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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We finally have a month where I am doing more reporting on events past than events coming up!

TAC organized events 5 & 6 of the Ontario Time Attack series at Grand Bend on the July 13/14 weekend. The weekend went very well, despite the 30+ degree weather. I organized Saturday, and Kelly Ball ran the event on Sunday. Carsten Gieschen helped out both days. We had over 40 people running each day - more than twice as many as ran last year (on a rainy September weekend). Many folks brought family, and enjoyed the vast beach and area hotels. The racers loved the weekend, with almost everyone saying that it's a better destination than Toronto Motorsport Park at Cayuga.

The track had been fixed up since last year's event, with a few paved run-off areas, but some of the promised improvements hadn't been completed. I'm sure, with all the positive feedback, we'll be back next year, and will be taking advantage of some additional asphalt in key areas.

TAC member Albert Ribeiro won the T3 class both Saturday and Sunday, and Carsten won the GT1 class on Sunday. Thanks to Petrocan, we gave away quite a few Ultra 94 gift cards. We had a great barbecue on Saturday night, with M&M's Meat Shops giving us a great deal on some nice steaks, burgers & deserts.

I ran on Sunday, and learned a few more things about Sue's BMW. Apparently on that model, there is no oil cooler, and after about 10 minutes of spirited driving, the oil temperature hits 150°, and the engine goes into Limp Mode. This was happening during lapping, but I thought I could get in my warmup lap and 3 hot laps before there was a problem. However, given the heat of the day, I sat on the grid with the air conditioner running, then jumped on the hot track. The car was in limp mode on my first hot lap. I

held up the cars behind me, and couldn't come near my practice lap times.

The next session, the car lasted through 2 hot laps, and my times were better. The last session, I ran with the heater on full blast! The car ran so well that I caught the car in front of me, and was given an extra hot lap. Unfortunately, the car went into limp mode, and my last lap was awful. A lack of consistency is not rewarded.

Shortly after that weekend, I took Sue's car into the BMW dealership for a minor recall (battery cables needed replacing). Their standard procedure is to provide an evaluation of the vehicle, included any suggested servicing. I was told that the brakes were non-OEM, and should be replaced immediately. I had full depth Hawk HP+ intermediate pads on the front, and stock pads on the rear. The dealer suggested that the aggressive pads may have overheated the rotors, so they should be replaced as well. \$1,200. Cheaper than some Porsches, but still not going to happen.

They also had a problem with the wheels and tires. The 18" wheels (from the race car) are shod with 255/35 tires. If you get the sport package on your BMW 335xi, you can get 18" wheels, but the tires are only 225/45 on the front for factory designed understeer. The tech had an issue with that, and recommended new wheels and tires (no price on that).

It seems the dealerships are not prepared to service cars that are tracked. I am very disappointed!

The weekend after our OTA event, the club headed to the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (aka Mosport) for our annual ALMS weekend. This year was a huge success! In the past, we've had to guarantee Mosport that we would bring 30

TAC 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<i>AUGUST 2013</i>			
17	TimeAttack	Time Attack School #2; CTMP/Mosport MIR	SPDA
18	Autoslalom	Mosport (Lower Paddock) Ontario Regional Event #7	SPDA
18	TimeAttack	Event #7; CTMP/Mosport MIR	SPDA
23 - 25	F1	SHELL BELGIAN GRAND PRIX (Spa-Francorchamps)	
24-25	Regional Race	Ted Powell Memorial Trophy Races, Calabogie	MCO
24	Rally	KWRC - SNATR	KWRC
24-25	RACE	Chumpcar Race, MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY: Double-7, \$1000	
24-25	RACE	Chumpcar Race, RIDGE MOTORSPORTS PARK: 10+6 Hour, \$1200	
25	INDY	GoPro Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma, Infineon Raceway	
<i>SEPTEMBER 2013</i>			
1	INDY	Grand Prix of Baltimore	
6-7	CRC/OPRC	Rallye Défi , Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, Quebec	CASDI
06 - 08	F1	GRAN PREMIO D'ITALIA (Monza)	
6-7	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Rallye Defi	
7-8	RACE	Chumpcar Race, HIGH PLAINS RACEWAY: 12+6 Hour, \$1200	
14-15	Autoslalom	Deerhurst Lodge Airport, Huntsville Ontario Regional Event #8,9	SPDA
14-15	Regional Race	Indian Summer Trophy , CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
14-21	Rally	Targa Newfoundland Rally	
18	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston&7	TAC
20 - 22	F1	SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX (Singapore)	
21-22	RACE	Chumpcar Race, GATEWAY MOTORSPORTS PARK: 12+6 Hour, \$1200	
22	Contract Rally	Guru Nanak Car Rally, Brampton Hospital	TAC
28-29	Regional Race	Celebration of Motorsport , CTMP (Mosport)	CASC-OR
28	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - No Winter Maintenance Rally, Flesherton	
28	RACE	Chumpcar Race, SEBRING INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY: 14 Hour, \$1000	
28-29	RACE	Chumpcar Race, CALABOGIE MOTORSPORTS PARK: Double-7, \$1000	
29	TimeAttack	Time Attack Championship Shootout, CTMP DDT	CASC-OR
29	Rallycross	MLRC Rallycross	MLRC
<i>OCTOBER 2013</i>			
4-5	CRC	Pacific Forest Rally , Merritt, BC	WCRA
04 - 06	F1	KOREAN GRAND PRIX (Yeongam)	
4	Rally-CRC	CRC - Pacific Forest Rally	
5-6	INDY	Grand Prix of Houston, Reliant Park	
5	Rally-CRC	CRC - Pacific Forest Rally	
5-6	RACE	Chumpcar Race, PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL RACE COMPLEX: Double-7, \$1000	
11 - 13	F1	JAPANESE GRAND PRIX (Suzuka)	
12-13	RACE	Chumpcar Race, CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK (MOSPORT): Double-7,	
16	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston&7	TAC
19	INDY	MAVTV 500, Fontana CA	
19-20	RACE	Chumpcar Race, ROAD AMERICA: Double-7, \$1000	

