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JUNE 8 EVENT RESULTS

Over 40 drivers pitted themselves and their cars against one of **Bob Stevenson's** nasty diabolical ExpoPark courses. As folks searched for gears somewhere between the ones they knew were not right for the course, a few did find the right combination. **Gary Wolf's** 56.786 second run stands as fast time of the day, but a boatload of rubber and fuel were spent trying to beat it. Great course, beautiful day, outstanding event. Corrected times in each class follow

A Production

- 1st place Namen Paul Pontiac Firebird 1:01.125
- 2nd place Matt Whiddem Ford Mustang 1:02.520
- 3rd place Christopher Swift Pontiac firebird 1:13.841

B Production

- 1st place Tim Helms Pontiac Fiero 1:01.190
- 2nd place Jack Haling Dodge Stealth 1:07.493
- 3rd place Allison Goodspeed Pontiac Fiero 1:08.164
- 4th place Tom Masterson Porsche 911 1:08.222
- 5th place Paul Nulsix Mazda RX7 No times

C production

- 1st place James Rowen Honda CRX 1:02.152
- 2nd place John Weinzettel Honda CRX 1:02.342
- 3RD PLACE Kyle Figarelle Porsche 944 1:08.547
- 4th place David Thurston Plymouth Conquest 1:09.688
- 5th place Drew Lovel Nissan No times

A Sedan

- 1st place Jason Rukavina Chevy Monte Carlo 1:14.151

B Sedan

- 1st place Zack Gilmor Ford Contour 1:06.358
- 2nd place Reza Mapili Toyota 1:09.004
- 3rd place Neal Stott BMW 1:09.578

C Sedan

- 1st place Galen Smith VW Scirocco 1:07.313
- 2nd place Luke Atwell Geo Prism 1:09.463
- 3rd place Garry Keyes Honda Civic 1:13.130
- 4th place Julie Wilkins Honda 1:13.539

Prepared 2

- 1st place James Raines Ford Mustang 1:02.542
- 2nd place Darrell Schamp Datsun 260 1:03.820
- 3rd place Kyle Houge Mazda RX7 1:06.764
- 4th place John Rains Ford Mustang 1:08.943

Prepared 3

- 1st place James Schneider Porsche 968 1:00.372
- 2nd place Scott Phelps Chevy Camaro 1:14.021

GT-1

- 1st place Bob Stevenson Ford Mustang 59.817
- 2nd place Jerry Rukavina Chevy Camaro 1:00.917
- 3rd place Dennis Figarelle Chevy Camaro 1:04.903
- 4th place Steve Nutter Ford Maverick 1:05.296
- 5th place Kent Yoder Chevy Camaro 1:05.435

GT-2

- 1st place Clint Houge Mazda RX3 1:01.008
- 2nd place Lass Houge Mazda RX3 1:06.017
- 3rd place Rick Cummings Mercury Capri 1:07.424

GT-3

- 1st place Gary Wolf Saab Aero 56.786 (FAST TIME OF DAY)
- 2nd place Greg Rice Toyota Celica 1:04.210
- 3rd place Victor Hodge Austin Mini 1:06.016
- 4th place Russ Wilson Toyota Celica 1:06.279
- 5th place Bob Morin Toyota Celica 1:06.352

GT-S

- 1st place Jason Roan Corvette 57.278
- 2nd place Phil Kiser Corvette ZO6 1:02.520
- 3rd place Amy Roan Corvette 1:10.837

ANOTHER HELENA RECORD!

June 22 saw only our third excursion to the Helena Regional Airport for an autocross, this time in conjunction with the Helena Preservation Society's Millennium Show. Although the weekend's cold weather cut down on the number of actual Millennium Show participants, this club hit a new high for autocross participants at the site. 64. Yup, sixty-four hardy souls held out the entire windy, cold day, to complete over 230 competition runs! Cold and very windy, for sure, but one terrific day. Again, words fail to express how superb the site is. Smiles all around all the time. **Thank you, Helena Regional Airport, Ron, and Jeff.**

Rukavina set Stevenson's course design (OK, let's be honest here - **Judi Austin, Anita Heppner, and Ev Rukavina** actually did the pylon tossing, so they deserve credit for a very challenging and rewarding course), which was surprisingly deceptive. Frequent fast

guy **Dave Bowland** and his trusty Datsun 240Z figured out the 1.3 mile asphalt puzzle best with a time of just over 1 minute and 41 seconds, but the competition in every class was pretty fierce. It was sometimes faster than it looked and sometimes slower than it looked – sort of a thinking driver’s course. The most commonly heard word was “GREAT”. There is just something about a smile beaming out from a face in a helmet, checking the finish board to see if they have beaten their own best time. Ain’t fun fun? The seven-years-in-the-waiting smile on **John Rusteberg’s** triumphant (It’s a joke!) face is probably still there.

