

Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America -
Yellowstone Region 108

Meeting Minutes—May Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Chris Brewer on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at 6:20 p.m., in the GH&R Law Firm conference room.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was MS&P to accept without addition or correction the minutes of the April 2011 meeting as published in the May 2011 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Sec./Treas. J. Reuss announced the current bank balance and the ever-increasing cost of port-a-potties was discussed. It was agreed that competing vendors would be contacted to determine if the Region was overpaying. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Competition Chairman Randy Roberts reported that since MAEC was now charging nominal (\$10) dues, their members would technically be eligible for the "\$25 other Billings car clubs" discounted event rate. It was agreed that we would continue the practice and review same at the end of the season. MAEC members will need to present their membership cards.

New Business: Chief of Tech Dean Johnson suggested the (re)adoption of an annual tech inspection procedure. Dean also requested that the current entry forms be revised to show the new Snell ratings for helmets. The Board authorized Randy to purchase to new loaner helmets to replace the two that were taken out of service. Jay was asked to order 2011 helmet stickers and a 2011 Solo Rule book. It was MS&P to move up the starting time for meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:19 p.m.

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"80 Degrees"—by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

Although most of the floodwaters had receded from the Yellowstone Drag Strip grounds, the track's huge fiberglass septic tank reminded me of a German U-boat breaching on the old "Victory at Sea" documentary series on TV. (The tank had been nearly empty when the rains came, causing it to (literally) float out of the ground. The pit area had been underwater a week earlier, but only a few access roads had water on them. (Jake Roberts took much of the water home with him in his shoes.)

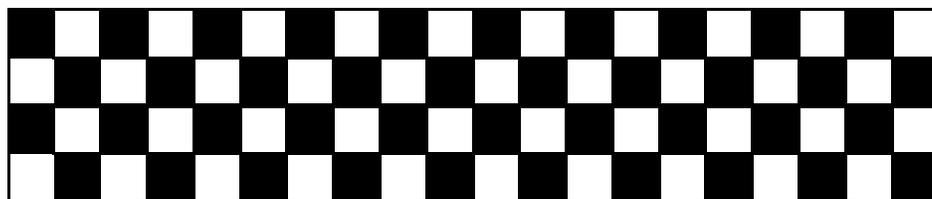
The weather was otherwise clear and slightly above 80 degrees—perfect for autocrossing. Seventeen drivers enjoyed a dozen runs each before we "folded the tent" a little after 3:00 p.m. R.J. Matthew's "Stormin' Subie" set FTD with Doug Hills' Road Rebel and Nels Jensen's Corolla close behind. Unfortunately, fuel delivery problems put Doug's kart on the trailer before lunch. Scott Cranston's recent trip to the Porsche Club's Drivers' Education event at Lewistown helped him propel his GT3 into 4th overall with Dean Johnson and

Randy Roberts nipping at his heels. John Small brought up his "other" Porsche 911 from Sheridan, WY. The race-prepare brute was a real crowd pleaser. The Chris Brewer—Max Dangerfield battle ended in a tie: 59.927 seconds for each! Kaitlin Reuss edged out Jim Arnett driving his latest A-Modified project known as "Kurt Scar." Barry Arnett co-drove the easy-to-rotate entry. It was also a real crowd pleaser! Brent Hergenraeder's S2000 edged out Dwight Gilliland's Lotus Elan, and James Reuss' Honda Civic slotted in behind them. Krissy Martin and Nick



Johnson (good to see you again, Nick!) rounded out the field. Riley Roberts made his first "official" appearance with his proud parents, Randy and Jo, and big brother, Jake.

We will be back out at the site at the end of July, so if you haven't raced there yet, make sure to attend. Next to MetraPark, it's one of the largest patches of asphalt in the area and load of fun!
J.



What's Brewin'? — From the RE



We have talked extensively for the last several years about how to attract new members. I have heard it said that perhaps SCCA's autocross arm is a dying sector. It is made up of older members obsessed with the minutiae of an extensive rule book. While that maybe partially true (the older members generally have more disposable income for our fabulous toys), I think there are plenty of the "youngsters" headed to our sport.

This got me thinking about who I am and why I love to play with cars. Let me start by saying that none of the other men in my family are "gearheads." Oh sure, my dad likes car shows, but that's about as far as it goes ("why would you want to change the exhaust system, the factory designed it just fine"). Fortunately I had a couple of uncles and a cousin to influence me. One of my uncles had a black "Baja Bug," the other a butternut '68 Camaro. However, the vehicle that made the greatest impression on me was my cousin's early 70's Triumph TR6. I remember him taking his son and me to baseball practice in that loud, smelly, and I hindsight, really rough old car. In my ten-year-old eyes, that was the greatest car I had ever seen. I didn't realize it at the time, but I believe it has influenced many of my auto purchases over the past few years.

My first exposure to autocross was probably sometime in the mid-eighties. My parents took us to a 4th of July festival in Springfield, Illinois. During part of the weekend, several streets around the Capital building were blocked off and the local region was holding a street solo. I don't remember a whole lot, but I recall a white Camaro with big tires and the old Skoal Bandit logo. It looked just like one of my treasured Hot Wheels cars. My young attention span didn't allow us to stay and very long, but the memory stayed.

I have long since graduated from Hotwheels to real cars, but the memories of those cars and people who drove them have lingered. Would I still be autocrossing with out those early influences? I can't truly say, but perhaps not. All I do know is that I get the biggest kick when I drive home and there is a random kid waving or trying to race me on his bike. Most times I let them win. I also try to make time for every youngster who is interested in my car and offer a ride if it is OK with mom and dad. I encourage you to think back to those people and vehicles that made you a "gearhead." Remember it isn't just your own kids who are influenced by your love of automobiles—pass it on.

C.B. (Sent from my iPhone)



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



The highlight of the recent event at Yellowstone Drag Strip was an unexpected visit from Joanne and Steve Gruver. Better yet was news that the Gruvers had moved back to Billings from Appleton, WI, and were house-hunting. It's hard to believe, but it has been nearly four years (8/07) since the long-time Region members left for "greener pastures." Joel reported that his son, Joel, has also moved back to Billings. (Steve shared that Joel sold his van and is driving a Mini Cooper—his second) Although the Gruvers have lived many places across the

US, Steve stated that he feels Montana is "home." Steve also stated that after he gets situated, he looks forward to becoming active with Region activities again. Welcome back, Gruvers!

We have a two-day event coming up on Fathers' Day weekend, so make sure you get your chores done on Friday night or Saturday morning for racing "under the lights" at GM Petroleum on Saturday night and/or on Sunday. Two events for the price of one! See ya there!

J.



2011 YRSCCA Solo Schedule	
Date	Location
April 17	Rimrock Auto
May 1	Food Service
May 29	Skyview H.S. (weather)
June 5	Yellowstone Drag
June 18-19	GM (Fathers' Day)
July 10	Skyview H.S.
July 31	Yellowstone Drag
Aug. 13	GM Petroleum
Aug. 28	Food Service
Sept. 4	Skyview H.S.
Sept. 25	Rimrock Auto

Monthly Region Meeting
June 7, 2011
GH&R Law Firm
 10 N. 27th Street
 Suite 100
6:00 p.m.

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Absaroka Region Porsche Club vista.pca.org/abs/index.html