

# Fast Times



Sports Car Club of America -  
Yellowstone Region 108

## Meeting Minutes—September Meeting

The monthly membership meeting of the Yellowstone Region SCCA was called to order by Regional Executive Scott Cranston on September 1, 2010, at 6:25 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 August 2010 meeting as published in the September 2010 issue of *Fast Times*.

Treasurer's Report: Sec./Treas. J. Reuss announced the current bank balance and reported that all bills were current. A Motion was MS&P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Scott confirmed that the Yellowstone Drag Strip event was going forward as planned. It was reported that the sanction had been received from SCCA, that arrangements were being made to assure access through the gate on Saturday and Sunday, and a fresh portapotty was on the way. Several members volunteered to set the course on Saturday.

New Business: Scott announced his retirement as Regional Executive at the end of 2010. Dwight Gilliland offered to check the brake system on the timing trailer. Additional repair/restoration of the trailer during the off-season is anticipated. Randy Roberts moved (by e-mail) that monthly membership meetings be moved from Wednesday evenings to Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Motion was MS&P to move the meetings to Tuesday evenings. Scott requested that some preliminary information for the Street Survival program be posted on the Region's website.

A motion was MS&P to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:09 p.m.

## Regional Officers:

### Regional Executive:

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### Asst. Regional Executive:

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### Competition Chairman:

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### Secretary/Treasurer:

J. Reuss

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### Membership Chairman:

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## Smokin' at the Dragstrip—by the Rovin' Regional Reporter

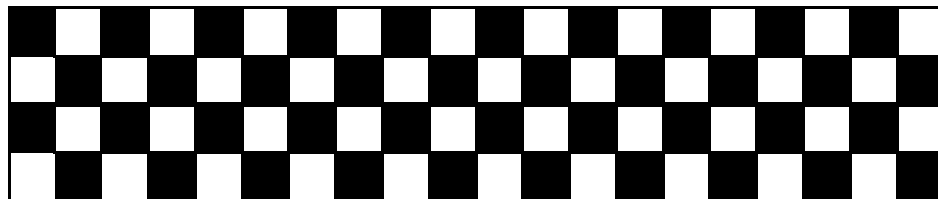
Nothing like going out with a bang! Check these numbers—25 drivers logging a total of 255 runs! Most drivers enjoyed 11 timed runs! Chris Brewer and Dean Johnson set (on Saturday) what was clearly the best course of the season. The course began with a tight starting section—favoring the smaller cars—but gradually “unwound,” building speed and favoring the faster cars. The second half of the course was super quick—once you figured out the “arced” slalom section and the visually-deceptive finish line gates. (Check the website for a driver's

—eye view.) Joe Evers (Porsche 911), Dave Kirk (Lotus Elise) and Mel Kuipers (Maxda MX-5) came down from Bozeman and quickly set the pace. However, Region hotshoe R.J. Matthews (Subaru STI) slipped into the fast time of day slot by besting Evers by .563 seconds. Kirk finished third overall and Bob Stormer in the “EF-Bomb” Civic from Glasgow edged Jerod Staebler in the Teal “Stang” for 4th. Randon Stormer, Kaitlin Reuss, and Jim Coons notched 6th, 7th, and 8th. Mel Kuipers ended up in the 9th spot and Dwight Gilliland rounded out the top ten driving

his Lotus Elan for the first time. On the PAX side of the scoreboard, Matthews, Coons, and Kirk placed 1-2-3. A failed slave cylinder put Al Merkel's Nissan on the trailer. Riley Cooke left the Buick at home and drove his wife's Corvette to a 22nd place finish in both raw and PAX times. Ken Stewart brought his H Stock down from Helena and teamed with his son, Brian, for the son's first autocross. Ken held off his son by .155 seconds! Wait until next time, dad! The Mazdaspeed 3 “du jour” was capably piloted by Dustin Park to an 11th place in PAX scoring. Evan Billingsley



had an operational clutch and didn't need to resort to driving a rental car. The high run count was largely due to the use of separate start and finish timing lights. Many sites do not allow for that arrangement, but the new timing software handled the twin-light setup just fine. The only glitch for the day was Kirk taking out the finish timing light.



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**Cranston's Corner — From the RE**

As you may have noted from the Meeting Minutes, I have decided to step down as Regional Executive effective December 31, 2010. I have thoroughly enjoyed the years I have spent at the helm of the Yellowstone Region, but it is time let someone else take the reins, I plan to remain active in the Club and look forward to orchestrating a Street Survival program (hopefully) in 2011.

Ballots for 2011 Regional Officers will go out with the November Newsletter and the election will take place at the December monthly

membership meeting. We really have the need for a membership chairman/registrar. If you have any interest in filling that function, let someone on the Board know ASAP.

The other big news from Cranston's Corner is that the Teal 'Stang and White Lightin' are both for sale. Please send me an e-mail or call if you are interested. I don't have a nickname for the new car yet, but I am thinking about "Blitzweib." Anyway, I am enjoying the nice weather before I need to park my new wheels. SC



**The Finish Line — From the Webmaster**

As regular readers of this column may recall, I had hoped to attend the Hailey autocross near Sun Valley, Idaho, the weekend of September 25-26. However, the "Team Owner" decided that a true family-oriented event might be more fitting to mark my 57th birthday. Accordingly, off to Las Vegas it was to attend the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casine.

Since everyone reading this newsletter has likely watched the Barrett-Jackson auction on television, I will spare you an explanation.

However, I will affirm that attending the auction in person is freakin' awesome. Unlike many car events where virtually everything cool is roped off or off limits, almost everything is accessible at the Barrett-Jackson. You can talk to the car owners, watch (and hear) cars being driven from the exhibition hall to the sales arena, meet with vendors of about everything automotive, and basically "swim" in really neat car stuff. Admission was \$10 a head and Allegiant Air flights from Billings to Vegas are cheap. A full range of lodging options are available. We are going again next year! J.



**Monthly Region Meeting**  
**October 7, 2010**  
**GH&R Law Firm**  
 10 N. 27th Street Suite 100  
**6:30 p.m.**

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**Yellowstone Region 108**  
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**Montana Region (Great Falls)**  
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**Eastern Idaho Sports Car Club**  
[eisccax.com](http://eisccax.com)  
**Big Sky Region (Missoula/Kalispell)**  
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