The noteworthy change at this event was the pylon watcher sign up at the driver’s meeting. It worked, as down time for worker exchange was minimal. Another huge thanks to all for a very helpful and cooperative worker attitude. Everyone did their share and more. **Paul Heppner** and **Helen Morin** and **Darrell Schamp** didn’t even compete but their contributions were like gold – we could not do it without them. Tech guys **Steve Nutter** and **Clint Houge** were awesome as well. Newbies **Andy** and **Gary Beck** and their Formula V from Missoula were just delighted with their day and the way our club works to put on quality events like this. Their membership has put the club at nearly 90 members!! How cool is that?

The results, all in corrected time:

A Production

- 1st place David Wilcox Corvette 1:53.150
- 2nd place Mike Shreve Mustang 1:53.622
- 3rd place Namen Paul Firebird 1:56.226
- 4th place Jeff Midlautach Mustang 2:00.854
- 5th place Zack Gilmore Ford F-150 2:01.676
- 6th place Larry Akers Camaro 2:03.729
- 7th place Chris Swift Firebird 2:08.603
- 8th place Ron Davidson Mustang 2:25.787

B Production

- 1st place Tim Fontaine BMW M3 1:53.546
- 2nd place Dustin Reynolds Dodge Stealth 1:55.930
- 3rd place Luke Denison Dodge Stealth 1:58.517
- 4th place David Venema Audi 2:01.219
- 5th place Zack Fontaine BMW 325 2:02.290
- 6th place Tom Masterson Porsche 911 2:03.196
- 7th place Doug Harrison Audi 2:03.378
- 8th place Ed Austin Mazda RX7 2:07.332
- 9th place Joe Haynes Mazda RX7 2:11.734
- 10th place Carolyn McKay Porsche 911 2:14.594

C Production

- 1st place Alan Genienmo Subaru WRX 1:50.488
- 2nd place Jim Messick VW Golf 1:50.828
- 3rd place Jay Stelter Lotus Europa 2:00.746
- 4th place David Thorsen Plymouth Conquest 2:04.267
- 5th place Kyle Figarelle Porsche 944 2:04.638
- 6th place Chelsea Lindamen Subaru WRX 2:12.097
- 7th place John Rusteberg Triumph TR-3A 2:38.549

A Sedan

- 1st place Grace Gardiner Mustang 3:04.110

B Sedan

- 1st place Charlie Mann Toyota Celica 2:11.070

C Sedan

- 1st place Rick Kern Dodge Neon 1:56.565
- 2nd place Peter Kern Dodge Neon 2:01.607
- 3rd place Galen Smith VW Scirocco 2:03.230

Prepared 1

- 1st place Tim Borsberry Mustang 1:44.834

Prepared 2

- 1st place David Firth Triumph TR6 1:58.676
- 2nd place Kyle Houge Mazda RX7 2:00.259
- 3rd place Sean McCarthy Camaro 2:05.901
- 4th place Crystal Chase Dodge Stealth 2:06.574

Prepared 3

- 1st place Shawn Padina VW GTI 1:49.846
- 2nd place Norm Williams Honda CRX XI 1:51.042
- 3rd place Kate Lohman Mazda Miata 1:58.999

GT-1

- 1st place Jeff Hahn Steeda Mustang 1:46.024
- 2nd place Steve Nutter Maverick 1:48.025
- 3rd place Dave Cooley Porsche 928 1:48.142
- 4th place Dennis Figarelle Camaro 1:48.459
- 5th place Jerry Rukavina Camaro 1:50.022
- 6th place Kent Yoder Camaro 1:55.143
- 7th place Bob Stevenson Mustang 1:55.643
- 8th place Kelly Rolfe Camaro 1:56.371

