



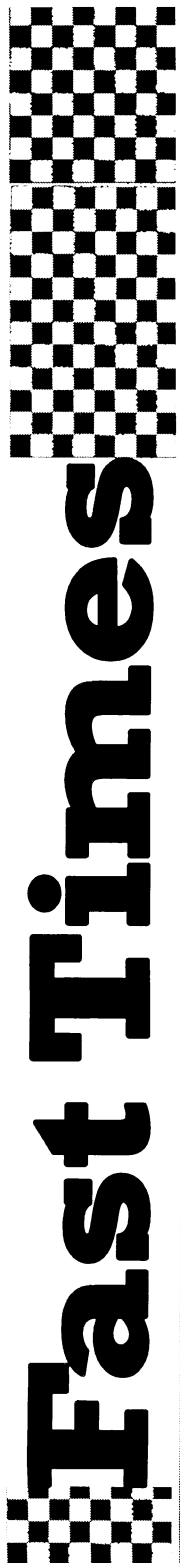
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Meeting Minutes: Yellowstone Region 108 - January Meeting

The January 2008 meeting of the Yellowstone Region was called to order by Secretary/Treasurer Mark Richlen at 6:30 p.m. on January 2nd. Regional Executive Scott Cranston was unaccounted for and must have gotten a better offer.

Mark provided a Treasurer's report which indicated that the Region had approximately \$3,500 in the bank and that no bills were owing..

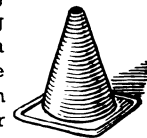
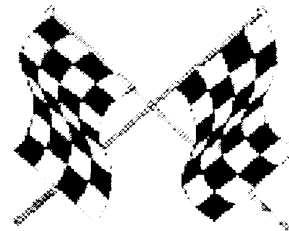
A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report and the minutes of the December meeting as published in FastTimes.

Old Business:

There was no old business to report.

New Business:

Special guests at the meeting were Mark Pilon and his family from Fallon, Montana. Mark reported that he had been involved in a variety of motorsports activities in the Denver, Colorado, area, and was looking forward to getting involved in autocross in Montana. (I received an e-mail from Mark this morning in which he indicated he was taking his Subaru Forester to Denver next week to be fitted with a new turbo, exhaust and intercooler (hopefully) tuned to about 300hp at the wheels. It sounds like he will give Mike Moore and Nathan Crum a little competition) Comp. Chair Brewer provided an update on site-search activities. Brewer also reported that he had not yet heard from any other regions regarding 2008 autocross dates. Dates and times were finalized for the year-end party. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.



Region Year-End Party

Mark and Delia Richlen graciously allowed the club to (again) use their home as the location for the year-end party. As usual, there were plenty of good eats, drink and camaraderie to share. Among the highlights of the party were the awarding of the Region's two traveling trophies, the "Grant Cameron Memorial Driver of the Year" and the "Dick Hager Memorial Spirit of the Sport," and RE Scott Cranston's news that he had secured a new autocross site to replace the College of Technology site.

Competition Chairman Chris Brewer was awarded the Dick Hager Memorial Spirit of Sport Award for 2008. Chris' willingness to help and show up early for every event he was able to attend were cited as reasons for receiving the award. Chris' willingness to step up and take the position of Competition Chairman was also noted. Jim Arnett was awarded the Grant Cameron Memorial Driver of the Year Award

for 2008. Jim's two fast-time-of-day awards at the Norpac divisional in Helena last fall earned him the Grant Cameron Memorial Driver of the Year Award for 2008.

The new site is located to the east of Sysco Foods on Monad Road. The site was formerly used by Sysco to store and service trucks. The site is completely fenced and there are no houses are nearby. The site is not overly large, but it will provide more flexibility than the College of Technology site which it replaces. Scott further indicated that the club will be entitled to use the site once a month for season.

In addition to eating, drinking and watching the Rolex 24 on the "wide screen," Mark also offered tours of his "man cave" and proudly showed progress on his Gemini project. (See updated photos on the website.) Another highlight of the evening was the attendance of long-time member Char Schulz. As most

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members are aware, Char's health challenges have recently prevented her from attending most events and meetings. However, Char looked great and everyone was glad to see her! The only disappointment of the evening was Mark's inability to start his one-cylinder John Deere tractor. (My guess is that the neighbors have disabled something in the ignition.)

Cranston's Corner — From the RE

(With the presidential primaries and caucuses in full swing, our fearless leader was not able to provide us with his monthly musings. Accordingly, I will fill in for him.)

In 2008, SCCA requires non-member entry fees to be no less than \$15 higher than member entry fees. At the upcoming meeting(s) we will decide whether to use some of the club's budget surplus to subsidize entry fees (or buy racing tires for the webmaster's Corvette.) The Rocky Mountain Division of the SCCA recently held its annual meeting in Denver. Member Curt Schultz proposed that we buy the RE a one-way ticket. The Board was tempted, but ultimately decided to save up for post-event refreshments.

What's Brewin'? — From the Comp. Chair

Competition Chair Chris Brewer reported recently that he hit a few "dead ends" on a variety of site prospects. Metra has officially advised the club that they have repaired the upper lot and do not want us to use it. Hobby Lobby and the recruiting center on Gable road did not formally deny our request(s), but they don't seem to excited about having us as their guests. The railroad/auto distribution site is Laurel is also a no-go. Chris promises to keep looking.

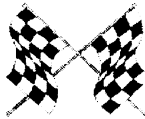
EISCC OFFICERS AND CONTACTS (The EISCC website seems to be down, so I don't know who the new officers of the club are and/or what the club is up to.)

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Secretary	Larry Hull	
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The Finish Line

Using e-mail to send notices about meetings and other club events seems to be working well. Other than a few "dead" e-mail addresses, responses from addressees have all been positive and people appreciate being kept up-to-date on Region happenings. I don't know if the website could ever replace the newsletter, but each of the two tasks seems to be a full-time job. (I used to think that the lack of complaints about the newsletter or the website meant I was doing a good job. However, I think the real reason is that if someone complained, they were

worried that they would be "volunteered" to replace me.) RE Cranston is to be applauded for securing the new site on Monad Road. Although people will always complain that a site is not big enough, the availability of multiple dates, the lack of adjacent residences, and the absence of a "user fee," make the site pretty attractive. All in all, it would appear that we should now be "set" on the site situation for 2008 with Skyview, Monad, Lewistown and, possibly, Yellowstone Drag Strip. With the "hard part" behind us, we can now move on to scheduling. J.



More and more reports are being received about the National SCCA website not being user-friendly for persons wanting membership applications. I have added a membership form to the website. Click on "Join!" for the application, print, fill out and mail!

Monthly Region Meeting
February 6, 2008
GH&R Law Firm
 10 N. 27th Street, Suite 100
 (Just south of Walker's Grill—
 park in the lot where the old Em-
 pire Bar was located)
 6:30 p.m.

Websites

- Yellowstone Region 108**
www.yellowstonescca.com
- Southwest Montana Region**
www.swmtscca.org
- Montana Region (Great Falls)**
www.geocities.com/montanascca/
- Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club**
www.eiscc.com
- Big Sky Region (Missoula/
 Kalispell)**
www.bigskyregion.org
- Northwest Hill Climb Association**
www.mbahillclimb.org/

From the Webmaster

If anyone has any vehicles for sale or items that would interest club members, e-mail your classified ad to the Webmaster.

