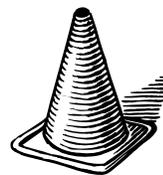


# Fast Times



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## Meeting Minutes—February Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Scott Cranston on February 4, 2008, at 6:35 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 2008 and January 2009 meetings as published in the Jan./Feb. 2009 issue of *Fast Times*.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sec./Treas. J. Reuss reported recent deposits for region dues and the generator, and announced the current bank balance. Scott provided a recent e-mail from the Solo auditor containing questions about two events in 2008. J. agreed to look into the matter. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

**Old Business:** Dwight Gilliland graciously accepted re-appointment as Member-at-Large for 2009. J. reported that the Solo Safety Steward outline was nearly complete and would be circulated shortly. Asst. R.E. Chris Brewer had located the proper application forms. J. provided an update regarding his contacts with MetraPark.

**New Business:** Chris reported that he and Comp. Chair Jerod Staebler were making with the 2009 event schedule and that same should be completed by the March meeting. Chris provided tentative dates for Lewistown and it was agreed that they be posted on the website ASAP. J. reported that Bozeman's 2009 schedule had been posted.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m.

## California Dreamin'—by Mark Brown

Wow, what a week! I think the racing gods were trying to tell me something before I left for Laguna Seca. I'm still glad I didn't listen to them. The week before we were supposed to leave, we had that huge snow storm. You remember? We had like 4 to 5 feet of snow. It took me two days to plow the road just to get out to the high-

way, and another day just to get the trailer shoveled out so I could move and load the trailer. I had a friend of mine come along to help me out. I'm sure glad he did, he was a huge help. My plan was to have the trailer loaded and ready to go by Sunday night and leave early Monday morning. We had to be at the track by

Wednesday morning to set up our pit area. Well, I loaded most of the trailer myself It felt great to be on the road, finally heading to sunny California! (For the rest of the story—and cool photos—visit the Region's website.) At right are Region members Mark, Denise, and Jake Brown with Mark's kart at Laguna Seca.

## Regional Officers:

### Regional Executive:

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### Competition Chairman:

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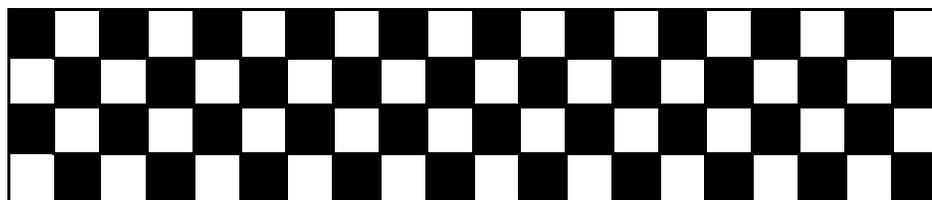
### Membership Chairman:

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### Member-at-Large:

**Dwight Gilliland**





**Cranston’s Corner — From the RE**

Those of you who have been following my blog on Facebook, know how much I dislike winter. Every day it’s pretty much the same thing— cups of strong, hot tea at my favorite Turkish tea house, “Abdülhamid’s,” and endless games of backgammon. To give you an idea as to how bored I have been, I even opened an account on Twitter! (Go ahead, “tweet” me!) Anyway, the long, boring

days are about to come to an end. The season-opening autocross is barely six weeks away in Helena. Here in the Billings area, our season will be starting shortly thereafter. Make sure you check the Region’s website often for updates to the 2009 schedule. I look forward to seeing you all in 2009 and hope that this year will be even better than last!

Sent from my BlackBerry Smartphone.



**The Finish Line — From the Webmaster**

At this point, most readers are flipping this issue back-to-front wondering if they missed the “What’s Brewin’?” and “Roddin’ with J-Rod” columns. Fear not gentle reader, Chris’ and Jerod’s columns will be back next month in their usual locations. On the technical side of things, the recent issue of *Grassroots Motorsports* contains an excellent article on GPS-based data acquisitions sys-

tems for autocrossers. The article notes that data acquisition was formerly only for teams with infinite budgets. However, technological advances have made the systems smaller and their prices have dropped significantly. While you will want to read the entire article, the upshot is that the resolution of most GPS-based systems is often not

precise enough for autocross. Most systems will place the car within three meters, but for autocross, that still leaves a fair bit of uncertainty. *Grassroot’s* advice: Also run one of those new portable cameras so you can see exactly where you are placing the car. J.

**2009 YRSCCA Solo Schedule**

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**CHECK THE WEBSITE OFTEN FOR UPDATES!**

**Monthly Region Meeting**  
**March 4, 2009**  
**GH&R Law Firm**  
 10 N. 27th St, Suite 100  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Websites**

- Yellowstone Region 108**  
www.yellowstonescca.com
- Southwest Montana Region**  
www.swmtscca.com
- Montana Region (Great Falls)**  
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- Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club**  
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