

Fast Times



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

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive **Dean W. Johnson** on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 5:59 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 December 2015 meeting as published in the December 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.

Old Business: **J.** reported that the new corrections had been made to the Region's information at SCCA so that we should be "legal" for 2016.

New Business: Nominations and voting for the Region's "Driver of the Year" and "Spirit of the Sport" awards. Presentations will take place at the Region's year-end party at The Windmill Restaurant scheduled for January 30, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m. No meeting scheduled in February.

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Steve Gruver

member-at-large



Happy New Year!- by the Roving Regional Reporter

While the vast majority of the Region's members—including yours truly—are braving another Montana winter, the Team Owner and the "Real Newsletter Editor" recently braved warm ocean waters and the "relentless sun" of Lahaina, Maui, to take stand-up paddleboard lessons. The two are pictured below with their dusky native instructor, Justin, from Maui Waveriders. A good time was had by all (in attendance).



Closer to home, I am ready to (re)start the last phase of the \$300 Civic project—the hood. As may be noted from the photo inset, the bumper has been completed and painted. However, the current problem is that my trailer, in which the car is located, is drifted in. The prior hood was lost in connection with the first failed attempt to create a new hood. The first OEM hood I ordered to use as a starting point for the new hood was damaged in shipping. The third hood has arrived. (The bumper took three tries as well.) Arrgh!!!!



MyT13B's Corner — From the Regional Executive



I am excited to be the R.E. for the coming year. However, I still plan to be “yours for the sport” in most aspects of our events. As I presume you have heard, I have been resurrecting my “project car,” Stage IV of the (over) 20-year-old project. Major revisions include a near mid-engine placement and a modified 1980 RX7 body that will tilt (with a lot of effort). Suspension geometry and brake system have been improved. The engine is a 1974 13B rotary that has been modified for internal strength and

reliability. (See photo at right) I expect around 225-250HP at 4000 rpm and peak around 400HP at 8000 rpm. It will sound mild-mannered with a smooth idle. The car should weigh close to 1800 pounds with driver. The front/rear balance is about 55% rear-biased. I have chosen Hoosier A7 tires that fit 13 x 10 wheels in front and 13 x 11 wheels in the back. I am very excited to get behind the wheel of this “animal.” Check out the car’s progress at www.facebook.com/dean.w.johnson.3. D.J.



Race Notes — From the Competition Chair



How can a day as wonderful as Christmas be ruined? Answer: By a distracted driver. No, not me, the Hyundai driver in the photo at right. My (other) faithful companion and I were out for a drive enjoying Christmas decorations when a British driver adjusting the settings on the iPad he just received for Christmas collided with my Miata. (I presume he was British because he was driving on the wrong side of the road.) Since I was actually watching the road, I was able to get stopped before the impact. The Hyundai, on

the other hand, was not as fortunate. After hitting my car, it bounced off, rotated, and hit my car a second time. Thanks to everyone who expressed their condolences on Facebook—albeit most of those condolences were directed towards my car and not my furry companion or me. The only “competition news” to report this month is that Big Sky Region (Missoula) has posted a draft 2016 event schedule. The schedule lists dates for the Montana Challenge races, Top Gun, Coneheads, and Missoula events. T.S.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



Several folks have inquired recently as to why the Region has two Facebook pages and whether one page is more “official” than the other. **Tucker Stewart** put together the **Yellowstone SCCA** page while I was putting together the **Yellowstone Region SCCA** page. (I should have deferred to Tucker given the fact that he is a computer science major and I went through college with an abacus.) The original plan was to disable the page I created, but by the time I got around to it, I lost the email/password

combination that I used to set up the page. For (I guess) obvious reasons, you can’t disable a Facebook page unless you know the email and password that were used to create the page. After my own version of “brute force,” I ultimately determined the proper email address and password used to create the **Yellowstone Region SCCA** page. However, the page had garnered quite a bit of “likes” by that time and I felt guilty about disabling the site that that point. So, both are technically “official.” J.



Monthly Region Meeting
March 1, 2016
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 175 N. 27th Street
 Suite 903
6:00 p.m.

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