

# 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 Sunday, June 6, 2015, at 6:53 a.m., at the Montana Jack's restaurant in Billings Heights.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was MS&P to accept without addition or correction the minutes of the May 2015 meeting as published in the May 2015 issue of *Fast Times*.

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

Old Business: A discussion was held regarding the "Revvin' the Rims" Big Sky Corvette Meet autocross that was held on May 24, 2015. The rain prevented the course from being marked and numbers from being placed on windshields. However, 28 cars registered and 26 were timed. All cars had finished their runs when the skies opened up shortly after noon.

It was also reported that there were problems with the mast supporting the timing display at the Corvette autocross, but it was later determined that the supporting strap was installed improperly.

New Business: The addition of three new members to the Region was noted. The Region's contact at Food Services of America indicates that the resealing of the lot has been completed and that things are a "go" for the event scheduled there on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 a.m.

## Regional Officers:

### Regional Executive:

**Chris Brewer**

[region-exec@yellowstonescca.com](mailto:region-exec@yellowstonescca.com)

### Competition Chairman:

**Tucker Stewart**

[comp-chair@yellowstonescca.com](mailto:comp-chair@yellowstonescca.com)

### Secretary/Treasurer:

**J. Reuss**

[sec-treas@yellowstonescca.com](mailto:sec-treas@yellowstonescca.com)

### Member-at-Large:

**Steve Gruver**

[member-at-large@yellowstonescca.com](mailto:member-at-large@yellowstonescca.com)

## Car Wars at Skyview High School - by the Roving Regional Reporter

The Skyview event on June 7th turned into a classic battle between "American muscle" and the imports. In the "American muscle" corner were a C7 Z06 Corvette, a GT 500 Shelby, a Saleen Mustang, and a ZL1 Camaro. In the import corner were a smattering of Miatas, a VW Golf R, 350 and 370 Nissans, a Subaru BRZ, and a Triumph Spitfire. (In no particular corner was **Ben Caudill's** 2002 Dodge Intrepid) Everyone fought hard, but **John Bonner's** beautiful C7 Z06 (with brother **Luke Bonner** at the wheel)

came out on top. **Dean Johnson** and **Tucker Stewart** placed second and third overall in their Miatas and **John Bonner** finished fourth in his Z06. A usual front runner, **Chris Brewer**, finished 5th in his "Papa Smurf" Miata followed by **Orry Boettger** in his VW Golf R and **Steve Gruver** in his C4 Corvette. Rounding out the top ten were newcomer **Nate Saylor** in his ZL1 Camaro and **Jarek Peila** in his Subaru BRZ. The 2-lap course was quite long as relected by Bonner's FTD of 70.671 seconds.

However, despite the 10:00 a.m. start, almost everyone took 8 runs by then end of the day. At the top of the PAX results were **Orry Boettger**, **Tucker Stewart**, **Chris Brewer**, and **Luke Bonner**. The quote of the day came from member **Jerod Staebler** after posting his best run of the day: "It sure is different when you're driving your own car!" Jerod's last run revealed real potential in that beautiful black Camaro. (It was later learned that **Ben Caudill's** Intrepid has likely run its last race.)



## What's Brewin'? — From the Regional Executive



I am pleased to report that the Region has recently acquired three new members: **Dester Thiel** of Sidney, **Chuck Spoonheim** of Billings, and **Orry Boettger**, also of Billings. Chuck is a Corvette driver. Orry has raced with us for a few years and recently replaced his Ford Focus ST with a VW Golf R. (See photo at middle right.) We do not yet know what Dester drives. The Region was recently advised by the Divisional Solo Safety Steward, **Cal Craner**, that two (2) Solo Safety Steward instructors is

now the preferred choice. If anyone is interested in helping out the Region by serving as a SSS or SSS instructor, contact one of the Regional officers for more information. On a completely unrelated note, Member-at-Large Steve Gruver reported at the last monthly meeting that he is retiring from the workforce at the end of June. Other than pestering his wife, Joanne, on a more frequent basis, he has not otherwise reported how he intends to spend his leisure time. (How does Steve Gruver, R.E. sound?)



## Race Notes — From the Competition Chair



Chief of Timing, **Dean Johnson**, and I attended the Montana Challenge Race #1 in Helena on Memorial Day weekend. Saturday was rainy, but Sunday's weather was picture perfect. The Montana Region (Great Falls) hosted the event. 61 drivers were timed on Saturday and 55 on Sunday. Dean placed 31st overall on Saturday while I placed 35th. On Sunday, I was 31st and Dean was 32nd. We won our respective classes both days—Dean in C Street Prepared and I in Street Touring S. I am not

sure if it was prompted by my besting Dean in Helena, but Dean reports that he is resurrecting his modified car. Dean's modified car has not seen a race course in quite a few years, but to whet your interest, I can report that it is rotary powered and features a **wood body!** At the Skyview event, Safety Steward **J. Reuss** attempted to coax a photo of the hot rod from Dean, but ultimately conceded that would not be possible. Dean's not-so-smartphone did not have a camera. All I can say is "stay tuned."



## The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



Inclement weather on Memorial Day weekend was no match for nearly 30 Corvette drivers who braved the elements at the "Revvin' the Rims" Big Sky Corvette Meet autocross. Rain prevented the course from being chalked and registration took place inside the timing trailer, however, the rains stopped just before 9:00 a.m. and held off until the last run was completed. Fast-time-of-the-day (FTD) for the men went to **Tim Cox** of Bothel, WA, in his C5 Z06. FTD for the ladies went to **Elizabeth Wing Spooner**

of Butte, USA, in her 1995 C4. Friend of the Region, **Gordy Gollehon**, took top honors in the modified class in his red C4 (see masthead above). **Duane Markuson** from Whitefish, MT, had no problems on the wet course with his beautiful 1963 split-window coupe. Member-at-Large **Steve Gruver** set the course and served as Event Chairperson (since he can talk "Corvette"). In the event you are interested, Steve's post-event run—in the pouring rain—was the "unofficial" fast time of the day!



### 2015 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

Date	Location
April 26th	Food Services
May 17th	Cancelled
May 24th	Rimroek Truck
June 7th	Skyview H.S.
June 28th	Food Services
July 12th	Skyview H.S.
August 9th	Yellowstone Drag
August 23rd	Skyview H.S.
Sept. 13th	Food Services

**Monthly Region Meeting**  
**June 28, 2015**  
**Breakfast meeting prior to FSAIL event.**  
**Location and time TBA.**

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