

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 8, 2013, 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 2013 meeting as published in the January-February issue of Fast Times.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported the current checkbook balance and noted that all bills were current. J. also presented a recap of expenses related to the timing trailer refurbishing and a recap of Region income and expenses for 2012.

Old Business: After some discussion, it was decided to keep entry fees the same for 2013. J. reported that he had contacted RaceAmerica to determine if the timing display settings could be "kicked up a notch." RaceAmerica recommended that the Region consider the purchase of a new display. Doug suggested that we try boosting power to the display by adding an additional battery (or two).

New Business: New member Stewart Tucker will be the Chief of Tech this year and will also be in charge of the Region's Facebook page. Former Chief of Tech, Dean Johnson, will assist Stewart with the transition. Dean has been helping Doug Hills with timing and if Doug job is transferred out of state, Dean will assume Doug's position as Chief of Timing.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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Midwinter Musings - by the Roving Regional Reporter

Former Region member Lara Tallman and her Skullcandy Team Nissan took first place honors at the season-opening GRAND-AM Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge race at Daytona International Speedway. Congratulating Lara on her win, she responded, "Thanks. I miss the fun days [with the Yellowstone Region], it's where I got my start!!" The team's other Nissan Altima finished 9th. (Follow Skullcandy Team Nissan on Facebook or check the CA Sport website for updates.)

Regular readers of *Fast Times* will recall mention of the problematic track surface at Maui SCCA's regular event site. The paving at the former WWII airbase had seen better days. The surface is extremely tough on tires and the number of runs taken by entrants is usually limited by how much rubber you wanted (or could afford) to lose. Asphalt paving—or more accurately paving made of asphalt concrete—is made of asphalt, a heavy tar that serves as a binder, and mineral aggregate. In North America, the

mineral aggregate is typically crushed rock. In Hawaii, aggregate is primarily crushed volcanic rock and/or sea shells. Asphalt paving deteriorates when the sun and elements break down the tar, exposing more of the aggregate. Deciding to take matters into their own hands, resourceful members rented a truck to apply sealer and solicited donations to purchase sealing material. Photos of the results are on page 2. Make plans now to test the new surface on March 24th! Your rental car will thank you!



1986 CORVETTE COUPE FOR SALE

Marion Grummett is selling Bob's 1986 Corvette. At left, Bob's son, Bryan, is shown driving the car at Skyview in July of 2010. The 4-speed C4 has less than 100K miles, new brakes, good rubber, fresh fluids, new plug wires, and has been lovingly maintained. \$6,000 OBO. E-mail Marion at rmgrummett@msn.com.



What's Brewin'? — From the RE



As you may have noted from the website, long-time Region member Dwight Gilliland was (finally) awarded the Dick Hager Spirit of the Sport Award. To say that Dwight exemplifies the "Spirit of the Sport" is an understatement. Dwight has been a faithful and contributing member of the Region from since Sports Car Club of Montana days. The Region owes a huge debt of gratitude to Dwight and presenting him with the award is just a small token of our appreciation. Thanks again for all you do, Dwight!

We received a report recently that for the first time since 2002, SCCA finished the year with more members than at the beginning of the year. The total at the end of 2012 was 40,475 members. SCCA notes a focus on "customer service" and a "more positive attitude" as reasons attributing to the gain. On the local level, our official "growth" was 9.1% for the year, but unfortunately, our retention average is 64%. SCCA is urging current members to invite at least one guest to an event in 2013. C.B.



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



At the Region's recent year-end social, Brent Hergenraeder was awarded the Grant Cameron Driver of the Year award. Brent started autocrossing with the Region several years ago in his bone-stock Honda S2000. Through practice, experimenting with advice offered by fellow participants, and most recently, a new set of tires, Brent has worked his way up results pages to a fast time of day in 2013! Brent has also had several class wins to his credit. In addition to his driving skills, Brent is quick with a smile,

always has a great attitude, and offers to help wherever needed. Congratulations, Brent!

Check the website this upcoming month for 2013 event dates. Southwest Montana (Bozeman) and Montana (Great Falls) Regions recently posted their 2013 schedules and the Region's schedule will be (mostly) finalized at the upcoming monthly membership meeting. Bozeman's first event is May 5th, Great Falls' is April 21st, and the Region's opener will be around the same time.



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The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



The first event for the \$300 Civic was at Skyview in May of 2006. Although the car had a (slightly) upgraded motor in the form of an Acura D16A1, it was rated at only 16HP more than the stock D15B2's 102HP. I promised the team that we would upgrade the motor after handling and reliability issues were sorted. I am pleased to report that after 7 seasons, the only "casualties" have been three sets of tires, an alternator, and a battery. (I only changed the oil once during that time frame, but the car hasn't seen any-

where near the recommended 3,000 miles between oil changes!) Considering that the car is double-stinted at most events, that is a lot to say for Honda reliability. Anyway, I finally broke down and purchased a another motor—an Acura K24. The K24 is rated at just over 200HP in stock form, but ace mechanic Dennis McCollough will likely increase that number before he is finished. To get all that power to the pavement, Max Dangerfield has provided guidance for wheel and tire upgrades. Stay tuned! J.



Monthly Region Meeting
March 5, 2012
GH&R Law Firm
175 N. 27th Street
Suite 903
6:00 p.m.

Websites

- Yellowstone Region 108 (Billings)**
yellowstonescca.com
- Southwest Montana Region (Bozeman)**
swmtscca.com
- Montana Region (Great Falls)**
mtssca.com
- Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club**
eirscca.com
- Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)**
bigskyregion.org
- Absaroka Region Porsche Club**
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