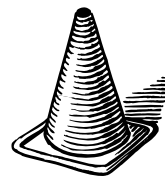


Fast Times



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Meeting Minutes—September Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Scott Cranston on September 2, 2009, 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 August 2009 meeting as published in the September 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 that he was sending a check to Skyview for the 2009 lot rental. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Asst. R.E. Chris Brewer reported that he was continuing his research into timing systems and would report his findings at the October meeting. J. has donated a laptop computer to the Region. It was agreed that the Region will pay Morrison-Maierle Systems to reformat the hard drive, clean, and reinstall Windows XP. The Region will also pay for a fresh battery for the laptop.

New Business: Scott reported that everything was on track for the Mustang autocross on September 6th. Scott was planning to do the tech inspection prior to the event similar to the Corvette convention protocol. The club will be providing a free lunch and free racing in the afternoon for all morning workers.

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

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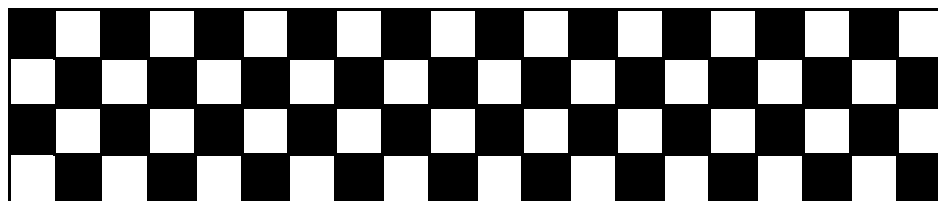
International Mustang Meet—by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

The Yellowstone Region played host to some eager autocross enthusiasts from the International Mustang Meet on Labor Day weekend. The meet in Billings marked the 30th get-together of the U.S.-Canadian group of 14 Mustang and special interest Ford clubs. Weather-wise, some thin clouds kept the morning relatively comfortable, but a blazing afternoon sun pushed temps into the 90s. Twelve Mustang drivers competed in the morning with the Region's very own Scott Cranston coming out on top. Mike Mueller from Oregon battled hard with his beautiful 427

Cobra replica, but ultimately lost to Cranston by a few tenths of a second. An interesting mix of other Mustangs slotted in behind Mueller and Cranston. (I would like to report the times of the Mustang drivers, but someone ran off with the results and I haven't been able to track them down.) The two highlights of the afternoon were Reese "driving the wheels off" her black Audi and Kaitlin handling the driving chores in the Teal 'Stang. When I say "driving the wheels off," I mean that literally. Reese was on her first run—with first-timer, Louis Saunovich—when her left

front wheel let go halfway through the slalom section. (Be sure to check the next page and the website for the pictures of the aftermath.) After Reese's car was rolled off site and onto a trailer, the remaining 17 drivers proceeded to "mix it up." In addition to Louis Saunovich laying down some nice runs for his first time ever, Dean Johnson's bride, Bonny, completed her first autocross in Dean's MX-5. Top honors for the afternoon session went to our good friend from Bozeman, Gordy Gollehon. Gordy brought his AWD Saab down from "the Bozone" to show us how it is

done. Cranston handed the keys for the Teal 'Stang to the Newsletter Editor for the afternoon session. Cranston almost passed out when Kaitlin bested his morning time. However, course designer Chris Brewer finally confessed that he changed the course slightly over the noon hour, making it a bit faster. Kaitlin took second overall in the Civic, Jim Coons took third in his STI and Kaitlin took fourth in the 'Stang. The Rimrock Auto Group site shows some real promise for future events. However, pray for cooler weather next time. With temps rising and no breeze, everyone left early, but otherwise it appeared that a good time was had by all in attendance. I hope we can use this site again. J.



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Cranston's Corner — From the RE

Well, another successful autocross season is just about "in the books." The GM Petroleum event scheduled for this Sunday is the final Region event. I hope everyone will come out and make it a big event!. The "problem" with Reese's wheel at the Mustang event reminded us that we need to be ever vigilant regarding safety. While Reese's mishap happened on the back side of the course and nowhere near any spectators, it could just as easily happened on the final turn before the timing lights. When Reese's wheel parted company

with the spindle, the brake caliper broke and brake fluid spilled—resulting in a loss of brake line pressure. Accordingly, Reese had to deal with both a loss of brakes and little or no steering capability. SCCA course design rules set minimum clearances between course edges and fixed objects (and moving objects such as spectators). Sometimes these distances seem excessive. However, after an incident like Reese's, the distances—stated as "minimums" make perfect sense. The Rimrock Auto Group facility worked great for our recent event.



Crowd control was easy to accomplish because of the limited exposure of the site to the street. I hope we can use this site in the future. (The only thing missing were some tall shade trees by the timing trailer!)

Sent from my BlackBerry Smartphone.

The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

We took the Civic up to "the Bozone" on August 30th to take in a Southwest Region event at the "Ice Gardens" n/k/a "Cardinal Distributing." The Newsletter Editor was one of 30 timed drivers. (Two additional entrants did not start.) Filling out the top six positions based on raw time were the "usual suspects"—Dave Kirk, Joe Evers, Russ Kaiser, Chris, Kent Johnson, and Gordy Gollehon. Those who have attended previous events at the Ice Gardens are aware that the site does not lend itself to much variation as far as course layouts are concerned. Nevertheless,

nice weather and the friendliness of the Southwest Region folks make the trip worthwhile. As an aside, Russ Kaiser noted at the drivers' meeting that Cardinal Distributing was planning to re-seal the asphalt—meaning a real slippery surface. I was in the Four Corners area of Bozeman last week and noted that the lot had been re-sealed. I also note from the Southwest Region's website that they have moved their event for this weekend to the Emergency Services Facility in Helena. As Scott indicated above, this weekend's event at GM Petroleum is the final Region event for the

the 2009 season. Snow will soon be flying and you will kick yourself for missing the last event if you don't come out. The Region will be serving free 1/4-pound hot dogs at noon, so the cost of the event is almost free.

For those you who mark your calendars, there will be no monthly Region meeting in November. The Webmaster and the Newsletter Editor will be traveling to the 50th State to (hopefully) share some ideas with officers and members of the Maui SCCA. (Unfortunately, they have events scheduled before and after our visit , so we can't enter the rental car!) 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
September 6th	RAG Truck Center
Sept. 12-13th	Lewistown
Sept. 27th	GM Petroleum

Monthly Region Meeting
October 7, 2009
GH&R Law Firm
 10 N. 27th St, Suite
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Websites

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