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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The Discover Ontario Car Rally happened last Saturday, June 6. Thanks to Brooke for organizing an excellent event. There were 12 entries, 2 Expert and 10 Novice. The route took the competitors from the service centre on 401 eastbound near Port Hope to the finish in Cobourg. This took about 3.5 hours and 190 km. You can see that the 401 is a more direct route but not as scenic.

Peter Fenwick and I did the green crewing the Sunday before. The green crew runs the route and checks all the instructions to make sure there are no errors such as distances, wrong turns, speeds are reasonable and within the posted limits. We also check that the checkpoint locations are identified accurately for the checkpoint crews. I also check that the timing is accurate for the checkpoints.

We found one of the roads was not suitable for the event so Brooke needed to find an alternate route to get around this. He did this in an interesting way. He was unable to get to the route prior to the event so decided to use Google to determine the new piece for the section of route then used Google to check a portion of his existing route to determine the difference in the distances, his car vs Google and then corrected the Google distances. He placed a checkpoint in that part of the route with instructions to the crew to make sure they were not too close to a house or other possible problem and what to do if there was. It all worked fine.

Brooke and I were talking about the history of the DOCR and that it must be getting to be around 25 years. Since then I found that the first event was run in 1983. That would make this the 27th event. Oh well we can try for a 30th celebration.

Results are in this issue as well as an article by Stephen Deneka from SPDA.

Serge feels that he does not have the time to devote to his duties as Competition Director and is therefore stepping down. I hope to have information on a replacement at the next meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday June 17 at the Fox and Fiddle at 8:00 pm. As always come earlier to have dinner and chat with the other TACies.

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# TAC EVENTS CALENDAR 2009

<u>DATES</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT/LOCATION</u>	<u>ORGANIZING CLUB</u>
<b>June 2009</b>			
7	F1	TURKEY Grand Prix Istanbul	
8	Club	Mini Rally	MLRC
13	OPRC	Black Bear Rally	
13	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Event #3 ; Shannonville Nelson Track	HADA
14	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Event #4 ; Shannonville Pro Track	HADA
17	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Fox &amp; Fiddle Rest. (Finch W)</b>	 TAC
21	F1	BRITISH Grand Prix Silverstone	
21	IRL	Iowa Speedway	
26-27	CRC	Baie des Chaleurs Rally	CRAB
27	IRL	Richmond International Raceway	
27-28	Regional Race	BARC/NYR SCCA Grand Prix of Ontario Mosport	
28	Autoslalom	Autoslalom Mobil-1 Ontario / tbd	WOSCA
<b>July 2009</b>			
4	SoloSprint	SoloSprint School #3; Mosport Big Track	SPDA
5	IRL	Watkins Glen International	
5	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Event #5; Mosport Big Track	SPDA
12	F1	Grand Prix of GERMANY Hockenheim	
12	INDY	Streets of TORONTO	
12	Autoslalom	Autoslalom Mobil-1 Ontario / Memorial Centre Peterborough	PMSC
13	Club	Mini Rally	MLRC
15	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Fox &amp; Fiddle Rest. (Finch W)</b>	 TAC
17-18	ALMS	Northeast Grand Prix, Lime Rock CT	
17-18	RA	NEFR	
25-26	Regional Race	MCO Ted Powell Memorial Trophy Calabogie	
26	Club	RallyCross	MLRC
26	F1	HUNGARIAN Grand Prix, Hungaroring	
26	INDY	Edmonton City Centre Airport	
<b>August 2009</b>			
1	IRL	Kentucky Speedway	
28-29	RA	Ojibwe Rally	
6-8	ALMS	Acura Sportscar Challenge, Mid-Ohio	
8	OPRC	GCFR	PMSC
8-9	Regional Race	BARC Canadian Touring Trophy Mosport	
9	IRL	Mid-Oho Sports Car Course	
10	Club	Mini Rally	MLRC
14-16	ALMS	Generac 500, Road America, WS	
15	ORRC	<b>Infinite Monkeys</b>	 TAC
15	Autoslalom	Autoslalom Mobil-1 Ontario / Powerade Centre Brampton	HADA
22	SoloSprint	Test & Tune - Mosport Big Track	 TAC
23	F1	EUROPEAN Grand Prix, Valencia	
23	IRL	Infineon Raceway	

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

OPRC : Ontario Performance Rally Championship  
CASC : Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs  
ALMS : American LeMans Series  
RA : Rally America



# Infinite Monkeys Rally

Saturday, August 15, 2009



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Truck sighted on  
the 401. Must  
have been on  
her way to the  
rally!

