



# Fifth Gear

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Welcome to February. Besides Ice Racing, we have some other goodies to get rid of the winter blahs.

I am hoping that you are reading this prior to the special TAC preview of "Need for Speed", the new Disney movie that comes out next month.

TAC was fortunate to be invited to an advanced screening, and we will have 30 people at the show on Wednesday, February 19. This will take the place of our regular monthly meeting, so a few people are getting together at a nearby pub before the show.

I was able to attend a special press screening a couple of weeks ago, and really enjoyed the action. I'd say the plot is standard fare: Two former local rivals are at odds. One had made it to the big time, but many people know the other is really the one with the talent. Will he ever be able to prove it?

However the action makes this movie unique. The director, Scott Waugh, was at my screening, and did a Q&A with the audience afterwards. Waugh is an old-time stunt man, and wanted to make a car chase movie using only minimal CGI. He did an amazing job, with some of the best in-car and on-car camerawork I've ever seen. He said they destroyed more Go-Pro cameras than anyone could imagine.

There are homages to many movies, from Bullet, to Vanishing Point, to Grand Prix, to American Graffiti. If there's a close-up of an aging minor character, it's probably a cameo by an '80s stunt man.

Waugh did explain to the audience that the way the cars were driven was not the fastest way around the track. He did put the actors through a Stunt Driving program, and had them do many of their own bits.

One particular shot is absolutely stunning. Early in the movie, star Aaron Paul driving a Koenigsegg supercar, comes in from the distance and does a sliding skid right up to the camera, to a close-up of his face in the window. I kept looking for a cut, but it appeared to be one

continuous take. The director told us how he got the shot during the Q&A. Waugh knew it was a dangerous shot, so he was working the camera instead of the regular cameraman.

On the first 2 takes, Paul kept stopping 15' back from his mark. He said he was afraid of hitting the director. On the third take, the director told him to TRY to hit him. Waugh had his assistant hold him by his belt, and told him to yank him back if he got hit by the car. Paul and the Koenigsegg came skidding towards the director, and stopped just 2" short of the camera. Waugh said he had no idea if the shot worked, as he closed his eyes as the car came screaming towards him.

The movie features a few classic muscle cars, and a couple of Mustangs, but the big race includes a Bugatti Veyron, a McLaren P1, a GTA Spano, a Saleen S7, and a Lamborghini Sesto Elemento.

It is worth seeing just for the in-car footage!

Also coming up in March, is the Rallysport Ontario Annual General Meeting. It will go on Saturday the 22nd in Peterborough. Details on the website. This AGM is always one of the more interesting, with the various clubs frequently at odds with each other. I don't expect anything too controversial this year, although a couple of the rally-only clubs asked CASC to drop a requirement that forced them to pay affiliation fees. They should be covered through their affiliation through RSO & CARS.

Whereas CASC assigns votes to their affiliated clubs based on our reported membership numbers, RSO insists on club representatives providing individual proxies. Thus, I will be asking for proxies from our membership in early March. I'd be happy to have any TAC members join me at the meeting. It is worth the drive to Peterborough!

