

# Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108  
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## Meeting Minutes—July Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Chris Brewer on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at 6:03 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 June 2014 meeting as published in the June issue of *Fast Times*.

**Treasurer's Report:** Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported the current checkbook balance and also noted that despite the low attendance at the Armory event, the Region broke even. A motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Old Business:** Steve Gruver was present and reported that he was sending in his SSS application. The Region offered to buy a stamp for mailing, but Steve said he would get a stamp from Joanne. The Skyview event on July 6<sup>th</sup> was cancelled because the school was being used for church services on that date. Steve said a member of the congregation told him the church will discontinue services at Skyview in late July.

**New Business:** A trailer tire developed another leak, with trailer tire problems likely related to the spare being removed from the trailer for refinishing by Randy Roberts. J. and Dean Johnson are looking into a problem with the on-off switch on one of the timing lights, and recent problems with the inverter were also discussed. J. will survey of the power requirements for the equipment in the trailer and report back.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.

## Regional Officers:

### Regional Executive:

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## Yellowstone Drag Strip 2014 Edition—by the Roving Regional Reporter

Participants from the previous day's drifting event, "Sideways Saturday," were still in their tents when the Region arrived at the Yellowstone Drag Strip—Fathers' Day Edition. Several fathers and sons were in attendance including **Nels Jensen** who dutifully assisted his father, **Woody**, in bolting on slicks. Note in the photo below, although the drifters laid down quite a bit of rubber, **Steve Gruver's** (patented?) course marker laid down an easy to follow (and fast) course. Per-

haps buoyed by his intimate knowledge of the course, Steve's long-legged Corvette took FTD honors. **Randy Roberts** in his CRX, **Dean Johnson** in his MX-5 and **Nels Jensen** in his dad's CRX placed 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Proving just how good a driver she is, **Jackie Bell** placed 4th overall in the PAX time results. Way to go Jackie! **Krissy Roberts** co-drove Randy's CRX after a long layoff and placed solidly mid-field. **Mark Francis** was somewhat flummoxed when he learned the Ford Fusion he

entered was not the turbo version he recently drove and thought would be a sleeper at the drag strip event. **Joel Gruver** is working the bugs out of his Miata and beginning to show consistent results. By the end of the day, everyone had taken at least a dozen runs after an early glitch with the timer was resolved and we were able to run more than on car on the course at a time. Participants reported a significant improvement in the pace of the event with the multiple-car arrangement.



## What's Brewin'? — From the RE



It was a shame to cancel the June 6th event, but the folks at Skyview have been very good to the Region (since the 80's), so we can't really complain. Speaking of event sites, the inaugural event at the U.S. Armed Services Reserve Center showed real potential. Driver numbers were down—likely from being only one week after YDS—but the 9 entrants (including **Ryan Zahn** at right) thoroughly enjoyed the venue. More of the lot became available at noon, so we expanded the course and ran the afternoon

session as an additional event. In the morning event, I had fast time of day in the Miata. **Steve Gruver** was right behind me in his Corvette. In the afternoon session, the larger course gave Steve the advantage and we reversed positions. In the morning, **Jim Coons, Joel Gruver, and Ryan Zahn** placed 3, 4, and 5. In the afternoon it was **Coons, Zahn and James Reuss** in those positions. We are heading to Bozeman for their event on July 12th. Make plans to join the caravan ,but pack a lunch!. C.B



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



Number one son **Jake Roberts** "tore up the track" at the YDS event. It is amazing what an additional year does to a young racer like Jake. When Jake first started, navigating the course was the #1 priority; at the YDS event, the #1 priority was finding more speed and lowering his times. (The boy made his dad really proud on Fathers' Day!) The only downside is that it probably won't be long before Jake wants to trade his "Track Magic" kart for a shifter kart. I guess I can push that off until **Reilly** is big

enough to drive "Old #7." In one of the best autocross battles in recent memory, **Nels Jensen** bested his dad, **Woody Jensen**, at YDS by 0.415 seconds. Driving the same car is the only way to match driver against driver and that is exactly what father and son did by driving dad's car. Nels introduced his dad to the sport a few years ago and Woody has made remarkable progress. Nels has been taking time off from autocross while he tends to a new home, a new child, and a new engine in his Toyota. R.R.



## The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



I recently stopped at **Mini Motors** to see how **Dennis McCollough** was doing on the "\$300 Civic." Dennis met me at the door and asked if I had a "strong stomach." The picture at right shows what needs to be disassembled to remove the pedal assembly in a '89 Civic. The original plan was to do a cable to hydraulic clutch conversion, but Dennis decided it would be better to go full hydraulic. Despite the mess, good progress is being made in other areas. **Ryan Zahn** fabricated a flange to adapt the manu-

al throttle body to the intake and the correct pulley assembly was finally sourced. The new radiator and fluids are in. One connector needs to be repinned to match up with the Hasport conversion harness and it will be time to fire up the engine before the car moves to another shop for header adjustments and exhaust installation. Final engine tuning will follow. The only thing we will need after that is a "high-rise" hood to fit over the tall K24 twin-cam. If you know a good fiberglass man, give me a call. J.



### 2014 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

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

**Monthly Region Meeting**  
**August 5, 2014**  
**J & Pat's 37th anniversary**  
**GH&R Law Firm**  
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