.) so we had to alter the course slightly. With the change of the course we had to call all runs made before lunch break "practice" runs. After the lunch break the competition appeared (to me at least) to become more intense and I started to pay closer attention to what was going on. As drivers became more acquainted with the course I saw some excellent runs made. If any of you ever get the chance to just sit back and watch someone that is really good at this sport make a solid run it's like watching a work of art being created right in front of you. And then there is the guy (you notice I avoided mentioning names here) with the black Firebird. He had an absolutely flawless run (I think that it was his next to last) but for some reason tried to cross the finish line going backwards on his next run. Those of us working the start-finish line started looking for a place to go while uttering words like "oh pooh" and "holy cow" or "oh shoot" (I'm sure you have heard me talk like this before). We had a good turnout. We had good weather. We even had a lot of people watching for a change. If I remember right, Bill

Schaff; our treasurer, told me that we were able to donate slightly over \$200 to the dialysis center at Deaconess Hospital. I thought about Grant Cameron on that day. I hope you did too.

Perhaps part of the problem with not being able to get early starts lies with people not showing up until later in the morning and registering late. We (the board members) have discussed this situation at length and proposed that a cutoff time for registration will be 10 am. Anyone wanting to register after 10 am. may not be able to run until after the lunch break. Not to offend anyone but it takes some time for Dean to enter all the information into the computer for proper timing and scoring of the event. Some of you may not like this but no one likes to get bitched at because the Autocross gets off to a late start.

May all your asphalt be firm and warm  
*Dave Eberts*

Driver	Car	Time	Points
Gordon Golllehon	Cavelier	42.99	34.14
Hal Street	510	41.64	34.89
Ray Regan	F-Ford	37.58	34.95
Bob Grummett	Corvette	41.48	35.05
Lance Hogan	Mustang	41.67	35.13
Bill Oaky	Toyota	45.59	35.43
Joseph Evers	Rabbit	42.16	35.54
Bill Hardy	RX7	40.58	35.75
Nate Rolfes	RX7	44.24	35.92
Jim Arnett	Tans Am	43.35	36.55
Dale Dinsmore	Lotus	43.47	36.60
Dan Keenan	F-Ford	39.46	36.70
Brad Brewington	Fiero	45.85	37.23
Rich Hardy	RX7	42.50	37.44
Dale Brelje	Mustang	47.25	37.52
John Hailstone	Corvette	46.15	38.85
Rick Roberts	RX7	48.02	38.99
Dean Johnson	RX?	39.00	39.00
Dave Eberts	TJII	40.08	40.08
Margie Brelji	Mustang	50.48	40.08
Tim Urbaniak	Firebird	49.01	40.19
John McDonald	Mustang	48.17	40.61
Bill Schaff	Goblin	40.77	40.77
Don Herth	Bronco	48.86	41.19
Norm Williams	RX3	42.16	42.16
Marty Westland	RX3	42.42	42.42
Derek Gustafson	MGB	44.20	44.20
Burt Holmes	Corolla	45.14	45.14
Jennifer Holmes	Corolla	45.81	45.81

## ARE YOU ACTIVE?

Are you an active member  
The kind that would be missed,  
or are you just content that  
your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings  
and mingle with the crowd,  
or would you rather stay at home  
and complain both long and loud?

Do you give a little time  
and help to make things click,  
or leave the work to just a few  
and talk about the "clock"?

There's quite a program scheduled  
that means success if done  
and it can be accomplished  
with the help of everyone.

So come to the meetings  
and help with hand and heart  
don't just be another member  
but take an active part.

Think it over, member  
are you right or wrong?  
Are you an active member  
or do you just belong?

Author Unknown  
Seen in the Western  
New Yorker

# Workers Needed!

at

# ARRC

(American Road Race of Champions)

## Road Atlanta

Sept. 28 - Oct. 1, 1995

Clip stuff below and send to:

ARRC Workers Roster  
Atlanta Region, SCCA  
3180 Presidential Drive, Suite N  
Atlanta GA 30340

Yes!

Look for me to work and have  
a great fall get-away at the  
ARRC, Road Atlanta!!!

My Speciality:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

License No. & Grade: (Below)

Days I can work: (Circle)

THURSDAY      FRIDAY  
(Sept. 28)      (Sept. 29)

SATURDAY      SUNDAY  
(Sept. 30)      (Oct. 1)



**Pre-registration form  
for the MONTANA REGION'S**

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# **TOP GUN**

## **EVENT**

### **July 15-16**

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**Two days, two sites, two courses. Too much!**

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Join us for the Montana Region's eighth annual TOP GUN Event. A two day shoot-out among the state's fastest drivers for regional bragging rights. Two separate courses at two separate sites. All in centrally located Helena, Mt. And all for only \$25.

