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Meeting Minutes: Yellowstone Region 108 - May Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Scott Cranston on May 7, 2008, at 6:37 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 April 2008 meeting as published in the May 2008 edition of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Mark Richlen reported that the current balance of the club's checking account was approximately \$3,563.85. Richlen also reported that he had recently paid BCS for porta-potty rental and that there were a few other bills to pay, but they were all current. Cranston handed over receipts from the recent event at FSA.

Old Business: Poster Project: It was generally agreed to continue refining the poster project. An additional \$50 was authorized to make additional color copies. It was suggested that smaller (8-1/2" x 5-1/2") posters be prepared to distribute at the upcoming car show and to hand out at other events. Members could also be given copies to hand out to interested persons. Richlen reported that a club banner had been ordered and that helmet stickers, rulebooks and wristbands had been ordered. Richlen indicated he would look into obtaining Weekend Membership forms and/or combined Weekend Membership and entry forms. It was decided that we would feature Cranston's teal 'Stang, Reuss' Civic and Gilliland's Avenger at the Rimrock Auto Show on June 14th (unless Gilliland is at a hillclimb and/or another member wants to show his or her car off.)

New Business: The possibility of implementing a point system for solo finishes was discussed. It was decided to look into the system being used by Bozeman and discuss the issue further at a later time. Everyone who was at the FSA event reported it went well. Some items to be smoothed out were: specific information and proper membership applications for SCCA membership; a written script to be used at driver's meeting to assure all information is provided; assigning a worker for wristband duty during run groups. It was also agreed that drivers should be reminded that it was their obligation to make sure their guests had signed waivers and obtained wristbands. It was also discussed that a worker would be assigned during each run group to put run times on a scoreboard in "real time" as they were announced by the timer (including penalties). Entry forms would also be revised to clarify that it is the drivers' responsibility to know what class their car belongs.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:22 p.m.

Wanted—Secretary/Treasurer

Those folks who check the Region website from time-to-time have noted that long-time club member and long-time Region Secretary/Treasurer Mark Richlen has recently resigned his post. In offering his resignation, Mark noted that "it was time for one of the newer members to take on the responsibility." He also noted that he had just "resigned a board seat in another organization" and that he was "just realigning his activities." Mark's tireless contributions to the Region are greatly appreciated and we will miss the institutional memory that he offered. Although Mark certainly cannot be replaced, someone will be needed to fill his position. If you have any interest in fulfilling this important function for the Region, please stop in at the next meeting or contact any of the other officers. Although Mark didn't say so specifically, I am certain that he would be willing to train any interested individual to accomplish a seamless "passing of the torch."

(At press time, there was no word on whether the Region's year-end party would continue to be held at the Mark and Delia's house.)

Car Classes Revisited

For the past few years, the Region has become somewhat lax when it comes to car classes at events. Solo car classification is not a priority at smaller events when everyone is just "out for a good time." However, car classification is a serious business at larger events such as regionals and divisionals. Car classification is the responsibility of the entrant. Designating the proper class of your car on an entry form is somewhat on the "honor system." That is, unless someone protests the class an entrant has designated, no one is the wiser. Classifying stock (or nearly stock) vehicles is relatively easy. The SCCA National Solo Rule-

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book—available either online or at an event—contains basic classification information. Stock classes allow a minimal number of "allowances" before a vehicle is relegated to a "modified" or "prepared class."

Several regions and have posted car classification worksheets on websites. In the next few days, links to these websites will be added the Region Website to help entrants "fine tune" their classification. However, keep in mind that the SCCA National Solo Rules are the "final word" when it comes to classification. Classification worksheets should only be used as a starting point to determine where your car truly belongs.

Cranston's Corner — From the RE

The Region has three spaces rented at the Rimrock Auto Group Car Show scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2008. The show is scheduled to run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The reason for the Region's participation is to promote the Region and SCCA activities. We plan to have an SCCA banner erected, and SCCA and Region information will be available to those who are interested. This event is typically well-attended. Pray for good weather. Speaking of weather, I was checking out the online forum on the Southwestern Region SCCA website prior to their Memorial Day weekend event at MSU. With "iffy" weather predicted, several contributors mentioned the "50-50 Rule." The essence of the Rule was that an autocross event would be cancelled if the predicted high temperature was less than 50 degrees and the chance of precipitation was greater than 50%. Seems like a good guideline.

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

We are back to the Food Services of America site this Sunday on 32nd and King Avenue West. The previous event at that site was a blast and this event should be even better. Like the last event at FSA, we need to vacate the premises by 3:30 (or so). FSA employees begin to arrive at that time to start their Sunday night shift. Accordingly, we will try to start the event a little earlier to make sure everyone gets plenty of runs. In two weeks we will be at the Yellowstone Drag Strip.

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

As indicated in last month's column, the Drag Strip site is huge and has no light poles or curbs. Accordingly, the course we plan to set will be long and fast. Don't miss this event!

The Finish Line — From the Webmaster

We got the newsletter editor, Kaitlin, graduated from Laurel High School on Memorial Day weekend. Loads of out-of-town guests kept anything autocross-related from getting done. However, being a "good" parent for the weekend—and not whining about missing the Corvette convention in Bozeman—scored me a "pass" on Kaitlin's soccer tournament in Helena this weekend! See y'all at FSA!

the "not-closed" look that results (in whole or part) from using the OEM hardware on the carbon fiber hood. I previously installed a set of hood pins on the car when it still had a metal hood. (I would not recommend doing this on a Sunday morning prior to an event, unless you get up at 3:00 a.m.—which I did not.) After checking a few websites that explain how to drill carbon fiber hoods, it appears that I should probably schedule the project over at least two evenings. J.

I obtained a set of hood pins for the kids' Civic in an attempt to eliminate

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Monthly Region Meeting

June 4, 2008
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6:30 p.m.

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Yellowstone Region 108
www.yellowstonescca.com

Southwest Montana Region
www.swmntscga.org

Montana Region (Great Falls)
www.mtscca.com

Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club
www.eiscc.info

Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)
www.bigskyregion.org

Northwest Hill Climb Association
www.mbahillclimb.org/

From the Webmaster

As promised, I posted the results from the FSA event as soon as I got home from the event. There were many other things I would rather have done at that time, but the positive comments I received made it worthwhile. Posting the photos takes a bit more time than results, but with a little pre-planning, that chore is getting quicker as well. I would sure appreciate some backup for events that I can't attend or assistance from someone who truly knows what they are doing with regard to website stuff. Please don't be shy!

