

# YELLOWSTONE REGION SCCA FAST TIMES

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## JUNE MINUTES

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

Minutes were approved as printed in last newsletter.

### Old Business:

Bill Witcher mentioned progress on the club directory. Business card size ads are for sell at \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. The directory will list all members, car numbers, cars and details. The size is 8 1/2 X 11 folded in half and is twelve pages long.

The clubs savings account was tabled.

### New Business:

Event organization was discussed. We need some guidelines for registration! Registration starts at 8:00am and ends at 9:00am. Racing will start at 10:00am. Is this realistic? Please give your opinion, you can call Dwight at 259-3303 or talk to Jim Arnett at 652-9262.

Comments on the go-karts at the Costco event were strictly favorable. Everyone had good things to say and there were very little negative remarks.

Bill Schaff will find a chairperson for the Columbus event if Bob Grummett needs one.

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

## IDLE CHIT CHAT

What is the most fun that you can have in a car? Try one of the pint size kid toy looking karts that Pat Polk of QuickSilver Racing brought to Costco on Memorial Day. After an all too brief drivers school (2 or 3 hours would have been almost enough seat time) he turned us loose on the course. What a hoot! I've raced several cars over the years, but never anything that handled that quick. Everything happens so fast that its hard to keep up with the car. Even the pylons seem so much taller.

With acceleration that borders on ferocious, brakes that stop on a dime and spit out change, and cornering forces that I never fully explored, the 125 shifter carts were well worth much more than the \$50.00 rental fee. Every run I took resulted in the biggest adrenaline rush that I've had in years. Bill Schaff set up a course that was well suited to the carts handling-plenty of tight turns and snug slaloms. I'm not sure how some of the larger cars got all the way around, but they did. Jim Arnett put on a display of almost car control, backing into some of the tighter turns and coming out smoking the tires.

It was nice to see so many drivers come from Bozeman, as well as the Pemples from Coalstrip.

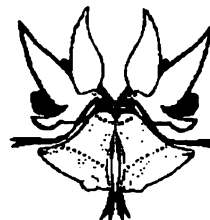
Thanks to all who helped run this event and a special thanks to Pat Polk for his patience and his expertise. Pat is bringing the karts to the Eagle Hardware event on July 12 and will be putting on a school on the 11th. This will be well worth the time and money for anyone interested. Pat or Ann Polk can be contacted at 252-1023 for more info.

*Dennis McCollough*

P.S.-Lewistown was a lot of fun, too. What else would you expect-just ask anyone who was there.

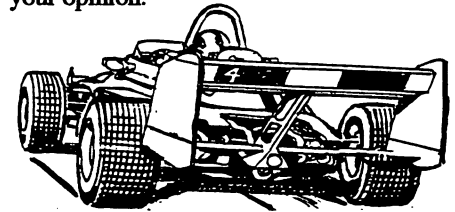
## CONGRATULATIONS

Wedding grats go out to Dale & Donna Dinsmore (officially the D's) with their nuptial kiss on June 20th. We all wish you both a wonderful future together.



## GETTING ORGANIZED

It seems that we have been having a bit of a problems getting everyone registered and out to race. We always have people lingering in during the morning and afternoon. Our Registration has been slow because of this and thus we need to set up some guide lines for registration so we all know what time registration is and when the racing begins. This was brought up to the members at the last meeting. It was suggested that we have a registration time of 8:00 to 9:00 am and to get started racing by 10:00! Now does that seem logical, and would it give everyone enough time to travel? If you have a problem with these restrictions or have any other ideas on how we can get our races off faster please call Dwight Gilliland at 259-0358, or show up on July 1st at Brunos on 1st Ave. 7:30pm to discuss this in more detail. Your a member and we'd like to hear your opinion.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

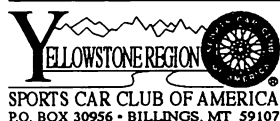
If there was ever anyone who did a lot for the Yellowstone Region for a period of years then got burned out and then got right back into the drivers seat again it's Dennis McCollough. A recently new membership enrollee he is officially back in the drivers seat to take top time. At the Costco event on May 25th he did just that in a shifter kart, you will normally see him race his Honda Civic.