Enjoy your winter,

Rob

# TAC 2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

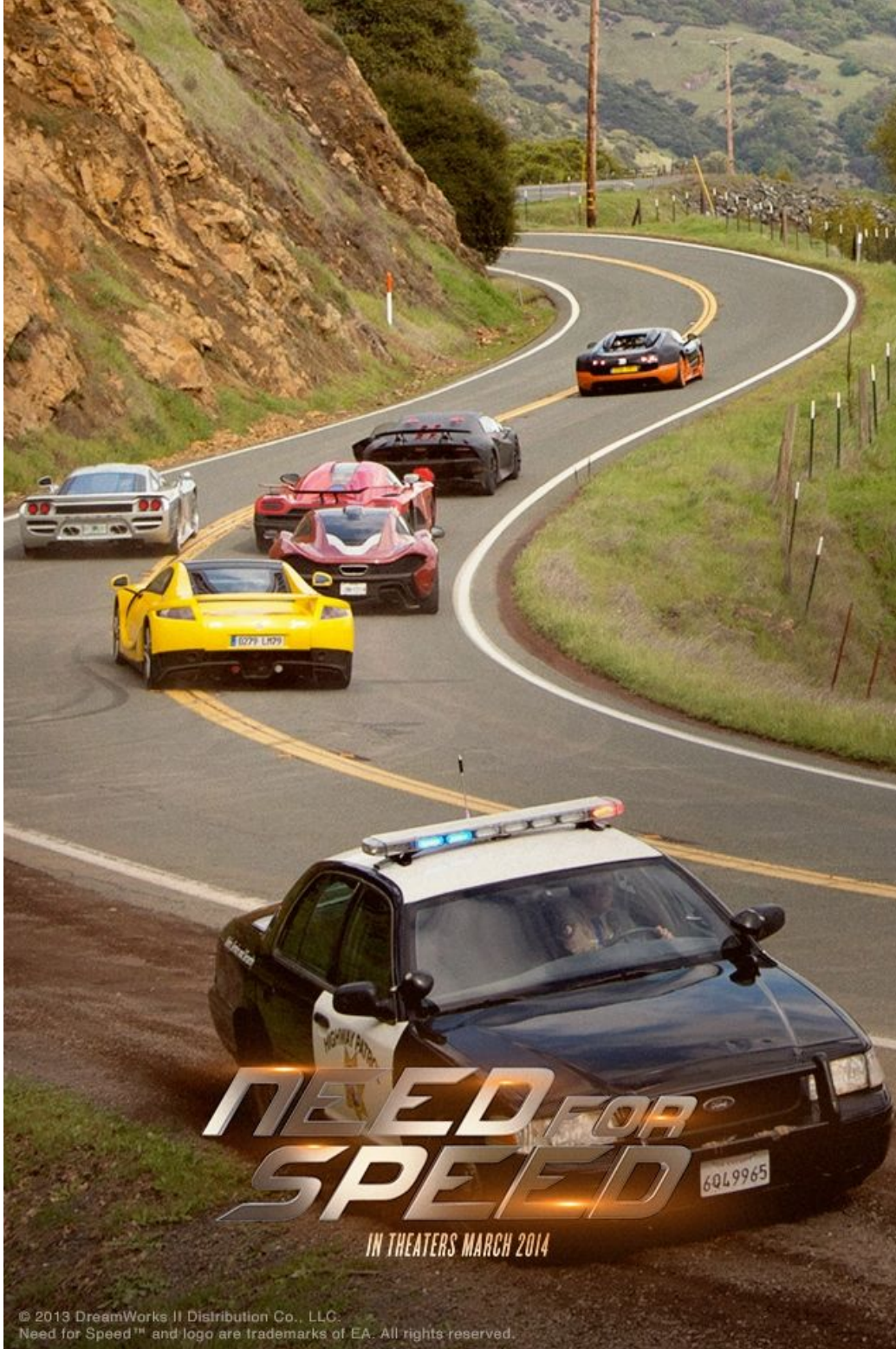
<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<b><i>FEBRUARY 2014</i></b>			
15-16	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	TLMC
15-16	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Polar Bear Rally, Bancroft	
19	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston &amp; 7</b>	<b>TAC</b>
22-23	Ice Race-Magnum	<b>Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden</b>	<b>TAC</b>
<b><i>MARCH 2014</i></b>			
1-2	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, RAIN-DATE Minden	
8-9	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, RAIN-DATE Minden	
13-16	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	
19	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston &amp; 7</b>	<b>TAC</b>
22	Meeting	RSO Annual General Meeting, Peterborough	RSO
28-30	F1	PETRONAS MALAYSIAN GRAND PRIX (Kuala Lumpur)	
30	INDY	Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg	
<b><i>APRIL 2014</i></b>			
4/6/20	F1	GULF AIR BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	
13	INDY	Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach	
16	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston &amp; 7</b>	<b>TAC</b>
18-20	F1	UBS CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai)	
25-27	F1	KOREAN GRAND PRIX (Yeongam)	
26	INDY	GP of Alabama, Barber Motorsports Park	
<b><i>MAY 2014</i></b>			
3	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Lanark Highlands Forest Rally	
9/11/2	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Catalunya)	
10	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Blossom Rally, Campbellville	KWRC
10	INDY	Grand Prix of Indianapolis, Indianapolis IN	

More events to appear as 2014 Schedules are released.

For more information on any event, please contact the organizing club or sanctioning body directly.

## NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE

The February 19<sup>th</sup> general meeting (the 3rd Wednesday as always) will not take place at the Moose & Firkin as usual. For February, TAC members were offered a special chance to view a pre-screening of the upcoming Disney movie "Need For Speed".



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Need for Speed stars Breaking Bad's Aaron Paul and will hit theaters on March 14th, 2014. As the film is a total car enthusiast's movie, Disney offered the Toronto Autosport Club's committee and members passes to attend and enjoy the film before anyone else! If you love cars you are sure to enjoy this film. (Here's a web address where you can view the film's trailer:

<http://www.theneedforspeedmovie.com/>)

So, instead of our meeting, club members who signed up for passes will be going to Scotiabank Theater at 7:30 pm on Feb 19th. Prior to the show, some of us will be having dinner at the Town Crier Pub and Halfway Beer House, located just around the corner from the theater at 115 John Street.

Enjoy the show, and don't forget we're back at our usual meeting place, Moose & Firkin, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>.

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# ONTARIO TIME-ATTACK - FEBRUARY 2014

What a winter! Lots of cold and tons of snow! So what could I be writing about that has anything to do with Ontario Time Attack? Well, I'll get to that, but first; I've been feeling rusty and anxious for racing lately, so I travelled to Minden, Ontario to watch some Ice Racing! Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> was actually a great day for ice racing. The track was in great shape and there was a lot of sunshine to go along with the cold, but pleasant enough temperatures. The event was part of the CASC Magnum Ice Racing Series and this weekend was hosted by the British Automobile Racing Club. Soon it will be Toronto Autosport Club's turn, as we are hosting the Ice Racing weekend at Minden February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. (Contact Paul Moore, TAC, if you can help out). At the track, I met a couple of fellow Time Attack competitors, Perry Rautanen and Dave Barker, from the Oshawa Motor Sport Club and, as well as watching them race from the sidelines, I had the opportunity to ride along for one of the races. Great fun I must say. A certain skillset is required so you don't just run the car into the snowbanks (which apparently happens not infrequently). Anyway, it was a bit of racing after a long dry spell and I enjoyed it. I would encourage anyone to come out for the TAC event and take it all in.

