

October 2023 Meeting

Reports from recent events this season are as follows:

Coneageddon

Participants: 32 individual drivers

Income:

Online (pre-reg with MSR) - \$1007.81

Payments with Square - \$0

Cash day of - \$420.00

Total - \$1427.81

Costs:

Sanctioning - \$496.00

Weekend membership – (8x\$15)- \$120

Venue - \$300

Total - \$916.00

Profit \$511.81

Meeting 7-10pm-ish on October 4th, 2023 with many smart and attractive club members in attendance this evening totaling ten members. Many of which brought along their transportable dinners consisting of Wendy's (5), McDonalds (1), and (2) 'we don't need that, we have Qdoba at home'. Meeting took place at Laurel Auto Clinic, aka "Carl's Shop" Laurel, MT

----*Carl Jones (El Jefe), Matt Boggio (El Jefito), and Lane Baumann (Secretary and Treasurer) graced us with their presence this evening*----

*First item for discussion was the Hooptie Races from September. Overall, it was a hit. Will organize another event in the future. The Chalice of Excrement, while boldly placed in the scorching heat of an Autumn Montana Sun, became heated to the point of boiling, with the stench of dog poo and the associated liquid oozing from within its resinous, epoxified tomb. Carl "El Jefe" Jones was the First Place Loser and was awarded the Chalice of Excrement for timeless display in a location of his choosing. First Place Winner Matt Boggio took home the majestic, hand-made trophy (the envy of all those in attendance), and Darrin, the Second Place Winner, was awarded the Costco Lasagna he so graciously donated. Apparently even after partially thawing in the heat, it was still especially delicious. It is reported that he will attempt to purchase another. Tonight's Hooptie Race discussion involved how to even the playing field between competitors. Remedies include averaging the top two and bottom two lap times for a variation of lap averages. Another point of discussion was perhaps to allow every driver the humbling opportunity to drive all other cars for one lap, with their written consent possibly being involved. Further research and discussion are needed, and the topic has been tabled for now.

*ConeHeads 2023 in Helena, MT was a great learning experience for all Yellowstone Region 108 participants. Our camaraderie and social skills were brought to sharp relief in the wake of the ConeHeads 2023 event. Positive feedback was given tonight from all attendants. A note of learning about the paddock was given; using a space saving measure to form a grid-like array (columns and rows of cars vs. parallel lines. For example, if 12 racers were lined up in group 1, rather than two rows of 6,

there would be 3 rows of 4). Consideration will be given and investigated. Events at the Metra do not need to save space, per se, but if an event has limited parking and gridding, array style gridding in the paddock will be evaluated in the future. Another very large topic of discussion was how we as a region can ensure that safe protocols and practices are being followed regarding bucket worker behavior protocol and physical abilities of working participants. Being aware of any physical limitations experienced by a driver and placing them in a worker position that resonates with their abilities was discussed. Club members also discussed how we can remain respectful of other members, participants, spectators, and the public. Respect, safety, and enjoyment remain Yellowstone Region 108s top priority to all those involved.

*Octane Sunday at the Metra is coming this weekend. It was discussed, and sadly not many participants are registered. Make sure to encourage your friends to sign up and have some wholesome fun this Sunday. It was decided that due to Matt's departure to Fiji, that David, Jared, and Darrin will help Lane set up track at 6am. Anyone wanting to make an early start of their day is encouraged to show up and help.

* Year-End Event Potluck will be posted to announce the event. Briant will update social media, and the address of the potluck will be on an "as people ask" basis to respect Lane's privacy. This event is open to those who have participated in any event this year, not the general public. The date of the party is October 20th at 6:30 pm Mountain Standard time. Make sure you come, and if you have not signed up to bring a side dish, please, pLeAsE, ** PLEASE do. Otherwise, we are reduced to just fruit chunks and pasta salad to adorn our supreme selection of condiments, or so I am told.

*Year end trophies and voting results – Votes were counted prior to meeting and results were announced. Club members were given the opportunity to oppose tally results. None opposed. Carl will have trophies engraved and will be polished to their majestic glory for presentation to the deserving individuals at the eagerly anticipated End-of-Year Potluck Party.

*Topic of discussion brought to the club for this month's meeting was if a competitor can pay double to race all 4 sessions (2 AM session and 2 PM sessions vs. 1 AM and 1 PM session) while bringing a friend/helper of their own to work every bucket/work designation rotation. After much discussion amongst club members highlighting the pros and cons of this topic, it was ultimately put to a vote and the results are that it was opposed (6 to 2) to allow someone to pay double to run double. Two did not vote.

*RallyCross planning tonight involved Micah and Lane obtaining SkidSteers (legally) and taking them to Acton on Saturday October 21st to finish and polish the course for Rally the following day. A points system was discussed and ideas about a competitive point ranking were introduced. Also discussed was granting an undetermined number of points should a competitor excel in their efforts to compete in every season event. Another idea presented was to give 5 points for showing up in general (as a driver of course) and one point for each car beat.

*Contacting Lewistown raceway was an idea for another venue. It is believed by many that if the drifters can use it while they tear it up, then we AutoCrossers with our spirited, yet gentle driving skills will be as soft and gentle on their asphalt as an expensive, name brand baby-wipe is on their old Grandma's tooshie. We will try again to contact the raceway to inquire on pricing and availability for our use in the future. We will try to contact Montana Drift Club as they currently use the venue for Drifting.

*Event Awards for AutoCross, to keep people interested and engaged. Also, to showcase that AutoCross is fun and exciting like RallyCross, and to reward participants who are skilled enough, we decided to go back to the celebratory magnets. Jared Kimmet volunteered to take over filling out magnets as the events happened. We voted on the keeping and progressing on the setup we currently have and will do award magnets for the next season. We decided on grouping similar classes together for ease of manufacturing the magnets at events.

Grouping will be as follows:

Street

Street Touring

Cam

Prepared/Modified/Unlimited (catch all)

Fastest time of day

Top Pax

Tyler mentioned that since everyone loves stickers; especially top-quality, fun, and engaging stickers, the club discussed getting stickers for all that participate. When a driver signs in at the trailer table, they will get a cute and fun cone sticker for their enjoyment (and possible sticker collection) along with the legalizing and official SCCA club wristband. More to come.

TREASURER'S REPORT===== \$11,800 (with a few random "Money Bags" in various safe places that still need to be deposited, totaling approximately \$800)

+ Yellowstone Region 108 debts are paid up to date aside from the Bridger airport light that was damaged back in 2022. Because they "had one in the shop", they were unable to give the club an accurate cost for replacement. Since then, it seems they have run out of backups due to a mowing incident and we are hoping they will have a current price so the club can square up. No update on cost of marker light from Bridger Airport to date (10-4-2023).

Upcoming events 2023

October 8 – Octane Sunday at Metra Park Upper Lot

October 20 – Year end party **MAKE SURE TO BRING A SIDE DISH******

October 22 – First Rally-Cross event at Yellowstone Drag Strip with many more to come. Stay tuned.