

# YELLOWSTONE REGION SCCA FAST TIMES

P.O. Box 30956 • Billings, Montana 59107

October 1997

## SEPTEMBER MINUTES

September meeting was called to order by the RE: Alan Walker

Minutes approved as printed in last newsletter.

### Old Business

Pat Polk and his go-karts were brought up again and he would like to see us use them in 1998. We have talked to some people who have used them in their races and have had no problems in the course set up and it was a great way to get younger kids involved.

### New Business

We are scrambling to get another event site before first snowfall. Dave Eberts is going to check on the lot at Walmart. It seems we are running out of lot to race on.

We discussed how the course up in Lewistown will be set up, we will do basically fun runs about the timer. The entry fee will be enough to cover the course. It should be a lot of fun too!

The timing system was discussed and we really do need to update our system. We hope to have a joint effort between the Black Otter Hillclimb and our SCCA club to go in jointly and share the cost on a computerized system. Jay Stelter from Great Falls will bring their computerized system down to the race in Lewistown so we can check it out.

## LEWISTOWN RACEWAY-WE LOVE YOU

Lewistown has always been a favorite to a lot of people because of the two plus miles of pavement to race on and nothing in sight but fields of wheat. The course with its off camber and decreasing radius turns and five to 10 gear changes, gates, slaloms when lets just say this course challenges your driving ability! It's also a nice one to end the Yellowstone Regions year of racing. We are having a hard time finding pavement to race on and it's nice to get out on a long open course to really warm your tires up.

The morning started off great! The Gillilands had brought their motorhome and started setting out pylons early so that when Dave Eberts and Jim Arnet arrived they got the rest of the cones distributed around the course. By the time we were ready to run it was 10:00 am. Gradually people started to show up. From Red Lodge, Jerett Miller and Randy Voit, Brad Renner from Park City and then we had the gang from Great Falls travel down for some fun. Thanks for coming out and playing Gary Wolf, Tom Masterson, Jay Stelter, Phil Kiser and Bob Stevenson. Thanks for driving all that way for some really fast fun!

After lunch Jay Stelter hooked up the computerized timing system from Great Falls. This gave us, the Yellowstone Region a chance to check it out. The way we had the course set up the timer didn't work very well at clocking the times, but we did get a look at the software and how easy it was to set up and get a print out

of the run times and how the system software could break the times down as far as fastest time, classes etc. We went back to how we were running in the morning. Thanks Jay for the demonstration.

As you walked down pit row you could smell the hot brakes and cars had their hoods up to cool their engines. Mike Atkinson had brought his Matco truck for anyone who needed a tool. I sure that came in handy! Brian Borich lost his muffler in the hairpin and Dwight broke his car's fiberglass nose on a cone. I guess it gets to have a nose job this winter, not only that but he got a rattle in his engine too. Ron Walker had fun in his Integra and his brother Alan will be playing Z-Doctor this his winter, seems he puked his engine on the Z and took his airdam off. Tom Masterson has had a good year, he didn't help the farmers plow, he actually stayed on the course. Mike Atkinson popped an axle in his 914, twice. Mike Morters broke his clutch cable and Jim Arnet lost his cool, well, his car did may be not him though. Kurt Schulz & Dennis McCollough smoked their clutches. Bill Schaff tossed his right shock and spent some time finding it in the wheat fields. Dave Eberts had some great spins.

I think we all were glad this was the last event for us, we will all need the winter to get our cars fixed and tuned to race next spring. Although we didn't time the event there were a lot of ear to ear grins in the pit area.

## ELECTION TIME

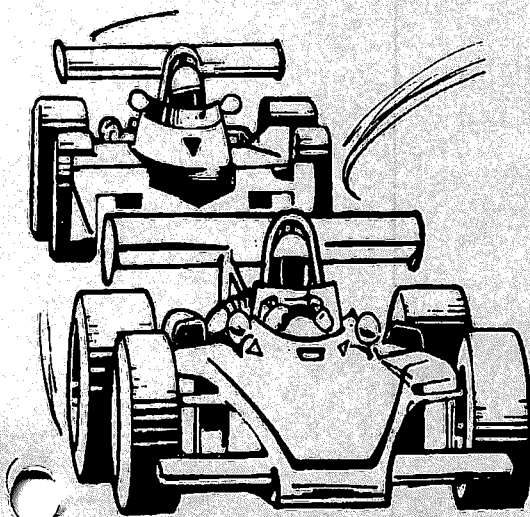
Yes the year is coming to an end and elections will be nominated at our October 1, meeting at Doc & Eddys on Broadwater. It is important that you participate and help support the club

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 1 Monthly Meeting • 7:30pm  
Doc & Eddy's on Broadwater

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

This months member spotlight is on Bob Grummette. Bob has been a member of SCCA for a few short years now and has not only been an active member on the board, but has brought new ideas and faces to the Yellowstone Region. One of Bob's greatest achievements has been the Speed Freaks program. Last year Bob took a youth group in Columbus, MT and sat them up with a Datsun 510, he then tutored and honed their driving skills over several events. We have seen them at our races a couple of times this year and it's been a real treat to see how each one improves in their driving. If you see Bob give him a warm hello.



**YELLOWSTONE REGION**  
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA  
P.O. BOX 30956 • BILLINGS, MT 59107


REGIONAL EXEC.  
Alan Walker  
923 3rd Ave.  
Billings, MT  
248-3050

ASSIST. RE  
Dale Brelje  
1239 Steffanich Sq.  
Billings, MT  
252-6514

SEC/TREASURER  
Ron Walker  
651 Highland Park  
Billings, MT  
248-3050

MEMBER AT LARGE  
Bill Schaff  
940 Custer  
Billings, MT  
259-2071

NEWSLETTER PUB.  
Kristi Gilliland  
1141 Wicks  
Billings, MT  
259-0358

**Y**ELLOWSTONE REGION   
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA  
P.O. BOX 30956 • BILLINGS, MT 59107