I also attended the Canadian Motorsports Expo in Toronto on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, specifically to watch the presentation given by Ontario Time Attack Director Chuck Atkins and Registrar Gary Wood on the "Ontario 1500". This will be a brand new event for this province, taking place in September 2015, for teams of two to four drivers. It will be a week long and involve Time Attack competition at some of the best tracks in Ontario as well as Drag Racing and Autoslalom. There is a website and a Facebook page, so if it sounds interesting, check it out. It sounds really exciting.

And finally, as for Ontario Time Attack, the rules for 2014 have been fine-tuned, the schedule is set and the car preparations are underway. I will be moving up a class or two with my new suspension set-up and I look forward to seeing how much more capable the car is (and hopefully how much better my lap times are!). I'm sure everyone who competes in Ontario Time Attack is really looking forward to the new DDT at CTMP, where our first two schools and our first two competition events take place. On paper and at the site the track looks like it is really going to be great. I can't wait.

I look forward to once again reporting on the Ontario Time Attack events and results from the track. See you then.

Kelly Ball, Ontario Time-Attack, Car #61



Also see another of Kelly's photos elsewhere in this issue.

# RSO HAM RADIO COURSE

RallySport Ontario is pleased to offer a Basic Ham Radio Course to facilitate official licensing of more amateur radio (HAM) operators to assist with official communications at rallies.

**WHEN** – Saturday March 15 and Sunday, March 16, 2014 from 9:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

**WHERE** – Girl Guides of Canada Office, 38 Parkside Dr., Newmarket, Ontario

**ELIGIBILITY** – This course is open to anyone, however the class will be cut off at 25. If more than 25 apply, preference will be given to RSO members.

**REGISTRATION** – Go to <http://www.kwrc.on.ca/hamclass/>

**COST** – \$25 per person. Payment may be made in the following ways:

(1) Mail a Cheque (Payable to "RallySport Ontario", and include your email address) to:

RallySport Ontario  
C/O Peter Gulliver  
1026 Communication Road  
Peterborough ON, K9J 6X2

(2) By Interac: Send Interac payment to [treasurer@rallysport.on.ca](mailto:treasurer@rallysport.on.ca),  
Contact Pete Gulliver at same email with password or phone 705-292-7232

Note – Your registration will not be considered complete until payment has been received.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will be a condensed version of the full course offered by various clubs. Participants will be expected to study course materials in advance independently. The two days of in-class sessions will concentrate on reviewing key topics and to answer specific questions. A portion of the in-class sessions will deal specifically with HAM radio procedures at rallies.

Official testing will take place at about 3:00 P.M. on Sunday March 16. Approved examiners will supervise the testing. The exams will be marked immediately. Successful applicants will be assisted directly with application for license.

Course instructors will be Roger Sanderson VE3RKS and Rob Metcalfe VA3RBM.



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## **MORE FROM KELLY BALL AT THE MINDEN ICE RACES**



### **ON THE COVER**

Thanks to Justin Williams, for  
reminding us of summer.

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# PERCEPTION AND MISPERCEPTION

In the late 90's I indulged in a wish that I had since I was 12 years old. Spurred on by my hubby, I enrolled in a motorcycle driving course and after 3 attempts (I'm short and the learner bikes were tall...and I'm sticking to that story) I earned my license.

My first extra-marital affair was with a 1985 black and chrome Suzuki Savage, it had that adorable oxidization discoloration on the exhaust pipe and it fit my petite frame perfectly.

One summer evening after a long day of cruising with my hubby, I decided to fill up the tank before calling it a night. Hubby was tired and he opted to ride straight home and fill his bike in the morning. He recommended I do the same.

I should have listened, but I'm stubborn with a capital S. I went to our local gas station, filled up and headed back home.

While making a left turn at the lights, I made a rookie mistake (being a rookie), I let out the clutch too quickly and went down on my left side with the bike on top of me. My first thought was GET YOUR LEG OUT FROM UNDER THE BIKE, after all, I was down on the ground in the middle of an intersection. I kicked, I squirmed and I pulled until my leg was free and scrambled to my feet as quickly as I could.

Thankfully, all traffic had stopped and people were coming to help me. I was embarrassed and livid with myself and under my full face helmet I was cursing my stubbornness.

The first Good Samaritan to reach me took me by the elbow and helped me to the curb, as I had managed to sprain my ankle in the fall. Two other big burly guys lifted my bike and walked it to the curb beside me, and traffic resumed.

"Dude" said guy #1 "you ok?"

"Buddy" said guy #2 "you're limping"

"At least the bike's not totaled" said guy #3

At this point I took off my helmet and all three said

"Whoa! Dude, you're a GIRL! No wonder you crashed!!!"

Yes, I'm a girl...or a woman to be exact. And thanks to my perception that I was fine, not too much of a rookie, not too overly tired and superhuman, I pushed myself and paid the price of embarrassment.

