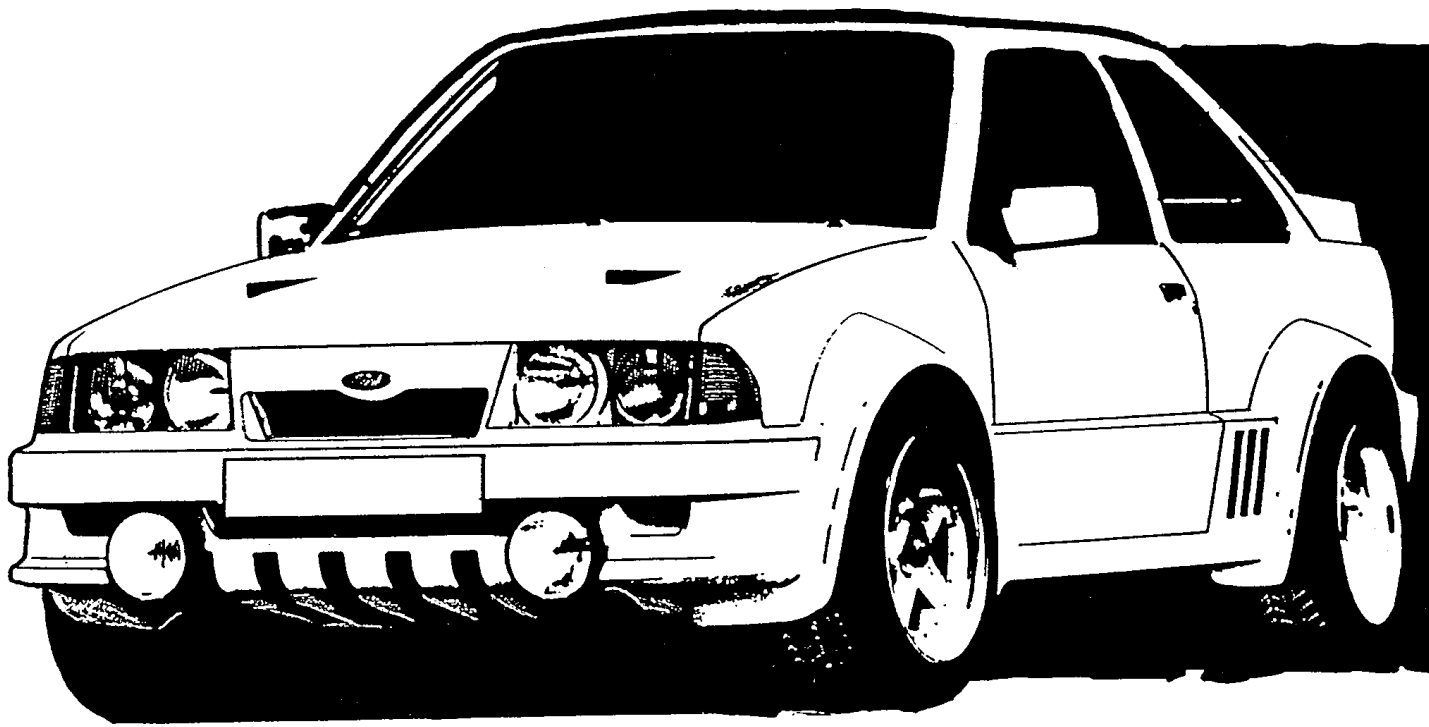




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# Toronto Autosport Club

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## From the President's Desk

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The Ice Race season can now finally be put to bed, as the tarmac events are underway. Spring is always busy as people try to get their events going early. I just looked at the calendar, and I'm 3 weeks into a stretch where I'm at the track 5 out of 7 weekends. Between instructing and running Solo 1, my free time is shot.

We just wrapped up another Solo 1 school at Mosport's Driver Development Track. TAC and OMSC co-organized, and yours truly was one of the chief instructors. I love organizing these schools. This year, we had 36 students and close to 30 instructors and helpers. Everything worked out really well this year. The weather cooperated, and we had 2 sunny days. We went through hundreds of drinks, subs, and dozens of pizzas. Special thanks to co-organizers OMSC for handling all our food needs.

This year's group of students were some of the most enthusiastic I've ever seen. We had the cream of the Solo 2 crop come out to check out Solo 1, plus more Mustangs than I've ever seen together in one place.

Some of my highlights from the school:

Seeing all the Solo 1 regulars again after a long winter off.

Having Registrar Ana come in with everything ready for registration, including colour coded name tags and wrist bands.

Talking to the students in the first classroom session about what these schools are really about (passing as many different cars as you can).

Giving out TAC hats to all the TAC members there - in front of the members of the other clubs.

Giving our Yokohama sponsor a TAC hat as he arrived.

Discussing the setup of an autocross course with student and experienced Solo 2 guy Brian Sibbet on Saturday night, then worrying about how we would get it set up on time for Sunday morning, then arriving on Sunday morning to find a beautiful course already laid

out.

Working the exercise area, knowing that we had TAC volunteers sitting on their own replacing cones that the students were knocking over.

Watching Shakir Aladeen ride his bike around delivering water to all the cone pickers.

Getting a ride with Shak in his race prepared MINI!

Taking the students for rides at the end of the day, and never hearing anyone ask to get out of the car early.

Most TAC people attending the school as students or helpers received the new 50th Anniversary TAC hat. If you missed out, just drop Peter Clifford a line, and he'll get you a hat. We ran out, so some people were stuck wearing older models.

This student group has gotten a taste of track driving. I know they'll be back for some real competition now. TAC is organizing the next events at Shannonville on May 28/29. We'll be on the Pro track on Saturday, and Fabi on Sunday. VP Russ will be the organizer for Saturday, and Past VP Chris Atkins will organize Sunday. Where do all these Mustangs come from?

