

# Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108  
<http://yellowstonescca.com>

## Meeting Minutes—June Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Chris Brewer on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at 6:06 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 May 2014 meeting as published in the May 2014 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported the current checkbook balance and noted that all bills have been paid. It was also noted that both of the events to date were profitable and that the return to the two-tier fee arrangement (\$25 members and \$35 non-members) is working well.

Old Business: Steve Gruver was not in attendance so it was not known if he had submitted his Safety Steward application or not. Randy Roberts was also not in attendance so he was not able to provide an update on the new site or the adjustment of Skyview dates because of the school being used for church services on a temporary basis.

New Business: Chris reported that Yellowstone Drag Strip is a "go" for June 15<sup>th</sup> (Fathers' Day). However, because of an event taking place at the site on Saturday, the course cannot be set until Sunday morning. The Region received word for Kristi Gilliland that a BBQ will be held on June 13, 2014, at Two Moon Park in Billings in memory of Dwight Gilliland. An announcement will be sent with the June *Fast Times*.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

## Regional Officers:

### Regional Executive:

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### Competition Chairman:

Randy Roberts  
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### Secretary/Treasurer:

J. Reuss  
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### Member-at-Large:

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## Memorial Day at Skyview- by the Roving Regional Reporter

Chief of Timing, **Dean Johnson**, got his revenge at the Skyview event on Memorial Day. (See photo on top of page 2.) Two ringers from Bozeman, **Jon McTaggart** and **Jonathan Mudge**, rained on Dean's parade at the season opener at FSA. **Chris Brewer** also squeezed ahead of the 4th place Johnson at FSA. Most comfortable at the top of "Raw Time Results" list, Johnson, "beat all comers" at Skyview by 1.687 seconds!. It was (almost) a fair fight. McTaggart and Mudge were also in

attendance at Skyview, but McTaggart left his blue STI in Bozeman and co-drove Mudge's WRX. **James Jong**, also from Bozeman, drove his 1993 FSP Civic to 4th place overall. New Region member, **Orry Boettger**, placed 6th overall in his Focus ST, followed by **Tucker Stewart** and **Woody Jensen**. Long-time friend of the Region, **Reese Newman**, placed 9th driving Mark Francis' Mustang Cobra. In only the second time out with his Miata, **Joel Gruver** placed 10th just ahead of

**Mark Francis**. Joel likely would have placed higher, but his roadster retired early with a loose brake caliper. On the ladies' side, Reese bested the field with her borrowed hot rod. **Jackie Bell** and her Eclipse followed Reese. **Pat Reuss**, **Amy Lamparelli** and **Lucy Normandy** finished out the field. **Aaron Dowell** and his SM Ford Pinto wagon—always a crown pleaser—struggled with mechanical issues. Even though he was only able to make a few runs, **Garrett Dressler** looked good in his Boss 302.



## What's Brewin'? — From the RE



**Kristi Gilliland** has informed the Region that there will be a BBQ in memory of **Dwight Gilliland** on Friday, June 13th, at 6:30 p.m., at Two Moon Park in Billings. (See the flyer attached to this issue of *Fast Times*.) Two Moon Park lies between the Heights and the Yellowstone River. It is easiest to access the park through its south entrance where Bench Boulevard turns northward behind Target and MetraPark.

2014 is already looking good from the membership perspective. **Woody Jensen**

joined the Region over the winter. **Mark Francis** and **Orry Boetter** also recently joined. In the "good news department," member **Olin Harriger** reported that the Skyview event that he was not moving to Oregon after all and that he planned staying in Billings for the foreseeable future, Olin debuted his beautiful black 1978 Datsun 280X. (See photo at middle right.) The Region also sends out a big welcome to father-son newcomers, **Tom** (2004 Pontiac GTO) and **Todd Litton** (1997 Maxda MX-5).



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



Many drivers make modifications to their cars over the winter and discover at their first tech inspection that their car classification has changed. Under SCCA rules, car classification is the responsibility of the **driver**. (4.6 National Solo Rules) The first place to check car classifications is the Region's website. There is a link in the "Wanna Race?" article on the homepage "...to determine your car's class, click [here](#)." You will be routed to a page that contains information about classing and

links to the Solo Rules. If you get stuck, feel free to contact a board member on the [Con-tacts](#) page or ask an official at an event. If all else fails, there are experts available at SCCA to answer the really tough questions. Even if your modification does not change your classification, reviewing the Solo rules from time to time is a good way to plan future modifications to make your car more competitive. On the flip side, knowing the rules might help you avoid a modification that puts you in a class where you are not competitive.



## The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



Chief of Timing, **Dean Johnson**, reports that recent computer problems have been ironed out and timing operations continue to improve. In all fairness, it should be noted that the problem was not with the *Axware Systems* software itself, but with how the Chief of Registration (yours truly) had been initiating the networking function. At the next event, plans are in place to computerize heat assignments to further streamline timing and work assignments. On the home front, a major hurdle was crossed in

the "\$300 Civic" project by replacing the ECU with a new Hondata programmable unit. The immobilizer, throttle body, wiring, and shifter problems we were experiencing now seem to be solvable. The latest word from Dennis is that "things are coming together, some hard days [are] ahead to make sure all is in and working, then it's off to the races." In the "bad news department," "Old Yaller," my two-door Chevy, decided it need a new 5th gear. *Fichtner* reports that I should be ready for Spearfish in July.



### 2014 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

Date	Location
May 11th	Food Services
May 25th	Skyview H.S.
<b>June 15th</b>	<b>Yellowstone Drag</b>
June 22nd	Food Services
July 6th	Skyview H.S.
July 27th	Yellowstone Drag
August 10th	TBA
August 31st	Skyview H.S.
Sept. 14th	Food Services
September 28th	TBA

**Monthly Region Meeting**  
**July 1, 2014**  
**GH&R Law Firm**  
 175 N. 27th Street  
 Suite 903  
**6:00 p.m.**

### Websites

- Yellowstone Region 108 (Billings)  
yellowstonescca.com
- Southwest Montana Region (Bozeman)  
swmtscca.com
- Montana Region (Great Falls)  
mtscca.com
- Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club  
eirscca.com
- Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)  
bigskyregion.org
- Absaroka Region Porsche Club  
abs.pca.org
- Maui SCCA  
mauiscca.net