I also led three guys to a misperception, that perhaps women are not as good motorcycle riders as men. That perhaps they cannot do what men do...or at least do it well.

It bothers me that my flaw in character may have led to a misperception of my genders ability. It is important that we take people individually and not lump them based on their gender, race, religion or sexual orientation.

Perception is a vital fiber in our makeup; Misperception is the frayed fiber that can unravel us.

Ms. Nesrin Berrak (aka The Extreme Mother)

[www.Facebook.com/TheExtremeMother](http://www.Facebook.com/TheExtremeMother)

# Minutes of the TAC General Meeting held January 15, 2014 at the Moose & Firkin, Weston Rd, Woodbridge

Meeting opened at 8:00pm with 8 members present.

## President's Report:

- Rob announced that this regular general meeting was to be followed by a special called meeting regarding the vacant position of Competition Director.
- CASC held a VP election by teleconference this past weekend but TAC was not present. The results of the election have not yet been announced.
- CARS AGM was this past weekend in Quebec. No TAC representative attended, and no minutes have been posted.

## Vice President's Report:

- Current membership is 71, consisting of 30 primary, 35 family, and 6 life. This is somewhat higher than the numbers at this time last year.

## Treasurer's Report:

- Savings account has \$14,548.69; PayPal has \$386.00; chequing has \$364.44.
- The increasing price of stamps is a concern. The members then decided that TAC would, over the next few months, work towards only sending paper copies of Fifth Gear out to those who specifically request it. If not specified, members will receive Fifth Gear in electronic form.
- Recent concerns when renewing our domain registration and web hosting services have revealed that our providers are charging more than going rate. The executive will begin searching for better deals for 2014. Rob will also follow up with Martin Gdyczynski our site host owner.
- Rob stated that he would like to place an order for some logo-bearing apparel for volunteer rewards; preferably winter toques and perhaps more checker-flag ball caps, hopefully in time for our Ice Race event. Rita will check prices from our previous suppliers.

## Competition Report:

### Rally:

- RSO had a conference call meeting on Monday. Our Discover Ontario Car Rally is back on the navigational calendar for June 21.

### Ice Race:

- The TAC Ice Race event is coming up Feb 22-23. The three worker positions requiring licensed officials (Clerk, Steward, Scrutineer) have at last been filled. Could still use more volunteers. The Safety Plan still needs to be completed, as Heather was unable to locate the one Andy used to use. This week, Paul will book the restaurant for the volunteer dinner on the Saturday – Mark's Chinese, same as last year.
- We have heard news that PMSC is objecting to the track levy by the Kinsmen of Minden, due to being charged HST on this remittance. While TAC agrees with the concern we do not agree with PMSC's approach to dealing with it (declaring they will not collect the levy, demanding a Kinsmen member be present to collect it themselves, and threatening to pull out of organizing their event). Our Ice Race organizer is to write the Kinsmen stating our position.
- In other Ice Race news, the Street Stud spec tire issue has been decided, details are on the CASC Ice Race online forum.

### Autoslalom:

- Autoslalom has a new director for 2014, Barry Greenaway.

### Time Attack:

- Time Attack is currently dealing with issues regarding the need for a track approval procedure. The schedule is done and the TAC event is in July.
- The HADA club has officially folded, and SPDA will take over their weekend.
- TAC has invited WOSCA to come to our July weekend in Grand Bend and host an Autoslalom crossover event, hopefully increasing interest in both disciplines.

## Social Report:

- ALMS weekend is in mid July this year.

- Possible dates for a TAC Fun Rally were discussed. May 24 is looking good. Paul and Rita will begin work on an event.

Old Business:

- Dietmar to make arrangements to get the Performance Rally Driver trophy and plaque to Chris Martin.

For Sale or Wanted: nothing mentioned.

Loonies in the Bus:

Rob M and Janet both won Sunoco cards, and Dietmar got the Loonies.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52pm.

The Special Called Meeting for the purpose of electing a Competition Director was then called; however it was found that there were only 8 members and 3 proxy votes available, and the Constitution requires 15 for quorum. Therefore, the meeting was not convened. President McAuley appointed Dietmar Seelenmayer as "acting" Competition Director until he can be confirmed by election at a later date.

Minutes taken by Rita Moore for Graham Tulett, Secretary.



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## ANNOUNCEMENT



2014-02

### Rationale:

Over the past few years, the CARS board has received several inquiries about re-starts in rallies after a DNF with several individuals who were going to write the rules to show how it could be done. In the fall of 2013, the CARS board, through the Administrative Rules Committee (ARC), asked for a possible set of rules for 're-start' in the CRC and in Canadian Rallies in general to be created.

The board felt there are several reasons for changing the long standing rally view point that rally is where one driver, one co-driver and one vehicle had to complete the whole route without missing a single control and within a maximum lateness time. The costs involved to take part in a rally are ever rising, so value for the money and the desire to get valuable seat time for competitors were the two most pressing reasons for the proposed change. There were many other considerations for the change that were presented. Counter arguments against re-starts being allowed also were considered and, late in 2013, the board decided CARS should move in this direction, at least for the CRC.

The ARC considered both the WRC and RA systems and used components of each in this wording, but the changes are designed for the CRC and what CARS sees as being the best for our sport here in Canada.