Dennis has held several board positions in the past. His racing enthusiasm not only includes SCCA, but hillclimbs and dirt races as well. Aja, his daughter, even has him into go karts. He is also a very good mechanic and does a heck of a job bending tubing. If you would like to see him at his shop it's at 2121 Hillner in Lockwood, or give him a call at 252-9687.

As the newsletter writer I am glad to see Dennis is back because with his Idle Chit Chat column, it helps to round out the newsletters and gives ideas and some thought to think about.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- June 28 Columbus Town Pump  
Take the Columbus exit off the Hwy, It's at the truck stop.
- July 1 Monthly Meeting • 7:30pm  
Bruno's on 1st Avenue
- July 12 Eagly Hardware  
King Exit in Blgs
- July 18-19 Top Gun in Helena  
Runoff Between MT regions  
For more info call  
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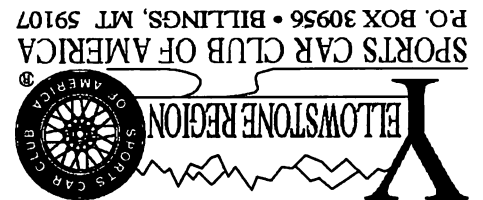
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## A MEMORABLE MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, a time to salute those who have served in our country's armed forces, and to pay our respects to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Any three day weekend also offers a bit of time for relaxation. We racers tend to find solace in strapping ourselves into overpowered machines and pinch the top off orange cones.

This autocross was aided by the opportunity of renting and driving professional go-karts. QuickSilver Racing, operated by Pat and Ann Polk and sponsored by Bonurant Racing, happened to be in town for the weekend and offered their services to the Yellowstone Region at the Costco event. QuickSilver provided 5 horse Briggs powered karts and 125cc shifter karts to qualified drivers.

Administrative and registration slowed the start of the event. For this I apologize and thank you all for your patience. Aside from this, the karts proved to meld in with the normal crowd with no trouble. It was fun to watch and measure the performance of the karts and drivers as the day progressed. By the end of the day, two reprimands were passed out. Not a job I look forward to, nor wish to report. An autocross course is not a playground. The object is the best possible fun with a primary emphasis on safety.

Thanks to those who did help to setup and work this event. All the corner workers that keep the course safe, and to QuickSilver Racing for the rare opportunity.

*Bill Schaff, Event Chairman*

A MOD		
Dave Eberts	TJIII	45.74
STREET PREPARED		
Bruce Barrow	BMW	54.73
D STREET PREP		
Dennis Hoeger	MGB	49.88
E STREET PREPARED		
Lance Hogan	Mustang	47.83
MODIFIED		
Paul Schulz	Form. Kurt	46.33
STOCK		
Marty Westland	RX7	50.86
Justin Hartman	300zx	52.34
John Hailstone	Camero	52.85
Bobby Arnett	Honda	53.63
A Mohan	Hyundai	53.98
Philip Burrows	Mustang	54.52
D STOCK		
Tim Fountain	BMW	51.00
OSPU		
Mike Atkinson	914	47.36
Dave Pemble	VW Rabbit	58.56
David Jr. Pemble	VW Rabbit	1:00.46
Becky Pemble	VW Rabbit	1:00.46

PREPARED		
Jim Arnett	TransAm	47.23
SHIFTER KART		
Dennis McCollough	Shifter Kart	43.12
Weston Polk	Shifter Kart	43.26
Colie Hamilton	Shifter Kart	44.44
5 HORSE POWER KARTS		
Cory Bushman	5HPK	49.41
Mike Marshall	5HPK	51.37
Tylor Morrison	5HPK	51.43
Josiah Rodda	5HPK	51.64
Alan Walker	5HPK	51.66
Matt Bushman	5HPK	51.84
Steven Pemble	5HPK	1:00.57
Eric Schulz	5HPK	1:04.53

