

*August 2004*

## **TOP GUN**

It's not that far away, you know. August 28 and 29 will be the weekend for Top Gun fun. Mark your calendar, but also know:

- The cost will be \$30 for members (of any region, of course) and \$50 for non-members for the event. Sorry, no discount for one-day drivers.
- Double points for local members.
- We will run cars in run groups by classes so that timers can have a final score available early on Sunday.
- Winners (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>) will get the option of cash (\$20/\$10/\$5) or a trophy for their finish over the two days. Cash is instant (well, OK, it's a check!) but trophies will have to be ordered and sent.
- There will be one fast time overall trophy for the quickest two day total time.
- Sponsors will include Champion Auto, Big Sky Tire-Rama, and Ike and Susan's Lounge and Casino.
- Real cool t-shirts will be \$10 this year.

## **IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER**

- Folks in the pits **MUST** have a wristband. This means all of your friends and hangers-on. Also, please tell folks who are **NOT** competing to get their vehicles out of the pits. They are just a congestive mess and have no place in the pits, anyway.
- When you leave the event area for any reason, you **MUST** remove your competition number from your vehicle. The numbers are a dead give-away that you are an SCCA competitor, and any stupid, aggressive, or just plain asinine behavior comes right back to the club as a complaint. This club has a zero-tolerance policy. Any complaints about your driving with a number still on your car will cost you at least a one-event suspension; maybe even a full season invitation not to play. Drive smart, and **TAKE THE NUMBER OFF BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE EVENT SITE!**
- The club is in excellent fiscal health. There is money in the savings and checking accounts, we have sufficient pylons, we have back-up timing lights, we have a new quiet generator, and you can thank the Heppners and R.E. Ed Austin for the good report! And not to forget, the Double Nationals that Tom Masterson got us involved in many years ago continues to replenish our coffers. Thanks to all!

- Ed Austin and Paul Heppner are talking with MAFB about their facilities, again, and some co-op work that we might do together with base personnel. Keep your fingers crossed; we will let you know the news as soon as things work out. This could be huge, so think positive thoughts.

**AUGUST 14 WEATHER REPORT = MUDDY!**

One of the Top Gun sponsors, Big Sky Tire-Rama, is having a mud bog event on August 14 at the fairgrounds here in Great Falls. \$20 to enter (Saturday registration 8-11 AM); \$6.00 to spectate. Full food and beverage concessions available. AND a big two-day tire sale in front of the grandstand both Saturday and Sunday from 8 AM to 6 PM each day. Go buy some real cheap tires, you skinflint!

**BIG THANKS TO:**

Everyone who worked the Demo Derby. What a great event!

Champion Auto, Big Sky Tire-Rama, Ike and Susan’s Lounge and Casino. They support us, so if you need tires, car parts, food, beverages, or a quick try of your luck, go see these folks. There are none better!

**JULY 11 RESULTS** (as printed in the Great Falls Tribune)

An absolutely beautiful day saw some of the closest finishes of the season; competitors from Great Falls and from across the region went home feeling like they had really worked hard to earn their finishing positions. John Weinzettel’s Fast Time of Day of 49.706 in his Honda CRX was a spectacular run as he set the pace for over 4 dozen drivers. The club’s next event will be Top Gun, a two-day statewide event on August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Montana Region’s 80 members are part of the nationwide SCCA (Sports Car Club of America), and autocrossing is a timed event that pits one car at a time against a driving course outlined with orange traffic pylons; the object being to be quick and precise. It’s the best and cheapest automotive fun around; there are classes for nearly every type of vehicle and it sharpens driving skills.