We're looking for volunteers. We have something for everyone! Working registration, you get to meet everyone. Working on the grid give you a feeling of accomplishment when you get 50 cars lined up in the right order. Talk to Russ or Chris if you are interested in helping out!

I would like to invite everyone to our next club meeting at Miami's. We will have a special guest: Mr. Alex Ling. Alex is a lifetime member, and holds member number 1. He is still active, running ralliettes. As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations, Malcolm has asked Alex if he would be able to talk about the club in its early years. We're expecting a good turnout, so please arrive early!

## From the President's Desk continued...

A couple of other announcements need to be made. CASC is actively promoting their form of safe racing. To do so, they are giving away free tickets to any regional races. See the web site for details. This is well worth it. Regional racing is a blast to watch.

Congratulations to Russ and Cheryl for winning the novice class of the ralliette at the end of April. They beat the first lady and my daughter. Come on out to the next one on May 25th. I worked as a checkpoint crew, and it was great seeing everyone out for another season.

I spoke with Malcolm today. He is assisting a team that will be running the Targa Newfoundland. I've asked him to come to a

future meeting and talk about car prep, then again, after the runs to talk about how he did.

Finally, we ran into a small issue last month, with the publication of the minutes of one of the first DKW organizing meetings. It appears as if the meeting actually took place 49 years ago. I certainly hope that this is our 50th anniversary. I have faith that CASC is keeping accurate records, and the date they have on record is the correct one.

In the mean time, we'll party like there's no tomorrow!

Rob McAuley President

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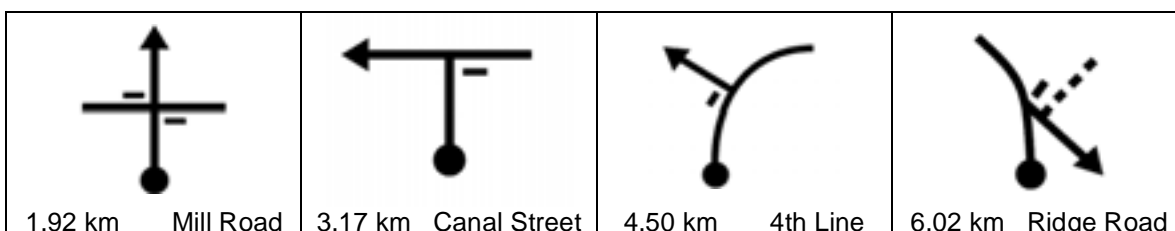


# DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY

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## Saturday, June 4, 2005

Could you follow these directions? Then you could rally!



Discover Ontario is a beginner-friendly car rally held on interesting roads at brisk speeds. Any currently licensed car, sports-utility vehicle, or light truck is suitable and absolutely no special vehicle preparation is required. Just bring your license, ownership, and insurance documents; other than that, all you'll need is a clipboard, a digital watch, and pens or pencils. Straightforward, easy-to-follow route book instructions are specifically designed to introduce newcomers to the fun of navigational rallying.

Cash prizes will be awarded in each class, sponsored by Subaru of Canada.

The rally will start at Shoeless Joe's Restaurant  
18947 Woodbine Avenue, Sharon, Ontario  
Exit 53 on Highway 404 (Green Lane) east to Woodbine, then 2 km north  
Restaurant is just south of Woodbine and Mt. Albert Road

Registration opens at 12:00 noon and the first car is out at 1:31

For more information, please contact  
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Discover Ontario Car Rally is the sixth event in the 2005 Ontario Road Rally Cup  
and is presented by the Toronto Autosport Club.  
This event is sanctioned by RallySport Ontario and CASC.

# V.P.'s Report

## May, 2005

### **FITS Night**

Fun In The Sun Night was an event put together by the High Park Ski Club (HPSC). TAC had a table at this event. TAC members were welcome to attend the event for their own interest. Other clubs/vendors were there for roller blading, cycling, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, and golf. Nearly 400 people were in attendance.

TAC had a great table, right in front of people as they entered. Rob, Ana, and I often had our hands full chatting with people about what the club does. I hope that some of our members will donate a video of the driving so that next time it'll make it easier on me!

In my experience, the best results will come from attending this event for a number of years. People will start to get to know us and what we do. They'll mention it to some of their friends, and the word will get out. We've had at least two HPSC members join TAC so far. And they have over a thousand members!

### **Membership**

As of May 4, we have 191 current members, including 117 Primary members. This is a new record, and some memberships are still coming in! One person from the High Park Ski Club has joined as a result of FITS Night. Some Life Members may not be in the database.

### **Web Site**

The 2005 Ralliette schedule has been added. The Ralliette registration form will be added soon. Other schedules will also be updated soon. A link to the DKW Club of America was added. A link to the Message Forum has also been added. The Membership App link has been fixed. We're going to look at some canned website development software that will allow event organizer's to post their report directly to the web.

### **Message Forum**

It's still pretty quiet. There's now a link on our homepage to the forum.

### **Sponsorship/Advertising**

Most of the advertisers have signed on. Just a couple more to chase down.

### **Rally**

Well, I entered in my first rally. It was the first of TAC's Ralliettes. I had never done one before, and I had not read any of the instructions. My Navigator, Sheryl, had done a few rallies a long time ago. I can't believe how slow I was driving. I took the advice of some veterans, who suggested driving at 10% higher than the prescribed speed (still lower than the speed limit). But I was slow nonetheless. I didn't expect that. There was roughly a 10% difference between my odometer, and the mileage readings on the instructions. I didn't expect that. Some of the instructions were so close together that while we were confirming one, we drove right

by the next, and had to turn around and go back. I didn't expect that. And then we got all mixed up towards the end of the second to last section. We waited for an expert to come along so we could follow. We got through the part that we were confused about, but then it didn't seem like the vet's were doing the right thing either. Sure enough, they had to turn around and go back for a missed left turn. I didn't expect that. With all the mix-ups on the last section, I thought for sure we lost at least four minutes. We got to name our arrival time at the finish. Easy, right? Well, we named a time that was a full two minutes early! I didn't expect that.