**Saturday (July 15) - Montana Highway Department**

**Sunday (July 16) - Helena Airport**

(A get-together on Saturday night. Trophies awarded on Sunday)

## **DON'T MISS IT!**

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# **TOP GUN**

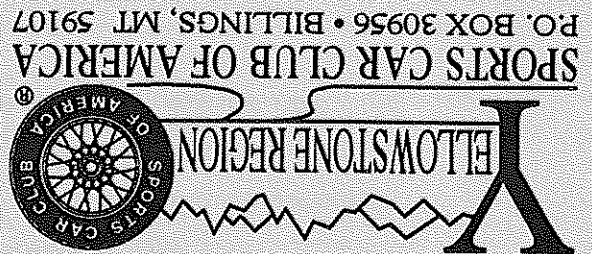
PRE-REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers License# \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ SCCA Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Car Data: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_  
CID \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Cylinders \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Car Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form to:

**Montana Region SCCA, PO Box 515, Great Falls MT, 59401**





## LEWISTOWN-2 DAYS ON A 2 PLUS MILE TRACK-SMILES GALORE!



It was best summed up by a 20 year veterans comment "The best course I have ever ran". It was long, over two miles, fast-50-70 MPH gate, slaloms and very challenging. The course had off camber and decreasing radius turns, 5 to 10 gear changes and when you were done-smelly brakes. You have never seen so many ear to ear grins in your life.

Lewistown is Yellowstone Regions new premier event, one that will bring competitors from the Big Sky Region, Montana Region and Eastern Idaho Sports Car Clubs together, a second Top Gun, twice a year. We did not have any competitors from Big Sky or EISCC this year but we will promote it next year now that it has been verified as an exceptional course. SOLO I and Hill Climbers will love it!

We made five runs each day and should have made more, we had a little late start Saturday, sorry, and had some timing system problem Sunday. We ran two cars on the course at a time and it was safe and efficient. Next year we will be ready for a crowd.

Special comments and recognitions go out to Dave Frank, who blew a head gasket on his first run Saturday afternoon, changed it and was very fast Sunday. Bryan Borich is very new to autocrossing, he gave #71 the 510 he bought from Dennis McCollough a real ride both days.

Great job Bryan, Dennis would have been impressed. How about Sue Johnson, her second autocross. Sue won the most improved award. Marty we don't believe you have been inviting her for years. The boys from Bozeman didn't make it Saturday, tow vehicle problems, but had fun on Sunday. Dan Keenen won on the most spectacular award with his dust cloud. His was more spectacular than Ray Regan's. We reminded them both that on a Formula Ford the engine is suppose to go last not first. Marty Westland and new comer, Rick Roberts-welcome, had the Intrepid RX3, my that's a sophisticated name for the yellow wagon, dancing. Dean Johnson got fast time both days in the turbo charged RX?. It doesn't look good with our a body but boy does she sound good-whoooooos and go good, my does it go. On the straits Dean dove strait armed, hanging on for dear life. Bill Schaff and Dean Johnson tied for the biggest smile, just edging our Dave Eberts and Bob Stevenson. The Mustang was the most popular marque, 3 CP cars and 1 ESP, GTI at Top Gun is going to be hotly contested. Yellowstone has a couple of Mustang hot shoes and so does Big Sly.

A big thanks to the gals and guys from Montana Region. Your help and friendly sportsmanship gets a ten out of ten. Thanks for coming.

In conclusion I can safely say those that attended will be back, those they talked to will also attend. Thank you Bill, Dale, and Dean for all the Help.

RE: Bob Grummett

Driver	Car	Time	Points
Bob Grummett	Corvette	285.69	241.41
Bob Stevenson	Mustang	285.13	246.35
Greg Colvin	Porsche	293.32	246.98
Charles Kuether	Mustang	289.11	249.79
Marty Johnson	Vision	315.02	250.13
Dave Frank	Mustang	298.42	251.57
Debbie Housel	Audi	319.60	253.77
Mike Woodhouse	Mustang	299.04	258.37
Dale Dinsmore	Lotus	306.06	263.21
Bryan Borich	Datsun	302.41	263.70
Jack Kirkhouff	Porsche	313.31	263.80
Dean Johnson	RX?	267.62	267.62
Sue Johnson	Vision	338.22	268.55
Dave Eberts	TJ II	283.53	283.53
Bill Schaff	Goblin	313.47	313.47
Brad Brewington	Fiero	160.89	130.64
Dave Poll	Porche	144.38	121.57
Jay Stelter	Lotus	157.25	135.24
John Small	Porche	140.29	123.60
Dan Keenan	F-Ford	137.19	127.59
Ray Regan	F-Ford	145.11	134.95
Rick Roberts	RX3	155.78	155.78
Micheal Morters	Corvette	159.52	159.52
Marty Westland	RX3	160.72	160.72