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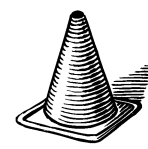
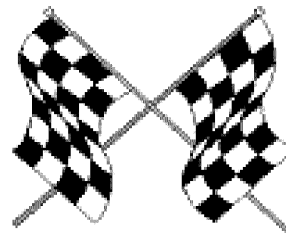
## Meeting Minutes: Yellowstone Region 108 - Nov. Meeting

The November 2007 meeting of the Yellowstone Region was called to order by Assistant Regional Executive Scott Cranston. The treasurer's report was given. The treasurer was asked to make a lot rent payment of \$250.00 to Skyview High School.

Old Business: There were no additional nominations for officer positions. It was moved and seconded the nominations be accepted by acclamation, motion passed.

Elected:

Regional Executive	Scott Cranston
Assistant Regional Executive	J. Reuss
Completion Chairman	Chris Brewer
Secretary/Treasurer	Mark Richlen
Membership Chairman	Katie Cranston



New Business: Mark Richlen and J. Reuss were designated as buyers for the region when buying materials from SCCA. The competition schedule and potential sites will be discussed at the December meeting. The December meeting will be held at a meeting room at J. Reuss' offices, details on the website.

## Garage Racin'

Unless you're planning a major road trip to a warmer area of the country, the next autocross is at least 4-5 months away. However, that doesn't mean that you can't start planning for next year's events. Mark Richlen is currently involved in an interesting restoration of a vintage sports racing car. For a description of the project and some photos, check out the Region's website. The car Mark is restoring is called a "Gemini." I "Googled" that name and it returned a few hits for Geminis involved in vintage road racing. The Gemini seems to have been a popular car back in the days of Coopers, Lolas, Elvas and other purpose-built race cars. I am looking forward to Mark campaigning the car during the upcoming season. Scott Cranston's garage is also busy. Scott is con-

structing a Shelby Cobra reproduction for a customer. Although the body is not yet installed, Scott reports having taken the motor and chassis for a brief spin last month. (Scott clarified that he didn't literally "spin" the car.) With Cobras, the first question everyone asks is "Does it have a 427?" The answer in this case is "yes"! Although I can't reveal the owner of the vehicle, I can tell you that he is a Billings resident and no stranger to high-performance automobiles. Hopefully Scott will delay delivery of the car long enough to do some "testing" at an early-season autocross. Speaking of which, Scott indicated that he was thinking selling his teal "Stang." As most people in the club are aware, the car is not very fast and it doesn't handle very good. However, the car

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would be great for a beginner to "learn the ropes" while saving up for something decent like a street-modified Civic or Corvette. I would guess that you could get the car pretty cheap. ( I heard Scott tried to set the car on fire a year or two ago—I suppose to collect the insurance money—but I don't know that for a fact) As they say, stay tuned.

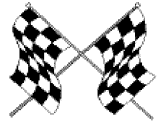
## Outside the Region

I received an e-mail from former Billings driver, LARA TALLMAN. Lara has moved to Salt Lake City where her race team, Competition Associates, is based. A high point for Lara this summer was competing in the GRAND-AM ROLEX final event at Miller Park in Tooele, UT. Lara's team drove a rented GTO.R from Matt Connelly Motorsports and posted a respectable finish despite tire and mechanical problems. Lara reported that racing with the Daytona Prototype cars demanded that you watch your mirrors constantly. This last weekend, Lara and her team participated in the NASA 25 Hours of Thunderhill, in Willows, California. Competition Associates finished 5th overall and 1st in their class. Way to go Lara! Lara has started a blog that you might want to check out: [laratallman.blogspot.com](http://laratallman.blogspot.com) Hopefully Lara will visit Billings in the future and share the details of "life outside the Region." (Perhaps we could also convince her to teach a driver's school.)

## The Finish Line

The focus of the December meeting will be the 2008 competition schedule and potential sites. Several issues will be addressed: First, scheduling events on holidays. For many years, the region has held events on Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day. There has been some feedback from members and participants that people travel out-of-town and/or have family obligations on holidays. Second, an attempt should be made to coordinate the Region's schedule with Bozeman's schedule, since their members often attend Yellowstone Region events. Third, an effort should be made to avoid conflicts with

divisional and other large events in Helena. Fourth, a decision needs to be made regarding whether the Region would like to hold a divisional event of its own. Although divisional events are typically two days long, the event could be scaled back to one day. Fifth, a decision needs to be made regarding spending large amounts of money to secure premium sites such as Metra and Yellowstone Drag Strip versus smaller sites at little or no cost. Last, the possibility of joint events with other local car clubs should be looked into. J.



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### From the Webmaster

If you are undertaking any autocross-related projects this winter similar to Mark Richlin or Scott Cranston, send me an short e-mail and a few pictures. I would like to feature your project on the website. If anyone has any vehicles for sale or items that would interest club members, e-mail your classified ad to the Webmaster.