Place #	Class	Driver	Car	Time
45	199	AS Donna Potter	Ford Mustang	01:00.563
53	455	AS Nicholas Norus	Buick Electra	01:08.394
22	149	BS Zach Gilmore	Ford Contour	00:55.211
49	68	BS Helen Morin	Ford Mustang	

01:02.431				
27	31	CS	Greg Madson	VW GTI
00:56.343				
35	62	CS	Couri Childs	Honda Civic
00:58.366				
37	210	CS	Cory Guessser	Toyota Corolla
00:58.513				
39	311	CS	Drew Lovel	Nissan 240SX
00:58.648				
42	375	CS	Barry Armbrister	Honda Civic
00:59.407				
46	999	CS	Shelby Iverson	Eagle Talon
01:01.374				
26	69	APRO	Darrell Schamp	Ford Mustang
00:56.325				
32	202	APRO	Ben Olmstead	Ford Mustang
00:57.200				
38	387	APRO	Jess Bandel	Ford Mustang
00:58.631				
40	56	APRO	Rick Edwards	Ford Mustang
00:59.364				
41	350	APRO	Chris Swift	Firebird
00:59.388				
10	2	BPRO	Tim Helms	Pontiac Fiero
00:52.435				
25	83	BPRO	Jim Wilson	Nissan 280ZX
00:56.004				
36	26	BPRO	Tom Masterson	Porsche 911
00:58.380				
43	55	BPRO	Ed Austin	Mazda RX-7
00:59.870				
52	26X	BPRO	Sherri Masterson	Porsche 911
01:05.514				
23	38	CPRO	Doug Herold	Ford Focus
00:55.754				
24	205	CPRO	John Mann	Honda Civic
00:55.980				
31	444	CPRO	Chris Mayer	Ford Focus
00:57.142				
50	32	CPRO	Jan Lovec	MG
01:03.732				
51	201	CPRO	Joshua Eli	Dodge
01:04.921				
30	14	PRE1	Jim Davis	Dodge Viper
00:56.815				
19	976	PRE2	Kyle Houge	Mazda
00:54.767				
1	7	PRE3	John Weinzettel	Honda CRX
00:49.706				
2	3	PRE3	James Rowan	Honda CRX
00:49.903				
13	213	PRE3	Jeremy Howard	Mitsubishi
00:53.403				
14	111	PRE3	James Campbell	Honda CRX
00:53.527				
16	15	PRE3	Alex Chung	Subaru
00:53.685				

28	96	PRE3	David Thurston	Plymouth Conquest
00:56.445				
3	37	GT-1	Jerry Rukavina	Chevy Camaro
00:51.433				
4	8	GT-1	Adam Johnson	Ford Cobra
00:51.661				
7	6	GT-1	Bob Stevenson	Ford Mustang
00:52.235				
11	86	GT-1	Dennis Figarelle	Chevy Camaro
00:53.253				
12	40	GT-1	Steve Nutter	Ford Maverick
00:53.305				
21	72	GT-1	Kent Yoder	Chevy Camaro
00:55.077				
47	79	GT-1	Kelly Rolfe	Pontiac Trans AM
01:01.685				
48	72X	GT-1	Deb Yoder	Chevy Camaro
01:01.959				
5	165	GT-2	Dean Mikes	Mazda RX7
00:52.113				
9	80	GT-2	Clint Houge	Mazda RX3
00:52.325				
20	23	GT-2	R. Cummings	Mercury Capri
00:54.821				
33	23x	GT-2	Travis Cummings	Mercury Capri
00:57.686				
34	165	GT-2	Tracy Mikes	Mazda RX7
00:57.854				
6	5	GT-3	Jim Messick	VW Scirroco
00:52.151				
8	1	GT-3	Gary Wolf	Saab 9000
00:52.285				
15	12	GT-3	Bob Morin	Toyota Celica
00:53.650				
17	47X	GT-3	Russ Wilson	Toyota Celica
00:54.000				
18	47	GT-3	Greg Rice	Toyota
00:54.545				
29	67	GT-3	Victor Hodge	Austin Mini
00:56.502				
44	380	GT-3	Isaac Baumgartner	Toyota Celica
01:00.071				