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people to make it worth their while to set up our corral. We typically brought out numbers in the low 20s. Last year, we finally hit 30 people. But this year we were close to 50! Dan Zorica and Graham Tulett did a great job with the barbecue, and everyone chipped in something. Our spot was ideal, and with canopies from Fred Walker, we had a great shady spot to enjoy the race from. This event is worth the price of admission just for the barbecue!

Going forward, I will be back at Mosport on August 17/18, instructing for Ontario Time Attack, and competing in event #7. I've got Sue's car figured out. I can run 1 warm-up lap and 3 hot laps without overheating, so I should be good to go. I also found out that I was running a class higher than I needed to be in earlier events this year. Thankfully this drops me down a class from the GT3 Mustangs and into the GT4 class full of Hondas! Mosport is a power track, so the Mustangs will do well. The BMW is a nice mix of power and handling, so I should be able to beat the better handling but lower powered Civics!

I pass on my best wishes to the family of TAC member, and Ice Race Director, Andy Hughes, who passed away suddenly last month. I understand that the memorial was well attended by many motorsport friends. TAC sent along flowers and a donation to the Heart and Stroke foundation. Heather sent a very nice thank you card. We all wish her our best.

Please enjoy the rest of the summer, and remember that there is no TAC meeting in August. I will see everyone in September.

Rob

Rob McAuley
TAC President

TAC AT THE ALMS – CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK



Photo : Nick Beck

Turn-2 in the ALMS Race :



Photo : Rob McAuley



Photo : Rob McAuley

ON THE COVER:
The overall race
winner , “Muscle Milk”
prototype

Traffic Jam
at 5:



Photo : Nick Beck



Photo : Rob McAuley

TAC spectators had a
great vantage point,
as usual. And the
BBQ was fantastic.



GURU NANAK COMMUNITY SERVICES FOUNDATION

15th Guru Nanak Car Rally

Guru Nanak Community Services Foundation Executive Committee feels honored to announce the 13th Guru Nanak Car Rally schedule for Sunday September 22, 2013

Starting Point

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We appreciate your generous support in previous years and hope for the same in coming years.

Major Singh Nagra

President
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Lawrence Hacking's Overland Adventure Rally

Paul Moore



What do you get when you invite 150 of your closest friends over for the weekend? Then you throw in camping, good food, perfect weather, motorcycles (and a lone car) of almost every description, fine roads and a few VIPs? On July 12th and 13th it all came together as the first Overland Adventure Rally headquartered in Campbellville, Ontario.

For the uninitiated, Lawrence is a god amongst the off-road community in Canada. In 2001, at the tender age of 46, Lawrence was the first

Canadian to finish the fabled Paris to Dakar Rally. He did so on a shoestring budget, completely self-supported, and by all accounts became known world-wide as a true gentleman in the world of adventure and raid rallies. He published an account of his adventure in a book titled, *To Dakar and Back: 21 Days across Africa*.

The OAR turned out to be a very laid back event with great organization, but the true feel of a bunch of friends getting together to enjoy the weekend. Most of the participants were on the high side of 40 years, well established, but possessing that mutant gene that requires taking expensive vehicles and getting them dirty – really dirty – on occasion. There was a large corporate contingent representing the who's who in the adventure riding industry. You didn't find vendors hawking \$10 black tees with "colourful" slogans like at most bike rallies, but if you wanted to look at the coolest in anodized farkles for your adventure bike or try on a loaded Klim riding suit (if you have to ask, you can't afford it!) the vendor booths were where to hang out.

