

Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108
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Meeting Minutes—September Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Chris Brewer on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 5:57 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 August 2013 meeting as published in the September issue of *Fast Times*. There was no monthly meeting in September.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported the current checkbook balance, noting the Region had exceeded its revenue goal for 2013 so that there are sufficient funds to continue the project to refurbish the timing trailer.

Old Business: There was no old business that anyone could recall other than the maintenance/repair of the timing trailer.

New Business: Assignments were as follows with regard to the timing trailer: J. will take the trailer to Randy Robert's shop within the next week or two. An upcoming membership meeting will take place at the shop to discuss repairs/renovation and work will then be assigned and scheduled. Randy will repack the wheel bearings and restore/replace the spare tire. Steve Gruver and Dean Johnson will configure the mounting of the timing display. Mounts for the worker assignment board will be designed and installed on the trailer.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m.

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"Corvette Summer"—From the Roving Regional Reporter

The Corvette contingent took Randy Robert's comments in the last *Fast Times* to heart and crushed the competition at Yellowstone Drag Strip. Jerod Staebler in a Z06 took FTOD honors with Brian Legg's 911 Turbo .0169 seconds back. Third and fourth places went to Jeme Jordan and Steve Gruver, both in Corvettes. The first Mazda was Dean Johnson in 5th position. Second and third Miata's were Tucker Stewart's in 10th and Chris Brewer's in 12th. The great turnout at YDS was bolstered by "The Glas-

gow Gang" headed up by Bob Stormer. As the "Montana Power Tour 2013," Bob and 6 of his pals spent Saturday drag racing in Malta, Saturday evening at Billings Motorsports Park watching stock cars, and Sunday with the Region enjoying autocross. The "Power Tour" was modeled after other events around the country where participants drive their own cars from location to location and compete in various types of motorsports events. Judging by the variety of cars in attendance and the fun that

was had, it looks like they might be on to something. The course was set on the day before the event by Dean Johnson and J. Reuss. (Rumor has it that J. "adjusted" some of the tighter sections of the course so that the bigger cars would slip more easily between the cones!) Other notable performances were by newcomer Orry Boettger in his 3013 Ford Focus who placed #1 in the PAX category, and by Jackie Bell who, in her Eclipse, has been inching her way up in the standings at every event. J.



What's Brewin'?' — From the RE



2013 has been a banner year for new members. This past month, James Reuss (Nissan 350Z), Pat Reuss (Fiat Abarth) and Aaron Scherr (Mazda 3) joined the ranks. Welcome aboard! There seems to be some confusion about the cost of an SCCA membership, so here's a recap. There are three basic types of membership: Individual (\$80); family (\$100); and "First Gear" (24 and under at \$45). The first year can be quite a bit cheaper. If you add an SCCA member's name and membership number

to your application, you save \$15. If you have entered any events in the previous 60 days as a "Weekend Member," you can receive an additional discount of \$15 for up to two events. The biggest bargain is for potential members who are 24 or under and have entered two events. You guessed it—the cost for the first year is \$0! To keep entry fees down, the Region charges only \$10 more for weekend members, so if you attend 7-8 events, membership is free. Take the plunge in 2014 and join!



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



My comment last month about Steve Gruver "chomping on his pipe" regarding recent performances by the Mazdas was spot on! Steve made a point at the Skyview event — with his pipe stem—to note that he had returned to the top of the leaderboard. Good job, Steve! At YDS, Chief of Timing Dean Johnson was finally successful at activating the portion of the timing software that allowed more than one car on the course at a time. Following the (ultimately) successful test at YDS, it looks like we will use this fea-

ture in the future. The only thing we will change is to require that all cars have unique numbers. This will allow cars to be entered into the "staging window" of the timing software much more quickly and accurately. We lined out plans at the last membership meeting to continue the renovation of the timing trailer. The current plan is to schedule a few "work days" over the winter to do the work in my shop facilities. Details will be posted online and in future newsletters. Please come out and help!



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



September was a busy month with the Skyview and YDS events and reussracing team's annual trip to Barrett-Jackson Las Vegas. The 1970 Lotus Europa and the 2009 Corvette ZR1 I was hoping to bid on sold for about twice what I was hoping to pay, so we came home (almost) empty-handed. We also celebrated my 60th birthday in Las Vegas and the Team surprised me with a gift certificate for a driving experience package at Exotics Racing. I now have 12 months to decide which package to select—

a total of 12 to 17 laps at the race track in up to three cars ranging from a Ferrari 458 Italia to a Nissan GT-R. Other notables offered are a Lamborghini Superleggera LP 570 or Gallardo, Ferrari 430 Scuderia, Porsche 997 Turbo, Audi R8 V10, Aston Martin Vantage, or a Mercedes SLS AMG! Holy crap—how am I expected to make a choice like that! It also includes an on-board video of the driving experience and a "discovery lap in a Porsche Cayenne." I may just need to drive one of those cars back to Montana!



Monthly Region Meeting
December 3, 2013
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 175 N. 27th Street
 Suite 903
6:00 p.m.

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