--If an infinite number of monkeys drove an infinite number of cars, they may actually follow this route -- anon.

This is an Ontario Road Rally Cup navigational car rally, presented by the Toronto Autosport Club and sanctioned by RallySport Ontario. All levels of competitors from beginner to expert are welcome, and will receive separate instructions of appropriate ease/difficulty. The route is approximately 250 km long, and you will spend about 4.5 hours on the road. Navigational car rallies take place on open public roads and respect all the laws of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. You will be driving on gravel roads for a lot of this event. Speeds on the route will never exceed 95% of the posted speed limits--to win, you'll need to drive to *precise* speeds, not *high* speeds, and this event is suitable for any street legal vehicle.

Start and Finish:  
**Newmarket, Ontario**  
(restaurant to be  
determined soon)

Registration Opens:	9:30am
Beginner's Tutorial:	10:00am
Crew Meeting:	10:30am
Car Zero Out:	11:00am

Entry Fee: \$50 per car.  
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## DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY – ONE TEAM’S VIEW – – Steven Deneka (SPDA)

This article started is a review of the Discover Ontario Car Rally from the point of view of one team, but for those that haven't followed the Ontario Road Rally Cup the last two years, I have to explain the novice battle between the two SPDA teams. You see, Trevor Hancher and I met and were friends as kids in Grade 6 until we lost track of each other in Grade 11. Then two decades later, we found ourselves lapping the DDT at the same event. We had both purchased the exact same model and colour of car (World Rally Blue 2004 Subaru STi's) and our first contact in 20 years was me accidentally trying to fill HIS brake fluid reservoir instead of topping up my own. The friendship fell back into place quickly, and so did some youthful spirit of competition at times. So, when you read this article, keep in mind that it's a **FRIENDLY** Death Match that our two novice rally teams are locked in for the 2009 ORRC Novice Cup.

It was a quick jaunt down the 401 from Georgetown to Port Hope for the start of the DOCR.

The DOCR was pretty well attended with 12 teams total. Two Expert (Moore's & Leonards), plus 10 Novice, with a lot of new novice teams. Brownhill & Corbett hiked it out from Ottawa again. Kulikowski & Sutherland from Kitchener. The SPDA teams of Deneka & Gamble and Hancher & Doig from western GTA, and the other 6 novice teams had never finished in the points yet. Great to see some new teams out! Hopefully, Brooke didn't scare them off TOO badly. 😊

For Opal and I it was key to (for the first time in a long time) actually set our clocks right! Having each one on the same minute was a fresh change. The Terratrip had worked flawlessly since the last rally in Campbellville, but sure enough, driving away from the ODO reset, the odo was frozen at Zero. ARGH! Opal saw the problem immediately though: When I took the ownership and insurance for Ol' Smokey (our 1997 Subaru Legacy wagon) out of the glove box, I accidentally knocked the ground wire for the Digital Signal Interface off the tab. Oops! Press that on, and then back it up the "exit ramp" from the service station past two curious truck drivers with 18 wheelers who gave us a wide berth, and we started Section One over again!

The ODO calibration was one of the most memorable of many rallies because it included Stacey Road with MANY pot holes and dips. Not having a prescribed CAS here, I tried to keep the pace as brisk as possible to make sure we'd have time for the whole 21.5km ODO check. That turned it nearly into a car breaker! When we finally came to a stop at the end of that road, the left rear suspension gave off a loud metallic \*CLANG\*! While we were stopped! That's never good. I'll have to have a look at that soon, as she made it through the rally, but I think the left rear wheel bearing has grenaded and the parking brake doesn't sound

happy. Opal used this section to work ahead and translate out the instructions in sections 3 and 4.

Then, section 2 started. I don't know what Brooke's parents did to him as a child, but it instilled a real EVIL streak in this lad... Section 2 was road counting so Opal had to do it "live" with me. Things were going well for us at the beginning. Opal and I (car 10) arrived 4 seconds early for the first checkpoint (CP). Trevor and Ted (car 7) zeroed this. We continued up to about 17.03 at a Y in the road at Forsythe Lane / Deckers Hollow where we saw all sorts of rally traffic going all different directions. The Leonards were parked on the shoulder past the Left Y that we took. We saw the white Lancer coming our way. When we got to Forsythe Lane, Blake & Corbett were heading towards us. We made a left up Forsythe lane and doubled back a minute later finding a dead end. Now Kulikowski & Sutherland joined the party and I saw a blue WRX as well. Then Blake & Corbett reappeared, and disappeared again. What the heck!?! Disappointingly, we didn't see Hancher and Doig struggling with us, which would have been nice.

