

## Vo-Tech Autocross

As Rich Hardy and I were setting up the course in the rain early Sunday morning I was thinking that perhaps I was making an error in judgment on course layout. We, no doubt, would have had to change the layout if the rain continued but as it turned out it quit raining and the pavement dried up. Bob Grummett suggested using the access road and island in front of the school as part of the setup a couple of months ago, so I spent about an hour the previous Friday working out different possibilities for course layout. We used the first section of the parking lot for the pit area and shut off the access road out by the street and stationed people there with radio and allowed traffic in and out between runs. The start line was set up on the second section of the parking lot. A left turn about 50 foot out of the start gate led to about a 40 yard straight. Another fairly fast left turn onto a straight of about 40 yards with heavy braking for a very tight left. This led to a fast right hand sweeper with gates only at the beginning, allowing the drivers to pick their line for entrance to the next set of gates. The next set of gates began a fast left hand sweeper leading out to the access road. The access road is a very lazy S about 100-150 yards long and I think everyone managed to get into third gear (you do remember third gear don't you)? Heavy braking and a down shift were necessary to make a tight left turn and start the right turn around the island in front of the school. Back out onto the access road and holy smokes, third gear again. Heavy braking and another downshift for a medium right hand turn and into the strait of about 50 yards to the finish line. I don't know about you but I'm finding it increasingly difficult to hold my breath that long.

Hats off to Dean Johnson for taking top time of day. John Small and his Porche was knocking real hard at Dean's door but the turbo charged Mazda rotary horsepower was unbeatable. I must admit that taking top time both days in the Bozeman event had given me a big head but

1600 cc's of VW just doesn't cut the faster stuff and I ended up third with a little more than a full second behind Dean.

From the times I saw it looks like Rich Hardy is getting his great looking RX-7 sorted out. Again that rotary engine horsepower is hard to compete with. Gumballs add a whole new dimension to autocrossing don't they Rich?

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help make this event a success. As some of you may not know, my back fusion did not take and I am pretty much in constant pain and really limited as to what I can do so any help is greatly appreciated. Dave.

### E & F STOCK

Gordon Dewey	Mustang	60.64
Derek Gustavson	VW Jetta	61.53
Joe Evers	VW Rabbit	62.83

### SUPER STOCK

John Small	Porche	53.58
Bob Grummett	Corvette	55.22

### D & E PREPARED

Dennis Hoeger	MGB	59.99
Taig Hoehger	MGB	60.56
James Halligan	Mustang	61.32
Cory Hoeger	MGB	63.09

### C PREPARED

Bruce Barrows	BMW	61.62
Jay Corb	RX-7	62.59

### E & F PREPARED

Rich Hardy	RX-7	56.75
Dale Dinsmore	Datsun 510	57.71
Bill Hardy	RX-7	57.86
Dwight Gilliland	260-Z	60.59

### A & E MOD

Dean Johnson	RX	53.41
Dave Eberts	Thunder Jug	54.90
Dennis McCollough	Datson 510	60.27

## July 3, Fund Raiser

The July 3rd autocross held at Skyview High School was a fund raiser for the Billings Ronald McDonald House. I think we ended up writing a check out for a little over \$200.00.

I tried to come up with something for the winners of each class of this event and thought that gift certificates from the local McDonalds restaurants would be nice. I contacted the owner of the Heights McDonalds restaurant and the owner of the other stores in town early in the year and they told me to contact them again closer to the event date. Catherine Schoff of the Heights McDonalds store was very good to us as she donated some very nice insulated mugs with gift certificates for Big Macs inside. Catherine told me that if we do this again she might be able to work something out with some McDonald racing stuff. The owner of the other McDonald stores in town refused to help out in any manner and I would like everyone to keep this in mind the next time you and your family have the urge for a Big Mac. Congratulations to Dean Johnson, for top time again, and to all the other class winners. We even gave a mug to Gordon Dewey for the most tire smoke.

May all your asphalt be firm and warm Dave

### STOCK

Gordon Dewey	Mustang	46.53
Chuck Spoonheim	Camero	46.56

### SUPER STOCK

John Small	Porche	41.19
Bob Grummett	Corvette	43.08
Scott Brownfield		46.23

### STREET PREPARED

Jay Korb	RX-7	46.44
James Halligan	Mustang	49.58
Tory Roesch	240-Z	50.86

### PREPARED

Dale Dinsmore	510	42.36
Bill Hardy	RX-7	42.91
Rich Hardy	RX-7	43.33
Tim O'Brien Corolla		47.69
Tony Edwards	Corolla	48.66
Mike Morters	Corolla	50.239

### MODIFIED

Dean Johnson	RX	40.40
Dave Eberts	Thunder Jug	40.92
Grant Cameron	Howard	41.16
Kurt Schultz	Howard	41.19

### TSD MODIFIED

Dennis McCollough	510	46.54
Ted Benson	510	47.36
Bob Roschel	Capri	47.88
Dwight Gilliland	260-Z	48.85
Kristi O'Brien	240-Z	52.90

## Billings Downtown Road Race

We-you-were a major contributor tot the first annual "Billings Downtown Road Race". There were 4,000 to 5,000 people exposed to Automotive Competition and enjoyed it. I've had several comments praising the event and thanking us, SCCA, for our part. Several parents have commented that their children want to drive. GREAT! \$10,000 was raised for ZOO MONTANA. This was a great community project and a great wholesome family event.