As a result, the ARC put together the attached proposed wording for this concept. The change wording is being presented for input from the rally community (including event organizers and competitors). In order for the proposed implementation date to be met, the input window is the month of February. The ARC will take the input received and re-vamp (or abandon) the proposed Re-Start regulations.

### Concepts Considered:

1. That the changes are for the CRC and it is up to the regions to determine if it will apply to regional events and series. (If all regions agree, then the re-start rules can be modified so it applies to all performance rallies under CARS sanction.)
2. That the three basic components of rally tradition continue to be observed: same driver, same co-driver and the same vehicle.
3. That re-starts should not allow teams to be able to gain back enough time to contest for the outright win (overall or class –recognizing some classes are not strongly subscribed at this time), so a 10/5 minute penalty was used.





4. Where to re-start the rally was also considered with two other options being considered: at the start of each day (like RA and WRC) or every section (as by definition in the rule book). In the end, the ARC felt that at the start of a leg was the best option to secure the purposes behind creating the re-start option.

5. We decided to use vehicle classes to determine the time base for the scoring rather than seeds or overall or overall in 2/4WD because this would be the best way to keep class scoring most equitable.

6. The most difficult aspect to deal with was the implications that these changes had on the other regulations in the rule book. The ARC thinks we have accounted for all of them, but we are prepared to deal with any we may have missed. Two significant changes are within these 'other' changes are: 1) that the maximum numbers of legs for one and two day rallies be fixed, and 2) to adjust the maximum lateness time (there were other considerations behind this change –keeping 99 and, often, the medical responders closer to the bulk of the field instead of behind people running far behind. At the same time, the change gives a 3 leg, single day rally 60 min of maximum lateness and a 4 leg, two day rally 80 min of maximum lateness.

The CARS board and the ARC look forward to your input. Please send your input to: John Hall ([pres@carsrally.ca](mailto:pres@carsrally.ca)) as John is the chair of the ARC.

ARC: John Hall, Chair, Ross Wood, Terry Epp



**FINAL Minutes – revised**

**RSO Board / Executive Meeting – January 20, 2014**  
**Minutes**

LOCATION: Teleconference – meeting at 7:30 p.m.

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Bruce Leonard	President	Yes
Peter Watt	CARS Rally Director for RSO	Yes
Warren Haywood	Vice-President – Performance Rally	Yes
David Maynard	Vice-President – Navigational Rally	Yes
Jeannie MacGillivray	Secretary	Yes
Pete Gulliver	Treasurer	Yes
Ross Wood	Executive Assistant / Equipment Manager	Yes
Ray Felice	RSO Past President	
Roger Sanderson	Webmaster	
Steve van Rees	Chief Scrutineer	
Vacant	Growth Committee	
Alasdair Robertson	Legislative Affairs	
Bob McCallum	BEMC Club Representative	
Martin Loveridge	KWRC Club Representative	Yes
Mike Koch	MCO Club Representative	Yes
David Maynard	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Pete Gulliver	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Eric Brunner	St. LAC Club Representative	
Trevor Hancher	SPDA Club Representative	Yes
Dietmar Seelenmayer	TAC Club Representative	Yes

**Agenda**

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda – added.** Approved as amended – Gulliver / Maynard. Unanimous. Carried.
- 2) **Approval of the minutes of our last meeting (December 9, 2013)** – Approved as written. Maynard / Haywood. Unanimous. Carried.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report – Pete.** Financial documents were sent in advance to the Board and club members in on the call. Some discussion on the balance sheet to date.

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Gulliver / Maynard. Unanimous. Carried.

#### 4) CARS update – Peter Watt.

(a) CARS 2013 AGM, January 10 and 11, 2014, in Québec City.

#### Report on the 2013 CARS AGM and Board Meetings

##### Board Meetings:

John Hall re-elected as CARS President

Usual stuff common to all boards

Budget:           2013 - deficit less than anticipated  
                      2014 - planning for smaller deficit  
                      2015 - expect to move to positive position

Marketing team working on potential new National Sponsor  
Membership and licence fees posted on web – modest increase

Several rule initiatives in works

- vehicle weights
- vehicle classifications
- restart rules
- safety plans

Exciting News – New Media Partners

Formula Photographic – Warwick Patterson/Dean Campbell (creators of Subaru of America's "Launch Control" series).

President's Vision Document for Rally in Canada to be published on web in very near future

**AGM:** New record set – 7.5 minutes

**Extraordinary AGM:** Held to change CARS Bylaws, bringing them into line with new Federal Legislation.\* Passed with a little clarification from Martin Loveridge.

Awards Gala held to honour CARS 2013 winners as well as RSQ Award Winners (results on web)

All pertinent documents and reports to be published on the CARS website in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted: Peter Watt

\* Further discussion took place, as Martin Loveridge clarified that we are now operating under the new guidelines. A Document of Continuance will be sent to the government by October.

Martin pointed out that every member of an RSO-affiliated club in Ontario will get a vote at the RSO AGM as regards the choice of the CARS rep for RSO (new in March 2013). The Ontario member clubs will vote at the following year's CARS AGM whether to confirm this person. (Votes are per club; not per individual.) The expectation is that CARS would approve the person chosen by RSO members.