Reviewing the instructions wasn't helping, so in the end we gave up on the road counting and just used the GPS to find the roads mentioned in the instructions. We figured out how to scroll around on the Garmin Nuvi two rallies ago and it saved our butts this time. We basically found Cold Spring Camp Rd on the GPS, then Oak Hill Rd and headed for Oak Hill. We left the Ottawa team puzzling at the same intersection, but the CAS matched the instructions for Cold Spring so we went on with confidence. Opal immediately calculated how far behind we were... we'd need a Time Allowance (TA) of 6.5 minutes. Five km up the road we hit CP#2 after turning onto Beavermeadow Road. There was a strange Right-Acute Left-Bear Right Y in the notes on the right that we took correctly and then entered the CP. Brooke should have made this CP a route check AND CP and we'd have aced the rally (having zeroed this CP with our TA)! We were apparently only the second team to not fixate on the CP board and actually take the Y.

Unfortunately, car 7 had made it there two cars before us. Darn it! And they only took a 0.1 early! We'd used a TA and it didn't look like they had. Ah well, that was our freebie and it was a long rally ahead.

CP 3 was just two clicks up the road. Not an easy find after a couple of "No Exit" roads before it. We were a little bit behind here, taking our second highest score (a 0.4) for being 26 seconds late. Car 7 took a 0.5 here, probably struggling as much as we did with the "No Exit" road. We sat at the CP proud of ourselves for catching two tough CP's, and used the GPS to calculate the "road counting" Junctions ahead of us.

That turned out to be a BIG mistake. We counted roads on the GPS, but we passed roads a KM before that we later realized we had neglected to count.



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Argh! We ended up doubling back and heading up what can best be described as a one lane forest access road. 300m in, we throw it in reverse and back our way out realizing this can't be the route. We employ our old reliable method of doubling back all the way to the last CP and starting over again with a known departure delay. Now we count our roads again and end up on the same Forest road with the Ottawa team and the Leonards! Corbett clues in first that it's not the right road and doubles back. They don't look amused. The Leonards and our team turn around then too. Opal later catches a road-counting error. Oops. Turns out, we were in the right place from the start, and never had to do any of this. But she calculates our next TA of 11.5 That's 18 minutes. Yeesh. we're almost out of TA's and it's still Section 2!

But that wasn't the end of insults here. The next CP was just 2km up from all of our double backs and we get confused by a no exit road just before turning left onto Walker. CAS is 44, so I try to make up the time, but we hit CP4 before long and I had to guess at how much time over 11.5 minutes we'd lost at the Walker turn. The tendency is to guess high, so I was hesitant, but I thought it best to go with an extra minute. But at 12.5 minutes, that was our whole TA budget for the rally used up in the SECOND Section. This was going badly. We SHOULD have practiced the day before, but neither of us had time. Our extra minute of TA gives us a 0.3 early so it was the correct decision to wing it and add the extra minute. Yes, the CP workers tell me that Car 7 had been there. We find out later that they took a 0.3 late, probably confused by the same "no exit" we were.

One more CP in that section, #5 and we arrived 4 seconds early for a -0.1 early. Trevor and Ted took a 0.3 early here. We didn't know it at the time, but they were doing about as well as we were. Road counting is our Achilles Heel and four CP's in that section were doing us in.

Fortunately, Section 3 was a piece of cake. The instructions were Ordered Tulips and I worked from Opal's translated route sheet alone while she worked ahead. CP6 was Brooke collecting the cards and sending us on our way. I took the opportunity to call him EVIL and give him some cookies, and off I went with a -0.1 early penalty... actually only one second early, darn it! With our 0.5 penalty for the second TA, and car 7 taking a -0.3 early we didn't know it but we were tied with Trevor and Ted! We just thought that we sucked at that point.

Section 4 was "faces" to tell you left or right, and I worked most of it from Opal's translated notes. Opal thought she saw a trick in here, but it was just Brooke's use of pronouns. That's what you get when your navigator is a technical writer / editor. 😊 A simple section with just one CP, #7, which we zeroed. T&T took a -0.1 early. I'm not the only leadfoot in this sport. 😊 We worked ahead to figure out a tricky delay in section five coming up, and we

concluded that we'd need to take a 30 second pause at a point later on.

Section 5 was a little tricky and Opal had to guide me through the first half. You had to note not only the turn you took, but the options that you left behind to use those later! We were heading down a road at one point when we saw the Leonards driving out of it as oncoming traffic. I waved to them and asked Opal, "Are we still in the ORT section?" "No, that was over a long time ago." A couple of km's ahead, Opal told me to go straight at a right junction, but as we passed by the intersection we noticed a Checkpoint right after the right turn. It was SO tempting to make the right, but Opal wouldn't let me. I was ready to do a U-Turn, but we followed the instructions to make the big loop around to take it at the correct time, so it all worked out!