GT-2

- 1st place Dave Bowland Datsun 240Z 1:41.009 FAST TIME OF THE DAY! WATTA RUN!
- 2nd place Paul Smith Datsun 240Z 1:44.027
- 3rd place Clint Houge Mazda RX3 1:47.094
- 4th place Rick Cummings Mercury Capri 2:02.807
- 5th place Colter Cummings Mercury Capri 2:05.707
- 6th place Katherine Smith Datsun 240Z 2:26.404

GT-3

- 1st place Gary wolf Saab Aero 1:42.511

2nd place Bill Dicus Datsun 510 1:46.305
3rd place Eric Dawkins Dodge Neon 1:46.756
4th place Matt Dillon Honda Civic 1:49.496
5th place Rain Gilstrom BMW 320I 1:53.298
6th place Greg Rice Toyota Celica 1:54.974
7th place Bob Morin Toyota Celica 1:55.958
8th place Russ Wilson Toyota Celica 1:56.071

GT-S

1st place Jason Roan Corvette 1:45.392
2nd place Amy Roan Corvette 1:59.129

Modified

1st place Andy Beck Formula V 1:49.377
2nd place Gary Beck Formula V 2:21.924

So, how did YOU do? Are you as fast as you told your friends you are?

NEXT!

Top Gun is our next event, July 19th and 20th at ExpoPark here in Great Falls. Double days, double runs, double points, double fun. The fees are \$30 for members and \$50 for non-members, just like last year, and T-shirts will be available for the low, low price of only \$5. You'll want several at that price, so get yours early. What's on the shirts? Our sponsors, of course!

SoFast Internet, Ike & Susan's Lounge and Casino, Bumper-to-Bumper Auto Parts, Identity Screen Printing and Embroidery, and Pizza Hut (can you say "Sunday Lunch!") have all conspired in a good way to help us make this upcoming weekend a success. They are wonderful, so please patronize these fine establishments and give them your thanks. We think they are terrific, and local motorsports types like us are so very fortunate to have their support. THANKS!!

So be there early Saturday and early Sunday, we look forward to two big days. Bring smiles, water, sunscreen, and enthusiasm. Oh, and the car, too.

THANK YOU, SPONSORS!

PUBLIC NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY LAW

*Pursuant to Montana Public Law 70-302-C4, I, **Jerry Rukavina**, do hereby declare that **Steve Nutter**, a club member in good standing, a Maverick driver, and a fine fellow in his own right, has*

*beaten me in an official autocross, effective 6/22/2003.
There, you happy now?*

*Yeah, yeah, yeah, **Dennis Figarelle** and his Camaro, too.
Big freakin'deal.*

DEMO DERBY HELP WANTED

We want your body! A reminder that this club does the tech/safety inspection and the on-field officiating for the Demolition Derby at ExpoPark during the fair, Saturday, August 2. We get free ExpoPark event dates in exchange. Please call **Jim Messick** at 268-1742 to sign up for early tech, evening field help, or even all day assistance. It's fun, different, and a great way to contribute to the club! See you there.

AFTER TOP GUN

The next scheduled event after Top Gun and the Demo Derby will be a make-up event (earlier season weather-out!) at the old Buttrey's Warehouse site on August 3 (yeah, the day after the Demo Derby). You might even consider attending the club's monthly meeting at Hardee's on tenth at 7:30 PM on July 31 for more information as the date closes in.

LEADERSHIP AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF FUN

Your elected board of officers has, with much, much dedicated and competent assistance, been able to nearly triple club membership, get the club on its best fiscal footing ever, secure and stock the timing trailer, find new sites and events, and continue to maintain a full schedule of events over the past few years. But it is not easy or quickly done. The time demands on folks who have full-time jobs and multiple family responsibilities are significant. Helena in particular (although it is a wonderful site) demands a round-trip tow, the timing trailer transported, and an overnight in Helena. Not easy in busy lives. If new leadership energy and bodies are not forthcoming (elections this fall are coming), we may simply have to cut back to one single event per month so timers, techies, trailer-pullers, etc all have time for the rest of their lives. This is not a cry-party, just a recognition that in a club of over 80 members, we all get more fun and more personal time if we all participate. The need for others to step up to all of the tasks necessary to keep the club functioning at this level is real. Think it over. You have good ideas and perhaps some time to dedicate, so consider being the next wave

of club leadership.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Call **Ed Austin** at 452-1135 or **Jerry Rukavina** at 761-4357