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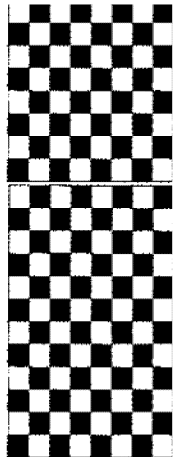
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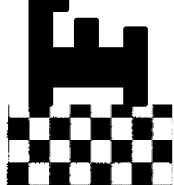
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# Fast Times



## Meeting Minutes: Yellowstone Region 108 - March Meeting

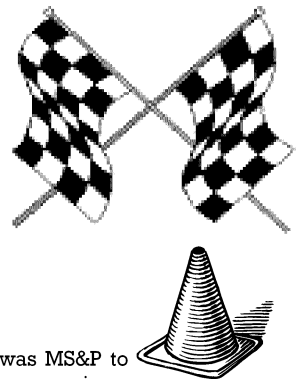
The March 2008 meeting of the Yellowstone Region was called to order by RE Scott Cranston at 6:33 p.m. on March 5th.

There was no treasurer's report.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the February meeting as published in *Fast Times*.

Old Business:

Competition Chairman Brewer submitted an updated and (pretty much) finalized events schedule for 2008. The schedule has been posted on the website and is also shown below. As usual, dates and places are subject to change, so check the website often. Chris also reported that he had prepared packets to be delivered to event site owners containing a cover letter, SCCA promotional materials and insurance information.



New Business:

The recent passing of long-time club member Char Schulz was noted. A motion was MS&P to order flowers for Char's memorial service and to send a memorial to Kurt. Reese Newman circulated a "rough draft" of a poster she prepared to promote Region events. A motion was MS&P to spend \$100 to have such posters printed so they can be circulated ASAP. After much discussion, event fees for 2008 were set as follows: \$20 SCCA members; \$35 for non-members (regular events) and \$25 SCCA members; \$40 non-members (YDS events). New member Jerod Staebler agree to head up a committee to establish a "presence" for the Region at local car shows. RE Cranston reported that the 2009 Big Sky State Corvette meet was coming to Billings and that

the Region had been asked to conduct the autocross. It was agreed that the Region would do so. Cranson also reported that the Region might be asked to do the same thing for the Mustang Club. It was decided that the topics of car "club reciprocity" and "safety stewards" would be discussed at the April meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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## 2008 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

April 20	GM Petroleum
May 4	Food Service of America
May 24-25	Lewistown (with PCA)
June 8	Food Service of America
June 22	Yellowstone Drag Strip
July 6	GM Petroleum
July 27	Skyview High School
August 10	Yellowstone Drag Strip
August 24	Food Service of America
September 13-14	Lewistown (with PCA)
September 21	GM Petroleum

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Be sure to check the website for any last-minute changes to the schedule. For your convenience, the website also includes all solo events in the area including Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club, Southwest Montana SCCA (Bozeman), Montana Region SCCA (Great Falls) and Big Sky Region SCCA (Missoula). If you hear of any changes to any event please drop a line to the Webmaster at YRSCCA.

Get these dates on your calendar(s)!

## What's Brewin'? — From the Comp. Chair

Well here we are again staring at another great season of tire smoke and cone chasing. Our first event is barely three weeks away (April 20, 2008 at GM Petroleum—check website for details). Due to the efforts of several dedicated club members, we have two new spots to play (GM Petroleum and Food Services of America). We will also be using the YDS facilities twice this year. Yellowstone Drag Strip's pit area is a phenomenal site, but we really need a good turnout for this site to remain viable, so encourage all your friends to come out. We will have one event at Skyview.

I am currently looking for volunteers to help out at events. Most importantly due to the Gruver family moving away we are with out any one to run the timing booth. I don't expect any one person to fill this position, though that it would be ideal. We could use two or three different people to swap in and out so they could also race. As always we need people to help with course set-up, registration, tech inspections, etc.

Finally I cannot wait for the snow to stop so that the winter tires can go hide in the garage. Remember less than one month to go. Bed in those new brake pads and check over your new rule books to see if you can eke out a couple more horsepower.

Chris

### EASTERN IDAHO SPORTS CAR CLUB OFFICERS AND CONTACTS

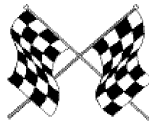
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### From the Webmaster

John Atchison at the EISCC reports that he has a completely new web site being designed for the club as a class project at Idaho State University this semester. He hopes to have the new site online in the next month or so. While I am certain that the new site will be "lookin' good," I can tell you from personal experience that providing "fresh content" is what keeps surfers coming back. Accordingly, my advice to those ISU students is to make sure the site is "webmaster friendly," i.e., it can be regularly updated by old duffers (like me) with limited skills (and time).

## The Finish Line

Most autocross enthusiasts are familiar with "Tire Rack." Tire Rack primarily sells tires, but is heavily involved in high-performance tires, brakes, wheels, suspension parts and other related items. Tire Rack has recently made available a guide called "Solo2 Novice Handbook." The handbook was apparently prepared by the Glen Region SCCA who encourage websites to link to their site. You can access the Handbook by clicking on "FAQs" on the YR-SCCA home page.



Take a few (or twenty) minutes to check out all the information in the

Handbook. I'll bet that even long-time autocrossers will pick up something they didn't know.

Also make it a point to check out the article in the April edition of *SportsCar* entitled "Cutting Through the Smoke." The intent of the article is to put tire "truths" to the test. In the article, you will find out how much faster R compound tires are over street tires, whether shaved tires are faster than full tread tires, and how much faster lightweight wheels are over stock wheels. The issue also contains a high performance tire buyers guide for 2008. J.

### Drivers' School Date Change

Fred Magers, Vice-President of the Porsche Club, e-mailed recently to advise that the May dates had been changed from 17-18 to 24-25. Be sure to make that change on your calendar! Lewistown is always a great event!

### Monthly Region Meeting

April 2, 2008

GH&R Law Firm

10 N. 27th Street, Suite 100  
(Just south of Walker's Grill—park in the lot where the old Empire Bar was located)  
6:30 p.m.

## Websites

**Yellowstone Region 108**

[www.yellowstonescca.com](http://www.yellowstonescca.com)

**Southwest Montana Region**

[www.swmtscca.org](http://www.swmtscca.org)

**Montana Region (Great Falls)**

[www.mtscca.com](http://www.mtscca.com)

**Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club**

[www.eiscc.info](http://www.eiscc.info)

**Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)**

[www.bigskyregion.org](http://www.bigskyregion.org)

**Northwest Hill Climb Association**

[www.mbahillclimb.org/](http://www.mbahillclimb.org/)