At the finish, I was bummed out that we had done what I thought was pretty poorly. I mean even a split second mistake in Solo 1, and you can forget about that lap. So you can imagine my surprise when it was announced that we finished first in the Novice Division! I certainly didn't expect **that!**

If you haven't tried out a rally, the TAC Ralliettes are a great way to get your feet wet. You don't need a special car or equipment. Just \$20, and some patience. I'm told a Rally with your significant other can test your relationship, so keep that in the back of your mind. Its hard enough for a man to ask for instructions ever, but to have to take instruction from his SO.....! Of course, you can always trade positions! See you out there!

### **Solo 1 School**

TAC co-organized the Solo 1 school on May 7&8. We had a full 36 student enrolment, and plenty of instructors and volunteers. I was thrilled to see numerous Mustangs. And these were not your everyday Mustangs. From a 347 stroker to three supercharged 400+RWHP snarling beasts, these cars put the horse in horsepower! I'm accustomed to having one of the more powerful cars at the track, but not this past weekend! Even the Subaru STi had almost 100 HP more than me!

The school was excellent. The students who were stepping up from Solo 2 did well, and it was fun to watch them blast through the little autoslalom course that Brian had set up.

### **Solo 1**

Well, I lost the virtual coin toss, so I'll be organizing the first event of the Solo 1 season, the Pro track at Shannonville. Chris Atkins will be looking after event #2 at Fabi. Hopefully my car will be all ready to go by then. I'm looking forward to giving the defending GT1 champ a real run for his money this year!

### **Club Meeting**

The next club meeting is May 18. For those new members who still have questions about their sport of choice, please feel free to come out and we'll have some Q&A for you.

See you at the track!

May  
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Meeting  
Special Guest

**Mr. Alex Ling**

Treasurer of the DKW Owner's Club

Founding member of the Fiat Owner's Club

Lifetime member of TAC

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*Mr. Ling will provide a brief update on his recent activities, reminisce about his motorsport experiences, and will happily answer questions."*

**Wednesday, May 18 at Miami Restaurant & Bar, 1285 Finch Ave. West, (one block east of Keele St.). Dinner starts at 6:45pm, the Meeting at 8**

# TAC EVENTS CALENDAR 2005

<u>DATES</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT/LOCATION</u>	<u>ORGANIZING CLUB</u>
<b>MAY 2005</b>			
13-15	WRC	Cyprus Rally, Cyprus	
14-15	Regional Race	Spring Trophy Races, CASC #2-Mosport	BEMC
14	Rally-ORRC	Blossom Rally	KWRC
15	Solo-II Series	CASC-OR Mobil 1 Autoslalom Series; School; Brampton	CASC-OR
18	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Miami Restaurant</b>	☞ <b>TAC</b>
20-21	Regional Race	Victoria Day Sundown Grand Prix	PMSC
22	Formula-1	Monaco Grand Prix, Monaco	
22	CART	Monterrey Grand Prix, Fundidora Park Mexico	
25	Ralliette	<b>Ralliette Series Event #2, #401 West Service Centre</b>	☞ <b>TAC</b>
27-28	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, Calgary Alberta	CSCC
27-29	WRC	Rally of Turkey, Turkey	
28	Solo-I	<b>Solo-I Event #1; Shannonville : Pro Track</b>	☞ <b>TAC</b>
29	IRL	88th Indianapolis 500, Indianapolis IN	
29	Formula-1	European Grand Prix, Nürburgring	
29	Solo-II Series	CASC-OR Mobil 1 Autoslalom Series; Picton	StLAC
29	Solo-I	<b>Solo-I Event #2; Shannonville : Fabi Track</b>	☞ <b>TAC</b>
<b>JUNE 2005</b>			
3-5	Regional Race	Shootout, CASC RACE #3-Shannonville Motorsport Park	CRDA
4	RA ProRally	Susquehannock Trails, Wellsboro (PA)	
4	Rally-ORRC	<b>Discover Ontario Car Rally, Sharon</b>	☞ <b>TAC</b>
4	CART	Milwaukee Mile, West Allis WI	
11	Solo-II Series	CASC-OR Mobil 1 Autoslalom Series; Mosport DDT	OMSC
11	IRL	Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth	
12	Formula-1	Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal	
13	Mini-Rally	Mini Rally	MLRC
15	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Miami Restaurant</b>	☞ <b>TAC</b>
16	Contract	<b>Contract Rally for CFI</b>	☞ <b>TAC</b>
17-19	WRC	Acropolis Rally, Greece	
18	Rally-OPRC	Black Bear Rally	MLRC
18	Solo-I	Solo-I Event #3; Mosport Driver Development Track	OMSC
18-19	Race	Mosport Fathers' Day 500	Mosport
19	CART	Grand Prix of Portland, Portland OR	
19	Solo-I	Solo-I Event #4 Mosport Driver Development Track	OMSC
19	Formula-1	US Grand Prix, Indianapolis	
22	Ralliette	<b>Ralliette Series Event #3, #400 Service Centre North</b>	☞ <b>TAC</b>
23-25	RA ProRally	Pikes Peak Int'l Hillclimb, Colorado Springs (CO)	
25	IRL	Richmond Intl. Raceway, Richmond VA	
26	Solo-II Series	CASC-OR Mobil 1 Autoslalom Series; Woodstock	WOSCA
26	CART	Cleveland Grand Prix	
	Race	LeMans 24 Hours	
<b>JULY 2005</b>			
1-2	Rally-CRC	Rallye Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond QC	CRAB
3	IRL	Kansas Speedway, Kansas City	
3	Formula-1	French Grand Prix, Magny-Cours, Tentative	
8-10	WRC	Rally Argentina, Argentina	
10	CART	Toronto Molson Indy	

ORRC : Ontario Road Rally Cup

RSO : Rally Sport Ontario

IRL : Indy Racing League

CLUB : Non-Status Club Event

CARS : Canadian Association of Rally Sport

CRQ : Championnat de Rallye Du Quebec

CRC : Canadian Rally Championship

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CASC : Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs

ALMS : American LeMans Series

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The series runs in the evening on the fourth Wednesday of the month.  
There are two start locations:

**North** – the Petrocan centre on Hwy 400 northbound north of Major Mackenzie Dr.  
**West** – the Shell / Mississauga travel centre on Hwy 401 eastbound between Winston Churchill Dr and Mississauga Rd.

