

Fast Times



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

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Asst. Regional Executive Chris Brewer on February 3, 2010, at 6:40 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 2009 meeting as published in the January 2010 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Sec./Treas. J. Reuss announced the current bank balance and reported that all bills were current. J. reported that the total costs relating to the new timing system should be approximately \$2,000. This amount is significantly less than the amount approved by the Board. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Scott Cranston, Chris Brewer, and J. Reuss were elected by acclamation to the positions of Region Executive, Competition Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively. Dwight Gilliland and Reese Newman gracious offered to fill the positions of Asst. Regional Executive and Membership Chairman, respectively, and their offers were unanimously accepted.

New Business: J. gave a demonstration of the new "AXWare" timing system. The system is more complex than the prior system and a "training day" prior to the first event would be beneficial. Reese took a copy of the software to install on her laptop. Any other persons interested in learning the system should ask Reese or J. for a copy. A decision needs to be made regarding what should be done with the old timing system

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m.

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Vacant

Mid-Winter Musings- by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

The Region purchased two "options" with the new timing system. The first option is a "Membership Module." The Membership Module does two principal things: First, it allows for the creation of a "master" database of event competitors. I have entered into the database all the Region's members together with as much information regarding their vehicles as I could glean from old entry forms and results spreadsheets. Next, I went back through entry applications for 2009 events and entered names and vehicle information for the "usual suspects." While I

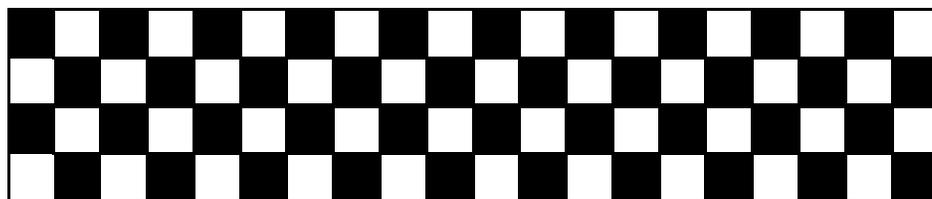
don't have anywhere near all the information that can be stored regarding this "pool" of prospective competitors, almost all of the information needed for the usual registration process is now in the Region's computer. The second principal feature of the module is the ability to "import" the entire "pool" of prospective competitors into a solo event. When an entrant registers who is part of the "pool," all the registrar needs to do is check a box labeled "registered" to include the entrant in the event. If an entrant registers that is not part of the "pool," registration infor-

mation can be easily inputted and saved to the "membership pool." This feature will save significant amounts of time when setting up the timing computer at each event.

The second option is a "Network Module." The Network Module allows other computers to be connected to the main timing computer so that the registration and timing information can be shared between the computers. Ideally, the registration table could have a laptop what was connected to the timing com-



puter. In theory, while timing and other event matters were being set up on the timing computer, registration matters could be inputted simultaneously through the registration computer. J.





Cranston's Corner — From the RE

The Hyalite Corvette Club has been holding a two-day event in Helena the past few years that includes a driver's school on Saturday and an autocross on Sunday. I learned recently from our good friend in Bozeman, Gordy Gollehon, that this year's event would be open to all cars and not just Corvettes. I see that the dates are July 10th and 11th. For those drivers that have never experienced the Emergency Services Facility in Helena, this would be a great way to get your feet wet.

Speaking of the Emergency Services Facility,

I note that the location is hosting a three-event series this year called the "Montana Challenge." The Big Sky (Missoula), Montana (Great Falls), and Southwest Montana (Bozeman) Regions are each putting on a two-day event in Helena. From what I have been told, only the Sunday events count towards the series and you must make all three to be considered in the points. The dates are June 19-20, July 24-25, and August 21-22. Sounds like fun!

I note that Eastern Idaho, Snake River (Idaho),



and Missoula have their 2010 event schedules posted on line. The Yellowstone Region 2010 schedule will be posted ASAP following the March 3rd meeting and I presume Great Falls and Bozeman will have their schedules posted shortly. Time to mark those calendars! (Sent from my BlackBerry Smartphone.) SC

The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

Some of the event dates that have been published in various locations on the Web are contained in the 2010 Solo Schedule below. Check the Region website over the next week for local events. The Region event calendar for 2010 should be finalized at the March 3rd meeting.

As indicated in the Minutes of the February meeting, Reese took a copy of the new timing software to install on her computer. Although Scott tells me that the old timing software contains many features that are similar to the

new system, the new system is clearly more complex. In order to take advantage of all the features of the new software, it will take a fairly significant investment of time. The best case scenario would be to have a "timing czar" who would be primarily responsible for the system and training additional persons who could operate the system as necessary. Volunteers?

At the outset, the rudimentary staging and timing operations are fairly simple. Accordingly, I think that for the first few events of the season, things should be kept as basic as possible.

Thereafter, as more people get comfortable with the software and the "bugs" get ironed out, we can take advantage of additional features.

Scott has volunteered to fabricate some new supports for the timing lights. The system came with two sets of lights so that separate start and finish lights can be utilized. However, the system can also operate on a single set of start/finish lights.

Last, if any members feel extra generous, they can purchase a "wireless module" for the system to eliminate all the wiring. J.

2010 YRSCCA Solo Schedule	
Date	Location
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May 15-16	Lewistown
June 19-20	MT Challenge-Helena
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July 10-11	School & Solo-Helena
July 24-25	Lewistown
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Aug. 21-22	"Top Gun"-Helena
Sept. 7-10	SCCA Nat'l. C'ships
Sept. 18-19	Lewistown

Monthly Region Meeting
March 3, 2009
GH&R Law Firm
10 N. 27th St, Suite 100
6:30 p.m.

Websites
Yellowstone Region 108
 yellowstonescca.com
Southwest Montana Region
 swmtsscca.com
Montana Region (Great Falls)
 mtscca.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