

Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America -
Yellowstone Region 108

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 5, 2010, at 6:26 p.m., in the GH&R Law Firm conference room.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (There was no March membership meeting, so there were no minutes to approve.)

Treasurer's Report: Sec./Treas. J. Reuss announced the current bank balance and reported that he had paid the annual fee for the timing software tech support. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Scott Cranston reported continued problems downloading his copy of *Fast Times*, so it was unanimously agreed that the Club would allocate \$0.44 per month to mail Mr. Cranston a hard copy. In return, Mr. Cranston agreed to contact Mr. Whitmore at GM Petroleum to firm up of our 2011 events as well as the possibility of parking the timing trailer on-site.

New Business: It was decided that one of the two GM Petroleum events would be a two-day event and the possibility of holding 2-day events at other sites was discussed. Competition Chairman Randy Roberts indicated he would put feelers out with regard to using the National Guard site again (which we have used in the past). Chris indicated that he needed to finalize porta-potty arrangements for the first event and that he and Doug would check the timing trailer to see how it survived the winter and make sure that that it was ready for the season.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

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“Here Comes the Sun” —by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

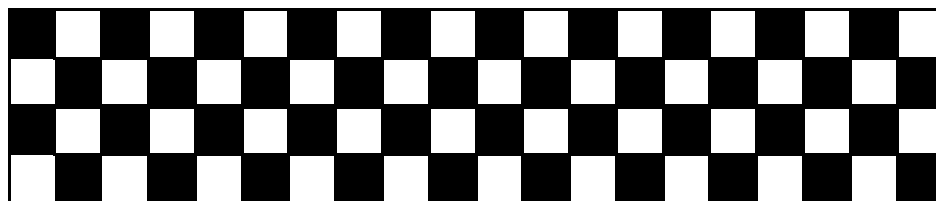
The refrain of “here comes the sun” was often heard during the Region's opening event for the 2011 Solo season. The participants and spectators weren't singing the 1969 Abbey Road hit, they were announcing the sun breaks that (finally) dried the course and warmed cold tires (and bodies). The rains came down both prior to and immediately after the event, but the 14 determined entrants made the best of their first outing for the year. Of note was former R.E. Scott Cranston's debut of his beautiful Porsche 911-GT3. Smooth and powerful

are two appropriate adjectives to describe the German supercar. Doug Hills debuted his new CRG Road Rebel F125 kart. In addition to marveling at Doug's “ground loops” and other acrobatic maneuvers, everyone marveled at Doug's ability to fit his tall frame into the speedy shifter kart! The day also featured the debut of Jackie Bell's other half—Jeff Bell. It was Jeff's first event and I overheard that he sandbagged a bit so as not to embarrass Jackie. Ron Ronchetto from Wise River, MT, laid down some respectable runs with his BMW Z3, and was

definitely “cool” with the top down. However, the big surprise of the day was Dustin Park in his Mazdaspeed 3 (photo at right) stealing top-time-of-the-day honors from Mr. Cranston. New member Chad McNeese was third overall with his Subaru WRX, Freddy Valencia was fourth in his girlfriend's fast Subaru Impreza RS, and our very own Dean Johnson rounded out the top 5. Only one Roberts was entered in the event, but it was great to see Randy's sister, Krissy Martin, put on a good performance. Randy's better half made an appearance, but it was obvi-



ous that she had her mind on matters more important than autocross! One of the early season snags was that the timing display refused to operate and the printer also refused to print. Nonetheless, after the pavement warmed up, all drivers in attendance shook off the winter cobwebs and had smiles on their faces. The next event is on May Day at Food Service. It will be nice to visit that venue since no events were held there in 2010. J.



What's Brewin'? — From the RE



Our first event went off with only a few hitches, but now we are all raring to go for the next event. I would like to thank our support staff. Dean did a great job on the course. It was something new for such a small space, and despite some early objections, no one got lost on. Doug did a great job keeping everyone's times straight and will hopefully get the timing display working for the next event. Finally, thanks to Randy for taking some of the load off my shoulders. We had several newcomers and I think our club showed its best side by

offering helpful advice and riding along to get every one acclimated. Of note was former RE Scott Cranston who attempted to reclaim his former FTD glory, but was foiled by an extremely well-driven Mazda hatch. Once Scott can get a handle on turning off some of the electronic "nannies," he "could" be a contender. Perhaps the threat of winter will be behind us and I can change the Mini into some tires that are a little more appropriate. Until next time, see you in the round-a-bouts! C.B. (Sent from my iPhone)



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



Jolene, Jake, and I are pleased to announce a new addition to the Roberts "stable." No,

not another project of the four-wheeled variety, but a bouncing baby boy by the name of "Riley." Riley Mitchell Roberts was born on Wednesday, April 27th, weighs 8 pounds, 15 ounces, and is 21-3/4" long. Definitely a "keeper." Until things get a bit more back to normal, Dean Johnson and R.J. Matthews have agreed to fill in as Competition Directors, but I will be "back in the saddle" before too long. Mom—who really did all the work—is doing great, and also looks forward to getting back behind the wheel. R.R.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



Readers of the Division Notes portion of the April edition of *SportsCar* will note that David Muramoto had some kinds words for Chris Brewer's "What's Brewin'" column in the January *Fast Times*. Keep the columns coming, Chris! Folks who clicked in the "photos" link for the Rimrock I event will note that I (finally) succeeded in assembling and uploading an "online photo album." The upside is that the procedure significantly shortens the timeline to get event photos online. Additionally, there are quite a number of templates available to for the albums. Unfortu-

nately, I discovered the downside when I attempted to open the album on the team owner's iPad. Apple apparently does not support Adobe Flash Players. I don't know how many of our website visitors use Apple products, but if I get comments back from more than a few, I will go back to the "drawing board." In other (good) news, Timing Czar Doug Hills reports that the timing display is now working. Those of you at the Rimrock event may have noted the lack of the timing display and the lack of a printout of the results. The latter was caused by the printer ink having froze. J.



2011 YRSCCA Solo Schedule	
Date	Location
April 17	Rimrock Auto
May 1	Food Service
May 29	Skyview H.S.
June 5	Yellowstone Drag
June 19	GM (Fathers' Day)
July 10	Skyview H.S.
July 31	Yellowstone Drag
Aug. 13-14	GM Petroleum
Aug. 28	Food Service
Sept. 4	Skyview H.S.
Sept. 25	Rimrock Auto

Monthly Region Meeting
May 3, 2011
GH&R Law Firm
 10 N. 27th Street
 Suite 100
6:30 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
eisccax.com
 - Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)
bigskyregion.org
 - Absaroka Region Porsche Club
vista.pca.org/abs/index.html