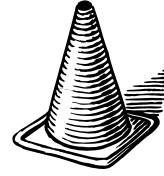


# Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108  
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## Meeting Minutes—August Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Scott Cranston on August 5, 2009, at 6:26 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 July 2009 meeting to be published in the August 2009 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 receiving an e-mail from SCCA indicating that the Region had a credit balance. J. said he would contact SCCA. J. also reported that he had paid YDS rental for this weekend's event. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Scott and computer consultant John Thomas had run into a snag getting the "new" computer working on the timing system. John is contacting the timing software developer for ideas. If that doesn't pan out, it was decided to "bite the bullet" and upgrade to a new timing system. It was MS&P that the latest problems couldn't be solved, J. and Asst. R.E. would be given a budget to investigate and purchase a new timing system. J. reported that SCCA charges one insurance and one audit fee for a 2-day event. It was decided that we should schedule two 2-day events next year. The anticipated format would be Saturday evening and Sunday morning because many people are busy with other things on Saturdays.

New Business: Scott reported that he has secured an event site for the Mustang autocross on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Details will be published in the August *Fast Times*. J. will be purchasing a trailer light adapter so that persons with modern 7-pin connectors can haul the timing trailer. Kaitlin Reuss requested that the Region consider contributing to the upcoming American Diabetes Association bike event. MS&P that the Region would match donations made by entrants at the YDS event.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

## Regional Officers:

### Regional Executive:

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Dwight Gilliland

## Action at Acton—by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

Predicted temperatures in the 90's never materialized and the weather was perfect for the Region's third year at the Yellowstone Drag Strip. Chris Brewer arrived early and set a fantastic course that took 2 or 3 runs to decipher. Particularly exciting was a huge sweeper on the east end that was designed to look like a diminishing radius turn—but wasn't really.

The top three cars for the day shared one thing—they all were white in color. Top time honors went to newcomer R.J. Matthews

with his 2008 Subaru WRX STI. Second place was occupied by always-fast Coby Christensen in his Mazda RX-8 from Belgrade. Rounding out the top three was our very own Dave Marble in his twin-charged Mini. The Detroit iron of J. Reuss, Scott Cranston and Randy Roberts filled 4th through 6th position. Mel Kuipers trailered his super clean MX-5 all the way from Livingston for a 7th place overall. A

co-worker of Jim Arnett and Randy Roberts, Doug Puchalski, debuted his Camaro and make

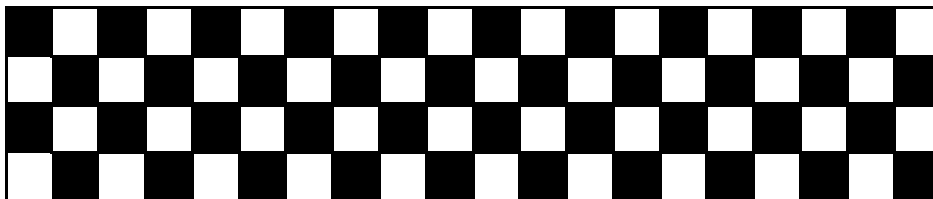
some quick times look easy. Riley Cooke debuted his Allis-Chalmers orange C4 Corvette. The t-top beauty is fitted with a trailer hitch that Riley claims is used to pull a horse trailer.

Mike Dailey brought his sweet-sounding Mustang Mach 1 to the event and trading driving chores with his son, Mitchell. Mitchell received his learner's permit a week before the event and already shows promise.

Al Merkel needed some competition for his black BMW, so he

invited Brent Hergenraeder and his Honda S2000. For his first event, Brent did a nice job in his black roadster.

The James vs. Kaitlin Reuss competition was won by James. (However, Kaitlin was able to finally beat James' best time during buck runs.) Jo Laughery's and Krissy Martin's Hondas both sported racing tires, so their PAX times were less than a second apart. (Randy Roberts looked winded after changing three sets of tires before and after the event!) Last, Jenny Cooke lost the "weight handicap" she ran with last season, but seems to be adjusting just fine! J.



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## Cranston's Corner — From the RE

The Region's Board of Directors has reluctantly accepted the resignation of the Membership Chairperson, Katie Cranston. Recent changes with Katie's employment situation (and active social life) have made it difficult for her to devote the time necessary for the position. If any member would be interested in filling Katie's position, please contact me or any of the other Board members.

From what I hear from my friends at the Mustang club, over 300 Mustangs are expected to

attend the Billings convention over Labor Day weekend. While not all attendees will be autocrossing, there should be a good turnout. If you missed the announcement in the last *Fast Times*, the autocross will be a SCCA event. The "twist" is that the Mustangs will run in the morning, and SCCA members who worked in the morning will run all afternoon for free. The Region will also put together a lunch for the workers. As a sidenote, there is a possibility that the Rimrock Auto Group site might be available for future Region events. The loca-



tion is as big as FSA. There are no houses nearby and the site is at the end of a street. Hopefully we can use the street as the pits to maximize the course area. In any event, the Mustang event will be a good trial run.

Sent from my BlackBerry Smartphone.

## The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

The Newsletter Editor has moved back to Bozeman for the school year, but has "requested" that the \$300 Civic be delivered to the autocross this Sunday at the Ice Gardens near Four Corners. Her brother—the newest intern at Outside Bozeman magazine—indicates that he will also be there. If any Region members would like to caravan to Bozeman this weekend, let me know. I believe the Randy Roberts and Dave Marble headed up to Helena to "kick ass and take names" at the recent "Top Gun" event, but I haven't heard how things worked out. I have

been checking the MTSCCA website every so often, but have not seen the results posted yet. I will provide an update on the Region website when further information is available. As you should be aware, the 2009 season is rapidly winding down. If you can't make the Mustang event on Labor Day weekend, make sure you mark you calendars for September 27th at Lewistown. Our friend David Muramoto from the Rocky Mountain Region made some kind comments about the Yellowstone Region in the September issue of *SportsCar*. Please check it

out if you haven't already done so. (by e-mail Dave apologized for listing our website as ".org" rather than ".com") Heard around the paddock: The Region's only A-Modified car may soon be for sale. Although it is not official and the details are sketchy, rumor has it that the owner has acquired a certain Lotus Elise from Region legend, Dennis McCollough, and will be campaigning same starting next season. If you have the desire to acquire a National-winning Solo car that is fully sorted and super quick, stay tuned. Last, I heard a rumor that Scott Cranston was looking into taking advantage of the "Cash for Clunker's" program. I will check it out. J

### 2009 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

Date	Location
April 19th	GM Petroleum
May 3rd	FSA
May 16-17	Lewistown
June 7th	Skyview (cancelled)
June 20-21st	GM (20th rained out)
July 5th	Skyview
July 19th	FSA
August 9th	YDS
<b>September 6th</b>	<b>RAG Truck Center</b>
<b>Sept. 12-13th</b>	<b>Lewistown</b>
<b>Sept. 27th</b>	<b>GM Petroleum</b>

**Monthly Region Meeting**  
**September 2, 2009**  
**GH&R Law Firm**  
**10 N. 27th St, Suite 100**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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**Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club**  
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**Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)**  
[bigskyregion.org](http://bigskyregion.org)  
**Absaroka Region Porsche Club**  
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