

# Fast Times



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

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Chris Brewer on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the GH&R Law Firm conference room.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: There was no monthly meeting in November.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported the current checkbook balance and noted that all bills were current and that he had paid the annual rental fee to Skyview. J. indicated that he had not completed the recap of expenses related to the timing trailer refurbishing.

Old Business: Dean Johnson reported that primarily due to a lack of manpower, the Region would not be conducting an event as part of the Montana Challenge in Helena. It was noted that there will be 6 or 7 Solo events at the Emergency Services Facility in Helena this upcoming year, with most of them being 2-day events.

New Business: Nominations and voting for the Region's Most Improved Driver of the Year and Spirit of the Sport awards took place. The winners will be announced and awards presented at the year-end party. (Date and time TBA.) The Region received an email from Region 105 (Great Falls), that announced the dates of August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for the 2013 "Top Gun" event. Top Gun will no longer be part of the Montana Challenge. The Region also indicated that it would holding events in Helena on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> (first leg of the Montana Challenge) and September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that the January meeting would be held on the second Tuesday of January—the 8<sup>th</sup>—rather than the evening of the 1st. Last, the 2012 Region officers were reelected for 2013 by acclamation.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.

## Regional Officers:

### Regional Executive:

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## News from the "Front" - by the Roving Regional Reporter

The Region acquired more front-wheel drive members this year than rear-wheel drive, so a recent article in *Grassroots Motorsports* is "must reading" for the neophyte members. Front-wheel drive cars require a very different driving style because the front tires are trying to do several jobs (braking, cornering, and acceleration) at the same time. The article makes the following recommendations: (1) Rotate the car earlier in the corner, so that there is very little steering input when accelerating out of

the turn; (2) trail-braking—decreasing brake pressure as the car nears the apex allows the weight to remain transferred to the front of the car at corner entry, adding grip to the front and rotating the back; (3) increase rear tire pressure decrease rear grip to help the car rotate; (4) add camber plates to allow a minimum of 3 degrees of negative front camber; (5) increase front caster because camber will be further increased with steering angle; (6) anti-roll bars—stiffen the rear and loosen the front only

until you start losing the contact patch in the inside tire; (7) make sure your differential will minimize the amount of inside front wheel spin on cornering, i.e., limited-slip differential; (8) and increase the toe out in the rear to get the rear "loose." With the car loose on corner entry, the driving style becomes "pitch and catch." You can pitch the car into the corner, and as the back end starts to come around, you catch it with the throttle. The benefit is that with the rotation, the car will be pointed down the track awaiting throttle.



## What's Brewin'? — From the RE



Make sure to clear your calendars for the Region's annual year-end bash on Saturday, January 26th! The location is the same as last year—2324 Azalea. Please feel free to bring along some food or drink to share with other Region members, but there is always more than enough to go around! Like previous years, we will have the TVs tuned to Speed Channel's coverage of the Rolex 24 at Daytona. Make it a point to attend the party help us congratulate the winner's of the Region's annual awards—the

Most Improved Driver of the Year Award and the "Spirit of the Sport Award."

On an unrelated note, the 2012 Region officers were reelected by acclamation for 2013. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those individuals whose hard work and tireless efforts make my job as Regional Executive much easier. I continue to believe that our Region—the smallest in the Rocky Mountain Division—can proudly hold its own against much larger regions in furthering the interests of motorsports. C.B.



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



As indicated in the Meeting Minutes, there will be lots of action in Helena this upcoming season. If you haven't attended an event at the Emergency Services Facility, make it a point to do so in 2013. However, before you go, make sure to touch base with a Region member who has made the trip before. It will save you time, money, and (possibly) aggravation.

your car "fix," I recommend that you check out the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction from Scottsdale, January 15th through 20th. Of particular interest this year is the "Salon Collection" containing approximately 20 of the most rare, award-winning cars that have not been up for sale for quite some time. Bidders for these cars must be pre-qualified to very high standards. Some record-breaking prices are assured. If your interests lie with the more modest cars, watch or record the shows earlier in the week. R.R.



Other than the Rolex 24 at Daytona, there is not much in the way of competitive motorsports events in January. However, to get

## The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



The Corvette "world" is all atwitter with the unveiling of the next generation (C7) Corvette scheduled for the 13th of this month. It will be interesting to see how similar the actual car looks compared to the images we published in the December 31, 2011, issue of *Fast Times*. Speaking of unveilings, please take note that the Absaroka Region of the Porsche Club of America has a new Web address: <http://abs.pca.org>. The new site looks very professional and I learned many new things—like the existence of a

"Yellowstone Region PCA." (It took a little digging, but it appears that the Region is based out of Idaho Falls.) I thought it was also worthy of note that yours truly must have been "nice" this last year because Santa brought him a GoPro HERO2 video camera for Christmas. If anyone out there would like to impress me with their knowledge concerning such cameras, please let me know. The engine upgrade to the "\$300 Civic" has recently gotten underway so it looks like a short winter. J.



**Monthly Region Meeting**  
**March 5, 2012**  
**GH&R Law Firm**  
175 N. 27th Street  
Suite 903  
6:00 p.m.

### Websites

- Yellowstone Region 108 (Billings)**  
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- Southwest Montana Region (Bozeman)**  
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- Montana Region (Great Falls)**  
[mtsscca.com](http://mtsscca.com)
- Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club**  
[eirscca.com](http://eirscca.com)
- Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)**  
[bigskyregion.org](http://bigskyregion.org)
- Absaroka Region Porsche Club**  
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