April, June and August will start from the North location.  
May, July and September will start from the West location.

<u>Dates and Start</u>		
April 27	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Registration Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, first car away at 8:01 pm. First car will finish at about 10:00 – 10:20 pm</b></li><li>• <b>Ralliette distance is typically 100 – 125 km</b></li><li>• <b>Three classes – Beginner, Intermediate and Expert</b></li><li>• <b>Trophies for Driver and Navigator for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Beginner, 1<sup>st</sup> place Intermediate and 1st Expert</b></li><li>• <b>Six events in the series – your best four finishes count towards the year end championship awards</b></li></ul>
May 25	W	
June 22	N	
July 27	W	
Aug. 24	N	
Sept. 28	W	

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<p><u>Registration Fee</u></p> <p>Per event entry fee is \$25.00 per team, TAC members \$20.00 per team</p>
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# The Toronto Autosport Club Ralliette Series Results for April 2005

Thanks to everyone for attending the April Ralliette.

Codes: Class E = expert I = Intermediate B = beginner e = early m = missed or maximum lateness.

Car#	Driver	Club	Navigator	Club	Class	CP1	CP2	CP3	CP4	CP5	CP6	CP7	Fin	Tot	Pos
4	Russ Harding	TAC	Sheryl Graham	TAC	B	0.8	2.3	1.1	1.7	0.5	0.3	0.5e	2e	9.2	1B
6	Susan McAuley	TAC	Sarah McAuley	TAC	B	0.6	0.5	2.3	0.5	2.3	0.9	2.1	1	10.2	2B
1	Mike deBruin		Paul Driesen		B	0.9	1.9	2.0	0.1	1.0	4.8	5m	1	16.7	3B
2	Garth Thompson	MLRC	Mathew Thompson	MLRC	I	1.4	0.4	1.7	0.4	1.1	5m	0.5	0	10.5	1I
8	AA Roberson	MLRC	Alasdair Robertson	MLRC	E	0.1e	0	0.1	0	0.1e	0	0	0	0.3	1E
7	Peter Fenwick	TAC	John Charles	TAC	E	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	2E
5	Ed Richardson	MLRC	Eric Richardson	MLRC	E	0.2	0.1e	0	0	0	0.1e	0	0	0.4	3E
3	Niels Jensen Sr	TAC	Niels Jensen	TAC	E	3.6	1.1	1.4	0	0.9	0.2	0	0	7.2	4E

We are using the ralliette scoring system, where the maximum lateness at a control is 5 minutes and the penalty for a missed control is 8 points.

Thanks go to Nick Beck for organizing this month's event, Ingrid Beck for doing the start.

I wish to thank the checkpoint workers: Chris Atkins, Christina and Christian Sorensen and Rob McAuley.

Next event is at **the Shell Service Centre on Hwy 401 eastbound between Winston Churchill and Mississauga rd**, on May 25, 2005, Registration 7:00pm first car 8:01pm. Look forward to seeing you again.

Thank you for participating,

Dietmar Seelenmayer

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## From The Archives ...

*What a long, strange trip it's been. Some history that caught my attention this month ...*

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1959 was a pivotal year for the DKW Owners Club, and the Club minutes from that year capture snapshots of the times... and what times they were!

Just to help you get back into the spirit of the period, the December 1st Executive Committee meeting report contains the following; "A discussion took place as to the arrangements for the Christmas Party [to be held Dec. 20th.]. It was decided that tickets were to be \$3.00 per person including turkey dinner. Liquor was to be served at 3 for \$1.00, or .35¢ each, beer at 4 for \$1.00, and soft drinks at .10¢ each."

Just before departing 1958, the last Club meeting of the year (Dec. 3rd.) included this; "There was then a general discussion on the proposed Ontario Road Racing Circuit; including the possibility of the Club's investing money in this. It was decided to empower the Executive to purchase a number of shares in 'Mosport', for the Club. Moved by Karl Robinson, seconded by Ken Holmes."

This is the earliest mention I've come across (so far) of the DKWOC taking an interest in the Mosport project.

And they moved fast – the Executive Committee meeting on January 6th, 1959 states that "There was a general discussion as to the Club's finances, and needs for the coming year, especially in regard to the purchase of shares in Mosport, which had been approved by the membership at the last meeting. It was decided that the Club could afford to spend \$125 in this purchase and still leave a buffer of \$100 in the Treasury."

At the February 19th Executive meeting, "It was reported that there was to date no progress on the proposed issue of shares in 'Mosport', the matter being in the hands of the Ontario Securities Commission."

At the March 4th DKWOC monthly meeting: "Regarding the proposed road racing circuit, under the name of Mosport, the President reported that the option to purchase the land had been extended, and that a prospectus would shortly be made available to the members."

At the April 1st meeting... "After refreshment, the Club was given full details of the proposed Mosport venture, by the President of Mosport, Mr. R.A. Byatt, who showed slides of the property and answered questions raised by members."

