

Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108
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42nd BHCC—by the Webmaster

The Team Owner and I recently ventured to the “black mountain hills of Dakota.” We were not looking for “Rocky Raccoon” of the 1968 Beatles song, but were there to attend the 42nd Black Hills Corvette Classic. The event is comprised of two segments over 5 days. Two days in Sioux Falls, a travel day for the 400-mile trip to Spearfish, and two days in and around the Black Hills. This is the third year we attended the event. The high point of the event for me was winning the C5 class at the autocross for the third year in a row. We decided to stay an extra day this year



so that we could participate in the drag races that were held at Sturgis Dragway. The Team Owner came home with a 3rd-place trophy for “Women’s Drags,” but I wasn’t so lucky. I kept forgetting to shift—and

when I finally did shift—I kept missing gears! The get-together features tons of activities with the only downside being that many activities took place at the same time so you had to choose your itinerary wisely. Although

the event is headquartered in Spearfish, we prefer to stay in Deadwood—a short 10 miles away. Another highlight of the event was a brand-new C7 Corvette. (Unfortunately, the presentation relating to same by a GM rep conflicted with the Team Owner’s annual visit to the Prairie Berry Winery in Hill, SD, to stock up on “Red Ass Rhubarb” wine.) If you don’t have a Corvette, borrow one and attend the event! The Black Hills and sports cars were made for each other. Also, it was a few weeks before the Sturgis motorcycle rally, so the area was still relatively quiet.

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“Gruvin’ at FSA”- by the Roving Regional Reporter

Summer is the time for family reunions. Member Steve Gruver used the recent event at Food Services to introduce three vacationing family members to our sport. Visiting from Pennsylvania and Iowa, Steve’s nephews and granddaughter racked up quit a few miles in Steve’s ‘68 and ‘86 Corvettes. Unfortunately, Brent Hergenraeder (S2000) rained on the Gruver B Stock parade by nipping patriarch Steve by 0.134 seconds. Notwithstanding, Dean Johnson (MX-5) beat everyone with

FTD honors. Nels Jensen driving his dad’s Honda CRX placed 4th overall and Chris Brewer (Mini) and J. Reuss (Corvette) finished 5th and 6th.

Tucker Stewart’s Miata edged Woody Jensen’s CRX by 0.162 seconds and James Reuss’ Nissan 350Z finished right behind Woody. (See the Region’s Facebook page for a video of the course from the windshield of James’ Nissan.

Notable performances were

posted by returning newcomer Jarek Peila and his Datsun 280Z and 17-year-old Claire Gruver driving her grandpa’s ‘86 Corvette. On the PAX side of things, Nels Jensen ended up on the top of the heap with Johnson, Hergenraeder, and Brewer following very closely behind. The weather couldn’t have been more perfect for the event. Even though FSA requires us to be gone by 3:00 p.m., entrants enjoyed a dozen runs each on what amounted to a 3-three lap course. The Gruver clan had a blast!



What's Brewin'?' — From the RE



Don't believe in magic? I recently took one car to Denver to attend a performance of Cirque Du Soleil and came home with two cars. My new "pride and Joy" is pictured at the right. My first modification was to see if the wheels and tires from the Mini fit—they do! Other than a roll bar, the car is pretty much stock. I had been looking for a Miata locally, but everything seemed to be either a "barn find" or way overpriced. The trip home from Denver was uneventful (good thing). I have replaced the rear window in

the ragtop and the next order of business will likely be a little PDR (paintless dent repair) as it appears that the little runabout has been on the receiving end of some hail. Anyway, it seems like it will be a perfect "project car." Next to Hondas, Miatas are about the most ubiquitous cars at autocross events. I have also learned that the supply of replacement parts and technical know-how is virtually endless for this make and model. The only downside is that I definitely need a larger garage!

C.B.



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



Some folks have been asking why there the Region appears to have two Facebook pages. I spoke recently with the Region's Facebook maven, Tucker Stewart, and learned the following: A few months ago, Facebook made some changes to how messages and photos are "posted" on Facebook pages for organizations like "Yellowstone Region SCCA." Unless you are an "Administrator," posts by others do not appear on the "wall" until and unless the administrator designates them to appear on the wall. The net

result is that a participant at an event can not post a photo or message to the organization's page to immediately be seen by all. The workaround is to use a Facebook "Group." If you join the "Yellowstone SCCA" group, your posts will appear and be circulated immediately. Anyway, join both pages and "spread the word" about SCCA! Speaking of new things on Facebook, our intrepid Chief of Timing, Dean W. Johnson, recently started a page. Make sure you stop by Dean's page and make a "friend" request!

R.R.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



Next Wednesday, the Team Owner and I fly to Joliet, IL, to participate in the "Abarth Track Experience." We just received word that we both will be drivers! The stealthy ZR1 shown to the right was definitely the "star" of the BHCC performance events. Stock ZR1s feature 638HP, but his puppy didn't seem to be stock. The photo on the lower right corner of the first page attests to functional positraction transferring huge horsepower to the pavement through 335 Michelins. After leaving the drag strip in

Sturgis, I spotted a 1952 MG TD on a trailer listed for sale. The "For Sale" sign indicated that the car "runs and drives well, has 4 new tires, two tops, and needs a little brake work." The asking price was \$7,000.00.

Speaking of what things cost, I received an email recently from the mechanic doing the engine swap on the (formerly) \$300 Civic. He indicated he was glad we were not doing the swap on a "tight budget." I don't know if I like the sound of that...

J.



2013 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

Date	Location
May 12th	Rimrock Auto
May 26th	Skyview H.S.
June 16th	Yellowstone Drag
June 30th	Skyview H.S.
July 14th	Food Services
July 21st	Cancelled
August 4th	Rimrock Auto
August 25th	Food Services
Sept. 2nd	Skyview H.S.
September 21st	Yellowstone Drag

Monthly Region Meeting
August 6, 2013
GH&R Law Firm
 175 N. 27th Street
 Suite 903
6:00 p.m.

Websites

- Yellowstone Region 108 (Billings) yellowstonescca.com
- Southwest Montana Region (Bozeman) swmtssca.com
- Montana Region (Great Falls) mtssca.com
- Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club eirscca.com
- Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell) bigskyregion.org
- Absaroka Region Porsche Club abs.pca.org