Bruce reminded those attending from RSO who are eligible for expenses to submit their detailed accounts to the RSO Board. They are: Jim Morrow, Peter Watt and Bruce Leonard.

## 5) Old Business –

### (a) RSO posters and a new website to support growth of the sport – Bruce / Warren.

Bruce will work on RSO promotion, including designing posters with Ray, and tear-strips listing the RSO website to post in grocery stores, etc.

**ACTION: BRUCE TO FOLLOW UP ON POSTERS AND TEAR-STRIPS.**

Jeremy Norris is shooting to get something on [www.oprc.ca](http://www.oprc.ca) prior to Rallye Perce Neige and anticipates a launch prior to February 7. They're designing a site logo.

Warren to ask competitors for their team information. Jeremy's plan is to focus on the competitors, more on the excitement side – competitors' cars, sponsorship, etc. They will post videos and photos on the site as they come in.

**ACTION: WARREN TO FOLLOW UP ON [WWW.OPRC.ca](http://www.OPRC.ca) WEBSITE.**

### (b) Calendar dates for RSO 2014 calendar – Warren.

Two schools are in the works:

- The Ham radio course will likely be held on the weekend of March 15-16 or March 29-30. Warren to discuss with instructor and with Roger, to fit it in with other clubs' plans.
- The date of the school for Stewards is under discussion. Alasdair Robertson to get back to Warren about his availability, to run a school within 60-90 days. Alasdair asked for Ross to help instruct. Likely Newmarket venue. Will update when known.

### (c) Changes to one-event CARS licence – Bruce. Bruce to write a proposal, on behalf of RSO, regarding one-event licensing, mainly for co-drivers. Bruce to discuss with the CARS Rules Committee; John Hall could also provide insight.

### (d) OPRC organizer's checklist – Jeannie. Seeking comments from Ross to fine-tune the checklist, which is geared to new organizers.

**ACTION: JEANNIE AND ROSS TO DISCUSS BY PHONE.**

### (e) CASC-OR affiliation for RSO-member clubs – Bruce. Only two RSO-member clubs are rally-only, and Bruce thinks their CASC-OR affiliation should be optional. Bruce has not seen an agreement referencing RSO.

Some discussion on the various regions and their approaches to dealing with this. Although the two RSO clubs do not benefit from this affiliation, they cannot just opt out as they require ASN insurance for their events.

It is a complex situation that Martin Loveridge and Bruce Leonard will discuss and try to find a resolution to.

## 6) ORRC Report – David.

The first ORRC of the 2014 season will be KWRC's Frostbite Rally on February 1. Next up will be the MLRC Polar Bear Rally out of Bancroft, overnight on February 15-16. Workers are needed and wanted. If you can help, please contact Bruce Leonard at [president@rallysport.on.ca](mailto:president@rallysport.on.ca).

## 7) OPRC Report – Warren.

- **Canadian rally media sponsorship.**

Warren is looking to get a proposal approved that so that OPRC can enter with a relationship with Canadian Rally.

Some discussion over costs of such things as media vests and the backdrop for podium ceremonies, and other potential signage.

**ACTION: WARREN TO INVESTIGATE THESE COSTS.**

Discussion on the logistics of sponsorship and any potential conflicts. The main part of the package focuses on standalone events.

OPRC series is presented by Canadian Rally, but the events themselves can be presented by anyone. Some discussion on opportunities and costs.

**ACTION: WARREN TO REFINE HIS PROPOSAL AND SEND TO THE BOARD.**

- **Sponsorship guidelines.**

Document was sent out to the board previously, re an arrangement with Canadian Rally (Peter MacDonald). It's a rough outline of what you give and what you get with three simple categories.

Some discussion: each event may have different requirements. Use document as a base on which to work out details. We could tailor our sponsorship guidelines to our current sponsors, and to grow future events with new sponsors.

**ACTION: WARREN AND PETER WATT TO DISCUSS; WARREN TO RE-SEND TO THE BOARD WHEN TWEAKED. PETERW TO RESEARCH WITH KEITH MORISON.**

- **OPRC Performance Rally rules –**

**(a) Allowing more competitors to qualify for the championship.**

Warren led the discussion about possible ways to allow more competitors to qualify for the OPRC championship. Warren would like to be able to open the championship up; to break down some barriers and have fewer qualifications. The standards would remain, but perhaps the number of events needed to qualify, etc., could be reviewed.

Some discussion on importance of standalones like GCFR and LHFR and wording around those events. Number and type of events have changed since those rules. Need to examine various scenarios.

**ACTION: WARREN TO SEND OUT EMAIL SUGGESTIONS TO THE BOARD.**

**(b) Competitor standings.**

Warren has updated the standings and seed list for the RSO website and will send to Bruce for posting.

**ACTION: WARREN TO SEND BRUCE UPDATED LISTS.**

**(c) Sponsor plaques and Car Zero Report.**

- Discussed recognizing ClearWater Design's continuing contribution at the AGM this year.

**ACTION: AWARD TO BE ORDERED WITH THE OTHERS.**

- Displaying RSO plaques at dealerships. Bruce confirmed with his Subaru contact that the plaques are displayed, so we will continue with those.
- Bruce went over readership stats from the "Car Zero Report" and the new format under Mail Chimp since the list has exceeded 500 subscribers.

