

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 3, 2012, at 6:00 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 2012 meeting as published in the July issue of *Fast Times*.

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

Old Business: It was decided that the second event at YDS would not be a two-day event. Chris would call the drag strip and ask that the toilets be opened for the event. There was no other old business to discuss.

New Business: It was decided that the following work would be done on the timing trailer: New decking; rerouting of wiring to taillights;

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

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Action at Acton - by the Roving Regional Reporter

Rule 2.3(C) of the Solo Rules states: "A Solo event...shall be a test of driving skill and not of memory." Unfortunately, a lack of memory undoubtedly contributed to 23 DNFs at the otherwise fun and fast event. The course was long, resulting in times in the 80-90 second range. However, the course also had enough variety so that no particular type of vehicle had a distinct advantage. For example, Chris Brewer took FTD honors with his Mini Cooper S, with Steve Gruver 0.187 seconds behind in J.

Reuss' Z06. Brent Hergenraeder placed third overall. Fourth was Chris Brewer driving Bill Oakey's Merlyn Formula Ford, and James Reuss was 5th in the "\$300 Civic." In the "Battle of the Gruvers," father Steve and his C4 Corvette edged son Joel in his Mini by 0.909 seconds. Olin Harriger in his Mazda 2 placed 8th overall ahead of Tucker Stewart (Mazdaspeed 3) and Reno Scheeler who was co-driving Jenny Cooke's Mini Cooper. Jesse Hardy brought his beautiful Ford Mustang GT up from

Gillette for his second event, but fell victim to the tricky course. It was nice to see Jenny Cooke at the event. Jenny was back from college (in the Midwest) for the summer. One of two highlights of the day was the debut of former Region member Bill Oakey's 1968 Merlyn Mk. 11A, that had not run for 36 years! Thanks to Dwight Gilliland's skill and hard work, the car put on a good show. The other highlight was the appearance of Dean Johnson's Mazda RX-7. The Wankel-powered car kept the mosquitoes at bay!



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Dwight Gilliland is selling the Avenger II. If you want to win hill climbs or autocrosses in style, this is the car for you! Car, spares, trailer, etc., for only \$14K OBO



What's Brewin'?' — From the RE



I had the honor and pleasure of taking three runs with Bill Oakey's 1968 Merlyn Mk11A Formula Ford at the recent Yellowstone Drag Strip event. Region member Dwight Gilliland, who has had quite a bit of experience with Formula Fords (and just about every other car you can think of), rebuilt the car and got it running for the first time in 36 years! (Bill was an active member of the Region many "moons" ago.) Bill has the original build sheet from the Merlyn factory. The car spent its early life in the South-

east until 1976 when the log book shows it "left the course with minor damage." Bill has all the bodywork and we are looking forward to seeing it again in "full dress." Speaking of the YDS event, a photographer from the *Billings Gazette*, Paul Ruhter, was in attendance and put together a series a photos for this last Sunday's Magazine section. There is a link on the website, so be sure to check it out. Interestingly, both of Paul's parents autocross their Corvettes and they encouraged him to do the feature.



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



Top Gun is coming up soon (August 25th and 26th), so mark your calendars. Although we are the farthest Region from Helena, it would be nice to have good numbers from the Yellowstone Region. Speaking of Helena, Races #1 and #2 of the Montana Challenge have been completed at the Emergency Services Facility. At Race #1 (sponsored by the Big Sky Region), R.J. Matthews took first in ASP (4th overall), Dean Johnson placed first in CSP, and Max Dangerfield and I placed 2nd and 3rd, re-

spectively, in SMF. 66 drivers participated. At Race #2 (sponsored by SWMT SCCA), R.J. Matthews won ASP (7th overall), Dean Johnson won CSP (24th overall), and Max Dangerfield won SMF(18th overall). There were 68 drivers at Race #2. Top Gun is Race #3 of the Challenge and is sponsored by the Montana Region.

On an unrelated note, I am pleased to report that the "deer dings" on Dean Johnson's MX-5 have been fixed and his RX-7 is re-retired.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



The "Team Owner" and I had so much fun last year at the Black Hills Corvette Classic, we decided to attend this year as well. Last year was the 40th anniversary of the event and total participation was approximately 500 Corvettes. We were told that this year's event was closer to 400. The event covers 5 days—2 days of events in Sioux Falls, SD, a "travel day" to move the event 400 miles to Spearfish, SD, followed by 2 more days of events. There are many, many thing to do, from rallies, autocrosses, drag races, tours, show-and-shines, manufacturer presenta-

tions, fashion shows, winery tours, casino crawls, etc. The good thing is that there is something for everyone, but the bad thing is that you can only be in one place at a time. I participated in the autocross on Friday morning at Black Hills State University. Similar to last year, I was fortunate to win the C5 class. There were 17 C5s in the class. I was third overall. FTD honors went to a C6 Z06 with 325 by 19 inch Hoosier A6s. Second place was also a Z06, but I think it might have been a Callaway. Overall, a very fun event and I didn't have to do anything other than drive!



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.

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Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell) bigskyregion.org
Absaroka Region Porsche Club vista.pca.org/abs/index.html