

# 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 Chris Brewer on Tuesday, January 3, 2011, at 6:00 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 2011 meeting as published in the December issue of *Fast Times*.

**Treasurer's Report:** Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported the current checkbook balance and noted that no bills were outstanding (except to for webhosting fees). J. reported that he had sent thank-you letters to site owners and to Mr. Bishop, where the timing trailer is stored. It was decided that changes regarding entry fees would be discussed after the 2012 Events Schedule was firmed up.

**Old Business:** Voting took place for the Region's two annual awards. Presentation of the awards will take place at the Year-End Party on January 28, 2012. Competition Chairman Randy Roberts reported that the 2012 Events Schedule was shaping up and would likely be completed by the March meeting

**New Business:** The Region's (kinda) newest member, Steve Gruver, filled out a membership application and tendered the requisite fee for a family membership. Steve reported Joanne would attend monthly meetings if milkshakes were served similar to those available at a prior monthly meeting location, Fuddrucker's. J. noted that his offices would be relocating in late February and that he would be out of town during the first week in March. It was decided that a decision would be made on the March meeting at a later date. A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:35 p.m.

## Regional Officers:

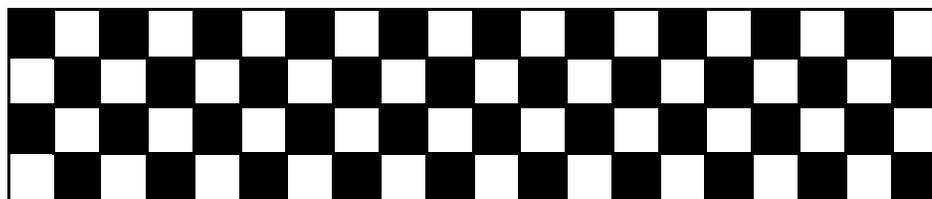
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## Member Profiles—by the Roving Regional Reporter

Member profile #2 is of long-time SCCM and Yellowstone Region member Scott Cranston. Scott is a Billings, Montana, native and graduated from Senior High in 1966. Scott's dad was in the oil business and Scott spent the majority of his working life in the oil patch doing land management and right-of-way work in Montana and the Dakotas. Scott's love for automobile competition can be traced back to his junior year in high school when he "borrowed" his mother's Triumph Spitfire and competed in the Black Otter Hill Climb. Scott's love for sailing

can be traced back to his military career in the U.S. Coast Guard where he was stationed in Guam. Although Scott's initial interest in sports cars focused on Triumph TR3s and TR4s, he quickly graduated to Porsches. Scott's first Porsche was a 1964 356C, which he restored. Scott's next Porsche was a 1967 911S. Scott's first "new" Porsche was a 1978 911SC which he used to travel to the national Porsche Parade that year. All in all, Scott has owned 11 Porsches, but he has enjoyed many other sports cars as well. (For a full listing, click on Member Profiles on the

Region's website.) The photos on page two of this newsletter and on the website illustrate the wide variety of vehicles that Scott has owned (and often fully restored) over the years. My personal favorite is the 1953 Mercury M100 pickup. The truck was badged as a Ford F100 in the states, but in Canada it was sold as a Mercury. Scott's 1995 (Teal) Mustang GT was his first car built exclusively for autocross and he campaigned the car for 6 years before selling same to make room in his garage for a beautiful 2007 Porsche GT3. (Make sure to ask Scott about his latest Ford acquisition.) J.



## What's Brewin'?' — From the RE



I am pleased to announce the winners of the Region's awards for 2011: The recipient of the Grant Cameron Most Improved Driver of the year is the Region's very own Dwight Gilliland. Anyone who knows Dwight or has seen him drive can attest to his driving prowess. However, during 2011, Dwight tackled—with distinction—the change from his national-winning AM Avenger II to a vintage Lotus Elan, Dwight's (and Kristi's) first runs in the Elan were "sketchy," but by the end of the season, Dwight regained its classic smoothness and speed. Good job!

The recipient of the Dick Hagar Memorial Member of the Year award is J. Reuss. J. wears many hats for the Region. His official titles include Sec./Treasurer, Webmaster, Newsletter Co-Editor, and Chief of Registration. His unofficial titles include "chief cook and bottle washer" and "pizza delivery guy"—which was actually his first-ever job back in Menomonee Falls, WI. If J. says he will get something done, it will get done. We are very lucky to have J. as a (very) active member of the Region. C.B.



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



The first major stepping stone of autocross is dedicated wheels and tires. That means a large back seat or a tire trailer. After the idea of changing from autocross rubber to street tires after a long day in the hot sun no longer holds the "thrill" it once did, you are ready for the second stepping stone—a car trailer. Although I still spend quite a bit of time changing tires, I have taken the plunge and use a car trailer on a regular basis. A trailer can be a huge benefit, but like everything in life, it is not without its costs. The

February edition of *Grassroots Motorsports* has an excellent article on car trailers that provides an overview of shopping for and using car trailers. The article also offers many hints for both newbies and experienced haulers. How about this?: After you insert the draw bar into the receiver, insert the pin from the left—if the cotter pin falls out, you have 1 to 2 degrees of road camber to keep the pin in place! I honestly never thought of that! Last, talk to as many other trailer owners as possible before buying.



## The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



To correct an inadvertent error in the December *Fast Times*—and stop the nasty emails from Nissan fans—the 2013 GT-R makes 545 HP. (I did think 445 HP sounded kinda "piker-ish" when I wrote the original article.) Speaking of apologies, I received a nice email from the folks Acura. They have apparently noted my disappointment in the January issue of *Fast Times* regarding their plans to abandon the mid-engine layout in their latest generation NSX. I must have rattled some cages, because they informed that they will be returning to the V6 mid-mounted arrangement when production is resumed sometime in the next three years. Acura is also looking at all-wheel drive with a built-in electric motor to aid acceleration. Check out their website and click on "Future Vehicles" for more details. (It's nice to know that huge corporations still listen to the "little guys." Speaking of "little guys," can you identify the young man in the black-and-white photo to the upper right? Check out the latest addition to Member Profiles on the Region's website if you need help. I received a call this week from former Region member Lara Tallman who informed me that they had completed work on one of their Grand-Am Nissan Altimas, but not in time for Daytona. Current

plans are for her team to debut the new car(s) at Barber Motorsports Park in Alabama on March 30-31. For more info, check her team's website at [www.ca-sport.com](http://www.ca-sport.com). Lara also informed me that her team garage is in need of a major housecleaning. In addition to the team's ST Honda Civic, other cars being offered for sale include several Evos, a BMW, a Ford Mustang, a Mini, and anything else not nailed down. If you are interested in some nice racecars to dominate at your local autocross or to race regionally, let me know and I will put you in touch with Lara. J.



**Monthly Region Meeting**  
**February 7, 2012**  
**GH&R Law Firm**  
 10 N. 27th Street  
 Suite 100  
 6:00 p.m.

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