

# Fast Times



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

## Meeting Minutes—May Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Chris Brewer on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at 5:55 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 2014 meeting as published in the April 2014 issue of *Fast Times*. There was no April membership meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported the current checkbook balance and noted that all bills, including bills for the timing trailer rehabilitation and the course marker modification, have been paid.

**Old Business:** Chief of Timing Dean Johnson gave a report on the work he and his father did on the timing trailer. A description will appear in the May *Fast Times*. J. reported that an anonymous donor had purchased two adjustable mechanic's chairs for the timing trailer. Member-at-Large Steve Gruver showed a photo of the work he had done to the course marker to allow it to carry cones during course setup.

**New Business:** Chris and Competition Chairman Randy Roberts are in the process of securing a new event site. Dean Johnson made a proposal regarding car numbers which will be implemented on a voluntary, trial basis starting at the first event. Steve reported that he will be mailing his application imminently for Solo Safety Steward.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

## Regional Officers:

### Regional Executive:

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## Pre-Season Ramblings- by Roving Regional Reporter

By the end of the off-season, pretty much all of the good photos from the prior year have used up. Accordingly, I was left to resort to a few leftovers from the 2013 Barrett-Jackson Las Vegas trip to adorn this issue. On the right of the masthead is a beautifully restored 1970 Lotus Europa S2. The S2 preceded the later "twin-cam" version and featured a 1,565 cc engine positioned "amidships." The example was one of 1,529 Europas built for the 1970 model year. The beauty at the right

is, of course, a 1955 Packard Caribbean Convertible. For 1955, Packard introduced an all new overhead valve V8 to replace their antiquated straight 8 to compete with the Cadillac. The 352cid version featured dual Rochester 4-barrel carburetors and was rated at an impressive 275hp, which topped Cadillac's heavier Eldorado by 5hp. The Caribbean also featured Packard's highly advanced (for the time) torsion level suspension. Priced at nearly \$6,000, only 500 Caribbeans were built for

1955. As the flagship model for the marque, the Caribbean was equipped standard with power steering, "Easamatic" power brakes, power window lifts, power front seat, power-operated soft top, signal-seeking radio, and leather upholstery. This car further featured optional chrome wire wheels with wide whitewall tires and accessory dual spotlights. Last, the panorama seen below is the view looking west across Las Vegas from the Monte Carlo Casino shortly after sunup. J.



## What's Brewin'? — From the RE



Ok, its been a long winter. I can't wait for our first event tomorrow to break out of my off-season funk. The birth of my daughter (and future R.E. of the Yellowstone Region) Betty Elaine Brewer, was clearly the high point of my life since our last event in 2013 at the Yellowstone Drag Strip. However, the depths of my winter despair is best represented by the photograph to the right. According to the article on "Autocross" appearing in "Uncyclopedia-The Content-Free Encyclopedia,"the dapper gentleman

is none other than "Otto Krause." The article notes that during the 1904 Nationals, Argentine Krause "famously drove a 1993 Mazda Miata to victory in the HC (Horseless Carriage) class." If you have some time on your hands—as I did this winter—log on to <http://uncyclopedia.wikia.com/wiki/Autocross>. The article contains something for everyone and will provide more than a few laughs. You will also learn many things about autocrossing such as the ritualistic practice of "Ape Latexing." Check it out!



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



By the time you read the next edition of *Fast Times*, the Region should have secured a new event site in Billings. The site owner required that event sanctions and insurance certificates be issued before providing final approval, Sanction requests have been sent to SCCA, so we should be "good to go" shortly. To provide a few teasers, I can say that the site is not near a residential area, is approximately the size of the Skyview north lot, is located within city limits, and the asphalt surface is incredible. One other

feature is that the site is adjacent to a well-traveled roadway that promises to provide good exposure for the Region.

I trust most of you have seen the 2014 event schedule on the website. As usual, the season is chock-full of events. The only serious conflict is the weekend of June 21-22 when we have an event at FSA at the same time as the Montana Challenge Race #2 in Helena. Otherwise, our 10-event schedule is well-spaced and has something for everyone!

## The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



As soon as I finish this issue, it's time to load the timing trailer for a busy season. The trailer spent much of the winter in Clark Johnson's shop in Laurel, Clark and his son, Chief of Timing Dean Johnson, performed some long-overdue maintenance and repair work. The most urgent, yet least visible, was the repair of various roof supports and replacement of the roofing. The trailer now sports a brand-new membrane roof. Various pieces of exterior trim were relocated so they could be more securely attached.

The windows were caulked. Supports were added to the countertop and the interior received a fresh coat of paint. Dean and his dad are to be congratulated for their fine work. Additionally, an anonymous donor purchased two adjustable shop chairs for the trailer. Combined with the exterior work that was accomplished last summer, the trailer now looks "first class" and is ready to serve the Region's needs for years to come. Next time you see Dean or his dad, be sure to tell him "Thanks!" 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**  
**June 3, 2014**  
**GH&R Law Firm**  
 175 N. 27th Street  
 Suite 903  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Websites**  
 Yellowstone Region 108 (Billings)  
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 Southwest Montana Region (Bozeman)  
[swmtscca.com](http://swmtscca.com)  
 Montana Region (Great Falls)  
[mtscca.com](http://mtscca.com)  
 Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club  
[eirscca.com](http://eirscca.com)  
 Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)  
[bigskyregion.org](http://bigskyregion.org)  
 Absaroka Region Porsche Club  
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