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Meeting Minutes: Yellowstone Region 108 - July Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Scott Cranston on July 2, 2008, at 6:30 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 2008 meeting as published in the July 2008 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Acting Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported that the current balance of the club's checking account was approximately \$4,733.36. Reuss reported that there is one bill due to BCS and audit fees are due for the YDS event. Cranston requested reimbursement for printing charges and for glass markers (shoe polish). A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: The "Solo Drivers Meeting Checklist" from the SCCA will be revised by J. to make is more user friendly while not overlooking any of the requirements. PAX/RTP Indexing of times was included in the YDS results. The comments so far have been favorable. The next step will be the implementation of a point system. It was announced in the July issue of *Fast Times* that future issues will be primarily distributed by e-mail. J. will be mailing post cards to all persons currently on the *Fast Times* mailing list to solicit either e-mail addresses or a specific request to send a hard copy (which will not be encouraged, but granted nonetheless). Cranston reported that he had ordered minor spectator releases and wristbands. J. presented a dues summary spreadsheet he prepared and agreed to order new membership forms from SCCA. J. is cleaning out the records he obtained from the former Secretary/Treasurer and Katie will be cleaning out the various membership and other materials stored in the timing trailer.

New Business: Cranston moved that the signature card maintained by Western Security Bank for the club checking account be revised to add J. Reuss and Chris Brewer as signatories and to delete Kurt Schulz and Mark Richlen as signatories. Scott Cranston shall remain a signatory. Chris Brewer seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed. It was agreed that the timing trailer is overrun with junk and needs to be cleaned out. After the clean up occurs, an effort will be undertaken to replace the wiring for the timing system with a more permanent arrangement. Mark Brown will be consulted in this regard. Chris and J. also agreed to look into updating the timing software and peripher als.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:15 p.m.

"Acting Out" in Acton

On Sunday, August 3th, the Region headed up to Acton for the 7th event of the season. Although the turnout was lackluster with only 12 drivers, those in attendance reaped the rewards in extra runs. Everyone got 11 runs, plus buck runs at the end. Chris was out of town, so Jerod and J. set a long and fast course.

We worried the day would be "Mini-less," but when we "looked to the horizon" we spotted Riley and Jenny Cooke approaching to join us. Jenny received her learner's permit just 3 days before the event and learned to drive a stick shift the proper way—at speed! Jenny's dad, Riley, showed some real speed for only his second event ever!

Reese's Audi lost some front-end parts during a pre-event latte run, so Randy Roberts allowed her to drive his Fire-

bird. (Check the results online for how that turned out!) (Randy claimed he par-tied a bit too hard the previous evening while celebrating his birthday.

As the course warmed up, times kept getting better and better. Sheree Summer zoomed around the course in her Subaru Forester with her niece Lizzie from Texas. Mark "Pylon" had some serious issues with many of the cones marking the course. On a few of his runs, the cone count was so high we needed to invoke the "mercy rule."

Konrad Czezel. and my brother were thoroughly entertained by chasing each others' times. (James finally won by .58 seconds.)

The course was long and only one car broke the one-minute mark. Jerod Staebler ruled the

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scoreboard. (Just ask him, he'll be glad to tell you all about it!) Scott nipped at Jerod's "heels" all day until the fuel starvation problem that has been plaguing the "Stang" ended the day for two. (Scott and Jerod took an unscheduled trip back to Billings to retrieve a trailer to haul the car back.)

My dad drove the Z06, but was unable to catch the "Stang." (He kept mumbling something about using his race-tire money to pay my college tuition.)

The weather was perfect and the mosquitoes that plagued us during the last YDS event were nowhere to be found. All in all, a great day Kaitlin

Cranston's Corner — From the RE

(Scott is currently on his way to the Summer Olympic Games in China and sent the contents of this month's column via Blackberry.)

Jerod and I have been having fits attempting to solve a problem with the "Stang." While it was originally thought that the problem was fuel related, J. diagnosed the problem accurately as an electrical problem. Thanks, J. Anyway, I have been thinking of selling the "Stang" and buying something like a Mini or a Corvette. If anyone knows someone who is interested in a beautiful Mustang GT that has only been driven on Sundays, give me a call.

Speaking of cars, Jerod seems to be going over to the "dark side." Specifically, he recently purchased a Honda CRX and has been studying J.'s Civic for "ideas." Go figger. SC

What's Brewin'? — From the Comp. Chair

I have been looking into updating our timing system and peripherals. After a bit of research, I have pretty much decided that the "Accucros" software still "fits the bill," but we need to upgrade the program and replace the laptop and printer. For those not familiar with the timing system, it is a "DOS-based" system. (You may remember DOS-based computers from the pre-Windows era.) Although DOS programs have certain significant benefits, they also have some draw-

backs. One of those drawbacks is getting peripherals (printers, etc.) to work. Anyway, we will be discussing this issue again at the next meeting and provide a full report soon. A number of people have been trained on the software during the past few events and that is a good thing. CB

The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

The PAX/RTP system is continuing to provide some interesting results as well as "food for thought." Case(s) in point: The first example would be Robert Godbey's performance in his Miata at GM Petroleum. PAX timing pushed him to first place in front of the teal "Stang" and Dwight's Aven-ger. At the Skyview event, everyone in attendance could attest to Jacob Butt driving the wheels off his beautiful EVO and Mike Moore doing the same with his "Little White Wagon." The PAX results rewarded their ef-

forts by making Jacob fastest overall and placing Mike 4th overall. Last, at YDS, PAX timing allowed Konrad's Neon to jump from 5th overall to second behind Jerod. Anyone who watched these performances would agree that the drivers were clearly "up on the wheel. The purpose of PAX is to equalize the vehicles and reward the driver. Other than the issue of treaded tires v. slicks, PAX clearly shows promise after these early experiments. J.

2008 YRSCCA Solo Schedule	
April 20	GM Petroleum (cancelled)
May 4	Food Service of America
May 24-25	Lewistown (with PCA)
June 8	Food Service of America
June 22	Yellowstone Drag Strip
July 6	GM Petroleum
July 27	Skyview High School
August 3	Yellowstone Drag Strip
August 24	Food Service of America
September 13-14	Lewistown (with PCA)
September 21	GM Petroleum

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Monthly Region Meeting
August 6, 2008
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 6:30 p.m.

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Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)
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Northwest Hill Climb Association
www.mbahillclimb.org/

From the Webmaster

After giving the matter some (more) thought, I have decided to post stories about events primarily in the newsletter to give people an incentive to read same. Moving the newsletter online had one unexpected side effect—the approximately 3" of extra space below that formerly was needed for mailing labels, postage and the return address. I don't have time to fill it up this month, but will do my best next month. The only thing I worry about us how to fill that extra space during the cold winter months. Well, I guess I can always insert some photos of Santa Claus.

