

Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108
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Meeting Minutes—(No Meeting in July)



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FSA II (2015 Version)- by the Roving Regional Reporter

While weather and competition were "hot" at the June 28th event at Food Services of America, everyone in attendance agreed that it was a "cool" event. **John Bonner** and his beautiful Z06 proved that the supercharged rocket could more than handle the tight confines of FSA. Newcomer **David Greenfield** from the Flathead area also bested all the regulars in his new Mitsubishi Evolution. "The Three (Mazda) Amigos," **Dean Johnson**, **Chris Brewer**, and **Tucker Stewart**, finished

3-4-5, followed by the American muscle of **Steve Gruver** (Corvette), **Riley Kelly** (Shelby), and **Jerod Staebler** (Camaro). **James Reuss** (350Z) and **Joel Gruver** (Miata) finished off the top-10. Notable performances were turned in by **Dean Herrboldt** of Spearfish, SD (Mustang), **Luke Bonner** (Camaro—he has apparently been banished from driving his brother's Z06!) and **Ryan Zahn** (home from MSU in his Acura). **Kendra Branch** drove her first event ever and looked like an

old pro—well not actually "old." **Rachel Sitzman** also drove her first event and really classed up things with her Class C Mercedes! Also notable was **Tyler Cook's** AWD 2015 Ford Taurus SHO. On the PAX side of things, "The Three Amigos" proved that they were driving the wheels off those Miatas. In fourth place was **James Reuss** in his 350Z followed by **John Bonner**, **Steve Gruver**, and **Luke Bonner**. Ten runs were had by (most) all before we finished.



What's Brewin'? — From the Regional Executive



Just past mid-way through the 2015 auto-cross season, I am pleased to report that attendance has been good and the Region has operated profitably. Two aspects are particularly notable: First is the friendly atmosphere among the competitors and spectators. There have been quite a few drivers at events whom we haven't seen for a while as well as many first timers. However, everyone is having a good time is eager to extend a hand of friendship and camaraderie. The second aspect I have noted is

how smoothly events are being set up, operated, and shut down. There will always be glitches with timing and other "niggles," but otherwise everyone has been pitching in when work needs to be done. The result is a very professional Regional "product" which I believe all participants enjoy. Other officers and I have been recipients of repeated "thank-yous," "atta-boys," and "great events." I think the Region is doing a great job and everyone deserves to be commended. Keep it up! C. B.



Race Notes — From the Competition Chair



"MYT 13B" has arisen from the ashes! No, the wood body that Chief of Timing **Dean Johnson** originally promised did not catch on fire, but his tube-framed, E-Modified, turbocharged, rotary-engine racer is being brought back to life. Dean decided not to go the "traditional" wood body route, opting instead for a funny-car style, one-piece, flip-top, RX-7 body. Dean has made quite a few modifications to the car including lengthening the wheel base, and moving the engine back. The front of the engine is now in line

with the firewall of the RX-7 body. It doesn't look like Dean will be offering any ride-alongs-unless he installs a rumble seat! **Ben Caudill** also reports good progress on his MG V-6 swap and says that "the car has moved under its own power, but the cooling system won't hold pressure." A radiator shop believes something is wrong with the filler neck. The power brake booster has a vacuum leak, but after that problem is solved, Ben believes the car should be ready to race. T.S.

The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



In the May issue of Fast Times, I included some trivia regarding Jim Clark's rookie test in 1962 at Indianapolis. Friend of the Region **Bill Oakey** noted that Jack Brabham was at Indy in his Cooper in 1961 and finished 9th with a 2.7-liter Coventry-Climax (a bored-out 2.5-liter). 2.7 liters equates to approximately 162 cu. inches when the Offys were running 270 cu. inches. Brabham would have likely finished higher, but the Cooper had 5-bolt wheels rather than knockoffs like everyone else and his pit

stops were excruciatingly slow. My dad took the picture at right of Brabham's car in the 60's when he visited the Indianapolis Motor Speedway museum. The mystery regarding Civic bumper fitment problems might have been solved. Reviewing photos from 2004 when the \$300 Civic was being resurrected, it appears that a CRX front end was grafted onto the car. (Yes, the fenders and supporting bits are different!) A (hopefully) correct bumper arrived this week, so the finish line appears near(er)! J.

2015 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

Date	Location
April 26th	Food Services
May 17th	Cancelled
May 24th	Rimrook 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	T.B.A.

Monthly Region Meeting
August 9, 2015
Breakfast meeting prior to YDS event.
Location and time TBA.

- 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