

Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108
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Meeting Minutes —(No meetings in October or November)

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Year in Review- by the Roving Regional Reporter

With snow on the ground, I thought that photos of the 2014 season would bring back memories of warmer weather as well as provide a recap of a great year. Enjoy!

A number of years back, SCCA requested that Regions provide information regarding events such as attendance, income, etc. I put together the information for that year (and the three prior years) and dutifully submitted same. I never received another request after that, but I got into the habit of

updating those statistics at year's end.

The numbers for 2014 shake out as follows:

- 8 events (vs. 9 in 2013 and 8 in 2012);
- 15.4 entrants per event (vs. 17.6 in 2013 and 14.6 in 2012); and
- An average of 11 runs per entrant per event.

I just started keeping the last statistic this year. At one event

in 2014, we averaged nearly 15 runs per entrant!

We cancelled two events in 2014—one due to a siting conflict and one due to weather. We typically plan to cancel one event per year due to weather.

At year's end, I will update the Region's financial records and circulate a report to members. I will also provide an update as to membership numbers.

See y'all in 2015! J.



What's Brewin'? — From the RE



Similar to 2009, the Region has agreed to hold an autocross for the 2015 Big Sky Corvette Fest which will be held in Billings next Memorial Day weekend. The Corvettes will run in the morning on Sunday, May 24th, and members who help with the event will not be charged an entry fee for afternoon runs. Workers will also receive a gift card and free lunch. We will be doing tech inspections on the morning of the event rather than at the hotel hosting the meet. To keep things moving along, we can hopeful-

ly set up two lanes for tech inspection. At this point, we are planning for the event to take place at Skyview High School since we normally hold an event there on Memorial Day weekend. However, two other sites are available if a problem arises with scheduling Skyview. Nominations have been received and voting has been completed for the Region's Driver of the Year and Spirit of the Sport awards. The presentation of such awards will take place at the year-end gala. Date and location TBA. C.B.



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



Reviewing the coverage from the 2014 SCCA National Runoffs in Laguna Seca, one bit of information really stuck out—an entry fee of over \$900! With 517 entrants, that is nearly one-half million dollars! Every year the Region re-examines its entry fees and decides whether any adjustments are necessary. For the past few years, we have kept fees at \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. At that level, most events generate a small profit to enable the Region to do things such as repair the timing trailer,

maintain the timing equipment, and pay the numerous other bills that it takes to hold 8 or 9 autocross events per year. Unfortunately, complaints are occasionally heard that the fees are too high and that the Region is gouging entrants. However, having been a board member for many years and being aware of what it costs to keep the Region afloat, I can assure you that the costs are very reasonable for the “product” delivered. The Region provides a lot of “bang for the buck.”

R.R.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



Although the “Team” was stymied this year by delays with the engine swap in the “\$300 Civic” and transmission woes with “Old Yaller,” hope springs eternal for 2015! Nice weather held out long enough to break in the new parts in the Corvette transmission before it was put away for the winter. Also, the hood builder for the Civic has reported that his “elves” are hard at work and hope to have the new hood completed in time for Christmas. On a somewhat related note, I hope that 2015 is a bit kinder from the

standpoint of tires. Previous newsletters have related the problems we experienced with the timing trailer tires that resulted in new “skins” all the way around. If that wasn't enough, three flat tires on the new (for me) Suzuki KingQuad also resulted in four new tires. (Losing a front tire at the top of the Pryor Mountains with the Team Owner on board was an interesting experience!) However, the old ATV tires would probably not have worked as well in the snow and I can report that the plow works great!

J.



Monthly Region Meeting
January 6, 2015
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 175 N. 27th Street
 Suite 903
6:00 p.m.

Websites

- Yellowstone Region 108 (Billings)**
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