

Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108
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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 5, 2012, at 6:05 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 2012 meeting as published in the June issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported the current checkbook balance and noted that no bills were outstanding. A motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Steve Gruver worked as the SSS Trainee at FSA I. Jay has not purchased a solar-powered trickle charger yet.

New Business: Chris announced that Dean Johnson and R.J. Matthews will be in charge of the course at YDS. Randy Roberts will do tech inspection. The possible loss of Doug Hills and Chief of Timing was discussed. A discussion was held regarding food and water at YDS. Dean announced that June 17th was his birthday. It was agreed that after YDS, the timing trailer should be taken to Randy Roberts' shop so it will be closer to the next event at Skyview. It was also noted that Randy was intending to meet with the new principal at Skyview High School.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Regional Officers:

Regional Executive:

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Hot Fun in the Summertime - by the Roving Regional Reporter

The new owner of the Yellowstone Drag Strip welcomed the Region back to his facility on Father's Day. 21 drivers enjoyed 9 runs each on a day that was noted more for the wind than high temps. (The wind kept knocking cones down, so that's the way they stayed!) R.J. Matthews took top-time-of-day honors—undoubtedly helped by his new "skins," but the clear crowd favorite was Jake Roberts' debut in his junior kart. Lacking tire warmers like Matthews, Doug Hills couldn't keep the heat in his

tires, so he trailered his kart early in the day. Matt Walsh's beautiful Fiat X-1/9 placed third overall followed by Dean Johnson (also on a new set of "skins"), Max Dangerfield (on huge rubber), and J. Reuss (on skinny all-seasons). Also, in an ultimate Fathers' Day insult, Joel Gruver and his Mini Clubman beat dad Steve Gruver in his C4 Corvette. (However, Joel did pay Steve's entry fee!) Blistering heat and the 4th of July holiday kept numbers down at Skyview High School on July 1st. Dean Johnson best-

ed the field in his soon-to-be-repaired Mazda MX-5. (A "close encounter" with a deer.) Chris Brewer and his Mini placed second and Brent Hergenraeder was third in his Honda S2000. Steve Gruver and his Corvette finished 4th and was followed by Ryan Zahn in his beautiful black Acura. Konrad Czezel finished 6th in his latest creation—another Dodge Neon. Dan Holcomb from New Mexico brought his fast 2-door Impreza all the way from Gillette, WY, and Olin Harriger in a Mazda 2 proved that he is a quick study.



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What's Brewin'? — From the RE



I have two items of great news this month! The first item that the Region has increased by six new members so far this season! I will leave it to our treasurer to do the math, but six new members for our tiny Region is huge! The newcomers are: Jesse Kinder, Olin Harriger, Joel Gruver, Jesse Hardy, Max Dangerfield, and Tucker Stewart. Please make a point to introduce yourself to each of these gentleman at an upcoming event and make them feel at home. The second item is just as jaw-dropping! The

Region is the recipient of a large, unrestricted, cash donation from the Billings Motorsports Park Foundation. The Foundation indicates that it has evolved from building a motorsports park facility to the promotion and improvement of motorsports in the Billings area. The Foundation indicated that it hoped that we would use the funds to promote and develop our sport. We plan to discuss possible capital improvement projects at future meetings. To all the members and participants, thanks!



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



If you haven't looked at the website since the YDS event, make a point to do so. Featured on the masthead is my son, Jake Roberts, participating at his first SCCA event in a kart that we purchased from another Jake who cut his karting teeth with the Region—Jake Brown. Jake Robert just turned 8 years old. (If the shirt I was wearing would have had buttons, I would have burst every one of them—I was so proud!) I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the course workers who worked hard to point Jake in

the right direction—literally! As you might guess, Jake had a fantastic time and is looking forward to the next event.

On an unrelated note, at the YDS event, we tried staging the cars for each heat in a fashion similar to the events at Helena. This eliminates the difficult task of taking tire temperatures and making other adjustments while continually moving your car forward in the line back to the start. It looks like this arrangement will be a huge improvement.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



I recently bumped into former Region Sec./Treasurer and Dick Hager Memorial Spirit of the Sport recipient (1999), Randy Devitt. (Randy is the former owner of Randy Robert's orange Scirocco.) Randy was also newsletter editor from 1999-2000. Randy noted our collection of old newsletters on the website and offered copies of those prepared during his tenure. The copies have been scanned and uploaded. Check the newly-located editions starting in the middle of 1999 and continuing until through the summer of 2000. I was recently in Las Vegas and ran across an activity

that you might want to include in your next trip to Sin City. It is called Exotics Racing and it is located at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Visit exoticsracing.com for the details, but basically they offer lapping sessions on a 1.3-mile road course in top-of-the-line exotics. An instructor rides along, but there are no speed limits. The top car, a Lamborghini Aventador costs \$499 for 5 laps. At the low end, a Porsche Carrera S or Corvette Grand Sport costs \$199 for 5 laps. There are 14 cars all told—Lambos, Ferraris, Porsche Turbos, Aston Martins, Nissan GT-Rs, and Audi R8 V10. Nice!



2012 YRSCCA Solo Schedule	
Date	Location
May 6	Rimrock Auto
May 27	S.V.H.S. (cancelled)
June 3	Food Service
June 17	Yellowstone Drag
July 1	Skyview H.S.
July 15	Yellowstone Drag
August 12	Food Service
Sept. 2	Skyview H.S.
Sept. 23	Rimrock Auto

Monthly Region Meeting
August 7, 2012
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
eirscca.com
Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)
bigskyregion.org
Absaroka Region Porsche Club
vista.pca.org/abs/index.html