

# YELLOWSTONE REGION SCCA FAST TIMES

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May 1996

## LEWISTOWN RACEWAY-HEAR WE COME!

Just one week before Memorial Day, it seems fitting that we visit the high planes of Lewistown where the ghosts of thousands of heavy bombers seem to linger above the long abandoned air base.

Some years ago, the Department of Education in need of a drivers training course, laid a twisting, turning ribbon of two lane asphalt on top of the triangle series runways. The attraction for the sport car club is the resultant 2.2 miles of fairly wide open driving surface.

To maintain the limits of the GCR the twisting course is further necked down by using every pylon in the clubs inventory. Other clubs, Porsche, Corvette, run the course unrestricted for high speed however, the feedback we receive is positive, in that the restricted course is more of a challenge and requires much more finesse.

On May 18 & 19 the Yellowstone and Montana clubs joined to compete and renew old friendships. Saturday mother nature called the shots and provided us with overcast, wind and rain.

The first group comprised of sedans was forced to drive their session in the rain which resulted in compromised times. The second group containing the open formula cars were lucky enough to catch a break in the clouds and run up to speed. The first group then retook the course to allow for a one dry run each.

Marty Johnson of Great Falls took top time honors the first day followed closely by Jeff Janzer and Dean Johnson. Bill Schaff claims default, due to a stowaway passenger in the nose of his car. It seems a gopher nosing around the pits crawled up in the car and got the ride of his life, when Bill spun out in a water puddle, the gopher was ejected from the car resulting in

a grave injury. What can I say? He didn't wear a helmet or fasten his belt, let this be a lesson.

Day two was greeted by much nicer weather and additional racers from both regions. Steve Nutter in the Maverick and Dean Johnson in the Mazda chose to "dig taters" in the field, resulting in bent steering parts and broken tire beads. Cars are not shovels, and should not be used as such!

Debbie Housel trading seats with husband Pat in the Scirocco, kicked his butt roundly by a combined total of twelve seconds. Al and Ron Walker held a family racing rivalry in the 240Z. Al grabbed a slim win by 3 hundredths of a second.

Dale Dinsmore and Donna Hager flew the super charged T-Bird to 164.173 respectively. Donna could have gone faster if Dale hadn't been pulling on the safety brake from the passenger seat. Mark Weirich in the 280Z shaved off fifteen seconds from the previous day time and Alan Foss of Missoula held a consistent 171. All modifiers ran a 148 and felt confident they would claim top times.

Long about then the old dogs showed their teeth. Tom Masterson of Great Falls set a time of 147, and Vett Miester Bob Grummett of Columbus honked out a blistering 145. Omaster, we are not worthy to shine your wheels.

Many thanks to Al and Ron Walker for getting the club trailer to the site, Kristi Mathson, Dwight Gilliland and Donna Hager for the shelter and hot coffee. Dale Dinsmore for course design and a big thanks to all the racers who traveled the distance and made it all possible.

Bill Schaff  
Event Chairman

## MAY MINUTES

The May meeting was called to order by Assistant RE: Dwight Gilliland.

Minutes were approved as printed in last newsletter.

### Old Business

Kurt talked about a yearly awards program, after some discussion Kurt moved that the club adopt two awards one being The Dick Hager Trophy for the spirit of the sport award and the other being The Grant Cameron Trophy for the new member/driver award. These awards will be balloted at the end of the year by the membership. Dale seconded and all passed.

Dean discussed the long time that it takes to register entrants at our Auto-Xs. Kurt said that Dennis and he will handle registration at our events. Dean also wanted a new rule book for the club trailer. Dale will handle this matter.

The PA system need some revamping on the club trailer. Dean will check on prices for some new speakers. He will also mock up our system to the clubs large speakers as a test to see how well it works at our next Auto-X.

### New Business

Dale moved that the club approve monies for the May 5th bar-a-que at Donna Hager's house. Kurt seconded and all passed.

Dale moved that we adjourn. Kurt seconded and all passed.

## MARK YOUR CALENDERS

- June 5 Monthly Meeting  
Doc & Eddy's 7:30
- June 16 Vo-Tech
- June 30 Town Pump  
Columbus

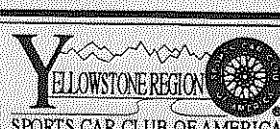
## WORDIES GAME

Find the familiar phrase or saying represented by the letters in each box.

W O R K E R	F I R S T  A L L
s t	a r t
	S H I E T

Answers: Corner worker, first over all split start and down shift.

