

Fast Times



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

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive **Chris Brewer** on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 5:55 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 June 2015 meeting as published in the June 2015 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer **J. Reuss** reported the current checkbook balance and noted that all bills have been paid. A motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report. J. noted that the Region made money at most events this year and had no major expenditures. As a result, the Region's reserves have been restored to a more "comfortable" level.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business: **Chris Brewer** announced that he was resigning his position as Regional Executive effective the end of his current term. The resignation was reluctantly accepted by the board, however, it was noted that Chris faithfully served the Region as R.E. for 5 years, longer than any other R.E. since the Region was affiliated with the SCCA in 1986. J. provided a brief demonstration of the new website that has been created with the assistance of **Pat Whitmore** of **Pat Whitmore Creative Capital**. The new site will (hopefully) be rolled out in the next month or two. A discussion was held regarding the procedure to be followed with regard to locating new sites for events. It was reported that membership numbers for the Region were the highest in the past 15 years.

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

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"Coneheads"—2015 Edition—by the Roving Regional Reporter

In the interest of full disclosure, the "Roving Regional Reporter" did not attend the event. However, the Region sent a few of their finest to Montana Region's fall classic in Helena. Although our representatives thoroughly enjoyed the event, they were unable to reach a consensus regarding what it took to actually win cones. One attendee thought it had something to do with PAX times, but another thought it was related to class winners. (The Region reached out to the Montana Region for clarifica-

tion, but at press time had not received anything definitive.) Be that as it may, **Jonathan McTaggart's** LSRX7 pretty much schooled everyone on both Saturday and Sunday. **Dave Kirk** in his Westfield S2000 and **Don Goetz** in his Brunton Stalker tried mightily, but were unable to dethrone "King Jon." Some pretty heavy hitters driving GTRs, Cobras, supercharged Hondas, and Corvettes fell in line after the top runners, but they couldn't touch the top three cars. Saturday featured 48 timed entries

and on Sunday there were 52. Most cars enjoyed 8 runs each day. Region member **Tucker Stewart** placed highest for the Yellowstone Region at 18th overall on Saturday and 20th on Sunday. **Dean Johnson**, **Chris Brewer**, and **Steve Gruver** placed behind **Tucker**. On the PAX side, **Jonathan Mudge** (Scion FR-S) came out of top, with **McTaggart** closely behind in 2nd on Saturday. On Sunday, **Jordan Cooke** (Focus ST) placed first and **Mudge** was second. **Tucker Stewart** placed 6th overall!



What's Brewin'?' — From the Regional Executive



There is never a shortage of interesting cars at events in Helena and Coneheads 2015 was no exception. Eric Katzenberger's factory Pontiac Fiero race car pictured at right definitely got my attention! The red beast featured an LS6 (Corvette Z06) motor with an open exhaust and Porsche transmission nestled in a tube frame. Hearing that car start on a cool Helena morning made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up!

Dave Kirk's Westfield S2000 is another beautiful car to behold. Appearing in the

photo at the right, the newly-added "steamroller" tires leaves no doubt that this car means business. Also, while the color combination might not sound good "on paper," it unquestionably "rings the bell" in real life.

Last, Don Goetz from Alpine, WY, brought up his 2014 Brunton Stalker AXR. The Stalker is another amazing machine and provides additional proof that if you want to go fast, a small block V-8 in a lightweight package will get the job done! C.B.



Race Notes — From the Competition Chair



At the outset, let me note I have attended more Coneheads events than anyone else in the Yellowstone Region and I think that cones are awarded for PAX times. However, I will wait for official confirmation before I say "I told you so!"

Coneheads 2015 was great! There was the usual dissention on Saturday morning about the course being too slow or too fast, but once everyone started driving, they seemed to love the course. However, it

seemed to favor the higher horsepower cars with wide tires. The course on Sunday was very rhythmic and flowing and seemed to lend an advantage to lighter-weight cars (like mine). Unfortunately, if you messed up one corner, the next five were a nightmare! Anyway, I was rewarded with a 6th overall (out of 52) in Sunday with my PAX time, so I must have been doing something right! By the end of Sunday, the weather really heated up and it seemed almost impossible to go faster as the afternoon wore on. T.S.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



At the same time the Team Owner and I were in the Black Hills participating in the 44th Black Hills Corvette Classic, the Deadwood 3 Wheeler Motorcycle Rally was holding its first annual event. As you might guess, "trikers" of all shapes, sizes, and configurations were in attendance. While a large percentage of the trikes consisted of motorcycle conversions, Polaris Slingshots, and Can-Am Spyders, one-off customs were prevalent as well. Pictured at right and below are a couple of notable rides that sport-

ed Montana license plates. Main street in Deadwood was closed off Saturday evening to allow the public to enjoy a free trike show. In the "Latest News in the \$300 Civic Department," I learned a new acronym—"VSS"—which stands for "Vehicle Speed Sensor." This small gadget is located on top of the transmission and is part of the i-VTEC system on a Honda. ("i" stands for "intelligent," BTW.) Net result? No VSS—no i-VTEC "bump." (The last 5% of a project is more than 5% of the overall project time.) J.



Monthly Region Meeting
December 1, 2015
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 175 N. 27th Street
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6:00 p.m.

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