

Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108
<http://yellowstonescca.com>

Meeting Minutes—April Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive **Chris Brewer** on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 6:04 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 March 2015 meeting as published in the March 2015 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer **J. Reuss** reported the current checkbook balance and noted that all bills have been paid. J. reported the 2015 entry fees posted on the Bozeman, Missoula, and Great Falls websites. Fees ranged between \$25 and \$30 (members) and \$40 and \$45 (non-members). It was decided to keep 2015 entry fees at \$25 (members) and \$35 (non-members). A motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Chief of Timing **Dean Johnson** ideated a creative solution for mounting the spare tire on the tire rack of the timing trailer. However, he will now need to make some changes to the timing display support bracket. Competition Chair **Tucker Stewart** completed the 2015 event schedule and it has been posted on the website. There are nine events scheduled. Trophies for 2015 are being sourced and it was decided that they would (at least initially) be awarded for Top Times of Day for Raw Time, Pax, Stock, Street Prepared, and Touring. Those results are automatically tabulated by the timing software and they have been historically displayed with the event results just below the "Final Results."

New Business: Two new potential event sites are being investigated by Chris and Tucker. An email from **Wes Smith** regarding interest in the area for a road racing course was discussed. J. will reply to Mr. Smith's email.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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End of the Off-Season Ramblings - by the Roving Regional Reporter

"Opening day" is less than two weeks away. The first event for the 2015 season is on April 26th at Food Services of America. Do you have all of the off-season modifications completed on your car?

Just a quick reminder that Stock class is now fully replaced by Street class. Make certain that the wear rating on all Street class tires are 200 or greater.

Over the past several years, the Region has been receiving an increasing number of in-

quiries about rallycross. For the uninitiated, rallycross is essentially autocross without the asphalt. The Region recently received an email from an individual who indicated that he had access to a site in the Billings area where an rallycross could be held. SCCA sanctions rallycross events in a manner similar to autocross events. If enough interested rallycrossers come forward, an event or two is a possibility. More information regarding rallycross can be found at scca.com/rallycross.

The Region has decided to begin awarding trophies at events (although rain checks may need to be issued at the first event in two weeks). Trophies will be awarded to fast times of the day in the various main classes, but not the sub-classes, i.e., Street Class, but not for AS, BS, CS., etc. However if a driver is a winner more than one class, i.e., Stock and PAX classes, the second place driver in PAX will receive a trophy. In that manner, the trophies will be spread around a bit more.

J.



What's Brewin'?' — From the Regional Executive



We have nine (9) events scheduled for 2015. We typically schedule ten (10) events per year in anticipation of the first or last event being cancelled because of bad weather. Based on the lack of "April showers" this year, we are hopeful that our opening event on April 26th will be sunny and dry! The event schedule for the Region is impacted by two principal constraints: Events at Helena—The Montana Challenge Series, Top Gun, and Cone Heads; and summer holidays—Mother's Day, Memorial

Day, Father's Day, and Labor Day. This year, the Competition Chair and I created a schedule with the least amount of conflicts within recent memory. Unfortunately, the May 24th Corvette Meet autocross conflicts with both Memorial Day and the first event of the Montana Challenge Series. The Corvette Meet is always on Memorial Day weekend, but it is only held in Billings every 5 or 6 years. This year you have less excuses than ever to join us at Region events! Mark your calendars! C.B.



Race Notes — From the Competition Chair



In 2014, the Region secured access to the U.S. Armed Services Reserve Center facility for solo events. Two events were scheduled for the site, but unfortunately, only one was held. Multiple branches of the Armed Services being stationed at the facility made it nearly impossible to find a Sunday when no "drills" were taking place. Perhaps things will change in the future and we can take advantage of the great site. Along those lines, another new potential site has been located in Billings. This time, the lot is not in

use on weekends! Keep your fingers crossed! As you are getting ready for the season, take a minute to check if your helmet is legal. This is the last year that Snell 2000 helmets will be legal. SCCA requires that the most recent Snell certification and the two prior be used at events. Snell certifications are done every 5 years, so 2015 marks the next certification. However, since the 2015 helmets will not be available until October of this year, Snell 2000 helmets will be legal through the 2015 autocross season. T.S.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



Trying to minimize conflicts with event dates in neighboring Regions is a worthy cause. Playing the role of a "guest" at an out-of-town event is a fun and rewarding experience. Hosting entrants from other Regions boosts our attendance and helps "spread the word" regarding the quality of our "product." Plan a road trip this season!

Chief of Timing **Dean Johnson** got a jump on the season by attending Montana Region's first 2015 event this past Sunday in

Great Falls. Dean finished with a 2nd in STR in a 6-car class populated with Honda S2000s. Dean finished 10th in a field of 59 cars. The car that beat Dean in class placed third overall. Good job, Deano!

In the "more bad news" department, my body shop man has confirmed that the bumper/nose I acquired for the \$300 Civic was definitely not designed to fit a 1989 Civic. I will decide to revert to an OEM bumper or source another nose today. J.



2015 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

Date	Location
April 26th	Food Services
May 17th	Yellowstone Drag
May 24th	Rimrock Truck
June 7th	Skyview H.S.
June 28th	Food Services
July 12th	Skyview H.S.
August 9th	Yellowstone Drag
August 23rd	Skyview H.S.
Sept. 13th	Food Services

Monthly Region Meeting
May 5, 2015
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)
mtscca.com
 Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club
eirscca.com
 Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)
bigskyregion.org
 Absaroka Region Porsche Club
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 Maui SCCA
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