At the April 23rd Executive meeting; "It was reported that Mosport had been sufficiently subscribed, so that work could begin."

From the September 2nd DKWOC monthly meeting: "The Secretary then reported on current correspondence. There was a letter from mosport regarding the present position of the company. Permission to use the property could be had on application in advance. There was also to be a competition for a suitable name for the future racing circuit."

To put this into historic perspective, I'd like to quote here from Robert J. Brockington's excellent *Four Decades of Racing*, a history of Mosport published in 2001.

"During 1958 the British Empire Motor Club formed a development committee to find a suitable location for a racetrack close to Toronto. The committee, composed of Dick Byatt, Chuck Stockey, George Hill, Fred Hayes and Ray Liddle, located a tract of land north of Bowmanville called 'Walter's Place' and took out an option on the 450-acre site in August.

Meanwhile, the club and the committee came to the conclusion that building a first-class racetrack was too much for one club and formed a company to be called Mosport Limited. Mosport, pronounced 'Moesport', is a contraction of the words Motor and Sport.

To begin financing the project, Mosport Limited issued shares in the company at \$25 each and raised some \$31,000 to handle the purchase of the land and for some capital expenditures. Additional funding estimated to be \$250,000 was necessary to complete the building of the permanent racetrack. To secure these added funds, the Reverend John Wilson joined the board to take charge of selling \$100 debentures. He canvassed the sport, the trade and anyone who would listen and was successful in selling enough debentures that planning could begin."

Grading work began in 1960, and when Stirling Moss visited Canada that year, he was shown the layout and suggested some changes. One of these was that the 'carousel' be turned into two corners with an up-hill right, a short straight, and a sharp 90° right leading onto the back straight. To honour his contribution, Mosport officials named Corner 5 'Moss Corner'.

The first automobile races on the new track were the Oakville and Trafalgar Light Car Club races on June 3rd, followed immediately by the British Empire Motor Club's Spring Trophy Races on June 10th, 1961.

# Competition Director's Report

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The Ice race organizers held their meeting at CASC office April 26, 2005.

Some highlights from the meeting:

Andy Hughes and I were present from TAC.

-Tom Prentice, Kinsman, track builder, has donated about \$2500 labour for many years.

He cannot keep on doing this also a time will come when he will not be doing the track preparation.

Therefore he wants to increase the levy charged so Kinsman do not have a loss.

The fee for next year will be \$350.00 / day, \$50 increase and car levy \$15.00 / day, \$3 increase.

This will not be a break even point and will be looked at again next year.

-Entry fee will be \$50.00 / day an increase of \$5.

-Schedule for 2006 Jan 21/22 TLMC, 28/29 BARC, Feb 4/5 PMSC, 11/12 BEMC, 18/19 DAC, 25/26 TAC. Pre scrutineering on Jan 14/15 weekend.

-Class numbers will be affixed to the inside of the windshield, when a car passes scrutineering, on the passenger side. # 1 - 4 will be

used.

-A how to do scoring seminar workshop is planned for Jan 7 at CASC

-No online registration is planned.

-Organizing clubs need to enforce trailers in infield.

-PA will be available from Kinsmen for \$25 for weekend.

-Dave will have a FM transmitter available.

Broadcast to car radios.

I am organizing the contract rally for CFI corporation on Thursday June 16, 2005. Flyer elsewhere. Contract rallies help raise money for club activities. I am looking for volunteers to help in the afternoon, primarily to man checkpoints. No experience necessary. If you are able to help for the afternoon, please contact me as soon as possible 647-221-7082 or email [dietmar.s@sympatico.ca](mailto:dietmar.s@sympatico.ca).

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# **Board of Director's Meeting**

**May 4, 2005**

**Location:** teleconference

**Time:** called to order 8:20pm

**Attendance:** Russ Harding, Peter Clifford, Dietmar Seelenmayer, Rob McAuley

## **FITS Night**

TAC had a great table, right in front of people as they entered. Close to 400 people attended the event. We expect a couple new members from this event. We expect to attend next year's event, as it went well.

## **Membership**

As of May 4, we have 191 current members, including 117 Primary members. This is a new record, and some memberships are still coming in! One person from the High Park Ski Club has joined as a result of FITS Night. Some Life Members may not be in the database. **Action by Russ**

## **Web Site**

The 2005 Ralliette schedule has been added. The Ralliette registration form will be added soon. Other schedules will also be updated soon. A link to the DKW Club of America was added. A link to the Message Forum has also been added. The Membership Application form link has been fixed. **Action by Russ.**

## **Message Forum**

A link to the Message Forum has been added on the web site homepage. Several members have since registered on the forum. It is still very quiet. **Action by Russ**

## **Sponsorship/Advertising**

Most of the advertisers have signed back on. I still need to confirm CSC Racing and Autophile. I spoke with the owner of Autobahn, and will be sending her some information. Note that Ron Fellows will be at Autobahn on May 28 from 1:00 – 3:00. **Action by Russ**

## **New Logo**

Gail provided names of a few graphic artists. Russ had spent about an hour massaging a Toronto skyline photograph, and emailed it to the other director's for comment on the concept. **Action by Rob**

## **Collective Vision, Mentoring**

Some mentoring will be required at the Solo 1 School. Rob will bring his TAC canopy, and contact Christian to see who has the other canopy. Repairs to

Rob's canopy will be needed, and he will bring the parts to the event. We will be paying special attention to the new members by having give-aways of hats, t-shirts and maybe some toques. **Action by BOD.**

## **Secretary**

The search remains in progress. Several members were discussed. **Action by Rob.**

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

No report. Rob will contact Ian and Malcolm to see what the status is. We need to firm up our budget for these events. **Action by Ian.**

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gear on hand**

We have an excess of gear that should be given away at TAC events, 12 tshirts of each kind x 2 kinds, hats and toques. Peter will bring several of each to the Solo 1 school. It was agreed that we would give away gear at TAC events. We will need to evaluate our needs and order more if needed.