The event was also organized to maximize interest with over 30 classes covering almost every conceivable motorcycle. A pair of riders competed on a pair of mid-70's Honda Trail 90 step-throughs!



Rita and I arrived on Friday afternoon after the short 90 minute jaunt down to rally headquarters at the Mohawk Inn. Lawrence was meeting the participants personally with big handshakes and bottles of iced water. Registration was smooth as we had purchased our



“The Whole Enchilada” pass on line. This pass proclaimed to entitle the bearer to, “walk around like I own the place”. Camping at the adjacent KOA for two nights, meals at the Mohawk Inn (2 breakfasts, 2 BBQ dinners on the patio), entry to the rally, and a swag bag were all included for the reasonable price of \$165.

Both nights, guest speakers held the rallyists’ attention with tales of adventure. Simon Pavey, multiple time winner of the Paris to Dakar and Chief Instructor at the BMW Off-Road School in the UK talked about his experiences as did Rene Cormier who went off for a short ride a while ago and didn’t get home for five and a half years!

Saturday morning dawned hot and sunny and after fueling up with the big buffet breakfast, Rita and I headed out on the “Mohawk 250”. The highlights of the weekend were two rally routes. One route was pavement only for those not wishing to get dirty (and the Porsche) while the other was a mixture of pavement,

gravel, road allowances and a 40 km special section for those who wanted a challenge.

As our chosen mount for with weekend was our Ural sidecar rig, we opted for the gravel route and headed out to explore the roads north along the spine of the Niagara Escarpment. The provided route book was excellent with “raid” type instructions (“tulips” for the navigational rally types) and GPS coordinates for every turn. The roads were very well chosen for their interest and the road allowance segment added a lot of fun and challenge as we motored the 750 pound, but 40 horsepower rig through deep sand, rocks, and rutted trails. Power sliding the Ural through the gravel corners became the norm.

Scoring for the rally was not based on timing, but a series of questions that meant the rallyists had to interact with others to find the answers (“What is Rene Cormier’s child’s name?” – Go find Rene!) as well as photographing a set of eleven landmarks along the route. The route also had many food and fuel options built in. A large contingent of rallyists gathered at the Terra Nova Public House for lunch.

Near the end of the northbound route, was the optional “off-road” section called the Arctic Loop. We had heard dire warnings of people becoming lost and perishing on this rugged stretch of the route. We heard about a waterfall crossing and mud filled ruts so deep that the organizers were using the roofs of stuck Jeeps for traction!



I am very happy to report that Rita and I opted in and took the Arctic Loop and lived to tell about it! Rita’s socks and shoes did not, but it was a small price to pay!

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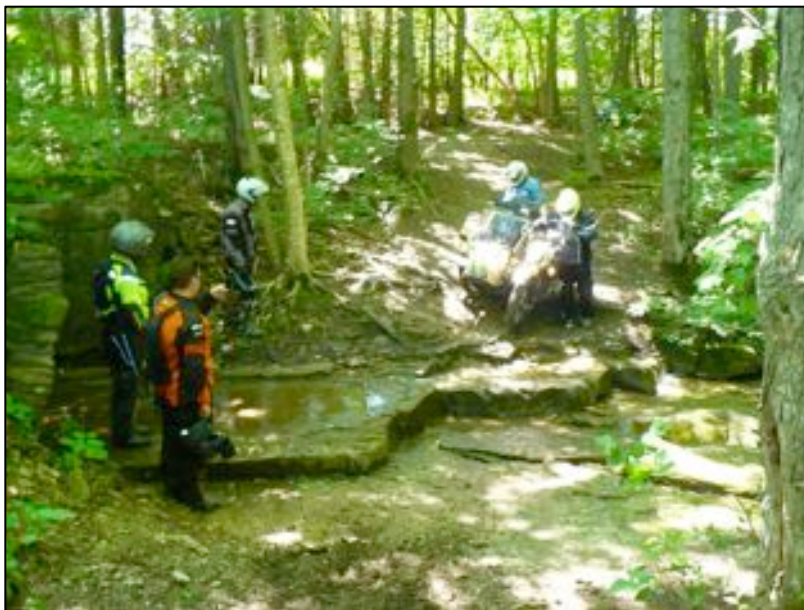
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There was one particular 5 km section that was brutal. Yes, the mud was deep and the ruts were epic. Rocky hills and steep descents challenged the Ural's off road ability, but only on a few occasions did I have to engage the two-wheel drive to pull through the obstacles. (While two wheel drive on the Ural is great for traction, with a wide spread between the drive wheels and no differential, steering is almost impossible!) The feared waterfall crossing was tricky and required manually maneuvering the rig across a narrow, stepped rock ledge above a deep ravine.