Well, almost. There was only this one CP (8) and we took a -0.5 early. Why? We forgot that 30 second pause from the previous section. Well, Opal says she told me to take it. I say I never heard it. She pays more attention than I do, and my wife also tells me that I never listen, so she was probably right. T&T took a 0.6 late, so the battle continued about even.

Section 6 was out of order tulips and Opal caught up and helped me with the copied notes half way through. We took a -0.1 for being 3 seconds early to CP9. Unbeknownst to us, T&T took a 0.1 late. The CP workers told us that Trevor & Ted again arrived before us, making it seem like they had NO trouble whatsoever. Darn it! They weren't cutting us any breaks.

Section 7 was simple columnar instructions. There was only one CP and we were 0.1 or 3 seconds late. Trevor and Ted zeroed it.

As soon as we were out of the road counting notes in section 2, Opal and I had a good rhythm and good teamwork with no real surprises for the rest of the rally. It worked great in the latter half, and we were smiling and laughing through the last half.

Section 8 was an elapsed time section and both our teams zeroed it when we checked in at the Boston Pizza. We saw Trevor & Ted's score of 2.3 and thought, "Oh no, that's good. They got us". Opal ordered a beer while I had a Diet Pepsi and calculated our total points from our checkpoint notes. I double checked everything and came up with... 2.1. TWO POINT ONE!!! From a few tables down, Trevor and Ted didn't seem to be arguing their scores with Brooke, so they probably agreed with their 2.3. I slinked over to the score tally board where Dietmar and Brooke were tallying scores and saw that no one else was that low. Still a few teams to report, but it was looking good! We were 1.6 ahead of the Moores, too, so if things stayed where they were, we'd end up with the overall. On the way to get the camera that I forgot in the car, I dropped a teaser with Trevor and Ted, "Well, we're within 0.2



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of you." Then I walked off without telling them if it was high or low. I enjoyed the anxious look on their faces... I didn't know it, but because of their almost trouble-free rally they had come in almost a half hour before we got there and had been watching for the publishing of every novice team's results.

When I came back in, Ted desperately asked me, "What did you calculate?" "2.1 total including the 0.5 penalty for the second TA." I looked across at the scoreboard and they had us at 1.7. Hrmm! Looks like I missed a 0.1, and they forgot to give me the 0.5 second penalty for taking a second Time Allowance! Even still... that would be 2.2. Oh, I could see the frustration in the colour of Trevor's face, but he was grinning and he was the first to offer to shake my hand for the win. "No!" I exclaimed. "Not until they're final!" Ya see, there's been "Inquiries" after the results this year, and I wasn't counting my chickens until they were hatched!

Brooke and Dietmar had assessed us an extra -0.1 early on CP#9, and they were right. I missed it in my first calculations of our score, but we were definitely 3 seconds early. Ted still wasn't happy with our 1.7 though with the forgotten 0.5 penalty, so he accompanied me as I went and reminded Dietmar and Brooke that they have to assess a 0.5 penalty for the 2nd, 3rd, etc. TA's used. That meant going back through all of the scorecards to do so, but it didn't change any finishing orders and the results held without protest.

The Moores took first in Expert, followed by the Leonards in second. Or "Last" as Bruce calls it. I reminded him that he and Jane should have at least two more teams in Intermediate with them next year should he and Jane decide to drop back down to play with our teams. Hopefully they will!

In novice, one team managed to take 205 penalty minutes with only 11 checkpoints. Impressive! I do hope they're out again. We had a 301+ after MLWR and it only made us try harder.



Baig and Ladwa finished 4th to score 7 points. A

great performance after finishing outside the points in the 2009 January Jaunt. Kulikowski and Sutherland took 3rd novice!



Trevor and Ted in Second, Opal and I in 1st, with our first overall win as well! Finishing 0.1 minutes apart... you can't ask for better competition than that. Well done guys! So the battle between our teams will continue into Infinite Monkeys and probably won't be decided until the end of the First Frost rally in December.



That's some BIG metal to take away! Opal's bringing it back first to use as a kitten bed. (Does anyone want some cute fluffy kittens? Anyone?)

Our congratulations to all of the teams, and our thanks to Brooke! He put together a very challenging rally and we all enjoyed the challenge.

... though road counting... not so much! 😊  
We'll see you all at TAC's Infinite Monkeys Rally in August!

