

Fast Times



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

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Chris Brewer on Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at 6:08 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 August 2012 meeting as published in the September issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer J. Reuss reported that he had forgotten to bring the checkbook, so the treasurer's report was deferred to the next meeting. However, J. reported that all bills were current and that he would provide a recap of expenses related to refurbishing the timing trailer.

Old Business: Chris thanked J. for his work to refurbish the exterior of the timing trailer. Chris noted a competitor at the recent Rimrock Truck Center event had broken a front control arm, but the car was not at speed at the time.

New Business: It was decided that there would be **no monthly meetings in November and February**. *Fast Times* would also not be published in those months or would be combined with a prior or later month's publication. Over the winter, work will begin on a stand for the timing display. Doug Hills indicated that he would look into whether the display brightness is as high as it gets, would prepare a wiring schematic for the timing system, and would repair the inoperative 6' crossover cable for networking the Region's two laptops. A preliminary discussion was held concerning the 2013 schedule with the total number of events the same as 2012; however, an effort would be made to avoid overlaps with Helena events and events would be no closer than three weeks apart. Dean Johnson was asked by Chris to put together some ideas as to how much manpower would be needed to run a 2-day event in Helena to determine if the Region would have sufficient resources to conduct an event.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:33 p.m.

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Barrett-Jackson Las Vegas 2012 - by the Roving Regional Reporter

Your Roving Regional Reporter recently "roved" 1,000 miles southwest to attend the 5th Annual Barrett-Jackson Auction in Las Vegas where 68,000 car enthusiasts attended the event. As usual, the assortment of cars and accessories was mind-boggling. Of particular note was the 2012 Barrett-Jackson Salon Collection—an exclusive group of 15 vehicles that will cross the block at the Scottsdale auction in January 2013 before a group of specially qualified bidders. Of particular note was Clark Gable's

1955 Mercedes Benz Gullwing coupe, one of only 11 1971 Plymouth Hemi 'Cudas ever built, and a 1947 Talbot Lago. Check out <http://saloncollection.com>. Since the event takes place a short drive from the Shelby factory, you can't swing a cat without hitting a Shelby Mustang. The silver beast pictured at the upper right is the 950 HP version. (The track-only version, the 1000 S/C features 1,100 HP!) Bring your own GT500 plus \$149,000 for one of 100 total cars planned. Conspicuously

absent from the Ride-and-Drives at B-J this year was the Porsche Driving Experience. Our group focused on the Ford display this year. The "shtick" was similar to the Chevrolet set-up, but rather than one hot lap in a ZR1 as your "reward," you received 2 hot laps in either a Boss 302, Shelby Mustang, or Ford Focus ST Turbo. Believe it or not, the 2.0L, 250HP, 6-speed Focus ST was the hands-down crowd favorite! I didn't buy anything at this year's auction, but the prices are far more reasonable than Scottsdale or Palm Beach.



NATIONAL-WINNING A-MODIFIED CAR FOR SALE

Dwight Gilliland is selling the Avenger II. If you want to win hill climbs or autocrosses in style, this is the car for you! Car, spares, trailer, etc., for only ~~\$14K~~ \$12,500 OBO



What's Brewin'? — From the RE

The season's last event of the year held at Rimrock Auto Truck Center was a low-key affair with many of the usual participants attending to out-of-town activities, school sporting events and work responsibilities. Nonetheless the attendees had a great time with plenty of runs. (Note that the run count on the results page does not include the runs that were lost when "acting" timers yours truly and Dean Johnson forgot to plug the timing computer into the power source.) For the second event of the season, Brent

Hergenraeder and his Honda S2000 came out on top. Dean Johnson, yours truly, and James Rose from Butte, MT, finished 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, respectively. (However, Mr. Rose's Honda was "put on the trailer" early due to a lower control arm failure.) Steve edged Joel Gruver by "the hair of his chinny chin chin"—a slim .09 seconds. Tucker Stewart, Olin Harriger, and Wes Dews rounded out the field. A big "thank you" goes out to the Gillilands who provided the photos on the results page. C.B.



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

Chief of Tech Dean Johnson is heading up an ad hoc committee (of one) to investigate the possibility of a Yellowstone Region event at Helena in 2013. Manpower (or womanpower) appears to be the biggest hurdle at present. The Yellowstone Region is the smallest SCCA Region in the area. (SWMT (Bozeman) 65 members; Big Sky (Missoula) 67 members; Montana (Great Falls) 40 members; EISCCA (Idaho Falls) 72; and Yellowstone Region (Billings) 27 members. The second hurdle is distance. The

distances to Helena from Bozeman (98 miles), from Great Falls (90 miles), and from Missoula (114 miles) are approximately 130 miles less than the 240 miles from Billings. Nonetheless, the Yellowstone Region is rightfully proud of its record of putting on efficient, safe, and fun events and would be up for the challenge. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dean or any other officer of the Region. The prospect of a 4-Region, true Montana Challenge Series is exciting. R.R.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

On the way to work recently, I was greeted by a fantastic collection of sports cars filling the Crowne Plaza's parking lot. I learned that the cars were participants in the 2012 Going to the Sun Rally, a charity event which features a five-day vintage car rally across Montana with all of the proceeds going to a number of Montana organizations. The website for the rally, <http://goingtothesunrally.com>, notes that the 2012 rally started in Bozeman and toured the eastern half of Montana. The participation

cost is a somewhat lofty \$6,200 per car, but after looking through the cars, it became apparent that the entry fee was not an issue for any of the participants, including the Alfas, the Siata, and the AC Bristol featured in the photos on this page. Of course, the usual slew of Ferraris, XKE Jaguars, Porsches (and even an Iso Grifo) were mixed in for good measure. Of particular note were the "sweep" vehicles that contained tools (and a trailer) in the event the Maserati dealer in Ekalaka was closed. J.



Monthly Region Meeting
December 4, 2012
GH&R Law Firm
 175 N. 27th Street
 Suite 903
6:00 p.m.

Websites

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Absaroka Region Porsche Club
vista.pca.org/abs/index.html