**8) Legislative Affairs Report – Alasdair.**

**9) Scrutineer's Report – Steve van Rees, Chief Scrutineer.**

No report for this meeting. Tall Pines is covered in the Minutes of December 9, 2013.

**10) Equipment Manager's Report – Ross Wood.**

**(a) 2014 Timing Equipment Rental Budget.**

Two documents were sent in advance to the Board and the club reps on the call. We should still make some money this year, although entry numbers are down. This is a really conservative budget and it still shows us making a little bit.

**11) New Business –**

**(a) Eastern Canadian Rally Championship – Ross.**

Under consideration is a championship of four Eastern Canadian events, which has been received in a positive light by the four organizers. Keep it simple. Prizes would be awarded at year-end. The four CRC classes would be used and each would have minimum \$500 cash prize at end of season. The series would include Charlevoix and one Ontario event. Some discussion of possible expansion of standalone OPRC events to be eligible for this series.

They would like to include at least one more standalone event from each province. Warren said this could be of great benefit to Ontario rallyists to participate. Good all around.

**(b) Quebec insurance issues affect OPRC entry – Ross.**

Tall Pines and other OPRC entries were down this year and one factor was fewer Quebec entrants. We are told that this is due to an interpretation re insurance coverage if Quebec rally cars run outside Quebec. The matter will be researched further.

**(c) RSO AGM and RSO Awards – Pete.**

The Rallysport Ontario Annual General Meeting will be held on March 22 at the Baker's Hill Banquet Centre, 555 Parkhill Road East (at Television Road), in Peterborough. The

hall has been booked.

The VP's for Performance and Navigational rallying are notifying the award-winners, and will let Jeannie know who has confirmed their attendance (Pete and Jeannie are working on the banquet).

The positions up for election are: VP Navigational (incumbent is standing again), Secretary (incumbent is leaving), CARS Director to RSO (incumbent is standing again), and Trustee (one of the three trustees is stepping down this year). Ross is searching for a replacement Secretary.

Need to determine if there are any Motions to be posted ahead of time.

The Secretary asked for Board reports to be submitted in early March for posting on the RSO website.

The Treasurer's financial report will be available in advance of the AGM upon request. The president of any club may contact the Treasurer on behalf of a member who wants this information.

**(d) Canadian Motorsports Expo – Ross.**

The cost is \$850 for a 10x10 booth. Targa Newfoundland (Bob Giannou) may be there. Targa and RSO used to share a booth and split the cost in half. Maybe team up with Targa? Feb 7-8-9. Observe this year with a view to doing this in 2015.

**ACTION: DAVID AND BRUCE WANT TO ATTEND.**

**12) Growth initiatives for the Rally community –**

Bruce is working on something that can be printed and posted anywhere. It would have tear-off strips to direct people to the RSO and OPRC websites. David created the RSO Facebook page, which currently has 39 members. Bruce requested that he add our Facebook page to the RSO website and tag it.

**ACTION: ROGER AND BRUCE TO WORK ON GETTING THE FACEBOOK LINK ON THE RSO WEBSITE.**

**13) Club News**

**(a) British Empire Motor Club (BEMC) (per Bob McCallum)**

**(b) Kitchener–Waterloo Rally Club (KWRC) (per Martin Loveridge)**

KWRC has some new people on the executive:

Martin Loveridge – President

Alex Cox – Vice President

Liisa Tuokko – Treasurer

Christina Chinn – Secretary

The CARS AGM went well, the main items being the new media package partnership including our own Past President Adam Dowsett. Some form of super-rally is coming (restarting after a DNF); if you have any views on that, let them be known now. The EGM passed the new bylaws that KWRC members worked so hard on.

The awards ceremony was really different. In an effort to increase the attendance, Eric Tremblay scheduled a performance rally for that day with the awards at the AGM. Nineteen cars started the icy road; 120km later, 19 cars finished and in the evening the rally came to the Awards ceremony.

To get the people to mingle the dinner and ceremony was a stand-up affair. The hotel had lots of food designed for eating while standing.

Jeremy Norris received the Novice Champion award and won the Production 4WD class. The three awards for two-wheel-drive that KWRC made and donated were well received: the Terry and Linda Epp Trophy, the Ross Wood Trophy, and the Fred and Thelma Baker Trophy.

Our annual banquet was January 18 and was attended by 41 people. It was a dedicated group of club members that worked really hard to put it on once again, and I think it was a great success. The club thanks Bruce Leonard for MC'ing the awards and Jamie Puddester for his talk on rally in Newfoundland.

Frostbite is on February 1, the first event of the 2014 ORRC championship. We'll have Touring class instructions along with the usual classes. We're doing seven SNATR's for 2014, three ORRC's, one charity rally and a First Aid course.

**(c) Motorsport Club of Ottawa (MCO) (per Mike Koch)**

MCO's only 2014 ORRC will take place on November 1 from Perth. Mike will provide the dates of the club TSD series to Bruce for posting, when known. The Lanark Highlands Forest Rally on May 3 will include a TSD component for the first time.

