

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 Chris Brewer on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at 6:05 p.m., in the GH&R Law Firm conference room.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: There were no monthly meetings in June or July.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported the current checkbook balance and noted that all bills were current with the exception of the latest porta-potty bill, which seems to be in error. J. will contact Cindy at BCS for clarification before paying.

Old Business: Chief of Timing, Dean Johnson, charged the timing display batteries and reported the display is now working like it should. There was no other old business that anyone could recall.

New Business: It was decided that efforts be focused on maintenance/repair of the interior and exterior of the timing trailer. The roof and interior siding has weather damage. The exterior needs some repair and re-caulking. Axle bearings need to be repacked and a stand needs to be designed and constructed for holding the timing display.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m. after J. showed some photos and videos from the Black Hills Corvette Classic.

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“Autocross Heaven”- From the RE

I have never been to an event at the Emergency Services Facility in Helena before. I always had an excuse—my car's not right, the drive is too long, what if I break down? But I finally ran out of excuses. The Miata is not my daily driver, I can suffer one day with a little less sleep, and if it breaks, the Trailblazer can tow it home. Top Gun 2013, here I come! It was raining when I arrived Friday night so I opted to sleep in the car rather than set up the tent. Remarkably, all my body parts

still worked after spending the night in the Miata. Shortly after sunup, I met with Dean Johnson, Tucker Stewart, Brent Hergenraeder and Max Dangerfield. We walked the (huge) course together and exchanged notes. Nearly 120 drivers were registered, and delays for timing problems, off-truck excursions, and a loose dog eliminated the 8-runs-per-car plan. Undeterred by a spin on my first run, by the end of the day it was pure enjoyment! On day 2, the course was reversed, and we got 5

runs. I also spun the second day at the same spot, but definitely improved with each run. Max was the quickest from Billings placing 26th overall. Dean was 37th, Tucker 55th, I was 58th and Brent 66th. On the bright side, we were all (mostly) in the upper half. Despite the delays, the sun and long drive to get there, it was definitely worth the effort and I will go again. However, the best part is that I can now tell fellow autocrossers they need to go to an event in Helena!



What's Brewin'? — From the RE



I've always been told that "change is a good thing." I, however, am more like my cats—once I find something I like, I tend not to deviate. I have been wearing the same style tennis shoe since 2002. Before that, it was the same model from 1994. As many of you know, I recently changed cars, and the Mini I have been racing for 6+ years has been replaced by a Miata. I've said all that just to tell you this—like it or not, change happens when you least expect it. For example, Sarah and I are expecting our first

child so my life will undeniably change. I do not know yet how this will affect me as an autocrosser, although it definitely will. However, I hope s/he—it won't matter when Baby has a helmet on—is healthy and happy. (It would also be nice if s/he likes the feel of warm engine oil running down their arm, but not mandatory.) There have been quite a few changes over the last few weeks and, surprisingly, my head has not exploded. Who knows, maybe it's time I get some new shoes. C.B.



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



With only two events remaining for season, I am pleased to report that participation has been good and that net revenues have increased over last year. More good news is that we have added four new members to the Region: Brian Legg (Porsche 911 Turbo); Ben Caudill (Ford Fiesta); Jerek Peila (Datsun 280Z); and Jeme Jordan (Corvette C5). Even with increased attendance numbers, we have been able to keep the run count in the 9-12 range through increased efficiency. From the competition stand-

point, the good/bad news is that the Mazdas of Chris Brewer, Tucker Stewart, and Dean Johnson, have been making things extremely difficult for the "usual" front runners, Steve Gruver and Brent Hergenraeder. At the recent Food Services event, although Dwight Gilliland's Lotus Elan took FTD honors, both Johnson and Stewart edged Steve Gruver's Hoosier-shod Corvette. While these recent events may have caused Steve to chomp harder on his trademark pipe, I am sure he has some tricks up his sleeve. R.R.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



With all the events during the summer, it is tempting to add pages to *Fast Times*. (However, the thought of filling those pages during the winter months gives me chills.) Instead, I will refer readers to the Web for "more information." The *reussracing* Team Owner has posted a story regarding our trip to Illinois to drive in the Abarth Track Experience. Just follow the link on the Region's website homepage. Also, the Newsletter Editor's brother has a blog regarding the recent FSA event on Billings365.com and

added a story for the Rimrock Auto Truck Center event on the results page for that event. Links to each article are also on the homepage. In other news, the Montana Region (Great Falls) has signed a 5-year contract with Malmstrom Air Force Base allowing it to resume events at that facility. As the Region spokesman, Jeff Thill, indicates, "this track makes Helena look small." Be sure you make arrangements to be on the E.A.L. (Entry Access List) if you plan to attend. 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
September 10, 2013
GH&R Law Firm
 175 N. 27th Street
 Suite 903
 6:00 p.m.

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 Yellowstone Region 108 (Billings)
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 Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)
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