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Meeting Minutes:

Yellowstone Region 108 - August Meeting

Minutes of Yellowstone Region SCCA Monthly Membership Meeting for August 2008

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Scott Cranston on August 6, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., in the GH&RLaw Firm conference room.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was MS&P to accept without addition or correction the minutes of the July 2008 meeting as published in the August 2008 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Acting Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported that all bills were paid and that the recent event at YDS did not make a profit because of low attendance. J. presented bills for *Fast Times* postage and website hosting. Payment of such bills was approved. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Post cards from persons requesting that future issues of *Fast Times* be e-mailed to them were received and the August issue was e-mailed. One member requested that a hard copy be mailed by regular mail. Because the member asked nicely, the member's request was granted. J. reported that he obtained updated software for the timing system and was in the process of obtaining a newer laptop and mouse from an anonymous donor. It is anticipated that a new printer will be purchased by the club.

New Business: J. reported that he had posted on the website many old issues of *Fast Times* (obtained from Mark Richlin's files). J. will contact Kurt Schulz and Kristi Gilliland to see if they can provide missing issues. Scott proposed that group photos be taken at the next two events with the possibility of such photos being used as part of a "thankyou" sent to site owners. Scott suggested that the club's generator be sold because it wasn't being used and took up too much space in the trailer. Scott will get the wattage information for the unit so a proposed price can be established.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Cool Morning—Hot Racing

Record hot weather was predicted for the penultimate event for the Region's 2008 season. However, the 7:00 a.m. temperature seemed more like fall. Russ Kaiser brought his red hot Elise down from Bozeman to heat things up. Russ scored fast-time-of-day among the cars followed closely by Mike Moore and Jacob Butt (in that order). Jared Staebler posted the 4th-fastest time with the teal Stang until the ignition/fuel problems raised their ugly heads (again). Josh Williamson in his WRX edged (relative) newcomer Nels Jensen in his Corolla by .079 second. Chris Brewer's always-fast Mini Cooper S nipped Randy Robert's Sirocco by a quarter-second. Newcomer Jeff Ferber's beautiful black BMW 328i clocked some fast, whisper-quiet runs. James and Kaitlin Reuss' Civic-hama Parada Spec-2s, beat Scott Cranston's "grocery-getter" Stang by nearly a second. (The car is beautiful and fast, so I think part of the problem might be with the nut holding on to the steering wheel.) Katie Cranston dutifully followed team orders and finished behind her dad. Riley Cooke placed the family Mini ever-higher in the standings in only his third event. Newcomers Bob Schultz with his Eclipse and Chris Lee with his Mustang posted respectable results. Jolene Loughery and Krissy Mortin thoroughly wrung out Jolene's CRX. (I am not saying that the little Honda had quite a bit of body lean, but both gals were scraping chrome off the door handles with the pavement!) Susan Doll continued to improve with her turbo Jetta, and it was nice to see Eldon Johnson back with his orange dune buggy. Jenny

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Cooke, in her second solo event, was starting to show some speed and scare her father! Last but not least, Jackie Bell and her Torino put in some quick times. The fast course allow the big Ford to "stretch its legs."

Mark and Jake Brown came down from Red Lodge to make quick work of the course. (Mark will be leaving shortly for a kart race at Laguna Seca. If you would like to join Mark and family on the trip, all you need is a gasoline credit card.) All the cars got eight runs, but it was getting pretty hot by 3:00 p.m. when were required to leave the premises. FSA is a fun site and the handy location makes it a great place to hold events.

Cranston's Corner — From the RE

(Scott is currently at the Republican National Convention in Minnesota and sent the contents of this month's column (once again) via his BlackBerry.)

I am, of course, disappointed that John McCain did not choose me as his running mate, but I was told that I was not well known east of the Mississippi. Meanwhile, the ignition/fueling "gremlin" with the teal Stang continues. Jerod completed a few fast runs at FSA before the problem appeared again. I took the teal Stang home and brought back the white "grocery getter." As may be noted in the results, the white Stang was no match for James and Kaitlin's Civic.

There are only two events left for the season—Lewistown on September 13th and 14th and GM Petroleum on the 21st. Make it a point to "come on out." SC

What's Brewin'? — From the Comp. Chair

We had a real good turnout at the FSA event and everyone seemed to be having fun. I hope that we can end the season at GM Petroleum on a "high note." With the season nearly complete, I am pleased to report that all events—from set-up and take-down—have gone fairly smoothly. While losing the Gruver family at the end of last year was a double-whammy, other members—and non-members—have stepped up to the plate and filled in as needed. The end result has been events

2008 YRSCCA Solo Schedule	
April 20	GM Petroleum (cancelled)
May 4	Food Service of America
May 24-25	Lewistown (with PCA)
June 8	Food Service of America
June 22	Yellowstone Drag Strip
July 6	GM Petroleum
July 27	Skyview High School
August 3	Yellowstone Drag Strip
August 24	Food Service of America
September 13-14	Lewistown (with PCA)
September 21	GM Petroleum

that start on time, proceed in a timely fashion, and leave both entrants and spectators smiling. Hopefully, we will see additional members "step up" in 2009 so we can "lighten the load" a bit on the current board as well as add some niceties such as awards and/or additional events. Does anyone have any ideas for an end-of-the-season bash of some sort? CB

The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

After participating in Region events since 2003, I have come to the conclusion that the "sweet spot" for attendance seems to be somewhere between 20 and 30 entrants. For several reasons, events of this size have significant benefits. First, with the possible exception of events at METRA, 20-30 entrants turns a profit for the Region. Second, 20-30 entrants allows for three run groups of approximately 7 to 10 cars each. Third, unless the day is cut short by rain or some other calamity, 20-30

entrants means anywhere between 8 to 10 runs each. When there are more than 30 entrants, there is too much time between runs—and not enough of them. Conversely, when there are less than 20 entrants, there are barely enough workers to keep the event running. Although there is more time for more runs, frequent breaks are necessary to allow everyone to catch their breath. I used to be envious of other regions holding events with 40-60 entrants. I am not any more.

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Monthly Region Meeting
September 3, 2008
GH&R Law Firm
10 N. 27th Street, Suite 100
6:30 p.m.

From the Webmaster

Make a point to check out the new "Tips" section on the Website. There are not an overwhelming number of tips on the page (yet), but with your help, I hope to accumulate a respectable collection of anecdotes. As indicated on the page, I often run across solo-related tips in various publications that look like they might be helpful. I usually copy or tear out the article and promptly forget where I put it. Accordingly, even if the tips aren't useful to anyone other than me, at least I now know where I can find them.

