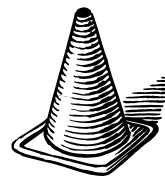


# Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America - Yellowstone Region 108  
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## Meeting Minutes—December Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Scott Cranston on December 2, 2009, at 6:30 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 September 2009 meeting as published in the October 2009 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Sec./Treas. J. Reuss announced the current bank balance and reported that all bills were current. Comparing the bank balance to one year ago, the Region has gained approximately \$274.61. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report. Asst. R.E. Chris Brewer reported being contacted by SCCA re: cancelled events in 2009. J. asked Chris to forward such e-mails and he would respond.

Old Business: J. reported that he was sending "Thank You" letters to GM Petroleum, FSA, and Skyview. It was unanimously agreed that similar letters be sent to Rimrock Auto Group and RB Enterprises. Brewer reported that he completed his research into timing systems recommended that the Region purchase an "AXWare Systems" timing system. Chris' recommendation was unanimously accepted and it was MS&P to order same ASAP. J. reported that the new(ish) Region laptop will be ready to go as soon as the new battery arrives.

New Business: The Region accepted the donation of a commercial-grade leaf blower from Member Reese Newman. Cranston requested that information be disseminated via the website, newsletter, e-mail, and all other usual means, regarding officer elections for 2010. It was decided to cancel the January membership meeting. The next membership meeting will be February 3, 2010. A discussion was held regarding a possible year-end social get-together in late January or early February. Cranston reported being contacted by Mark Richlin regarding a possible Black Otter Hillclimb display at the Yellowstone County Museum.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

## Regional Officers:

### Regional Executive:

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### Asst. Regional Executive:

Chris Brewer

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### Competition Chairman:

Jerod Staebler

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### Secretary/Treasurer:

J. Reuss

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### Membership Chairman:

Vacant

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### Member-at-Large:

Dwight Gilliland

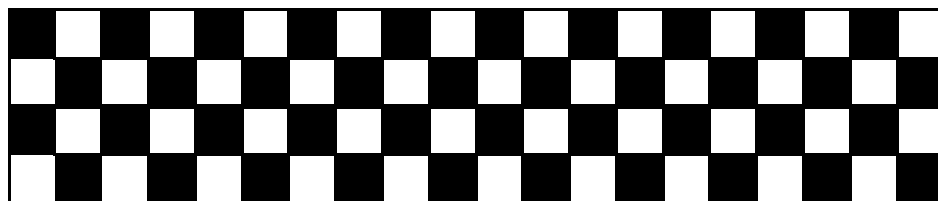
## Election of Officers for 2010—by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

As of this printing, the slate of Regional Officers for 2010 is as follows: Regional Executive: Scott Cranston. Scott's campaign platform is: "If anyone else wants this job, they are welcome to it." Assistant Regional Executive: Position Open. Competition Chairman: Chris Brewer. Chris has agreed to move back to the CC position following Jerod's decision to devote more time to NHRA activities. However, Chris still welcomes any help he can get for the first two hours after the sun comes up on mornings of events. Sec./Treas.: J. Reuss. Membership Chairperson: Posi-

tion open. Similar to last year, ballots by e-mail or regular mail are welcomed. Additional nominations and write-ins are ex-tremely welcomed. For those of you who are new to the club, it is highly recommended that you make a point to attend a monthly meeting (or two). The meetings always take less than an hour. Unfortunately, there is precious little time at events to discuss SCCA issues with and/or get to know the current officers. As is often explained at drivers' meetings, the members running the events are not actually so unfriendly, however, they are usu-

ally working their asses off trying to make the event safe, fun and enjoyable. In recent years, Regional events have run smoothly because so many people pitch in and help out. However, there is still quite a bit of behind-the-scenes work that needs to be done. Please make it a point to attend a monthly meeting this year and find out what you can do to help. Even if you uneasy about committing yourself to being an officer, there are an untold number of jobs that you could help with to make the life of an officer a bit easier. The new (for 2010) SCCA motto is: Make it Fun, Make

