

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 Competition Chairman Chris Brewer on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 6:25 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 November 2010 meeting as published in the December 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: The Region's Facebook page has been reactivated. J. will install a link on the Region's website.

New Business: Member Dave Marble's efforts to re-secure MetraPark as an event site were noted. J. indicated that he would forward copies of the documentation that were prepared and submitted last year. A motion was MS&P to cancel the January membership meeting. The first meeting of the New Year would be held on February 1, 2010, at which time the Member-at-Large would be appointed by the newly-installed board. Chris will take over the RE's portion of the newsletter—the name of which will be changed to "What's Brewin." It was generally agreed that a monthly column authored by the new Competition Chairman, Randy Roberts, would be an exciting addition to Fast Times.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Regional Officers:

Regional Executive:

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Competition Chairman:

Randy Roberts
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Secretary/Treasurer:

J. Reuss
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Membership Chairman:

Vacant
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Member-at-Large:

To be appointed 2/1/2011
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Off Season—by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

I recently noticed two harbingers of spring—ads on the Speed Channel for the 2011 Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction (January 17-23) and the Rolex 24 at Daytona (January 29-30.) (Make sure to record these events to hold you over until the snow melts.) You will also want to record the Daytona Grand-Am race held on January 28th. My guess is that it will air sometime in February. Keep your eyes peeled for "friend of the Region" Lara Tallman's red Honda Civic. Otherwise, everything motorsports is pretty slow this

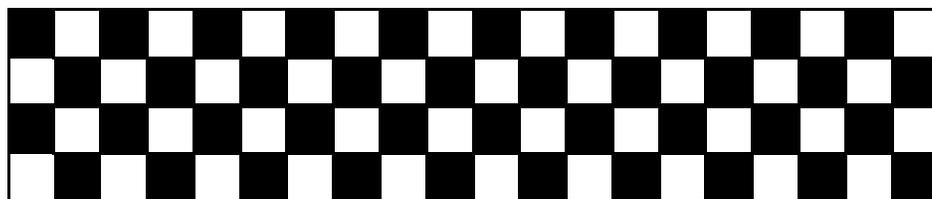
time of year. Even my favorite magazine is letting me down. The February issue of *Grassroots Motorsports* features a build-up of a 1974 Ford Maverick! Although I used to refer to my (Ferrari) red 1972 Maverick "Grabber" as "The Race Car," I was just (mostly) kidding. (My kids were at the age when you could tell them just about anything and they would believe it.) I guess I better get used to it, all there seems to be featured in *Auto(every-other)week* these days is electric cars or cars made out of twigs. Oh well, it's

only eight weeks until my first autocross of 2011. I hope to see y'all at Maui Raceway Park on February 27th. (Speaking of which, the March membership meeting will be held at Cheeseburgers in Paradise in Lahaina, Maui—mark your calendars.)

Last I heard, Randy Roberts was starting work on the 2011 Region Solo schedule. Among other things, Randy was given orders to schedule a "true" nighttime autocross that started after dark. Now is the time to give Randy your input regarding scheduling.



Based on past experience, the neighboring regions issue their schedules at about the same time while keeping their fingers crossed that most events don't occur on the same weekends. Finally, as Chris points out in his column, 2010 was a great year for the Region because of the participation by members and entrants. 2011 promises to be even better! See you at the next event!
 J.





What's Brewin'? — From the RE

Starting the year as a “virgin” Regional Executive feels something like those “polar bear plunges” you see on New Years Day newscasts. The response by most viewers is “boy, are those people crazy!” However, the participants usually say that the anticipation was worse than the cold water itself. At the outset, I need to sincerely thank my predecessor, Scott Cranston, for showing me “the ropes” over the past few years. Without Scott’s capable tutelage, the “icy waters” would not be as bearable. The year-end numbers revealed that 2010 was a suc-

cess. Eight events were held in both 2009 and 2010, with 153 total entrants in 2009 and 159 in 2010. Although entry fees were reduced for 2010 in various categories, overall revenue was essentially the same as 2009. Disregarding the expenditures for the new timing system, the Region’s bank balance is almost exactly the same as it was a year ago. With the economy showing signs of improvement, I predict that 2010 will push our average car-per-event number over the 20-car mark, and our profitability will remain strong. More fun for the \$ is the goal! C.B.

2011 Yellowstone Region officers (from left to right): Chris Brewer, Regional Executive; Randy Roberts, Competition Chairman; and J. Reuss, Sec./Treasurer (and Web Lackey)

The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

My New Year’s resolution is to flesh out the collection of Region newsletters on the website. Former Newsletter Editor Kristi Gilliland provided me with a treasure trove of old publications. I am still organizing and scanning, but I have found some dating back to the “SCCM” days! (Sports Car Club of Montana—pronounced “scum.”) After I have uploaded as many newsletters as I can find, the next project will be to put together a history of who held which Region office at what time. I recall Mark Richlen telling me that he “drifted” in and out of SCCA over the years.

I, personally, was a member of the Milwaukee Region back in the 70’s, but school, work, and family shuffled my priorities. Leafing through the old newsletters reflects similar periodic participation by current members and participants. I plan to finish the uploading within a week or so, so check the webpage for further information.

Further information regarding Region members and activities are now available on Facebook. Click the link on the website or search for “Yellowstone SCCA” inside of FB! J.



Monthly Region Meeting
February 1, 2011
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 10 N. 27th Street
 Suite 100
6:30 p.m.

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Absaroka Region Porsche Club
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