## **Volunteer Rewards**

No report. FITS night hours to be sent to Dietmar to be combined with other volunteer hours in a single database. **Action by Ian**

## **Banking**

All is OK.

## **Ice Racing**

TAC will have the last weekend of the season for 2006. Weather will most likely be co-operative. Compared to last year, the 2006 season will start one week later, to improve the likelihood of having good weather for the first event.

An increase of entry fee costs is expected. The volunteer who prepares the track may retire from this effort, and it may end up costing money to hire someone.

## **Rally**

Ralliette number one was completed with eight entries, at a slight profit. More entries are expected in the future. Trophies were not brought to the event, but will be handed out at the next event.

Discover Ontario Rally is being organized by Brooke and ?.

The June 16 contract rally with CFI is firming up. More details will follow Dietmar's next meeting on Wednesday. Dietmar will see if we can get a file for



# Board of Director's Meeting

May 4, 2005

CFI's mailer for inclusion in the next Fifth Gear.

*Action by Dietmar.*

## **Solo 1 School**

TAC is co-organizing the Solo 1 schools on May 7&8. We have a full 36 student enrollment, and plenty of instructors and volunteers. TAC is also organizing the August 6 school at Mosport GP circuit. We expect the new Yokohama rep to be there. *Action by Rob*

## **Solo 1**

TAC is organizing Solo 1 events on May 28 & 29, and Aug 7. Russ will be organizing on May 28, and Chris Atkins will organize May 29. Russ to ask Ana for a list of registered competitors. We need to confirm organizer for Aug 7. *Action by Rob, Russ*

## **Solo 2**

TAC's Solo 2 event is July 30. We need to confirm an organizer for this event. *Action by Dietmar*

## **Lapping Days**

TAC tried to book Shannonville, prior to the TAC Solo 1 weekend at SMP. However, the track had been previously booked by a couple of individuals. They booked the track for both the daytime and evening. Linda at SMP agreed to send the individuals Russ' email address in the hopes that perhaps we could share some track time in the evening.

A lapping day at TMP may be a possibility. We would need organizers. *Action by Russ*

Meeting adjourned at 9:58pm

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## ASN CANADA FIA NATIONAL SOLOSPORT COMMITTEE

### Meeting Highlights from Toronto -April 9-10, 2005

- 1. SoloSport Organizational Development:** ASN AutoSlalom and SoloSprint Technical Sub-Committees are to be formally incorporated into the ASN SoloSport organizational structure. In order to further develop the national SoloSport model, technical Sub-committees for both AutoSlalom and SoloSprint are to be formed. This will create a mechanism whereby rules are developed and competitor inquiries can be addressed. Nominees are currently being considered.
  
- 2. Financial:** A financial model for ASN SoloSport was discussed. The revenue stream for 2004 and 2005 as well as projections for 2006 were analyzed, with the goal of moving the ASN SoloSport Committee towards self-sufficiency, funded by the competitors. Included in this model is the return of the "National AutoSlalom and SoloSprint License" concept. Such credentials would allow competitors to participate in events across Canada without having to buy a license/membership from each of the territories.
  
- 3. GCR:** A final review of National SoloSport GCRs was undertaken with minor changes made. The document now goes to ASN Canada FIA for final approval.
  
- 4. Rules Updates:** Updates also occurred to the ASN Canada FIA Canadian AutoSlalom Championship (CAC) Rules. Car modification rules have remained untouched in the 2005 edition. The updates occur in the sections dealing with event operations and General AutoSlalom rules. Competitors are mostly unaffected by these changes and clarifications. A draft version ASN Canada FIA Canadian SoloSprint Championship (CSC) rule book has been initiated. The document is undergoing editing and adaptation to meet ASN Canada FIA requirements
  
- 5. National SoloSport Vision:** Discussion of the basis for both AutoSlalom and SoloSprint rule sets accentuated the regional divide in the sport. In AutoSlalom, two regions (CACC and FAQ) are following SCCA rules while two regions (ARMS and WCMA) are using the ASN CAC rule set and CASC is using a modified ASN CAC rule set. In SoloSprint, all five regions have a different rule set in place. CACC, ARMS and WCMA don't have a regional series while the other two do, but all three regions are open to adopting a common rule set based on the Ontario rule set. (FAQ's major SoloSprint club (LAPS) has merged with CADL and already plans to do so.) The committee has agreed to do all they can to foster a single rule set for each of AutoSlalom and SoloSprint and a 'blueprint' to carry out this goal was established.
  
- 6. Logo Contest:** The entries from the 2005 CAC and CSC logo contest were reviewed and a unanimous choice of the committee members was chosen. Two requests for minor changes to the logos were determined (year to be added and that the ASN logo be sized to better fit the words found beside it). The winning designs are to be submitted to the ASN board for approval. The winning logo designs, when approved and requested changes

incorporated, are to be announced and will be prominently used in connection with the two championship events.

**7. Media Relations:** In order to help promote SoloSport, the National SoloSport Committee will put together a national media list of names and contact information. The list would include all publications in the motorsport field (Pole Position, Inside Track, PRN, Grassroots Motorsport, North American Pylon, Western Driver, etc.) and known motorsport journalists. The list would be used by the organizing committees of the championship events as well as the national SoloSport committee. Names and contact information will be forwarded to Terry Epp by all committee members.

**8. Web Communication:** The Committee is also considering ownership of Autoslalom.ca and Solosprint.ca domain names. Discussions revolved around where committee announcements should be posted as well as conference call notes, sub-committee clarifications/interpretations GCRs, rule sets. As well links to the organizing clubs' web sites for details on the championship events should also be there. One possibility would be to establish a national SoloSport web site but that would require set up and a web master. Certainly, solosport.ca could be considered as the domain name.