**(d) Maple Leaf Rally Club (MLRC) (per David Maynard)**

The first 2014 Rallycross will be held in Bancroft on January 26. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Ross Wood.

**(e) Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) (per Pete Gulliver)**

January 22, 2014 — The Peterborough Motor Sports Club dropped the green flag on its 61st year with the first round of the Magnum Printing/Mobil 1 Ice Race Series in Minden, on January 18 and 19. The 159 entries included 16 rookies competing in Rubber-to-Ice and Street Stud classes.

The annual PMSC Awards night on January 22nd sees 16 trophies and plaques handed out for achievements in several disciplines.

Next event for PMSC is the Shannonville Stages Rally (SSR) on Saturday, April 12, which PMSC is co-hosting with St. LAC.

Held in conjunction with SSR will be the Salmon River Rally, a TSD rally held on the track (this is a non-series event).

**(f) St. Lawrence Automobile Club (St. LAC) (per Eric Brunner)**

**ST. LAC EVENTS for 2014:** (Tentative Schedule yet to be completely confirmed)

PAF: Picton Air Field

SMP: Shannonville Motorsport Park



#	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
1	Sun 16 Feb	Snow Driving Skill #2 (fall back date: 23 Feb)	PAF
2	Sat 12 Apr	RSO Stages Rally (assisting PMSC)	SMP
3a	Fri 25 Apr	"Spring Fling" Regional Race Test & Tune	SMP-Fabi
3b	Sat 26 Apr	Second Day of "Spring Fling"	SMP-Fabi
4a	Sat 26 Apr	Regional Race School	SMP-Nelson
4b	Sun 27 Apr	Second Day of Regional Race School	SMP
5	Sun 11 May	Test & Tune and Slalom School	PAF
6	Sun 18 May	Club Slalom	PAF
7	Sun 25 May	Club Slalom	PAF
8	Sat 31 May	Regional Slalom (Jack Luck Tribute #5)	PAF
9	Sun 1 Jun	Regional Slalom (Judy Brunner Memorial #15)	PAF
10	Mon 2 Jun	Lapping Day	SMP-Long Track
11	Tue 17 Jun	Evening Club Slalom	SMP
12	Thu 26 Jun	Evening Club Slalom	SMP
13	Tue 8 Jul	Evening Club Slalom	SMP
14	Fri 18 Jul	Evening Lapping Session	SMP-Fabi
15	Sat 19 Jul	Slalom with St. LAC and MR2 Clubs	PAF
16	Sun 20 Jul	Pro-Solo with St. LAC and MR2 Clubs	PAF
17	Thu 31 Jul	Evening Club Slalom	SMP
18	Sun 7 Sep	Club Slalom	PAF
19	Sun 14 Sep	Club Slalom	PAF
20	Sun 21 Sep	Club Slalom	PAF
21	Sun 28 Sep	Club Slalom	PAF
22	Sun 5 Oct	Club Slalom	PAF

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**(g) Subaru Performance Drivers' Association (SPDA) (per Trevor Hancher)**

SPDA kicks off our 2014 season with our Annual General Meeting on February 9, from 4 to 8 p.m., at Dave and Busters near Hwy 400 and 407. Non-members are welcome.

Please see the link for reservations and fees: <http://www.spda-online.com/showthread.php?63171-SPDA-AGM-February-9th-RSVP-Please>

Planning is under way to return to Huntsville, Ontario, for Snokhana 2014. Launched in 2013 to great success, the Snokhana is a winter auto-slalom run on a snow and ice-covered airport runway. The event, which will be held on March 1, 2014, is hosted by SPDA with the Toronto Subaru Club. Entry details are being discussed and will be made available on both clubs' web sites.

**(h) Toronto Autosport Club (TAC) (per Dietmar Seelenmayer)**

TAC will be hosting an Ice Race at Minden on February 22. The club will have one ORRC this year, the Discover Ontario Rally on June 21.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

**13) Next Meeting – Monday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. by teleconference.**



# Membership Application

**Mail:** 18759 Kennedy Road,  
RR#1 Sharon, Ontario, L0G 1V0  
**Email:** [registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca)

- New Members** – Single or Family \$50.00  
 **Renewal Members** – Single or Family \$50.00

(You may PAY ON-LINE or by Cash or Cheque; Please see below...)

- TAC Membership includes CASC-OR (Race, Solo) & RSO (Rally) affiliation for the year
- Family rate is limited to family members domiciled at the same mailing address.
- Renewals : Indicate membership number [# ] (if known)
- Assigned membership numbers will be reserved until February 1st.
- All memberships and affiliations expire December 31.
- Please be aware that membership data may be shared with CASC-OR and/or Rallysport Ontario.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1st Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

2nd (Family) Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Family Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

4th Family Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

5th Family Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

Cash       Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_       PayPal       Other      TOTAL \$: \_\_\_\_\_

To pay by PAYPAL/Credit Card, please visit the Club website at: [www.torontoautosportclub.ca](http://www.torontoautosportclub.ca).

This Application Form must also be filled out and submitted so we have your information.

You should begin receiving the FIFTH GEAR newsletter within 2 months. Please let us know if you don't.

FIFTH GEAR is also available on the website. Check here if you do NOT need a mailed copy

**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