

Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America -
Yellowstone Region 108

Meeting Minutes—February Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Chris Brewer on Tuesday, February 1, 2010, at 6:15 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 December 2010 meeting as published in the January 2011 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Sec./Treas. J. Reuss announced the current bank balance and reported that the only financial activity in the past month was a dues deposit from SCCA. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: J. reported receiving an official response from the IRS indicating that the Region has never been recognized as exempt from Federal income tax under § 501(c). J. indicated that he would prepare and submit a Form 1023 or 1024 to apply. The Board unanimously approved Dwight Gilliland as Member-at-Large for 2011.

New Business: Competition Chairman Randy Roberts presented a preliminary event schedule for 2011. Randy has been in contact with many car clubs in the area, and to the extent possible, has put together a schedule that attempts to minimize conflicts. Board members agreed to provide their input to Randy ASAP, and thereafter, Randy would authorize J. to post the preliminary schedule on the website. A motion was MS&P to cancel the March membership meeting.

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

Regional Officers:

Regional Executive:

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Competition Chairman:

Randy Roberts
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Secretary/Treasurer:

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Membership Chairman:

Vacant
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Member-at-Large:

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Cabin Fever—by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

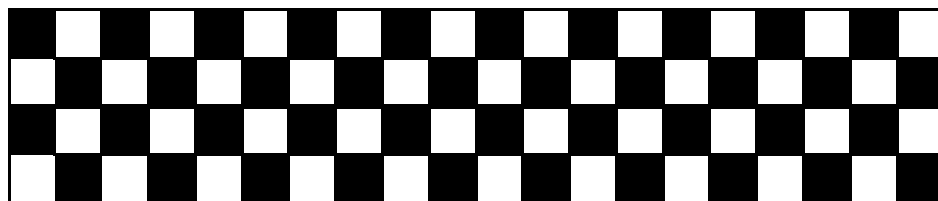
Astute readers will recall my mentioning that a former Newsletter Editor, Kristi Gilliland, graciously provided her personal archives of old newsletters for use by the Region. I am pleased to report that they have all been scanned, indexed, and uploaded to the website. A concern that arose during the scanning process related to the brightly-colored paper on which many of the old newsletters were printed—presumably from the "psychedelic" era. Surprisingly, the bright pink, orange, red, and blue cardstock yielded

good-quality scans. (Unfortunately, green didn't fare so well.) Next time you log onto the Region website, make a point to click on "Newsletters." You will note some vintage newsletters from the 70's and 80's that preceded the formation of the current SCCA-affiliated region in 1986. The earlier newsletters were entitled "Checkpoint," and the older editions were copied using the "mimeograph" process. Older members will remember the unforgiving stencils and the sweet smell of the copies. Later

newsletters referenced a contest to rename the newsletter with the winner receiving a case of motor oil. There is a lot of interesting Club/Region history contained in these old newsletters and I intend to include highlights in a future edition of *Fast Times*. A "Regional History" page for the website is also in the making. If you can help the Region "fill in the blanks" with newsletters that we don't have, it would be greatly appreciated. While you are on the website, also navigate to "Contacts" and then scroll down to "Region Officer Archives."



You will find a spreadsheet there which lists past Club/Region Officers that were gleaned from the recently-scanned newsletters. (The yellow cells in 1986 mark the transition from the former Sports Car Club of Montana (SCCM) configuration to the current configuration. It would be great to add more names to the Archives from additional newsletters and/or other documentation. J.



What's Brewin'?' — From the RE



Competition Chairman Randy Roberts has put together a preliminary event schedule for 2011 featuring 11 events commencing on April 17th. (In addition to the lower left corner of this page, the schedule has been posted on the website along with various other dates we were able to pin down from other car clubs.) We always seem to lose the first or second events of the season to bad weather anyway, so Randy thought we might as well schedule the possible "throw-away" event as early as possible to get it out of the way. However, if spring comes

early, we can get our 2011 season off to an early start. One of my New Year's resolutions was to keep on top of my e-mail. I figured that was as good an excuse as any to justify purchasing a new iPhone (at least that's what I told my wife anyway). The downside is that the Newsletter Editor advised me that I no longer have any excuses for not getting my monthly article submitted on time! I told him "no problem, an 8-year-old child could send e-mail from an iPhone. Unfortunately, I don't know any 8-year-olds! I guess we'll see how I do. C.B.



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



I'll let you know at the outset that article-writing is not my forte, but I will give it my best shot. Some of you readers may know that I have a mechanical background, so I thought it might be appropriate to offer some helpful hints in that area related to autocrossing together with competition-related information. Observant SCCA members will note that Snell's new 2010 standards are out. Solo accepts the current Snell rating and the two previous ratings (2005 and 2000). That means that if your helmet is

a 1995, it must be replaced or you will be sharing an often sweaty loaner helmet. Be sure to check your helmet before the first event. For those of you that are looking for some additional seat time this summer, the Montana Automotive Enthusiasts Club (MAEC) has scheduled three (one-day) events at Lewistown. Check their website if you are interested. Last, I want to provide fair warning that the Scirocco engine is in the machine shop being prepared for the 2011 season. Look out FSP class! R.R.



The Finish Line — From the Webmaster



Randy Roberts reported that several vintage Black Otter Hill Climb videos have found their way onto YouTube. I logged on and noted a video from 2006 and a 2-part video from 1995! The 2006 video appears to feature Jim Arnett tearing the right-rear wheel off his car. The 1995 videos are quite long and feature some interesting vehicles! I was advised this week of two items for sale locally that might be of interest to autocrossers. The first item is a 2001 Corvette Z06. The car is red and in nice condition, but missing an engine.

I believe that the car could be purchased for something in the area of \$5K. The other item is a hydraulically-operated car trailer. From the description I received, it sounds something like the trailer that Dave Marble uses from time to time. Give me a call if you need further information as to either of these items. Last, with our chief timing trailer hauler having retired, the Region may need some assistance in that area from time to time. I think if we spread that chore around between several members, we should get the job done! J.



2011 YRSCCA Solo Schedule

Date	Location
April 17	TBA
May 1	TBA
May 29	Skyview H.S.
June 5	TBA (YDS?)
June 19	TBA (Fathers' Day)
July 17	TBA
July 31	TBA (YDS?)
Aug. 14	TBA
Aug. 28	TBA
Sept. 4	Skyview H.S.
Sept. 25	TBA

Monthly Region Meeting
April 5, 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