**10. 2006 CAC and CSC Events Bid Process:** A decision was made that a notice would go out inviting clubs to first indicate a desire to organize a 2006 championship event and then, at a later date, submit a detailed proposal to the committee. It will also be suggested at least one person interested club should attend this year's event. The invitation for the CAC will be limited to eastern Canada for 2005. The invitation for the CSC will open to any ASN affiliated club in the country in for the 2006 event. Notice of intent should be sent to Terry by August 1 and the detailed proposal by October 15, 2005. The national SoloSport committee will send out an announcement announcing the procedure shortly.

**11. Lapping Events:** The committee is beginning to gather information on procedures for lapping sessions for incorporation into the SoloSprint rules.

**12. Drifting:** The development of the drifting segment of SoloSport will continue through the local efforts of the regions where our Drift clubs are located..

**13. AutoCross:** It was decided that basic definitions of AutoCross (unpaved surface AutoSlalom) should be added to the CAC regulations and that an appendix be added which would include the rule set that would apply (equipment, course design, course speeds, single car, etc.). Dave will supply, for consideration, the ARMS regulations which were based on the CARS Rally Cross regulations.

# Minutes of RSO Board/Executive Meeting April 12, 2005

First Draft – 13/04/05

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Ray Felice	President	
Jeff Hagan	Vice-President – Performance	
Ryan Huber	Vice-President – Navigational	
Ross Wood	Secretary	
Alan Ryall	Treasurer	
Paul Henshall	Executive Assistant	
Sandy Hygate	Assistant Treasurer	
Roger Sanderson	Scorer	
TBA	Assistant to V.P Performance	
Rob Metcalfe	Chief Scrutineer	
Brian Sharp	Chief Scrutineer	Regrets
TBA	BEMC Club Representative	
TBA	KWRC Club Representative	
Craig Hamm	MCO Club Representative	Regrets
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	
Peter Watt	PMSC Club Representative	Regrets
TBA	TAC Club Representative	Regrets

Meeting called to order at 7:58 P.M. by President Ray Felice

## Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – approved with two additions (7c, 7d)
- 2) **Approval of February 28,2005 meeting minutes** – approved as published
- 3) **Treasurer's Report**
  - (a) **Financial Statement** – quarterly statement of Revenue & Expenses was approved as presented to the meeting  
- current cash on hand - \$19,500; current investments \$18,500
  - (b) **Bank Signing Authorities & Deposits** – currently President, Treasurer, Ass't. Treasurer and Secretary have signing authority – will add V.P. Performance – all cheques require two signatures
  - (c) **Project list for 2005** - a detailed list of projects for 2005 relating to the financial affairs of RSO was approved as presented to the meeting
  - (d) **RSO/Subaru event prize money** – will be distributed for events to date ASAP
  - (e) **Event levies** – all paid up for events to date
- 4) **CARS Update**
  - (a) **Conference Call – March 23/05** – Ray outlined the key items discussed in the conference call – the CARS Board approved and prioritized 10 key projects for 2005 –  
- Ray will seek clarification re the disposition of the Five Year Plan
  - (b) **Bylaw Committee** – all 5 Regions have now appointed a representative and the committee is beginning to work – the members will choose a chair to liaise with the CARS President
  - (c) **Website** – now alive – some content to be added – assistance sought for translation
  - (d) **Subaru Contingency Program** – a competitor contingency program for the CRC has been announced by Subaru to the event Organizers
- 5) **RSO website** – has experienced increased traffic, especially in the period leading up to the AGM and election  
- RSO Board & Executive plan to post to it regularly
- 6) **RSO Rules Committee** – Ryan will finalize the 2005 Rules ASAP  
- the 2006 Rules will be finalized and posted by December 1st
- 7) **OPRC**
  - (a) **Scoring** – up to date and posted on the website Reminder to competitors – it is your responsibility to indicate all club affiliations on event registration forms
  - (b) **Perce Neige Steward's Report** – generally very positive – cited need of written Safety Plan
  - (c) **OPRC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – 2005 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the OPRC – discussion of appropriate celebration tabled until next meeting



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- (d) **Assistant to V.P Performance** – Jeff Hagan is waiting for a response from a potential assistant (Ed. Note - Rob MacKenzie has now been appointed Assistant to Jeff Hagan)

### 8) ORRC

- (a) **Scoring** – up to date and posted on website – see note above to competitors  
(b) **Greenspond Go-Round** – 25 entries – successful event  
- Steward's Report – verbal report was presented to the meeting – written report to follow  
(c) **OWR** – Steward's Report – written report pending  
(d) **Spring Runoff – April 16** – has been greencrewed

### 9) Club News

- (a) **MCO** – MCO is offering a rally school as a course at Algonquin College – May 4<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>

- will hold three mini rallies on the last Wednesday of each month from June to August – very beginner friendly but with an Expert class also – about 100 km – Ian O'Halloran & Patrick Leclerc will organize second & third events with mentoring

from Robert Roaldi on the first

- Fall Night Rally moved to September 24<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflict with Northern Lights
- Lanark Highlands (drivex) scheduled for October 29/30 – Maberly
- Holding a lapping school this summer – might be good for Targa participants

- (b) **MLRC** – President Glenn Hamilton resigned due to time restraints – MLRC Board appointed Bryn Epp to serve as President until December with Sandy Hygate as Vice President

- first Mini Rally on April 11<sup>th</sup>

- plans are underway for three RallyCrosses - will be in Bancroft or possibly a new venue closer to the GTA  
- Black Bear plans well underway – hoping to expand to a full Regional – looking at organizer-provided notes and/or recce

### (c) PMSC

1. Membership now stands at 54 regular members and 4 life members.

2. Earl Henderson, Mike Henderson, Peter Gulliver, and, Ashley Preston traveled to Gainesville Florida to compete in the Grassroots Motorsports 2005 Challenge. Looking very "Saintly", Ashley entered his Volvo P1800 until an oil leak caused his withdrawal from the drag race. Earl finished well with his Turbocharged Dodge Rampage. Check the PMSC Bulletin on line for more details.

