

# Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108  
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## Meeting Minutes—(No August Meeting)



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## “Kind of a Drag”- by the Roving Regional Reporter

The 1967 hit by the Buckinghams was the song of the day for the Region’s last 2015 event at the Yellowstone Drag Strip. We were close as you could get to the dragstrip itself, but it was a real drag that the event was the season closer. On the bright side, it was a gorgeous day and 21 drivers enjoyed up to 15 runs apiece!

**Jon McTaggart** from the Southwest Region stopped by and schooled everyone—including **John Bonner** and his monster Z06—on how to take

fast time of day. McTaggart’s XP 1993 Mazda RX-7 (with an LS powerplant!) bested Bonner by .934 seconds on the 40-second course. In third was a not too shabby performance by **David Greenfield** in his 2015 Lancer Evolution. **Orry Boetger** in his Golf R placed 4th, just 0.102 seconds ahead of **Lindsey Stengle** who was driving McTaggart’s Mazda.

**Luke Bonner** placed 6th in a 2010 Camaro beating **Dean Johnson** by a scant 0.041. **Chris Brewer** (Miata), **James**

**Reuss** (C5Z), and **Jim Coons** (WRX) rounded out the top 10 places.

On the PAX results page, **Boetger** and his Golf R beat all comers. **Greenfield**, **Bonner**, and **McTaggart** followed for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, and **Luke Bonner** placed 5th. **Andrew Martinez** from Great Falls finished 6th in his Subaru BRZ.

(Super) friend of the Region **Jackie Bell** finished 9th overall in PAX, scoring just ahead of **Steve Gruver** in his C4.



## What's Brewin'?

— From the Regional Executive



The Yellowstone Region was well represented at Top Gun this year by members and friends of the Region. Although Sunday's times and results don't seem to be available on Montana Region's website, here are Saturday's results: **John Bonner** (SSR Z06 Corvette) 18th, **Tucker Stewart** (STS Mazda Miata) 34th, **Dean Johnson** (CSP Maxda MX-5) 44th, **Luke Bonner** (FS Camaro) 55th, and **Rachel Sitzman** (SSL Camaro) 67th. It appears that **Riley Kelly** (AS Shelby Mustang) raced only on Sunday.

Let me be among the first to welcome new member **Eddie Salcedo** to the Region! Eddie drives a VW hatchback and has run a few events with us this season. The Region's photographer (and webmaster) has changed from an Adobe-based photo display to "Google Photos." The change was required because the formerly used Adobe photo application would not run on all Apple products. Click on "photos" under the YDS results heading and check out the excellent new photo format. C.B.



## Race Notes

— From the Competition Chair



Since taking up autocross, I have heard many theories about the "care and feeding" of race tires. An article in the September edition of *SportsCar* lays to rest some of those "old autocrosser" tales. Here's what I learned from an expert at Hoosier Tires: First, race tires have primarily all natural rubber products in them and fewer "preservatives" than street tires have. So from the day a race tire is made, the clock starts to tick, but the production date has little effect in the first few years. Second,

tires can freeze without damage, as long as they are allowed to slowly come back up to temperature and are not mishandled while they are frozen. Third, tires should not be exposed to UV light; they should be stored in a cool, dry, and dark place. Ideally, they should be stored in garbage bags. Fourth, once a tire is put through its first heat cycles, the clock really starts to tick. So at the end of the season, make sure to toss the tires in bags and stack them neatly in your living room! T.S.



## The Finish Line

— From the Webmaster



The last major autocross event for the year is "Cone Heads" at Helena on September 19-20. The 2-day event pins Region against Region and to the victor go the cones—literally! The Montana Region (Great Falls) puts on a great event and the weather is typically a bit cooler than for the Montana Challenge events in June and July. There are a couple of events scheduled for October, but cold weather often forces cancellations. After that, there are 6 long, cold months until the season starts again in April.

In the good news department, the \$300 Civic (after 3 out of 4 plugged injectors were cleaned) completed its first dyno pulls: 177 whp on a base map of the Hondata ECU was reported from the Acura TSX motor. Other than a header, the engine is stock. Work will commence on the bumper as soon as the body man finishes the 1978 truck project that slipped in ahead of the Civic while the proper CRX bumper was sourced. 2016 will be exciting with **Caudill's**, **Johnson's** and my hot rod debuting! J.



**Monthly Region Meeting**  
**October 6, 2015**  
**GH&R Law Firm**  
 175 N. 27th Street  
 Suite 903  
**6:00 p.m.**

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