

Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108
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Skyview High School II — (September meeting on the 14th)

The Skyview High School event on Labor Day weekend was unquestionably an epic event. Regional Executive **Chris Brewer's** brilliant course design put huge grins on drivers' (and passengers') faces. The course was very fast with many long sweeping turns. Two laps per run resulted in times in the 60-70 second range. Notwithstanding, all 18 drivers had at least 9 runs. Unfortunately, because of battery problems, some of the later runs did not get timed. Interestingly, **Dean Johnson's** Miata bested **Steve Gruver's** long-

legged Corvette on the high-speed course. **Nels Jensen**, driving his dad's CRX, placed third, followed by **Orry Boetger** in his Focus ST and **Joel Gruver** in his Miata.



Woody Jensen and **Ben Caudill** finished 7th and 8th, followed by **James Reuss** and **John Hailstone** in 9th and 10th. **Aaron Dowell's** debut in the family's new autocross

car—the 1995 Acura Integra pictured on the reverse page—resulted in an 11th place finish. **Lucy Normandy** did well with the car as well and stated that she did not miss racing her Chevy Cruze. **John Hailstone** pleased the crowd with his 1932 Austin Bantam replica. (John showed true autocross grit by fixing a problem of oil spilling on the headers through the use of nothing more than duct tape!) **Hunter Heller's** 280Z shown above took the unofficial car-of-the-day award!

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Food Services of America Marathon—by the Roving Regional Reporter

The August 10th event at FSA set records for the Region. The first record broken was the number of runs per entry—16! The second record broken was the number of runs overall—192! Another statistic worthy of note was the narrow spread between first and last place—3.58 seconds!

Steve Gruver and his 1986 Corvette took FTD honors with **Jim Coons** in his Subaru STI only 0.420 seconds behind. The Miata contingent, **Chris Brewer**, **Dean Johnson**, and

Tucker Stewart, finished 3rd, 4th, and 5th. **Ryan Zahn** finished 6th just ahead of **James Reuss** and **Woody "Woodman" Jensen**. 2013 Driver of the Year, **Ben Caudill**, finished 9th. (Woody's uncharacteristically low finish occurred despite a few impromptu driving lessons from Region legend, **Dennis McCollough**. Ben's lackluster finish was obviously the result of the absence of his usual co-driver, **Amy Lamparelli**.

Long-time friend of the Region

Jackie Bell, finished 11th raw and 10th in PAX times. However, the careful reader will note from Jackie's photo in the masthead above that she was not driving her Mitsubishi or her Torino. Jackie was piloting a (red) Honda S2000 borrowed from Billings attorney **Brian Kohn**. Also notable was the return of former member **Jerod Staebler**. Jerod's beautiful Camaro is featured below.

PAX scoring was headed by **Gruver**, **Brewer**, **Stewart**, and **Caudill**, in that order.



What's Brewin'?' — From the RE

Top Gun 2014 was held in Helena on August 16th. There were 71 entries on Saturday and 64 on Sunday. Missoula was the overall winner with 598 points. The host Region, Great Falls, finished 2nd with 461 points. The Yellowstone Region tied with Bozeman for 5th place with 111 points. (Most of Bozeman did not attend because of a purported "boycott" of the event, but only three members from the Yellowstone Region attended.) **Dean Johnson, Tucker Stewart,** and I did the best we could under the cir-

cumstances. Tucker brought home a medal with a 1st in STS class. (I finished 2nd behind Tucker, but they apparently don't give medals to second-in-class when there are only 2 cars in the class!) Dean placed second in CSP behind Ron Ronchetto in another Miata. (Some of you will remember Ron "cutting his teeth" at several Yellowstone Region events a few years back. The combined overall placings for the three of us were 35th (Dean), 38th (Tucker), and 39 (yours truly). A lot of wind, but a fun time!



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

The recent Top Gun event was put on hold because of protests related to speeds being too high. SCCA Solo Rules (specifically, 2.2 (A)), provide that "[s]peeds on straight stretches should not normally exceed the low 60s (mph) for the fastest Stock, Street Touring and Street Prepared category cars." "Turns should not normally allow speeds in excess of 45 mph for unprepared cars." Luckily, Divisional Solo Safety Steward, **Cal Craner**, was at the Helena event and took corrective actions. He and Region

Member **Dean Johnson**, made some minor revisions to the course and the event was back up and running in no time. Interesting, Mr. Craner made a suggestion that had me looking for my rulebook. Mr. Craner suggested that the event be sanctioned as a "Solo Trials" and the speed limitation could be increased up to 95 mph. See Appendix D of the Solo Rules. Solo Trials are intended to be events "between" traditional Solo events and full-blown time trials. However, there are quite a few additional requirements. R.R.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

"Old Yaller" has returned from the Chevrolet shop after 72 days. (The parts and labor charges weren't too bad, but what really ran up the bill were the storage charges!) In addition to a new 5th and reverse gear, a new clutch was installed and the brake fluid was upgraded. (Plans for a Lingenfelter supercharger for the Z06 have been officially shelved by the Team Owner.) Work continues on the new hood for the "\$300 Civic." Pictured at the right is the "buck" being constructed. The buck will be covered with

tooling dough and then sanded smooth. A mold will then be constructed over the buck. The inside of the mold will be coated with mold release, and the infusion mesh and vacuum bag will be placed over that and sucked down. Resin will then be drawn through a tube on one side of the mold through the carbon fiber mesh until it is fully saturated. The tubes will then be clamed and it will cure for 24 hours. The hood is then removed, trimmed, sanded smooth, and sealed with gel coat. Pretty cool! J.



2014 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

Date	Location
May 11th	Food Services
May 25th	Skyview H.S.
June 15th	Yellowstone Drag
June 22nd	Armory
July 6th	Cancelled
July 27th	Yellowstone Drag
August 10th	Food Services
August 31st	Skyview H.S.
Sept. 14th	Food Services
September 28th	TBA

Monthly Region Meeting
September 14, 2014
(at breakfast prior to event on that date- location TBA)
6:00 a.m.

- Websites**
- Yellowstone Region 108 (Billings)
yellowstonescca.com
 - Southwest Montana Region (Bozeman)
swmtscsa.com
 - Montana Region (Great Falls)
mtscsa.com
 - Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club
eirscca.com
 - Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)
bigskyregion.org
 - Absaroka Region Porsche Club
abs.pca.org
 - Maui SCCA
mauiscca.net