

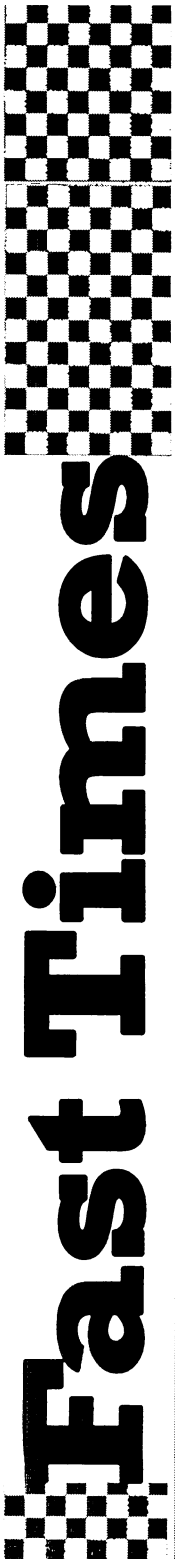
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Meeting Minutes: Yellowstone Region 108 - Dec. Meeting

The December 2007 meeting of the Yellowstone Region was called to order by Regional Executive Scott Cranston at 6:30 p.m. on December 5th. There was no Treasurer's report because Mark was attending to religious and/or eleemosynary pursuits.

Dwight Gilliland reported that he and Jim Arnett recently ventured to Helena and kicked some "major butt." Their attendance and strong results merited a mention in the December issue of *SportsCar*.

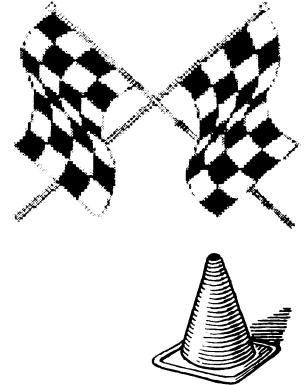
A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the November meeting.

Old Business:

There was no old business to report.

New Business:

Jay will contact Mark to see if he would be willing to hold the year-end party at his home as in previous years. The Region's traveling trophies will be awarded at the party. All parties in attendance agreed that the Lewistown event(s) with the Porsche club should continue. Various other venues were discussed and assignments were made to make contacts. The Porsche, Mustang and Corvette clubs will be contacted to determine if they would like to attend events as "special guests." The thought is that those clubs could promote specific events within their organizations. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.



Garage Racin'

As a prelude to including pages on the website to feature member's cars (and needing to fill space in the newsletter during the "off season," RE Scott Cranston agreed to provide some history relating to various cars he has prepared for Solo events.

The first of three cars is a car most members will recognize—"The Teal 'Stang."

Scott has kindly provided the following background regarding his "pride and joy."

1995 Mustang GT "FFF"

"I have been brow beaten into telling a story about the various automobile projects I have been doing, so here is the first of three."

"Several years ago I purchased the subject, with 122K on the odometer, particularly because it was the last of the 5.0 engines in a production car. That summer I ran the car com-

pletely stock. The car seemed to have more power than it could put to the ground. After discussing many proposed changes with long-time autocrossers, I took their advice and went to work on the suspension. That winter I installed a "Maximum Grip in a Box" kit from Maximum Motor Sports. In essence, the entire suspension was replaced. That proved to be the single biggest improvement to the car's solo performance. The following winter, I decided to add more low-end torque, and built a 331 engine. That spring, as most of you know, I starved the engine of oil and rushed to get a 347 engine from Ford Racing. That change proved to be unbeatable, although not necessarily in the hands of the owner."

"Many other smaller, but not less costly, changes have been made. The rear suspension necessitated that the exhaust exit the side of the car. Accordingly, the car was "tubed," to allow the exhaust to exit without dragging on the ground."

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"New gauges, radiator, seat, harness, brakes and proportioning valve, and steering wheel are just some of the "form follows function" items that I have added.

"It is my Christmas wish that the car will continue to be competitive with the Corvettes and Civics."

S. Cranston

Cranston's Corner — From the RE

As the New Year begins, I hope everyone has resolved to make the Yellowstone Region SCCA the best in the Northwest. There are a few issues that your executives need help with and your participation is welcome.

First, we need new locations for Solo events. We assume that Skyview is still available and that we can (at great expense) use the drag strip. Some suggestions have been:

- K-Mart
- Hobby Lobby/ Universal Athletics
- Metra (again at great expense)
- National Guard
- Old auto auction yard - Lockwood

Anyone with connections to these locations, please contact Chris Brewer, Competition Chairman.

We are also developing a schedule and at this time we are considering events on non-holidays (i.e. Memorial, Labor and the 4th). Along with the schedule we need someone to design a poster with some flash that shows our schedule and contacts.

And finally, Chris Brewer will need help running the Solo events, i.e. timers, tech inspection, registration, course set-up, and a host of other needs.

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From the Webmaster

If you are undertaking any autocross-related projects this winter similar to Mark Richlin or Scott Cranston, send me an short e-mail and a few pictures. I would like to feature your project on the website. If anyone has any vehicles for sale or items that would interest club members, e-mail your classified ad to the Webmaster.

The Finish Line

Sorry for the delay in getting this issue in the mail. I fully intended to complete the newsletter during "Christmas vacation," but with Christmas falling on a Tuesday, there didn't seem to be any "extra" vacation time.

I spoke recently with a former long-time member of the club and was delighted to learn that he plans on participating in an event or two this year with car he has recently acquired. The car sure looks fast sitting in his garage. Presuming the driver can adapt to a rear-wheel-drive car, the karts and other "fast-time-of-day" cars will have some competition.

It will soon be time to review event fees for the 2008 season. One thing we know for sure is that the differential between member and non-member fees will be an SCCA-mandated \$15.00. The rest of the equation will be provided after it is determined how much the "non-free" sites will cost for the year. Recent news from National SCCA indicates that the nationwide average for event fees (for members is \$25.00.) Our fees for 2007 were \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Special events were \$25 and \$35.



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