### ON THE COVER:

Opal Gamble & Steven Deneka with their 1st Noice awards at 2009 DOCR, presented by Brooke Jacobs

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## 2009 Discover Ontario Car Rally

The 2009 Discover Ontario Car Rally ran on Saturday, June 6th. Thanks to the greencrew and checkpoint volunteers: Dietmar Seelenmayer, Peter & Margaret Fenwick, Brian Maxwell, Nick & Ingrid Beck, Christina Chinn and Mac Calder.

Here are the results:

Car	Driver/Navigator	Class	CP 1	CP 2	CP 3	CP 4	CP 5	CP 6	CP 7	CP 8	CP 9	CP 10	Finish	TA Penalty	Total
2	Raheel Baig Praneil Ladwa	Novice	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.6	0.1e	0.4	0.8	11.4	8.6	0.6	2e		28.8
3	Peter Brownhill Gary Corbett	Novice	0.1	0.9e	0.5	20	20	20	15	3.0	0.0	0.9e	1		81.4
5	Mathieu Gagnon Matt Geng	Novice	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.5	0.2e	1.3	0.9e	8.4	0.3	1.5	1e	1.5	18.9
6	Gary Allan Chris Allum	Novice	1.2	1.9	0.3	0.0	1.3e	0.8e	1.0e	10.8e	5.6	0.9e	0		23.8
7	Trevor Hancher Ted Doig	Novice	0.0	0.1e	0.5	0.3	0.3e	0.3e	0.1e	0.6	0.1	0.0	0		2.3
8	Bryan Gordon Kevin Seguin	Novice	20	20	20	20	20	15	20	15	20	20	15		205
9	Wendy Suchit Michael Grama	Novice	0.8	20	20	20	20	12.2	13.4	20	20	20	15		181.4
10	Stephen Deneka Opal Gamble	Novice	0.1e	0.0	0.4	0.3e	0.1	0.1e	0.0	0.5e	0.1e	0.1	0	0.5	2.2
11	Andrew Kulikowski Gary Sutherland	Novice	2.3	0.1	0.1	0.1e	0.1e	0.5e	0.7e	10.5e	0.1	0.1	0	1.0	15.6
12	James Cann Caroline Proulx	Novice	7.0	0.8	0.7	3.5	0.8	0.3e	2.1	20	20	15	1e		61.2
1	Paul Moore Rita Moore	Expert	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1e	0.9e	1.7e	0.1e	0.1e	0.0	0.4	0		3.7
4	Bruce Leonard Jane Leonard	Expert	0.1e	0.2	1.2	0.8	0.2e	0.2e	0.0	12.5e	0.5	4.4	0	1.0	21.1

See you next year!

Brooke Jacobs



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**MINUTES OF THE TAC GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 15, 2009**  
**at the Fox & Fiddle, Finch Ave, Toronto**

Meeting opened at 8:00pm.  
Minutes recorded by Rita Moore.

Present: Dietmar, Rita, Peter C, Andrew K, Paul M, Peter F, Malcolm E, Rob J, Janet J, Alex L., Rich S, Geoff S, Eloise S, Maegs S, Nick B

Previous Minutes: from March 18/09 general meeting, to be published in next 5th Gear.

Treasurer's Report:

- there are 44 long-sleeved T-shirts still available.
- \$18,295.55 current balance. Bills are paid, only thing outstanding is \$10 to ASN/FIE and the 5th Gear expenses.

Competition:

- Spring Runoff navigational rally on Saturday in Hastings.
- RSO Navigational Rally School just finished, 19 students.
- Blossom Rally (navigational) coming up May 2 in Campbellville.
- Shannonville Stages performance rally was run on April 4. Wet weather but only 1 DNF. Chris Martin won.
- Lanark Highlands performance rally on May 9, registration already full.
- Solosprint school coming up May 9. Looking for helpers. Run by SPDA, the school is a very good deal at \$350 for 2 days of instruction, track time, lunch, and entry discounts at future events.

Old Business:

- discussion of conference calls for the Board of Directors meetings.
- Fifth Gear distribution to default to pdf unless paper copy requested.

Items for Sale/Wanted:

For Sale, OBD II code reader that can read codes on vehicles up to but not including the new CAN system (CAN began on all 2008 vehicles). Contact Rita if you want a reader for your pre-2008 vehicle.

Loonies in the bus: Winner was Maeg Sullivan. Thanks to Janet J for carrying the hat!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm. The members were then delighted to view a slideshow by Malcolm with photos of amazing, interesting vehicles (and a few other wonderful sights) he witnessed on his trip to South America. Thank you very much Malcolm!!

