

Teton Hillclimb at Grand Targhee Ski & Summer Resort

September 14 & 15, 1996

Seems like Saturday morning is jinxed at the Teton Hillclimb. This year we were greeted with substantial amounts of rain beginning at 6:05 am (the first rainfall in weeks), which made the road course too slippery for competition. The racers quickly retreated to the lodge at Grand Targhee for some late breakfast, card games and bench racing until the rain stopped at noon. By the time the road was dry enough, the course was reset, the timing system re-established, and course workers and radio communications deployed on the hill. Racing finally began Saturday afternoon and everything got better after that. The second annual Teton Hillclimb was run on the two lane, paved access road to the Grand Targhee Ski area. The course is 2 miles long, climbing approximately 500 feet to finish at an elevation of 8020 feet. The Grand Targhee ski area provided excellent lodging and food facilities, and the racers provided excellent racing on a fast course. The Teton Valley News and KIFI TV both sent reporters to cover the event. Attendance was down this year (maybe due to the rain ?), as 27 drivers from Boise, Salt Lake City, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Driggs and Oregon raced against the mountain for elapsed times. After an excellent dutch oven dinner provided by Paul Martin Saturday evening, Sunday dawned clear, cool and sunny ! Perfect conditions for making much needed horsepower. We initiated a new feature on Sunday, a spectator shuttle bus provided by Grand Targhee and driven by Greg Womack. This enabled spectators to be transported to the best corner on the course for watching the race. Special thanks to the Eagle Rock Amateur Radio Club who provided communications support for the race both days, to Larry Hull who handled registration and timing, and to Shad Rydall at Earl's Communications who modified our existing timers to add a radio link from the start line which worked wonderfully ! Additional thanks to all the people who helped to organize the race, worked the course, or provided race support. The final race results are shown below, all times listed in seconds.

<u>class</u>	<u>car #</u>	<u>car</u>	<u>driver</u>	<u>run #1</u>	<u>run #2</u>	<u>run #3</u>	<u>run #4</u>	<u>run #5</u>	<u>fastest time</u>
SS	85	Chevy Corvette	Chris Clark	117.131	109.537	106.768	108.090	107.797	106.768
BS	23	Porsche 944S2	Abe Potter	114.249	104.477	105.703	DNS	DNS	104.477*
	28	Porsche 944S2	Carolyn Hamilton	125.638	115.593	112.188	117.307	DNS	112.188
	1	Eagle Talon	Quinn Whipple	120.232	DNS				120.232
	63	Pontiac Fiero	Pat Hurey	125.495	DNS				125.495
DS	40	Neon	Cal Craner	113.547	109.150	107.782	106.944	106.056	106.056
ES	1	Alfa Spyder	Danny Kienlen	124.016	119.705	121.080	121.919	DNS	119.705*
	11	Alfa Spyder	Fred Kienlen	189.503	122.472	126.803	127.215	DNS	122.472
FS	110	Buick Regal GNX	Vernon Long, Jr.	114.147	106.213	104.927	105.356	105.987	104.927
ASP	9	Mazda RX-7 Turbo	Chuck Snodgrass	106.477	92.523	96.770	93.062	DNS	92.523
BSP	7	Datsun 280Z	Dan Didesch	119.877	117.459	116.918	115.930	114.712	114.712*
DSP	7	Bugeye Sprite	Jim Yockey	127.700	119.559	117.690	118.666	118.100	117.690*
CP	69	Chevy Camaro	Boyd Butler	104.609	92.079	91.035	90.719	DNS	90.719*
FP	926	Triumph Spitfire	Wayne Atkinson	134.640	DNS				134.640*
	26	Triumph Spitfire	Mike Stout	DNS					DNS
FA	10	Titan Formula B	Charles Fletcher	100.081	93.268	91.065	90.576	DNS	90.576*
	0	Titan Formula B	Merlene Fletcher	103.123	98.398	93.752	93.983	DNS	93.752
FF	7	Formula Ford	Sherm Johnston	136.879	103.538	100.047	100.776	100.224	100.047
FL	15		Loma Garmon	130.784	118.109	114.796	114.986	DNS	114.796
MODV	78	Bobsy Vanguard	Paul Watson	128.111	109.865	103.986	106.170	105.269	103.986*
OSPU	1	Datsun 510	Dave Bard	139.731	112.871	130.971	131.593	DNS	112.871
	33	Datsun 2000	John Atchison	DNS	DNF	126.966	117.139	115.346	115.346
	38	Datsun 510	Chuck Bissey	124.517	119.244	118.739	119.862	122.706	118.739
	13	Datsun 2000	Dave Krekel	154.670	134.992	129.704	126.535	DNS	126.535
SPU	91	Sprigit	Tye Zahm	117.603	108.709	105.705	DNS	DNS	105.705*
	99	Datsun 1200	Carl Somerton	129.454	115.100	113.462	110.681	107.290	107.290

Overall Winners: Queen of the Hill, Merlene Fletcher, 93.752 seconds *

King of the Hill, Charles Fletcher, 90.576 seconds *

Note: * is a new hill record !!!!!!!!!!!