

Fast Times



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

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Chris Brewer on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 6:02 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 January 2014 meeting. There was no February issue of *Fast Times* and the minutes of the January meeting were not published in the March issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer’s Report: Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported the current checkbook balance and noted that there should be sufficient funds to pay for the timing trailer renovations that are currently underway.

Old Business: Dean Johnson and his father are doing the maintenance/repair of the timing trailer. Dean gave a report on replacement roofing materials and the repair of siding and trim. Dean also reported that he was working on an adjustable support for the timing display.

New Business: The recent passing of Region Member Dwight Gilliland was noted. Dwight had served as Member-at-Large (and institutional memory of the Region) for the past few years. After a brief discussion during which it was noted that Member-at-Large was more a “title” than an “office,” Steve Gruver was named the new Member-at Large by acclamation.

Regional Officers:

- Regional Executive:**
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- Competition Chairman:**
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- Secretary/Treasurer:**
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- Member-at-Large:**
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Avenged!- by the Newsletter Editor’s Brother

I finally got my turn to “ravage the rental” and start the year off right by autocrossing with our sister Region, Maui SCCA. The Newsletter Editor’s fiancé, Jerod Staebler, chose the vehicle this year, a 4-door Dodge Avenger. (No ex-CIA Crown Victoria like the one Dad drove last year!) The color was similar to “Vera,” my Nissan 350Z, but nothing else was even close. We arrived at the site a bit late, so I expected to see the usual “sea” of orange cones. However, barely a dozen cones were visible near

the perimeter of the large (think Yellowstone Drag Strip-sized) site. We soon learned that to provide a more tire-friendly surface, an extensive amount of asphalt sealer had been applied. However, since sealing the entire site was not financially feasible, the next best thing was a more-or-less permanent course around the periphery of the site and looping back through the inside. The newly-sealed lanes are about the width of the road course roads at Helena. However, going offline means

some really bad asphalt rather than dirt like Helena. Although the course has become “set in asphalt,” variations are available by running the course (or parts thereof) in the opposite direction. Despite the crappy vehicle, I had fun navigating the high-speed course and with too few entrants to justify setting up the timing system, the starter used the stopwatch on his iPhone. All in all, we had a great time meeting other drivers who share the love of autocrossing. Don’t be gentle with the rental—or buy one! James



What's Brewin'? — From the RE



The 2014 season will start with an event at the “friendly confines” of Food Services of America. The Region will waive entry fees for all mothers who enter the event. Cheer for the mothers (and all other women) at the Womens' Run on Saturday and treat them to a day of motorsports on Sunday!

I am excited about the upcoming season because of the substantial boost in membership we experienced last season. Although the ever-improving economic climate has certainly played its part, I like to

think that the Region's efforts to provide a good “product” share much of the credit.

We have had favorable comments from new participants and from out-of-Region visitors that our events start on time, run efficiently, and that the camaraderie is unsurpassed. I believe that individuals having a positive experience at an event speak highly of the Region to others resulting in a win-win situation.

All I can say is keep up the good work! C.B.



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



The Region's 2014 schedule has been online for a few weeks. The Webmaster has also included events for Great Falls, Bozeman, and Lewistown, so it's time to make plans for the upcoming season. By all accounts, there are events at the Emergency Services Facility in Helena on almost every weekend, so if you have some extra time and few extra dollars to spare, plan to join the fun.

Dean Johnson and his father have the timing trailer restoration in good order and the work should be completed by the first event

on May 11th—Mother's Day.

Note that there are two events on the schedule with locations designated as “TBA” (TO BE ANNOUNCED). Due to the leasing of the Rimrock Truck Center. At this point, it is not known if such site will be available this year. However, Rimrock Auto has been very accommodating to the Region and they have a few other potential sites that might be available if the Truck Center is a no-go. There is also a chance for a 2-day YDS event. R.R.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



The Newsletter Editor, Kaitlin Reuss, and friend of the Region, Jerod Staebler, were engaged on March 10th at the foot of the 400-foot Waimoku Falls, in Haleakala National Park, Maui, HI. Kaitlin will shortly be matriculating into the physician's assistant (PA) program at Rocky Mountain College, and Jerod works for RDO Integrated Controls. Kaitlin is usually competing against her brothers in the \$300 Civic, but her daily driver is a 2013 Honda Civic Si. Jerod drives just about anything he can get his

hands on. (Note the picture on the masthead of this issue.) Jerod is midway through a frame-off restoration of a 1969 Camaro. Speaking of the \$300 Civic, my ace mechanic, Dennis McCollough, recently assured me that if the car wasn't done in time for the first event at Food Services, it would certainly be done for the second event at Skyview. Dennis and I appear to have resolved a driveline issue which had us stumped. (Substitution of the TSX intermediate shaft with one sourced from a RSX should do the trick.) J.



2014 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

Date	Location
May 11th	Food Services
May 25th	Skyview H.S.
June 15th	Yellowstone Drag
June 22nd	Food Services
July 6th	Skyview H.S.
July 27th	Yellowstone Drag
August 10th	TBA
August 31st	Skyview H.S.
Sept. 14th	Food Services
September 28th	TBA

Monthly Region Meeting
May 6, 2014
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)
swmtscsa.com
- Montana Region (Great Falls)
mtscsa.com
- Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club
eirscsa.com
- Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)
bigskyregion.org
- Absaroka Region Porsche Club
abs.pca.org
- Maui SCCA
mauiscca.net