# **MINUTES OF THE TAC GENERAL MEETING**

## **Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Fox & Fiddle, Finch Ave, Toronto**

Meeting opened at 8:00pm. Minutes recorded by Rita Moore.

Present: Dietmar, Rita, Peter C, Andrew, Al R, Paul, Rob J, Janet J, Nick B, Peter F, Margaret F.

Previous Minutes: the April 15 meeting minutes need to be published in 5th Gear.  
March/09 minutes accepted as published.

### Treasurer's Report:

- current bank balance is \$18,144.56.
- 2007 dividend payment from Solosprint came in.
- unpaid expenses currently are bills for 5th Gear and conference calls.
- Peter is moving, remaining shirts need to be moved to somebody else's place (Secretary volunteered to take them for now)
- by October, Peter will likely resign as Treasurer due to his move.

### Competition Reports:

Solosprint: a report by Al Ribiero, our solosprint rep.

- A solo school recently took place, nearly sold out. Hail and other exciting weather on the Saturday.
- DDT event this weekend at Mosport.

Rally: a report by Paul Moore, our rep to RSO.

- 3 rallycrosses will be held this summer in Bancroft.
- There is a deal for performance rally competitors with TV 2 Go for personal coverage.
- ASN has a new rule for helmet standards becoming effective in 2012.
- Next OPRC rally is the Black Bear, in a new location.
- RSO will be getting a new chief scrutineer.
- Recent navigational rallies were the Spring Runoff, with 14 cars and a bit of work for the Steward at the end; and the Blossom, a long and very well done event by KWRC.
- Upcoming navigational events are TAC's own Discover Ontario Car Rally on June 6 in Port Hope, by Brooke Jacobs with Dietmar green crewing. Also ongoing mini events by KWRC and MLRC including one this weekend.

Old Business: 2003-2004 records are needed to complete incorporation papers. Nick to help Dietmar find these records.

New Business: an offer from AXA Insurance for a roadside assistance plan for members was reviewed. It was decided that TAC will offer them ad space in 5th Gear to reach all members.

### Items for Sale/Wanted:

Rita is selling a 16' fibreglass canoe. Peter C will be having a garage/moving sale in early June.

Loonies in the bus: Winner was Al Ribiero.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:57pm.

**Minutes of the TAC Board of Directors meeting**  
**held Wednesday, June 3, 2009 by conference call.**  
**Meeting opened at 8:13pm.**

Present: Dietmar Seelenmayer, Rita Moore, Serge Gushin

Reports:

Serge will give a Solo update at the next meeting.

Topics of Discussion:

- Serge stated that he does not plan on continuing as Competition Director.
- Peter is moving; when we will need to replace our Treasurer?
- A lack of TAC participation in Solo events and possible promotion methods was discussed. A suggestion that the TAC membership flyer be reviewed and possibly updated was made. Dietmar will send an electronic copy to the Board for this purpose.

Old Business:

- The TAC website still needs improvement. Brooke has submitted a suggestion for a design which the BOD favoured. Brooke has implied that he is still willing to maintain the website but needs help keeping the content up to date. Rita offered to demonstrate the Content Management System used by RSO at the next meeting; this system does not affect the design of a website but allows several users to add documents and information any time. Serge offered to demonstrate the current TAC html coding and will get the ftp password from Brooke.
- The Discover Ontario Car Rally is this weekend. Dietmar has green crewed it and promises a very interesting rally. Rita will send out another reminder on the Rally-Ontario newsgroup.

New Business:

- A request for 2 TAC tee shirts to be used as door prizes at the Infinite Monkeys Rally on August 15 was approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:53pm.

Next TAC general meeting is on Wednesday June 17, at the Fox and Fiddle.



## RSO Board/Executive Meeting - May 19, 2009 Minutes

LOCATION – Girl Guide Office, 38 Parkside Dr., Newmarket, ON  
 food at 6:30 PM – meeting at 7:00 PM  
 28/05/09



NAME	POSITION	PRESENT
Ray Felice	President	Yes
Rob MacKenzie	Vice-President – Performance	Yes
Rita Moore	Vice-President – Navigational	Yes
Ross Wood	Secretary	Yes
Peter Gulliver	Treasurer	Yes
Paul Henshall	Executive Assistant	Yes
Jeff Hagan	Assistant V.P Performance	Yes
Roger Sanderson	Scorer	Yes
Mark Ockwell	Chief Scrutineer	
Christina Chinn	RSO Growth Committee	Regrets
Alasdair, Robertson	Legislative Affairs	Regrets
Jeff Lantz	OPRC Classic Class Coordinator	
Ross Wood	RallyCross Coordinator	Yes
TBA	BEMC Club Representative	
Christina Chinn	KWRC Club Representative	Regrets
Jeannie MacGillivray	MCO Club Representative	Regrets
Ross Wood	MLRC Club Representative	Yes
Rob MacKenzie	PMSC Club Representative	Yes
Nuwan Dantanarayana	SPDA Club Representative	
Paul Moore	TAC Club Representative	Yes

### Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – as presented – Moore/MacKenzie
- 2) **Approval of March 10, 2009 meeting minutes** – as published – Moore/Gulliver
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – club fees – explanation re one club's fee payment
  - report approved as presented – Gulliver/Moore
  - will need to cash one GIC for operational cash flow
- 4) **CARS Update** – (1) insurance per car levies April 2009 – March 2010
  - closed course – \$35
  - RallySprint - \$60
  - Regional - \$105
  - National/ Natrional & Regional - \$120
  - Single road - \$60
 (2) CRC footage – available for competitors & events to purchase
  - \$250 DVD branded
  - \$500 DVD unbranded
  - \$450 HD branded
  - \$900 HD unbranded
 (3) Helmets – standards changing end of 2013 – no more BSI rated allowed
- (4) Contracts have been signed with Subaru & Yokohoma for the CRC
- (5) CARS website – new site being developed
- 5) **Old Business - (a) RSO AGM & Awards Banquet – March 21, 2009**
  - elections – (2 year terms) – President – Ray Felice, VP Performance – Rob MacKenzie, Treasurer – Peter Gulliver
  - 2 motions passed amending RSO Bylaws –
  - The first is a plan to create a Board of Trustees (BOT) consisting of three people, each serving a three year term with one Trustee being replaced each year by election at the RSO AGM. This BOT is charged with the responsibility of disbursing the assets of RSO in a manner that would be in

the interest of rallyists in Ontario, in the unlikely event of the dissolution of RSO. The first BOT will consist of Dennis Wharton, Alasdair Robertson and Peter Gulliver.

- The second Bylaw change revised the conditions of meeting a quorum for holding an RSO AGM or Special AGM. The revised clause re quorum now states that a majority of member clubs, officially represented at any meeting by a member carrying his/her club's proxy, at any meeting of RSO shall constitute a quorum. This change resolves the ongoing problem we have had of rounding up enough votes of individual members to form a quorum. Note - this change relates only to forming a quorum to legally hold a meeting; there will be no change to the voting system for business arising at the meetings i.e. each individual RSO member will continue to exercise a vote and each club will have one vote. Individual members may still carry proxy votes for other RSO members.
- New AGM meeting location – excellent location & food
- (b) **RallyCross/RallySprint** (1) MLRC – plans in place for five events – two winter & three summer – four of those in Bancroft, one at Burnt River (2) KWRC – looking into putting on rallycrosses at a location in western Ontario
- (c) **RSO Board History** – will be published in the RSO Rulebook and on the RSO website
- (d) **RSO Rally School** – March 23, March 30 & April 6 – Caledon Village Hall
  - successful – 17 students, 13 workers – Growth Committee had a survey Completed by participants – each participant received a \$5 discount coupon that can be applied to any ORRC event in the next year
  - a coupon will be placed with the ad in the Tall Pines spectator guide
  - curriculum to be reviewed for 2010
- 6) **OPRC**
  - (a) **Series Standings** – LHFR scores to be added soon
  - (b) **Perce Neige Rally** - Feb. 6-7 – Steward's Report – has been received – force majeure rule to be revised by the

CARS Board

a collision occurred between two competing cars  
a competitor was injured in a service area mishap

- (c) **Shannonville Rally** – April 4, 2009 – 19 entries – good event - terrible weather - pending Steward's Report
  - (d) **Lanark Highlands Forest Rally** – May 9 – excellent event, especially considering it was a new committee – 24 entries – “biblical” rain – will have to pay some road damage
  - (e) **Black Bear Rally** – June 13 – shaping up well – Supp Regs have been published - permissions for new roads in Bancroft area are signed – route complete – organizer notes done by Tom McGeer/Brian Maxwell – greencrew and Work Day on May 30<sup>th</sup> – need more workers – contact Ross Wood
  - (f) **Galway Cavendish Forest Rally** – August 8 – Supp Regs completed – route will be same as 2008
  - (g) **Organizers' Forum** – now in operation on MLRC website – good exchange between OPRC organizers
  - (h) **Door Panels** – RSO Regional events will use the CARS door panels with a Regional sponsor (Hotbits) decal on it – numbers are smaller and colour (green) does not show well
- Procedure for Supp. Regs.** – Regional event Supp Regs must be submitted to the RSO VP Performance, RSO President and event Stewards
- (j) **Chief Scrutineer** – Mark Ockwell is stepping down after the Black Bear due to Personal obligations – VP Performance will approach a couple of candidates
  - (k) **Classic Division Coordinator** – Jeff Lantz is stepping down – VP Performance will take over his duties
  - (l) **Defi – Steward** – John Bellefleur has been appointed as the RSO Steward