it Easy." If a few more members step up and pitch in for 2010, it will be more fun and easier for everyone. Speaking of news from the National SCCA, please note the following: (1) 2010 Solo rules will be available for (free) download on the Web by January 1, 2010; (2) The 2010 Tire Rack Solo schedule has been posted; 2009 Total regional event participation was even with 2008 participation; (3) 2010 SCCA insurance costs are increasing by 10% over 2009 (approximately \$0.50 per entrant); and (4) starting in 2010, solo entrants will not be required to have a rule book in their possession. However, since every entrant is required to know and comply with the rules, buy or download a copy anyway. J.





**Cranston's Corner — From the RE**

The election of 2010 Regional Officers will take place at the February monthly meeting. The March and April meetings usually are devoted to scheduling events. Due to the overwhelming success of last year's drivers' school, that event will be expanded and made part of a two-day autocross event. No decision has been made regarding the location yet. The idea last year—before being rained out—was that the lights at GM Petroleum would allow us to run late into the evening. However, with daylight saving time, there is usually enough natural light to run well past

9:00 p.m. As some of you are aware, since the year 2010 is divisible by "5," that means that a new set of Snell (helmet) standards will be out next year. I understand the Snell 2010 helmet will not be available until October of 2010, so 1995 helmets will be legal until then. After that, the three allowable standards will be Snell 2000, 2005, and 2010. I also understand that the old rule of "meeting the current or two immediately preceding Snell standards" will be changed to specify the three allowable standards. Nevertheless, if your helmet is a 1995 model, this is the last year it will be legal



for SCCA events. If you are really into Snell "stuff," check out [www.smf.org](http://www.smf.org) for more info than you will ever need. All in all, 2009 was a great year and I hope everyone had a good time at YRSCCA events. I look forward to seein' y'all next year!

Sent from my BlackBerry Smartphone.

**The Finish Line — From the Webmaster**

I just phoned in the order for the new timing system from AXWare Systems. The hope is that the new system will run with Windows XP software and peripherals. Chris Brewer has donated a 3-in-1 printer/scanner/copier that will hopefully allow updated times to be printed out on a regular basis. Also, it is believed that our existing "Race America" display will be compatible. Keep your fingers crossed.

I note from the latest *SportsCar* that some changes to the Solo classes will likely have

some impact at the local level. One change that will surely have an impact is the move of the Mini Cooper S from GS to DS. (For those of you thinking about the difference for the PAX indices, I can tell you that—using 2009 PAX figures—the difference would be 0.12 seconds on a 60-second course.)

Other major classification changes have been made in the Stock category. Porsche Boxsters go from the old AS to the new CS. Old AS cars like C4 Corvettes, S2000s, various Porsches, and Solstices move to BS. AS will now be

pretty much be the pre-Z06 SS, with non-Z06 C5s being chased by various Porsches and BMWs. One drawback of our historically low turnout at events is that awarding trophies on a class-by-class basis doesn't make much sense. Some of the ideas that the Board has been kicking around include awarding t-shirts or beer mugs with Region and/or SCCA logos. To keep the award allocation interesting, criteria would be revised from event-to-event such as fastest street-tired car or the car with the time closest to mid-way between fast-time-of-day and slowest-time-of-day. (Might be fun!) J.

**Classification 102**

Work continues on my classification project. Rather than trying to classify both cars at the same time, I decided it would be better in the long run to do one car at a time. (My brain hurts less.) The issue I am stuck with at the present time is whether the "cone catcher" front end on the Civic actually amounts to an "illegal front spoiler." The problem is that I think a spoiler is not supposed to extend as far forward as the current "body kit" front end. I have been looking for a stock Civic hatch on the street to take some measurements. More later.

**Monthly Region Meeting**  
**February 3, 2009**  
**GH&R Law Firm**  
**10 N. 27th St, Suite 100**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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**Yellowstone Region 108**  
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