

Fast Times



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

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Scott Cranston on August 4, 2010, at 6:22 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 July 2010 meeting as published in the August 2010 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Sec./Treas. J. Reuss announced the current bank balance and reported that all bills were current. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Scott confirmed that he secured the date of September 12th for an additional Regional event for 2010 at the Yellowstone Drag Strip. Because of the instability with drag strip operations, the situation will be monitored closely. It was reported that the "rookie" fee of \$20 at events for "first-timers" was being well received.

New Business: Scott announced that he would "take the lead" on organizing and holding a "Tire Rack Street Survival" school. The school is a teen program designed to go beyond today's required driver's education and give teens the driving tools and hands-on experience to become safer, smarter drivers. After a short discussion, it was agreed that this would be an excellent project for the Region and we would tentatively shoot for holding the school in the spring of 2011, when school was still in session.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:55 p.m.

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Rimrock Auto Group II- by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

29 drivers enjoyed the season's second event at RAG Truck Center. No cars or property were damaged and the only "injuries" were some sunburn. Notable were all the new faces at the event. Four drivers made the trip down from Glasgow, two from Broadus, one from Sheridan, WY, three from Cody, WY, and one from Hamilton, MT. Dave Marble posted FTD with Raw time and Jim Coons was FTD in the PAX standings. John Small from Sheridan posted top time for the Stock classes with his fast Porsche 911. Scott Cranston had top time of day in Prepared. Coons had the

top time in Touring class, Marble topped Street Modified, Jackie Bell bested Stock Ladies, and Kaitlin Reuss took Prepared Ladies.

The crew from Glasgow—purportedly "straight-line guys"—were "up to speed" in no time flat. Bob Stormer delighted the crowd with the loudest Civic I have ever heard. More than one person reported seeing Dwight Gilliland putting in earplugs!

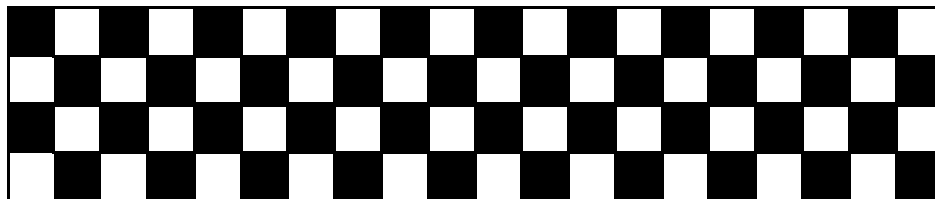
Second-timer, Carissa Dewey,

was heard muttering that she needed "more power" from her Ford Focus. (I think an engine swap with her father might be the answer!)

The beautiful C6 Corvette featured on the masthead of the webpage for past few weeks belongs to Jerry Bank from Cody. One of Jerry's sons was lucky enough to co-drive the red convertible. Jerry's other son co-drove a red Mazdaspeed 3 with Mike Kroochvil that placed 5th and 7th on the PAX scoreboard.



Doug Hills and his Subaru, were not able to catch Coons, but placed 2nd in Street Modified class behind Marble. Ted and Zach Amsden from Broadus gave the Glasgow Camaros some stiff competition. Sam Myers (Chris Brewer's brother-in-law), who recently moved to Billings to attend RMC, placed 12 overall in his first autocross ever.





Cranston's Corner — From the RE

(I will be on vacation during the 2-day event on October 21-22, but I will see y'all at Skyview on September 5th.) I have been doing some research on the Tire Rack Street Survival program and have been very impressed. I recommend that you check their website at <http://www.streetsurvival.org>. The cost of the course is \$75 per student. The requirements for the vehicles and drivers are essentially the same as we for solo events. The school lasts one full day. After we get things more firmed up, we will want to contact the local high schools and solicit their assis-

stance and/or participation. Chris Brewer and J. Reuss have assured me that the Region's 2nd Driver's School will start on schedule at 6:00 p.m. Oct. 21st at GM Petroleum. Similar to last year, the first hour or two will primarily be spent educating new drivers. Experienced drivers are encouraged to serve as instructors. As the evening progresses, the timing system will be turned on so drivers can note their progress. I also understand that the Region will provide pizza and drinks!

SC (Sent from my BlackBerry Smartphone.)



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

As you might have noted from the announcement on the website, the Region has tentatively reserved the Yellowstone Drag Strip for September 12th. Although the road between Acton and the facility is "third-world," the huge, obstruction-free pit area makes the trip worthwhile. The site is the largest chunk of asphalt that the Region currently has access to. As the date gets firmed up, we are planning to do some advertising with the hope of making it a major event for the Region.

To the upper right, I am pleased to include a

photo of my sister, Linda Benson, rounding Turn 1 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Linda recently joined 400 other Minis for a few laps of the Brickyard. Over the years, I have heard racers lament about the daunting challenge of Turn 1 at Indy. However, the careful observer will note nothing but sheer joy on the face of Linda's Bichon Frise peering out from behind the passenger's side rear-view mirror. Linda is also re-



sponsible for the "spy shot" on page 1 featuring Mini Cooper's soon-to-be-released SUV. On a similarly festive note, I am happy to report that former Region stalwart Dennis McCollough was recently granted a marriage license in Richland County, Montana. (I will publish the Region's wedding invitation in *Fast Times* as soon as it is received.) Last, but not least, I hope all of you noted Region's newlywed, Randy Roberts, featured in a photograph in the August 19th *Billings Gazette* (See masthead on page 1). (Eye candy to be sure!) We wish Randy, Jo, and all the rest who traveled to Helena this weekend for Top Gun, good luck! J.

2010 YRSCCA Solo Schedu

- May 1-2 GM (cancelled)
- May 15-16 Lewistown (with PCA)
- May 30 Skyview H.S.
- June 13 GM Petroleum
- June 27 RAG Truck Center
- July 11 Skyview
- July 24-25 Lewistown (cancelled)
- Aug. 8 RAG Truck Center
- Aug. 21-22 GM Petroleum**
- Sept. 5 Skyview**
- Sept. 12 YDS**
- Sept. 18-19 Lewistown (with PCA)**

Monthly Region Meeting
September 1, 2010
GH&R Law Firm
 10 N. 27th Street Suite 100
6:30 p.m.

Websites

- Yellowstone Region 108**
yellowstonescca.com
- Southwest Montana Region**
swmtssca.com
- Montana Region (Great Falls)**
mtssca.com
- Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club**
eisccax.com
- Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)**
bigskyregion.org
- Absaroka Region Porsche Club**
vista.pca.org/abs/index.html