The Sports Car Club, have and will receive recognition and support, we will not be able to measure. Our effort was recognized by the business community, many of us have been thanked all ready. Great job Gal and Guys, four days of worth while effort!

### That is the news! Now can you put a face with these comments?

What time do we have to be there tomorrow, 6:00am, I won't get up that early for anyone!

These guys are competitive, some crazy, they T-bone each other in practice!

Does everyone have a Black and Yellow flag? Do you know how to use them???

When we black flag a car BOB will talk to them in the pits.

Black flag the white car he is bumping.

Black flag the blue car he is hogging the road!

Black flag the pink car he is leaking gas, he is missing his gas cap. Where do I protest, where do I protest, I'm not missing a gas cap, you cost me the race I was in second place. Sir you are still leaking gas. Where do I protest I'm not missing my cap. But sir.....

His neck strap isn't fastened, black flag him. Repeat, repeat, one more time.

I've raced professionally also, we both know what your doing, CUT IT OUT!!!

We rebuild the course two or three times a race-1,400 bales.

We are going to be strong, you do smell!

How long until beer time?

Ask \_\_\_\_\_ he always knows.

Black flag him, NO!! These are the owners driving, besides this is the last race.

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## July Meeting

The July meeting was called to order by Regional Executive Bob Grummett

July minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer reported a previous balance of \$2,026.29

Expenses of Billings Construction \$80.00, Kinko's \$28.08, VoTech audit fee \$37.80, SCCA rule books for Norm Williams \$13.17, Memberships from Bozeman \$150.00, Lewistown audit fee \$30.00, Bozeman audit fee \$94.50.

Deposits of \$150.00 memberships, \$235.00 VoTech, \$20.00 renewals, \$170.00 Lewistown, \$485.00 Bozeman, \$9.00 I don't know.

Balance \$2,894.74

Treasurer reported an outstanding bill of \$40.00 for Billings Construction. Bill moved we pay the bill, Dave seconded-passed.

Minutes were approved as written in the

newsletter.

Treasurer report was passed.

### Old Business

Bob reported that Skyview is using the parking lot for a track meet during the two day event scheduled by SCCA for the Metra event. The parking lot for Saturday will be available on Saturday. An alternative site was discussed, possible Suttons. Rich Hardy suggested we change the weekend to read Metra Saturday and Skyview Sunday. If the change can be made we will go that way. If the change cannot be made we will only be at Metra on Sunday. Rich moved, Dave seconded-passed.

VoTech is being chip sealed this summer, so an alternative site will be looked into for the upcoming event at VoTech.

### New Business

Bill will be checking out Auto Auction site and Dean will check out the Boise Cascade site for new places to auto cross. The September 11

date is a possible event in Sheridan Wyoming. John Small will attempt to setup and confirm this date.

Members present at the meeting attempted to coordinate entrants for Top Gun in order to fill all classes. We seem to have a problem filling a stock class.

Bob found good quality hats at a discount, \$4.00 apiece, \$192.00 total. Dwight moved we buy them with our new logo. Dave seconded-passed. It was discussed that we give the hats away at our Metra event, no definite on that thought.

The following people will chair at the upcoming events:

August 6 & 7, Metra/Skyview

Chair ..... Dennis

Co-Chair ..... Rich

Safety ..... Bob

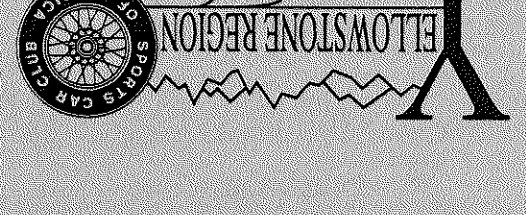
August 21, Skyview

Chair ..... Dave

Co-Chair ..... Dwight

Safety ..... Dale

Bill moved to adjourn. Dave seconded-passed.



## Up Coming Events

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| July 16-17   | Top Gun-Helena Hwy Dept.                |
| Aug. 7       | Upper Metra Parking Lot                 |
| Aug. 21      | Skyview                                 |
| Aug 27-28    | BOHC-Sponsored by NHA                   |
| September 7  | Monthly meeting at<br>Doc & Eddy's 7:30 |
| September 11 | Tenative<br>Sheridan, Wyoming           |