After completing "the Ledge", the southbound route wandered back to Campbellville the long way. As the afternoon wore on it became clear that the estimated 7 hours to complete the 250 km was understated. We arrived back at the Mohawk, dirty, tired and very satisfied around 5 pm!

Lawrence has already committed to a second annual event in early July 2014. If you are interested in attending on two, three or four wheels, drop Lawrence a line on Facebook. I am sure that he will create a new class for your vehicle no matter what you want to bring!



TAC AT THE GRAND BEND TIME ATTACK



TAC President Rob gives out Ultra 94 gift cards to draw winner Carsten Geischen

Organizer Kelly Ball presents Carsten Gieschen with his class win plaque



Albert Ribeiro wins his class

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BULLETIN



BULLETIN No.: 2013 – 12

Subject: CARS Technical Director Opportunity

Issue Date: August 8, 2013

Darryl Malone, CARS Technical Director for the past 3 years is planning on stepping down at the end of 2013. Darryl has been a significant contributor to the CARS board and led the Technical Rules Committee during his tenure.

The Technical Director provides the CARS Board of Directors with valuable input from the Technical Rules Committee relating to technical rule change requirements and requests.

To begin the process of finding a replacement, the Board would like to hear from the rally community, from those interested in taking on the position. The commitment would require participation in monthly board conference calls, leading the Technical Rules Committee, making technical rule change proposals, as well as attending the CARS AGM in January.

As a member of the CARS board Martin Burnley has volunteered to manage the selection process for the new Technical Director. If you have any questions about the position or would like to put your name forward, please contact Martin through email at westcoast@carsrally.ca or by phone at **250-766-4368**.

The deadline for expressions of interest will be Sept 30th 2013 with the voting taking place during the October board meeting.

John Hall
President Canadian Association of Rallysport
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MINUTES FROM THE TAC EXECUTIVE BOARD CONFERENCE CALL WEDNESDAY, AUG 7, 2013

Call opened at 8:05pm, with Pres. Rob McAuley, VP Paul Moore, Treas. Rita Moore.

President's Report:

- ALMS bbq event had 46 people attending, which included members, guests, and family. (Rob will submit photos to Fifth Gear this week.) Since TAC pays a subsidy to Canadian Motorsport Ventures per each ticket, we may consider charging an extra \$10 for non members next year.
- January Jaunt will not be held in 2014 due to lack of organizer.
- TAC will extend a free 2014 membership to DOCR organizer, Brooke Jacobs.
- Brooke has confirmed he will be able to look after the Zonta contract rally.
- It will soon be time to make arrangements for the TAC holiday party. We hope we can return to Santorini Restaurant: everyone seems to enjoy it.
- Board of Directors election this November will be for the positions Vice President, Secretary, and Competition Director.

Vice President's Report:

- New members still coming in; current numbers are 102 total, with 58 primary, 38 family, and 6 life. Primary members are at the same level as they were this time last year, although family members are slightly fewer.
- Early renewal bonus for 2014 will be the \$20 coupon for TAC events, as this has proven to be popular in the past. We will extend the coupon to be good at social events (eg banquet tickets) as well as towards dinner at any regular monthly meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Current balances: savings \$14,487.85; Paypal \$987.78; chequing \$1358.06.
- An insurance credit has been requested from ASN for the 2 navigational rallies we had planned but will not be holding.

Competition Report:

- There do not seem to be any plans yet within the Ice Racing organization for the upcoming season without Director Andy Hughes.
- A Time Attack event this weekend at Mosport is sold out, which is the first time in 13 years. Also a Time Attack Shootout is scheduled for September.

Old Business: Rob will meet with Malcolm in September to collect any remaining stored TAC items.

New Business:

- No August general meeting. Back at the Moose and Firkin on September 18th.
- We soon need to start thinking of annual award winners in each division, in preparation for the banquet.

Call adjourned 8:37pm.

Minutes taken by Rita Moore.

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- Assigned membership numbers will be reserved until February 1st.
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Date _____

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TAC works only because volunteers make autosport happen!

So that we know *your* interests (and where you can help out) and can therefore plan the right mix of events – please complete the information checklists below ...

Please indicate your autosport interests for the coming year :

- TimeAttack (Solo 1)
- Autoslalom (Solo 2)
- Navigational rallying
- Performance rallying
- Road racing
- Vintage Racing
- Ice racing
- Karting

Please indicate three areas that you can help with this year :

- Solo (1/2) organizer / worker
- Road Rally/Ralliette organizer
- Contract Rally organizer
- Rally Checkpoint/Green-crew
- Social Event Organizer
- Ice race organizer / worker
- Event timing / scoring
- Performance Rally organizer



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