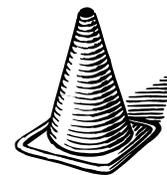


Fast Times



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Maui Musings—by the Webmaster

After exchanging a few e-mails (and a few phone calls for last-minute directions), the Newsletter Editor, the Webmaster, and the "Team Owner," arrived at the home of Maui SCCA member and club photographer, Scott Hughes, in Kihei, Maui. (Mark Richlen told me that being the Region's Treasurer would reap huge rewards. Boy, he was right!). Scott graciously welcomed us into his home and we spent the next hour talking "shop." Initially, I anticipated hearing how different the Maui SCCA was from the Yellowstone Region, but the more we talked, the more it became clear that other than the nearly 3,000 miles separating the Regions, we were pretty much the same. Ironically, the "movers and shakers" in the Maui SCCA were fellows by the names of "Scott" and "Chris." (We checked to make sure there were no "Jays" or "Jerods," but learned that there were not.) The Maui SCCA holds events on a monthly basis. (Their schedule may be found at <http://mauiscca.net>.) While the club does not have a timing trailer, everything related to autocross on Maui is kept within a van owned by "Chris." All of the club's events are held at the same location—a patch of asphalt about 10 minutes northwest of Scott's house. Somewhat similar to Lewistown, the site is located on an

abandoned airfield. Also located nearby is a NHRA-sanctioned drag strip and a motocross course. To put it kindly, the site presents some huge challenges for event organizers and entrants. As attested to by the photographs on page 2, not only is the asphalt surface nearing the end of its useful life, being located in a windswept area



of Maui requires that the area be swept clear of Maui "red dirt" on a regular basis. Unfortunately, since the surface is so deteriorated, only dedicated entrants return for the next month's event. Scott explained that parking lot regulations on Maui make it nearly impossible to find lots that are not broken up with planters, light standards, and

other obstructions. However, the club does have hopes of convincing a generous philanthropist to help them create a dedicated autocross site. Notwithstanding the pavement problems, Scott reports that it is not unusual to see a Lamborghini or Cobra replica at an event. In fact, the owner of a Lamborghini Murcielago generously purchased a new timing system for the club! Average entry numbers are pretty much the same as the Yellowstone Region and maximizing the number of runs takes precedence over nitpicking over scrutineering and car classification. By trade, Scott is a "destination wedding photographer." He also photographs all events and maintains the mauiscca.net website. (There is also a mauiscca.org website, but it hasn't been updated on a regular basis.) Scott is originally from St. Louis, MO, but moved to Maui to "take his life in a new direction." (If you would like to touch base with Scott, check out his FaceBook page.) Similar to "Scott" in the Yellowstone Region, Scott Hughes maintains the FaceBook page for MAUISCCA. (Check out the page and become a "fan.") As we left Scott's house, he gave us a tour of his garage and showed us his "stable" of BMWs. Scott has two M3s in the garage and he volunteered that

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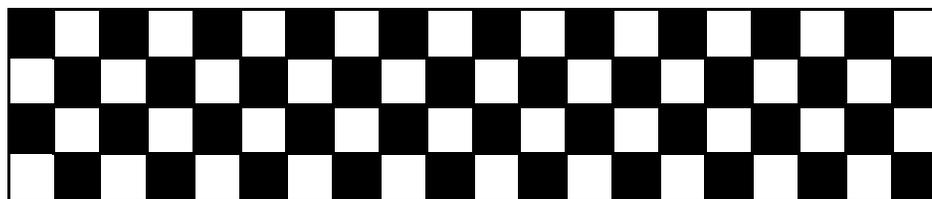
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Dwight Gilliland

his next vehicle would also be an M3. (Kait and I were more than relieved that he did not have a garage full of Mustangs like the Yellowstone Region's "Scott." I bought a MAUI SCCA t-shirt from Scott and assured him I would wear it proudly at future Region events. If you ever find yourself in Maui towards the end of the month, make sure to stop by Maui Raceway Park on Sunday and put your rental car "through the paces" at one of Maui SCCA's events. If Scott is any indication, the Maui SCCA "ohana" (family) is as welcoming and friendly as the Yellowstone Region. Thanks, Scott, for letting us "pick your brain." If you are ever "off-island" and find yourself in the area, I hope you will stop in. J.



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“When perfection is not attainable, do the best you can with what you have to work with.”
(Photos by Hughes Photographics)

Cranston’s Corner—From the RE

I never thought I would say it, but I am totally addicted to FaceBook! Keep your “friend” requests coming! The more the merrier! As a few of you have noted, I have created a FaceBook page for the Yellowstone Region. I hope you will all become “fans.” Simply type “Yellowstone Region SCCA” into the search box at the top of any FaceBook page and then click on “make me a fan.” The plan at this point is to use FaceBook as a “forum” and also as a means to disseminate late-breaking information about events. A word to the Solo Safety Stewards in the Region: New changes

for 2009 provide that after an initial one-year licensing at a SSS, the SCCA Licensing Department shall issue a renewal application every three (3) years. During each three-year licensing period, the SSS must participate in one (1) continuing education seminar and serve as a SSS at five (5) events. I have not heard anything about “continuing education seminars” from the SCCA. I anticipate that either instructors within each region will provide the seminars or Divisional Solo Safety Stewards will do so, SC

Sent from my BlackBerry Smartphone.



The Finish Line—From the Webmaster

After my flight from Honolulu to Los Angeles was delayed from 9:20 p.m. until 12:30 a.m., I did what everyone does to kill time—surf the Net and check e-mail. At approximately 10:30 HST (1:30 a.m. MST), I received an e-mail containing the November Newsletter from the Newsletter Editor for the Eastern Idaho Region, John Atchison. I e-mailed John and asked him what he was doing up so late. His response: “Needed to get a newsletter out.....gotta work it when I can.” That’s what I call dedication! Speaking of dedication, I recently checked the website for [http://](http://mauisccca.net)

mauisccca.net for photos from the November 22nd event. Get this—Scott Hughes had posted 825 pictures from the event. (I sure feel like a piker!) Notwithstanding, I’ll bet it helps being a professional photographer—like Scott is! Speaking, again, of dedication, I noted with interest a November 25th article in the *Billings Gazette* recognizing the Region’s Member-at-Large, Dwight Gilliland. Dwight, a true “renaissance man” if there ever was one, built a house for his parents—who have been married for 65 years—in the Emerald Hill area east of Billings. Dwight and his wife, Kristi, had no

sooner finished construction of their own house in Emerald Hills, when the purchased a nearby property and began construction of a house for Dwight’s parents. (See the Region website for a link to the article.) Dwight and Kristi are both excellent autocrossers, and although they have not been active in recent years—justifiably so—there might not be a Yellowstone Region today were it not for their efforts. I know that construction projects are never truly “done,” but I hope that Dwight and Kristi will have time to participate in a few events in 2010. (After Dwight and Kristi take a little time off, I wonder if they would be interested in building a new “clubhouse” for the Region!) J.

Classification 101

When I finished the November newsletter, I fully intended to complete classifying the yellow Chevy and the \$300 Civic. However, I soon learned that if you make more than one or two modifications to your “ride,” you are destined to “Rulebook Hell.” Having completed my initial read-thru of the Rules, the only thing I am sure of is that I need to start over. At this point in time, I think that the Chevy is close to ASP and the Civic is in some sort of modified class. I will keep working on it. I’m sure glad I don’t participate in a Region that takes classes seriously.

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- Southwest Montana Region**
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