

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 Sunday, September 14, 2014, at 7:00 a.m., at the Muzzle Loader Café, Billings, MT.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was MS&P to accept without addition or correction the minutes of the August 2014 meeting as published in the August 2014 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported the current checkbook balance and noted that all bills have been paid with the exception of a recent bill for Weekend Memberships. J. reported that the current batteries in the timing trailer were purchased in April of 2012, so they should not need replacing.

Old Business: J. reported that the IRS has granted tax-exempt status to the Region under section 501(c)(7) effective May 15, 2010. Under (c)(7), donations to the Region are not deductible, however, virtually all income for the Region is from entry fees from members—regular or “Weekend.” J. reported that the Region replaced the laser printer (which drew 4 amps of power) with an inkjet printer (which draws only 0.4 amps). J. and Dean Johnson reported the results of their investigation regarding the power system in the timing trailer. The most recent problems were traced to the battery charger/maintainer. With the new printer and fully-charged batteries, it was anticipated that timing of the FSA III event would not require ancillary power.

New Business: The last event of the season on September 28th was discussed. The lack of a site was noted. However, since neither of the Region’s Solo Safety Stewards could attend the event, it was MS&P that the event be cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 a.m.

Regional Officers:

Regional Executive:

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Food Services Finale – by the Roving Regional Reporter

The September 14th event at Food Services was the last event for the Region’s 2014 season. The timing system worked flawlessly and 12 drivers enjoyed 14 runs each. Similar to the last FSA event, Miatas took the top three places in both raw times and PAX scoring. **Dean Johnson** took FTD honors, followed by **Tucker Stewart** and **Chris Brewer**. In PAX scoring, it was **Tucker**, **Chris**, and **Dean**, in that order. Interestingly only 0.478 seconds separated the three in raw time and 0.356

seconds in PAX scoring! **Orry Boettger** in his Focus ST finished 4th—only 0.718 seconds back from 1st! In 5th place, **Jim Arnett’s** race-tire clad EP Pinto edged **James Reuss’** Nissan 350Z in 6th. **Woody Jensen** had notched a 7th-place run before his 1990 CRX lost a front axle on his 11th run. (In a show of true autocross camaraderie, **Jim Arnett** sourced and installed a new axle and Woody was able to drive the car home!) **Tom Wieteki** and his turbo, AWD Talon looked faster than its 8th

place finish, but needed tires. (See photo in masthead above.) **Mark Francis’** Cobra finished 9th, just ahead of the father and son team of **Jason** and **Kobi Hudson** in their newly-prepared 1984 Honda Civic CRX. **Seth Buckman** returned with his 1993 Eclipse (pictured below) and placed 11th. Times were particularly tight for the long, two-lap course. The top nine cars were only 3.2 second apart! (In the photo at right, computer science student/course worker **Tucker Stewart** is looking particularly pensive.)



What's Brewin'? — From the RE

The Region recently received word that it has been granted tax-exempt status from the IRS under section 501(c)(7). The Region sincerely appreciates Sec./Treas. **J. Reuss'** efforts in obtaining such status. The application was submitted on December 3, 2014, and was approved effective September 4, 2014. Most regions are granted status under either (c)(4) or (c)(7). Neither section allows persons to make tax-deductible donations to a region. Section (c)(7) limits income from non-members, but as a result

of SCCA's "Weekend Membership" program, all event income is from "members." The Region also tips its hat to Chief of Tech **Tucker Stewart**, who is pictured at right. Tucker has won five new cones for the Region by competing in the Montana Region's "Conehead" event for the past two years in Helena. Last, pictured at the lower right are **Dean Johnson**, **Tucker Stewart**, and yours truly sporting the medals we won at the 2014 Top Gun event. I hope more Region members will attend next year. C.B.



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

After winning last year's Driver-of-the-Year award, **Ben Caudill** is not one to rest on his laurels. Ben is now building a car that is destined to challenge the fastest drivers in the Region. The photo at right shows the 1974 MGB into which Ben has shoehorned a 4.3 liter V6 engine with a 5-speed transmission. Ben is shooting for 170-200 HP and over 300 lb-ft of torque in the little roadster that will weigh less than one ton. Ben plans to add a '65 Mustang radiator, electric fan, headers, a Holley 4-barrel, Edelbrock in-

take, all new suspension bushings, a big front sway bar, and a 3-piece NASCAR-style rear sway bar. Ben also plans to lower the car a couple of inches, add a roll cage, and cut out the fender wells to run wide tires. Since the car will run in E-Mod, all lights, trim, and anything else that won't make it faster, will be removed. At this point, Ben is thinking a coat of light gray primer sealer, but some eye-catching color could be next. I anticipate Ben and his girlfriend, **Amy Lamparelli**, will be competing for fast time! R.R.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

Chief Timer **Dean Johnson** and I believe we have sorted the timing and power problems that have plagued us for most of the season. The last event of the season proceeded without any timing or power issues. A new printer allowed for updated times to be printed after every heat, and event results were online first thing Monday morning. The anticipated off-season work for the timing trailer includes a permanent mount for the spare time and some painting touchup of areas damaged by stone chips. The next

major project is a re-building of the Region's website. The current site was built using Microsoft Office FrontPage. Unfortunately, FrontPage was discontinued in 2006. The current "hot ticket" in website design is "WordPress." With the assistance of web developer Tim Boelter of Morrison-Maierle Systems, the "shell" for a new Region website has been put together. The goal for this winter is to move content from the old site to the new site. The learning curve is pretty steep, but there's no turning back now! J.



Monthly Region Meeting
October 7, 2014
GH&R Law Firm
175 N. 27th Street
Suite 903
6:00 p.m.

Websites

- Yellowstone Region 108 (Billings)
yellowstonescca.com
- Southwest Montana Region (Bozeman)
swmtscca.com
- Montana Region (Great Falls)
mtscca.com
- Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club
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- Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)
bigskyregion.org
- Absaroka Region Porsche Club
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- Maui SCCA
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