

# Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America -  
Yellowstone Region 108

## Meeting Minutes—August Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Chris Brewer on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, at 6:07 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 2011 meeting as published in the August 2011 issue of *Fast Times* (the Newsletter Editor apologized for getting it out at the last minute).

**Treasurer's Report:** Sec./Treas. J. Reuss announced the current bank balance. J. reported that after cutting a check prior to the meeting to Competition Chairman Randal Roberts for the new loaner helmets, all outstanding bills had been paid. J. noted that the profit from Skyview pretty much cancelled out the loss from YDS. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Old Business:** Chief of Timing Doug Hills and Chief of Registration J. Reuss reported that they have resolved the networking issues with the timing and scoring software. The person doing registration can now register entrants while an event is in progress, so it was agreed that a registration cut-off time is no longer necessary. It was also agreed that tech inspection of late entrants would not be a problem and that in lieu of a walk-thru, late registrants could ride with another entrant. However, late registrants would not have a right to make-up runs. A discussion was held about the positive social interaction that occurred between members and new(er) entrants at the Skyview event.

**New Business:** Chris reported that he had heard from Member Al Merkel who reported that he intended to run a full season in 2012. A discussion was held regarding the upcoming 2-day event at GM Petroleum and chores were assigned.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:33 p.m.

## Regional Officers:

### Regional Executive:

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### Competition Chairman:

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### Secretary/Treasurer:

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### Membership Chairman:

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### Member-at-Large:

**Dwight Gilliland**

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## FSA II and Skyview III- by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

14 Drivers at FSA enjoyed 12 runs each on a beautiful Sunday in August. Doug Hill's Road Rebel captured FTOD. Local hotshoes Nels Jensen and R.J. vied for top spot for the non-karts, but their times were eclipsed by visitor Justin Schuh from Gillette, WY, and his beautiful Nissan GT-R. The Skyline's 50.905 bested five drivers in the 51-second range including Jensen, Matthews, Dwight Gilliland, Dave Marble, and Randy Roberts-in that order. (It was great to see the Dave Marble in the twin-charged Mini, but either he or the car was a bit rusty.) FYI—

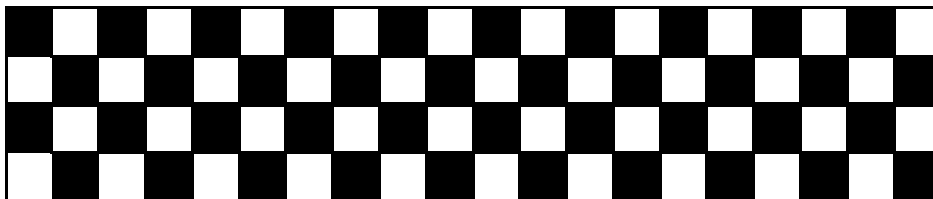
Pax scoring put Nels' DSP ahead of Schuh's ASP by .6 seconds and Brewer's STX in third. Chris Brewer edged Kaitlin and James Reuss—in that order—and "returnee" Chad McNeese slotted his beautiful WRX right behind. (Father) Steve Gruver bested (son) Joel Gruver by a nose and newcomer Alan Valdez and his Volkswagen Jetta VR6 showed substantial improvement over the day.

14 drivers also enjoyed arguably the nicest day of the summer at the Skyview III event. The

course was one of the most challenging ever constructed "on the hill," but all drivers proclaimed it as "fast and fun." Doug Hills broke a radiator bracket early on and Randy Roberts spent the rest of the day attempting to best his time—he didn't. Jim Arnett in "Kurt Scar" (see picture in masthead above) posted third-fastest time of day, with Chris Brewer, Dean Johnson, and J. Reuss, following closely behind. James Reuss in the \$300 Civic edged (soon-to-be Chief Region Cinematographer) Dustin Park's Mazdaspeed 3. Dwight Gilliland's 1970 Lotus Elan edged out the



older (1969) Corvette of Steve Gruver. Brent Hergenraeder and his Honda S2000 bested Krissy Martin's CRX, and Kristi Gilliland "brought up the rear" with the family "grocery getter." (Kristi, why does riding with your husband make you scream?) The highlight of the event was watching Doug Hills shoehorn into the Gruvers' cars to take his runs after his cart broke. Doug liked the Mini's handling, but he looked pretty good in the Vette!



