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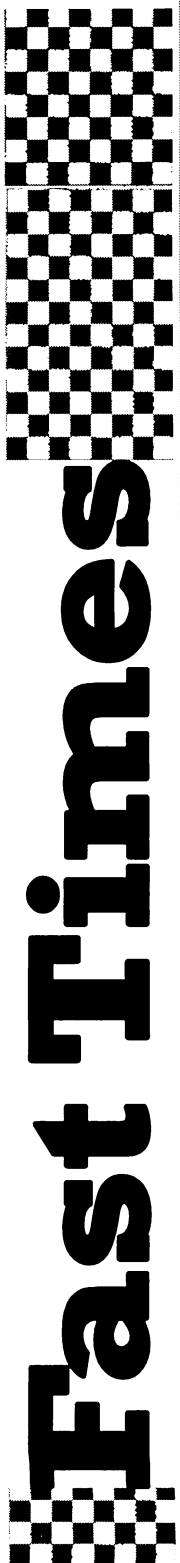
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Meeting Minutes: Yellowstone Region 108 - April Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Scott Cranston on April 2, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at 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 March meeting as published in the April edition of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mark Richlen reported that the current balance of the club checking account was approximately \$3,538.00.

Old Business: Competition Chairman Chris Brewer reported that the second Yellowstone Drag Strip event had been moved from August 10 to August 3 to avoid a conflict with the Top Gun event in Helena. Brewer also reported that he had advised SCCA that Asst. RE J. Reuss would serve as "Chief of Waivers" at events. J. indicated that he intended to delegate that responsibility to the extent possible. Reese Newman reported that she had completed the artwork on the club event posters. Cranston will review the artwork before final printing in 8-1/2" by 11" and 11" by 17" sizes. Jerod Staebler announced his thoughts concerning a club banner and sizes. Jerod will check the SCCA website before ordering a banner to see if they have anything available.

New Business: Cranston reported that he had reserved three spaces at the Rimrock Auto Group car show on June 14, 2008. A discussion was held concerning whose club members' cars to feature at the event. Reciprocity with other local car clubs was discussed. It was decided that we would allow Porsche Club members to participate in Region events at member cost because of their allowing us to do the same at the Lewistown events. With regard to the Safety Steward issue, Richlen will order some new instruction tapes from SCCA, and Chris, Jerod, J. and Reese will thereafter be trained as stewards by Kurt Schulz. Scott, Chris and Jerod will meet this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. to prep the timing trailer for the first event and inventory same to see if any additional supplies are needed. Mark will order two Solo rulebooks, 2008 helmet stickers and possibly wristbands, etc. Reese agreed to be trained in the use of the timing system and head up that responsibility for the interim.

Opening Day at FSA

Opening day—the crack of the bats and the smell of the hot dogs. There were no bats at the Region's first event of the season, but there were plenty of hot dogs—drivers, that is!

The weather couldn't have been more perfect. Very little wind, few clouds, and temperatures in the 60s.

The Food Services of America site appears to have a lot of potential. The warehouse provides a nice windbreak for the spectators and the paved area offers much more flexibility than Vo-Tech. Chris Brewer set up a nice course that allowed for some tire smoke, but kept the times close.

The Region welcomed brand-new members Jim, Alex and Kara Verploegen. They received the "WE HAD A GREAT DAY AWARD," with two very competitive cars entered. Unfortunately, all times were recorded for their BMW. Accordingly, it was not known if their fast times were from the BMW or the Toyota

Supra. We'll sort out that problem next time!

New members Sheree Summer and Mark Pilon drove all the way from Fallon, Montana, for the "LONG DISTANCE" award. Mark's beautiful blue Subaru Forester is certainly not lacking in the power department!

The stunning dark blue Saturn Sky driven by Ray Burns from Cody, Wyoming got the "BEST LOOKING (ALMOST UNKNOWN) CAR AWARD." We don't see many cars like that in Billings. (Very few spectators believed that this was Ray's first autocross.) We hope to see Ray and his charming wife at future events.