Name	Car	Saturday	Sunday	Total
<b>S Stock</b>				
Bob Grummett	Corvette	0	145.34	0
<b>A Stock</b>				
Jack Kirkhoff	Porsche	0	166.99	0
<b>D Stock</b>				
Marck Weirich	280Z	181.09	165.91	347.00
<b>F Stock</b>				
Dinsmore	T-Bird	161.92	164.32	326.23
Donna Hager	T-Bird	195.15	173.36	368.52
<b>A Street Prep.</b>				
Tom Masterson	Porsche	150.30	147.34	297.65
<b>D Street Prep.</b>				
Debbie Housel	Scirocco	161.93	157.10	319.03
Pat Housel	Scirocco	166.62	164.88	331.50
<b>E Street Prep.</b>				
Alan Foss	Mustang	171.99	171.90	343.89
Steve Nutter	Maverick	170.59	186.61	357.20
<b>A Mod</b>				
Marty Johnson	Tryota	144.74	148.36	293.10
Jeff Janzer	Tryota	146.89	148.30	295.19
Bill Schaff	Goblin	148.34	148.80	297.14
Dean Johnson	RX234D	146.98	153.70	300.68
<b>OSPO</b>				
Walker	240Z	157.73	152.57	310.30
Walker	240Z	0	152.88	0



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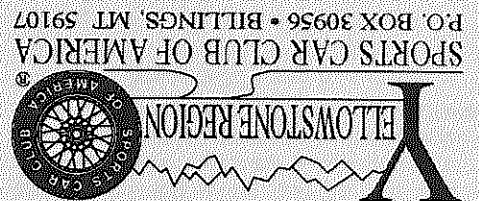


# SKYVIEW RESULTS

C STOCK		
Nate Rolfes	RX7	85.09
Fred Vogt	BMW	92.70
D STOCK		
Dave Sharpe	CRX si	81.99
Mark Weirch	280Z	86.10
E STOCK		
Tim O'Brien	Datsun	88.69
Mark Alzheimer	MG	89.17
Mark Warden	Camero	91.40
Tom Agrew	Audi	101.35
G STOCK		
Tony Hoffman	Audi	85.39
D STREET PREP.		
Joe Evers	Rabbit	79.94

E STREET PREP.		
Lance Hogen	Mustang	78.29
Wes Nelson	Mustang	81.64
Jim Arnett	Trans Am	83.06
Tim Urbaniak	Firebird	87.61
B PREPARED		
Michael Morters	Corvette	89.95
F PREPARED		
Kurt Schulz	Rabbit	77.78
A MOD		
Dean Johnson	RX?	71.24
Bill Schaff	Goblin	71.62
Dave Eberts	TJ2	75.18
Dennis Waldron	Goblin	87.54
Angela Waldron	Goblin	96.96

OSPU		
Dale Dinsmore	Datsun	79.79
Bob Grummett	510	86.76
Bryan Grummett	510	88.14
Jeremiah McCoun	510	94.01
Joe McLaughlin	510	94.02
Blaine Boothe	510	94.14
Scott McKnight	510	105.13
OSPO		
Marty Westland	RX3	80.37
Jerett Miller	Mustange	84.34
Alan Walker	240 Z	88.22
Ron Walker	240 Z	90.13



## SKYVIEW HIGH SCHOOL -FALCON FINALE

Our first event at Skyview High School on May 5th went off with out any hitches, as always this event's proceeds go to the High School's non-alcoholic senior party. There were 33 entrants that enjoyed a very nice day especially since we have had rain, snow and cold weather the last couple of weeks. The Bozeman group made the trip into Billings for the event but not before making a phone call or two. Marty Westland called me Saturday afternoon and wanted to know how much snow we had and if I knew the weather report for Sunday. The next question asked, are you really having an Auto-X tomorrow? Of course the Auto-X happened after much praying for good weather that day ( I didn't ask Bill Schaff for any help on this matter).

The pylons were thrown onto the parking lot by Dave Eberts, Mark Alzheimer and myself with some regard toward a road course. After kicking those pylons around for awhile we recruited help marking the course and setting up the timer. Dennis McCollough and Kurt Schulz helped speed up the start of this event by handling registration, which enabled us to put the first car on the track shortly after 10 am.

We had a lot of good competition in many classes from the top all the way to the bottom of the group. The novices from Columbus aren't looking so much like novices and some of the other green drivers are turning a lighter shade of green. The course had a fair amount of speed and utilized the parking lot to it's fullest.

After entertaining ourselves for most of the day we took advantage of Donna Hager's hospitality by enjoying a great feed at her house. We only trashed the parts of the house that we were allowed in. Thanks Donna for the great after function. Also thanks to Dave for co-chairing, Bill Schaff for safety, and Dennis, Kurt and Dean for registration and scoring. Thanks to all the entrants for their help manning the course.

Dale Dinsmore  
Event Chairman