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## What's Brewin'? — From the RE



As they say, time sure flies when you're having fun! It's hard to believe, but school is back in session and there is only more event on the Region's calendar for 2011. Make sure to join us at Rimrock Auto Truck Center on Sept 25th! The Region has enjoyed a great season of events and made quite a few new friends. I think the overall numbers were down slightly for the year, but I believe we continue to provide a great "product" at an affordable price. Looking at the calendar, I see that the Porsche Club is holding its fall Drivers' Education at

Lewistown next weekend. Check their websites for details and registration information. Bozeman has another event at Cardinal Distributing on September 24 (Saturday), and their last event at Helena on October 2nd. Great Falls has a few more events scheduled at the Air Force base, but you will want to verify those dates before loading up your trailer. I am looking forward to some "proactive" projects for the Region this winter. As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, send an e-mail!

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



Top Gun was better than ever this year. With the exception of some timing problems that caused delays on Sunday, Montana Region SCCA did their usual great job of hosting the long-running event. The course was long and fast—even by Helena standards! Since the course was so long and didn't double back on itself, there were sometimes three cars on the course at a time. Dean Johnson placed 2nd (out of 6) in B Stock. Mike Moore from Miles City won D Stock. J. Reuss placed third (out of three) in

ASP. Max Dangerfield and I placed second and first, respectively, in Street Modified F. Doug Hills was the only cart entry, so he took home a trophy as well. (Notably absent from this year's event was R.J. (Fence-stretcher) Matthews, and my bride, Jo Roberts. However, I will likely be handling the child care duties next year while Jo races!) I always enjoy the "reality check" that Top Gun provides with great competition between the top autocrossers across the state. If you haven't run at Helena yet, you should!

## The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



I had never before attended an event at the Emergency Services Facility in Helena, so I thought that the 2011 Top Gun would be an appropriate excuse to lose my "virginity." (I will be forever grateful to Region members (and Helena veterans) Dean Johnson and Randy Roberts who "held my hand" and prevented me from looking completely stupid.) Make no bones about it, Top Gun is not for beginners or the feint of heart! It takes a bit of adjustment to navigate cones "north" of 60 MPH? At right is a "tracing" of the Top Gun course downloaded from the Trackmaster

datalogging app on my DROID smartphone. (The lap was recorded during a parade lap, so braking and acceleration indications are out of whack.) The course started on a huge pad that contained only two or three turns. The course then proceeded down a long, wide roadway that is used for a drag strip. The course then returned to the pad through a series of wide-open sweeping turns that are essentially a road course. Other than a few cones marking apexes, etc., you are pretty much "free as a bird." I just kept muttering, "this sure isn't GM Petroleum." J.



2011 YRSCCA Solo Schedule	
Date	Location
April 17	Rimrock Auto
May 1	Food Service
May 29	Skyview H.S.
June 5	Yellowstone Drag
June 19	GM (Fathers' Day)
July 10	Skyview H.S.
July 31	Yellowstone Drag
Aug. 13-14	GM Petroleum
Aug. 28	Food Service
Sept. 4	Skyview H.S.
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Rimrock Auto</b>

**Monthly Region Meeting**  
**October 4, 2011**  
**GH&R Law Firm**  
 10 N. 27th Street  
 Suite 100  
**6:00 p.m.**

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<b>Montana Region (Great Falls)</b> mtsscca.com
<b>Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club</b> eisccax.com
<b>Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)</b> bigskyregion.org
<b>Absaroka Region Porsche Club</b> vista.pca.org/abs/index.html