3. The March social meeting was held at E-Lan Games where the members tested their electronic racing skills NASCAR style. Six machines were networked for head to head competition. Now that we know "Don't pass the pace car!" is a very important thing to remember.

4. Final prep for the Spring Run Off Rally will be discussed at the next business meeting to be held Wednesday April 13. Louis Cabardos will be presenting his usual challenging event.

5. PMSC member and AJAC journalist Lesley Wimbush is busy prepping her Mazda for the Kawartha Downs Mini Stock Series. She'll be joining PMSC members Dan Demers, Jack Hannah, and James Feeney and roundy round stock car drivers. This shows the diversity that exists in the multi faceted PMSC.

### (d) TAC

- first Ralliette is on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

- Discover Ontario Rally is on June 4<sup>th</sup>

### (e) KWRC

- membership now at 47

-holding a Shell 4000 Rally Retrospective night on April 14<sup>th</sup> – have many competitors of the event attending, including Reg Hillary, Don Leonard, Tammi Ruttapold, Ernie and Harold Wilson, Bruce & Betty Schmidt, John Bird, Paul Manson, Dave Cady and Walt Kammer

### 10) Old Business

- (a) **Growth Planning Meeting** – Sunday, April 17th at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough – 10 A.M to 5 P.M.

- 35 registered – deli luncheon to be provided courtesy of RSO  
- Peter Watt heading up the discussion process – called interview matrix process  
- RSO member planning to publish a report

- (b) **Five Year Plan Review** – pending direction from CARS Board

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- (c) **Crash Data Recorders** – Jeff Hagan has been gathering information – purpose is to collect data helpful in consideration of rules - equipment is very expensive
- (d) **Privacy Policy** – pending CARS publication of policy
- (e) **Vehicle Insurance** – a written committee report presented by Jim Morrow was discussed

### New Business

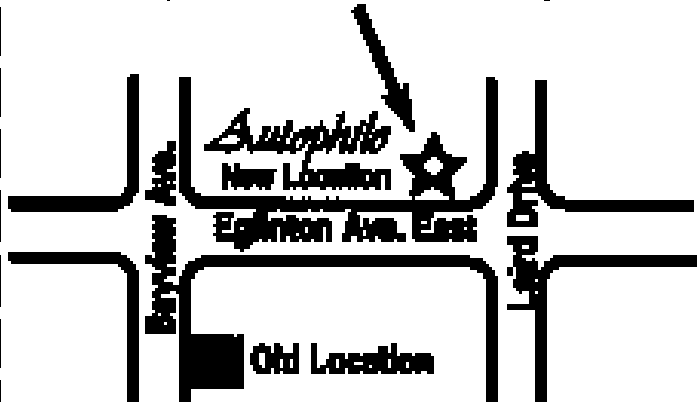
- (a) **RSO AGM Follow-up** – debriefing was carried out
    - RSO will endeavour to maintain good communication with clubs and individual members via the website, rally ontario and e mail
    - all election candidates have been approached re joining the RSO Executive and/or assisting with special projects
    - follow-up on campaign suggestions – Ryan will summarize all suggestions put forward in the election campaign for discussion at the next meeting
  - (b) **RSO Briefcase Bags** – first 20 gone – have bought 20 more – for sale for \$20 each on first-come first-served basis
  - (c) **Registration of New Board** – Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Business Services indicates that our registration from June 2004 is outstanding - the Secretary will complete and submit when a new package is received
  - (d) **Wrist Bands** – the RSO Secretary has received information about a source of wrist bands – any club may inquire of the Secretary for details
  - (e) **RSO Board/Exec. Job Descriptions** – each Board & Executive member will compile a list of his/her duties for discussion – a package will be created to be available for future reference
  - (f) **Timing & Scoring** – option of more precise timing & scoring at certain events (drivexes?) was discussed – will be discussed further- current checkpoint (atomic) clocks are deemed satisfactory for the present time
  - (h) **Reproduction of Club logos** – RSO has no objection to clubs or members to reproduce its logo under the condition that the design not be altered. Permission to reproduce club logos would have to be sought directly from clubs.
  - (i) **RSO Calendar Meeting Date** – Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – location TBA
  - (j) **RallyCross & RallySprint** – there is clearly a strong demand for RallyCross and RallySprint – MLRC is planning to hold three RallyCrosses this year. RSO is investigating means to make RallySprint workable. Clubs have indicated a willingness to organize events conditional on appropriate rules.
  - (k) **Membership Issues**
    - discussion of membership issues tabled until the next meeting
- 11) **Next Meeting – Monday, May 30th at Ray Felice's home in Guelph**  
Note – when possible, RSO meetings will be held on the last Monday of the month  
Meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M.  
Minutes recorded by Ross Wood, RSO Secretary.

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### 4. Try to earn your investment income (outside of RRSPs) at the lowest tax rate possible.

### 5. Pay the premiums on your disability insurance.

### 6. Claim medical expenses on the tax return of the spouse with the lowest income.

### 7. Make use of your investment losses.

### 8. Defer tax on severance or retiring allowance.

### 9. Transfer shares to your RRSP, but not at a loss.

### 10. Make sure you deduct your safety deposit box fees, and all investment carrying charges if you have an investment loan (outside your RRSP).



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- Performance rallying
- Road racing
- Karting

Please indicate three areas that you can help with in 2005;

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- Contract Rally organizer
- Rally Checkpoint/Green-crew
- Social Event Organizer
- Ice race organizer / worker
- Event timing / scoring
- Performance Rally organizer