

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 Scott Cranston on July 7, 2010, at 6:20 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 2010 meeting as published in the June 2010 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Sec./Treas. J. Reuss announced the current bank balance and reported that all bills were current. J. also reported that he had received written verification from the MDOR of the Region's non-profit status and was awaiting confirmation from the IRS. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Scott reported that he had permission from GM Petroleum to park the timing trailer on their lot, but there were no power outlets available to operate the trickle charger. All in attendance reported no new leads for new venues. It was noted that Yellowstone Drag Strip had been opened for a few events, but was now shut down again.

New Business: A discussion was held regarding the property damage incident at Rimrock Auto. I was agreed that course workers would be monitored closely to make sure they are paying attention. At the suggestions of Randy Roberts, it was agreed to implement a "first-timer's" rate of \$20 for a non-member's entry fee to their first event for the year. Randy offered to get the word out on the Subaru and Honda forums. Randy also suggested that we waive the Region's portion of the SCCA annual dues costs to encourage new members. Jay agreed to put together some break-even numbers to evaluate entry fee price points

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:09 p.m.

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Skyview II- by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

On July 11th, 18 entrants enjoyed 10 runs each "up on the hill." Nels Jensen took fast-time-of-day honors with Dave Marble a full half-second behind. Dean Johnson, Randy Roberts and Doug Hills rounded out the top five. (Doug's clean Subaru is featured in the photo on the right.)

Jackie Bell placed first in both Stock Ladies and PAX Fast Time of Day. Way to go, Jackie! Jackie is really dialing in her Eclipse, although the Torino is dearly missed. Jackie's "student," Andrew Ruhbeck, put in a good

performance with his Pontiac Sunfire, but couldn't quite catch Gordon Dewey's 400hp GTO in F Stock. Bryon Grummett brought out a red C4 Corvette that was formerly campaigned by his dad in Region events and at Lewistown. Byron reported that participating brought back many good memories of racing with his father.

Gordon Dewey and daughter Carissa clearly had fun at their first father-daughter event. Gordon had autocrossed in the past, but this was Carissa's first

event ever. Gordon pleased the crowd by chasing away all the mosquitoes with the smoke off the tires of his GTO!

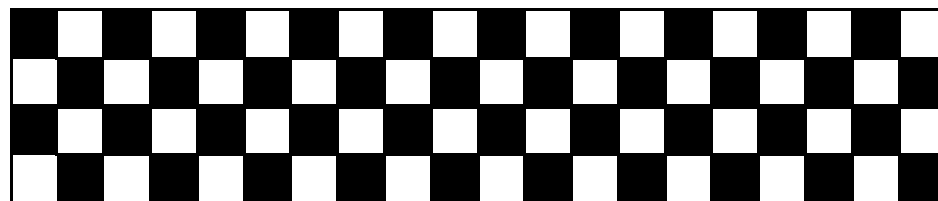
Brent Hergaenrader and his Honda S2000 made his first appearance for 2010 and showed significant progress battling Byron Grummett in the B Stock class. Louis Samoville thrilled (and amazed) the crowd by not rolling his Mercury Tracer.

The Roberts family only showed up with one car for the event—I don't know what's up with that!



Chris Brewer is to be commended for setting a fantastic course. No one got lost and there were relatively few cone "casualties."

We have one remaining event at Skyview for 2010—September 5th. Be sure to mark your calendar! J.



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Cranston's Corner — From the RE

With the drivers' school coming up on August 21st, it's time to point out some resources for first-timers and rookies.

The Region's website has a link to an excellent resource called the Solo2 Novice Handbook. Just click on "FAQS" (Frequently Asked Questions) on the homepage.

Another excellent online resource was brought to my attention recently in the July issue of *SportsCar*. Some of you may recall a book that was being promoted a few years ago called "Go Ahead—Take the Wheel."

The how-to racing resource that has been promoted through the SCCA is now completely free and online. For more information about getting started all types of events offered by SCCA, go to www.goaheadtakethewheel.com. The site contains numerous pictures, videos, how-to articles and a chat forum. The website will also be offering a mentor program for rookies, and is looking for experienced racers looking to contribute. Check it out!

SC (Sent from my BlackBerry Smartphone.)



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

As this issue goes to press, the latest news is that the Region might have an event this year at Yellowstone Drag Strip/Rocky Mountain Dragway after all. The biggest issue at this point is finding a date before the snow flies. Labor Day weekend is out because of drag races. September 18-19 is Lewistown, and a number of autocross event are scheduled in the region for the weekend of September 25-26. The best choices at this point appear to be mid-August, September 12th, or October 3rd. Stay tuned!

For those of you who have not been following the "action in Acton," let me fill you in on what I know (or have heard).

Since the death of Ron Ormo, the drag strip has been for sale. The track was leased to an operator in 2009, but the operator was not invited back. When the property did not sell over the winter, it was (again) leased for the 2010 season. On March 30th, the new operator, Ken Gillis, announced that he planned to run a full schedule for the summer. By mid-June, Mr.

Gillis had run four races and said that since the track was only averaging about 12 cars per race, eh was losing money. The track closed on June 11th. Drivers stated that they refused to race because of unsafe conditions. Racers stated that Gillis didn't prepare the track properly, the timing system didn't work well, and that track insurance was in question. Widespread rumors placed the reason for the drivers' boycott on Gillis' refusal to allow alcoholic beverages on the premises. The word is that the operator from two seasons ago will hold two events in August and September—and the beer garden will be open!!!

2010 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

Date	Location
May 1-2	GM (cancelled)
May 15-16	Lewistown (with PCA)
May 30	Skyview H.S.
June 13	GM Petroleum
June 27	RAG Truck Center
July 11	Skyview
July 24-25	Lewistown (cancelled)
Aug. 8	RAG Truck Center
Aug. 21-22	GM Petroleum
Sept. 5	Skyview
Sept. 18-19	Lewistown (with PCA)

Monthly Region Meeting
August 4, 2010
GH&R Law Firm
 10 N. 27th Street
 Suite 100
 6:30 p.m.

Websites

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bigskyregion.org
Absaroka Region Porsche Club
vista.pca.org/abs/index.html