

Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108
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Meeting Minutes—Feb. and March Meetings

(The February membership meeting was not held.)

The March membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Chris Brewer on Tuesday, March 6, 2011, at 6:10 p.m., in the Selover Room at Rocky Mountain College.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss was on sabbatical, so there was no report.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business: R.E. Chris Brewer reported that Yellowstone Drag Strip will be available for Region events in 2012 and that the possibility exists for the waiver (or reduction) of rental costs through the use of Region members volunteering at drag racing events. The dates of July 7 and 8 and August 4 and 5 are possible volunteer dates. Chris will instruct J. to make sure all the timing trailer provisions are in place. Chris will check with Scott Cranston regarding trailer batteries and whether continued storage at Bishop's is possible. Competition Chairman Randy Roberts has (nearly) finished the 2012 schedule and will get it to J. for publication. Chief of Timing, Doug Hills, was asked to look into the points system contained in the timing software. Event chairs/course designers for each event will be decided at the preceding monthly meeting. Safety stewardship will be discussed at the next meeting.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:50 p.m.

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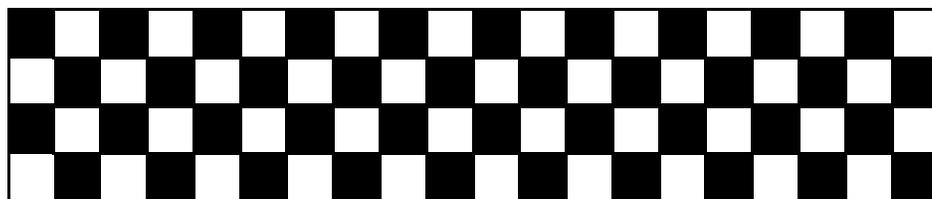
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Member Profiles—by the Roving Regional Reporter

Member profile #3 is of Steve and Joanne Gruver, or as they are known to some, "Mr. and Mrs. Corvette." Steve and Joanne spent their first 19 years in and around Montgomery, PA. Steve was a "town kid" and Joanne was a "country girl." Steve's first car was a 1954 Chevy given to him by his dad. The two married in 1966, and shortly thereafter, Joel was born. The family moved to Johnstown, OH, in 1968. Steve spent his spare time at National Trails Raceway drag racing his 1968 Chevelle. Their son Perry was born in Ohio, and shortly there-

after, Steve bought his first Corvette, a 1961. The Gruvers moved back to Montgomery in 1976, and not having much free time, Steve sold his '61 (for which he is still kicking himself). The Gruvers then moved to Carbondale, PA, and Visalia, CA, but had no free time to spend on cars. The next move was to Billings where Steve bought 3 of his 4 Corvettes—a '64, a '69, and a '78. The Gruvers also started playing with the Yellowstone Region "bunch." In 2007, Steve accepted a new job in Appleton, WI, and the family moved to New

London, WI. Steve bought his '86 Corvette in Wisconsin and Joel purchased his first and second (current) Mini Cooper. The Gruvers moved back to Billings in 2011 and Steve claims that is where he will spend the rest of his life. The Gruvers purchased the house member Dwight Gilliland built for his father in Emerald Hills which suits the Gruver family perfectly—with only one exception—lack of garage space. Steve, Joanne, and Joel are all active autocrossers and never hesitate to pitch in whenever needed. Welcome back!



What's Brewin'? — From the RE



The 2012 schedule has been published: 9 events are planned, with 5 scheduled as 2-day events. The increase in 2-day events is in response to out-of-town participants who couldn't justify the drive (or haul) for only a one-day event. After losing the GM Petroleum site, the sale of the Yellowstone Drag Strip over the winter caused some nail-biting on the Region's part. However, not only are the new owners of the drag strip willing to accommodate Region events, they are receptive to the idea of trading site

fees for volunteer work by Region Members. Stay tuned for more information. Last but not least, I want to assure all members and event participants that the Board's decision to designate event chairs/course designers prior to each event was not intended to "step on anyone's toes." Last season, the Region found itself in the position of having an excess of qualified help in this area. The new procedure will be tested to "share the load" and prevent "too many cooks in the kitchen." C.B.



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



SCCA has added several new supplemental Solo classes for 2012. While adding classes is nothing new for the Solo Events Board, this latest concept tests the long debate of whether Stock classes should complete on R-Comps or Street tires. The new classes, dubbed "Road Tire" or RT, are designed to give competitors who wish to compete within the Stock Category rule set, but do so on traditional street tires, a place to play. Tire options are limited those with a 140 or higher tread wear rating. National Tour events

will see the addition of 6 RT classes, 3 open and three ladies, divided by drivetrain. RTP will include all front wheel drive Stock classed cars, RTR will be for all rear wheel drive cars, and RTA will cater to all-wheel drive vehicles. The classes will be scored on the Racer's Theoretical Performance (RTP) indexing (or PAX) system. From what I can determine, the move is encouraging participation in Stock classes by lowering costs. (Those of you who have burned through a set of slicks in a few events will understand.)



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



The "Real" Newsletter Editor has upgraded the Region's Facebook page to the new "Timeline" format which is more picture-oriented. I hope that lots of pictures will be uploaded to the page this season. As Chris noted above, the new schedule has been published. The dates for Skyview should be firmed up shortly, so check the schedule on the website for updates. Similar to previous years, I have included all of Bozeman's events, most of Great Falls' events, the Porsche Club Lewistown events, and a few other events of note. (I previously included MAEC

track days on the calendar, but was instructed (by MAEC) to take them off.) Since I have not included all events of nearby Regions, you will want to check their schedules from time to time. (The web addresses are below.) Last, I recently returned from my annual visit to Yellowstone Region's (unofficial) "sister" Region, the Maui SCCA. Although my travel schedule did not allow me to participate in their season-opening event, I met with the Region's Webmaster, and will post a story on the website in the very near future. J.



2012 YRSCCA Solo Schedule	
Date	Location
May 6	Rimrock Auto
May ?	Skyview H.S.
June 2-3	Food Service
June 16-17	Yellowstone Drag
July 1	Skyview H.S.
July 14-15	Yellowstone Drag
August 11-12	Food Service
Sept. ?	Skyview H.S.
Sept. 22-23	Rimrock Auto

Monthly Region Meeting
April 3, 2012
GH&R Law Firm
10 N. 27th Street
Suite 100
6:00 p.m.

Websites
Yellowstone Region 108 (Billings) yellowstonescca.com
Southwest Montana Region (Bozeman) swmtscsa.com
Montana Region (Great Falls) mtscsa.com
Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club eisccax.com
Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell) bigskyregion.org
Absaroka Region Porsche Club vista.pca.org/abs/index.html