It was good to see Dave Marble back "on track." Dave's ultra-fast, twin charged Mini scored the fast time of the day. Jim Coon's stealthy Subaru WRX STI was second fastest, and rounding out the top three was your Webmaster driving his kids' \$300 Civic FOR THE FIRST TIME!

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Chris and Susan Doll's turbo Jetta showed a lot of potential and Reese Newman's black Audi 90 made its final appearance. Luckily, Reese didn't break anything and its sale to a new owner can proceed. Solid performances were also put in by regulars Randy Roberts (4th overall), Scott Cranston, (5th overall), and Chris Brewer (6th overall).

Course designer Chris Brewer won the "CONE CRUSHER AWARD." Katie Cranston was only 0.7 seconds slower than her dad, so it won't be long before she starts leaving him in her dust. Last, but not least, Adam Chamberlain's "new" Mustang showed some promise.

Everyone left the site with a little early season sunburn, but with a big smile.

Cranston's Corner — From the RE

Wow—a truly great day for our first solo event of the year! Thanks to everyone who attended for the outstanding help and cooperation. Ten timed runs per entry and only a bunch of cones knocked around (mostly by Brewer). No serious problems with timing and scoring (with Reese at the controls). The next scheduled event is the Porsche Driving School in Lewistown. I hope everyone will make an effort to attend. This is a DRIVING SCHOOL with more track time than you can stand. Dave Cooley and his crew do an excellent job of putting on a safe and fun event. However, be forewarned, this is a 2-day event, so plan for 2 days. My first time, I just went for Saturday, and wished I could have stayed for Sunday. If you are planning to attend, let me know so I can give Dave a heads-up on how many from our Region will attend.

What's Brewin'? — From the Comp. Chair

Vroom, vroom, the season is underway. Unfortunately, the first event at GM Petroleum was canceled due to Mother Nature. (Let me tell you, maximum performance summer tires do not like snow.)

I hope you have seen our posters around town and are encouraging your friends, family and anyone who will listen for two minutes to come out and play with us.

2008 YRSCCA Solo Schedule	
April 20	GM Petroleum (cancelled)
May 4	Food Service of America
May 24-25	Lewistown (with PCA)
June 8	Food Service of America
June 22	Yellowstone Drag Strip
July 6	GM Petroleum
July 27	Skyview High School
August 3	Yellowstone Drag Strip
August 24	Food Service of America
September 13-14	Lewistown (with PCA)
September 21	GM Petroleum

From the Webmaster

Chris Brewer and I are thinking about documenting the history of the Yellowstone Region. If any of you can help us in this regard, let us know. I was talking recently to Lance Peterson from Hardin and he seemed pretty knowledgeable about the "early days." I know that Kurt Schulz has been around since "the beginning." Someone told me that the Region originally can into existence as the "Sports Car Club of Montana."

I have scheduled two dates at the Yellowstone Drag Strip and we want everyone to come out for these events. The lot is large, smooth and fast. The site is a short drive from Billings (16 miles to Acton and 4 miles to the site) and these events should not be missed. Since the closest "concessions" are at the Acton Bar nearly 4 miles away, hopefully we can talk Kurt into bringing up his grill. If you want your car to "stretch its legs" a little, mark these events on your calendar.

The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

I agree that the inaugural event at FSA came off smoothly and was enjoyed by all. (It's also great to have some "real" news to report in the newsletter and on the website instead of the usual off-season "filler."

I will, unfortunately, miss the upcoming event at Lewistown because my wife informs me that I need to

attend the graduation of the newsletter editor, Kaitlin, at Laurel High School. Oh, well. The good news is that Kaitlin will be attending MSU in the fall and can continue to help me with the newsletter. Kaitlin also advises me that I will be hauling the Civic to Bozeman to allow her to participate in SW Montana Regional events.

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Monthly Region Meeting

May 7, 2008

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6:30 p.m.

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