

Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108
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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 7, 2013, at 6:04 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 2013 meeting as published in the May issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported the current checkbook balance and noted that all bills were current. A motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's report.

Old Business: Randy Roberts did not attend the meeting and none of the attendees knew whether Randy had met with the principal at Skyview or contact any of the other site owners. Chris reported that he had corrected the trainee safety stewards for 2012 events and that the updated information had been given to J. to put on the website. Chris also reported that he had inspected the timing trailer and it had survived the winter. Chris indicated that batteries were being charged for the upcoming first event of the season.

New Business: It was decided to purchase one 2013 rulebook rather than the usual two. It was also decided not to order helmet stickers.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:38 p.m.

Regional Officers:

- Regional Executive:**
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- Competition Chairman:**
Randy Roberts
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“Everybody in the Pool” - by the Roving Regional Reporter

The Region's first event for 2013 featured clear skies and the first 90-degree day of the year. The low turnout could probably be attributed to Mothers' Day, but the drivers that attended the event reaped the rewards of 12 runs followed by free fun runs.

The “high” point of the day was watching Steve Gruver's first experience with autocross “crack.” (Race tires with a tread wear rating of (a sticky) 40). They say a user can tell on his first high whether he

will be addicted. The jittering of Steve's hands after each run told the story! (Seeing Steve at the end of the day, I was reminded of Springsteen's 57 Channels” lyric—“I can see by your eyes friend that you're just about gone.”)

Dean Johnson and his MX-5 (on street tires) held FTD for one run, but Gruver smelled blood, leapt back into the number one spot and never looked back. 2012 Driver of the Year Brent Hergenraeder finished third overall followed

by R.E. Chris Brewer. Newcomer Shylor “the Shyster” Reay (pictured at right), placed 5th in his stealthy Mazdaspeed 3. Olin Harriger's Mazda 2 bested Tucker Stewart's recently-acquired 1996 Mazda Miata. However, Tucker showed promise in his first foray into RWD.

Another high point of the event was the return of the Region's good friend from K-Bear radio, Jackie Bell. Featured in the photo below, Jackie only needed a couple of runs to shake the dust off her Mitsubishi Eclipse.



What's Brewin'? — From the RE

Unless you have a graduate in the family, we are expecting you to attend the event this Sunday at Skyview H.S. With Memorial Day on Monday, make the event one of the highlights of your holiday weekend! Three weeks later, we have our first event for the season at Yellowstone Drag Strip. The "friendly confines" of YDS guarantee a great and fast event. For those of you who were not there last year, we now enjoy the luxury of indoor toilets courtesy of YDS. Just schedule an extra ten minutes for your

commute and enjoy the scenery as you cruise the last mile of Raceway Drive at 10 mph! On an unrelated note, SCCA has announced that they are commencing "phase two of the "participant data collection project." Phase two is the Solo program. Information from each participant will include Member ID number, full name, car class, address, car make/model, finish position and run times. We already collect most of this information, but be sure to fill out your entry forms clearly and completely. C.B



Randy's Ramblin's — From the Comp. Director

For those of you who haven't heard, Dwight Gilliland has sold the "Avenger II" and it's off to a good home in Texas. An ad in the classifieds of *Grassroots Motorsports* got the job done. Speaking of *GM*, the June 2013, issue features a tire test of "extreme performance street tires." The test excluded R-compounds or "track special" tires with treadwear ratings of less than 140. According, the test covered competition tires that can also get you to the event and back, even in the wet. The full article with its test pro-

cedures and other information warrants a careful read, but I will let you know that the BFGoodrich g-Force Rival took top honors from such excellent tires as the Toyo Proxes R1R and the Dunlap Direzza ZII. Testers indicated that the Rival excelled on both the test course and the skidpad. All three tires tested retail for a little more than \$100 each. With SCCA overhauling the stock category and proposing a move to "real" street tires like Street Touring and Road Tire classes, further research into tires like this is helpful.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

The former "\$300 Civic" has been delivered to the capable hands of ace Honda mechanic Dennis McCollough. In short order, Dennis had the D16 removed and was test fitting the new powerplant. By last report (Monday), Dennis has the engine bolted into place and was beginning to work on peripherals. The new engine is somewhat the "opposite" of the old—the intake is on the front of the engine and the exhaust is on the rear. Also, the old engine was to the driver's side with the transmis-

sion on the passenger's side. The reverse is true with the new engine. The battery is being moved to the back seat. Shifting the new six speed is accomplished through cables rather than rods. Clutch actuation will no longer be by cable, but will be by either a bell crank assembly or hydraulic. Wiring is still up on the air as is whether to utilize a wireless throttle or cable throttle. The fuel system also needs changing to a continuous flow system and the cooling system is another issue that needs research. J.



2013 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

Date	Location
May 12th	Rimrock Auto
May 26th	Skyview H.S.
June 16th	Yellowstone Drag
June 30th	Skyview H.S.
July 14th	Food Services
July 21st	T.B.A.
August 4th	Rimrock Auto
August 25th	Food Services
Sept. 2nd	Skyview H.S.
September 21st	Yellowstone Drag

Monthly Region Meeting
June 4, 2013
GH&R Law Firm
 175 N. 27th Street
 Suite 903
6:00 p.m.

Websites

Yellowstone Region 108 (Billings)
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Montana Region (Great Falls)
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Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club
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Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)
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Absaroka Region Porsche Club
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