#### 7) ORRC

- (a) **Series Standings** – current as posted
- (b) **Maple Leaf Winter Rally** – Steward's report received
- (c) **Spring Runoff Rally** – April 18 – 14 entries – good event – scoring issues re one control placement – handled well by Organizer & Steward
- (d) **Blossom Rally** – 6 ORRC entries - excellent event – extremely well planned – 35 Checkpoints over 6 hours
- (e) **Discover Ontario Rally** – June 6 – will run out of Port Hope – greencrew has been appointed
- (f) **Greencrew procedures** – organizer not expected to accompany greencrew
- (g) **Rules** - proposed changes were discussed and approved – Paul Moore will write final summary of changes

#### 8) Growth Committee - (per Christina Chinn)

- group email list – VP Navigation has created a group email list directed at beginners and navigational rallyists

#### New Business –

- (1) **Bill 118 Update** – Alasdair Robertson is acting on our behalf with this Bill – going well – will have more to report as it is developed
- (2) **Conference Call Service Provider** – new less expensive provider has been found
- (3) **Yokohama photo contest** – Ray F. to check and advise
- (4) **Bull Run Rally** – appears to be a scam

#### 10) Club News

##### MLRC (per Ross Wood)

-fourth Mini Rally has been held – small entry but good event and enjoyed by all – next event is on June 8th

-Black Bear plans are moving ahead very well – Supp. Regs. have been posted – move to Bancroft area (McArthur's Mills) has been finalized - road permissions have been confirmed – route plan finalized – will have organizer-provided stage notes (written by Tom McGeer & Brian Maxwell) plus two

pass recce - stage notes being written this week – need more workers – contact Ross Wood – Work Day is May 30th  
Pines Committee is moving ahead – can still use another few committee members – anyone interested in joining the committee should contact Mike Koch at [mike@tallpines.com](mailto:mike@tallpines.com)  
-first Summer RallyCross will be held on July 26 in Bancroft

##### TAC (per Paul Moore)

The Toronto Autosport Club is looking forward to its second and third ORRC events in June and August after a successful January Jaunt. The Discover Ontario Rally on June 6th will start between Oshawa and Port Hope on the 401 at the service centre (5 km east of exit 448). It will no doubt be an interesting and challenging event with Brooke Jacobs back as the organizer after a short hiatus. On August 13th, the Infinite Monkeys returns with a new location. The event will run out of Newmarket. Details to follow shortly. Many TAC member participated in the Solosprint School at the Mosport Driver Development Track on May 9th. The weather played a bit of havoc with the day (same day as the Lanark OPRC event for those who still have not dried out!) but everyone had fun. I hear that a second generation racer made her track debut at the school.

TAC has a number of long sleeve cotton shirts available with the TAC logo on the back or arms in grey or white for \$10. These shirts meet the requirements for Solosprint events and make a fine addition to anyone's wardrobe, even if you don't belong to TAC. See Rita Moore if you are interested. As always, TAC holds its meeting (except August and December) on the third Wednesday of each month at the Fox and Fiddle at Finch and Keele, Toronto. Everyone is welcome to attend the business meeting at 8 pm, or join us for dinner any time after 7:00.

##### MCO (per Jeannie MacGillivray)

On May 9, the MCO held our first-ever stage rally, the Lanark Highlands Forest Rally (LHFR). A one-road regional event, it attracted 24 teams to run the Lavant Mill Road under various conditions, ranging from dry to drenched by heavy rain and mud. Nine teams DNF'd. We had good support from the community and are grateful that so many workers came to help us. Thank you! The Lanark Highlands Township Council is gathering reports and will be making a decision as to the viability of the event. As part of our goal to support the community, we donated 352 items of non-perishable food, plus \$235.50 in cash and cheques to the Lanark Highlands Food Pantry. We particularly thank our HotBits suspension sponsor for their generous cheque! Next up: Holding a de-briefing session and reviewing the comments and recommendations regarding the LHFR. Leading up to the rally, we held a Saturday morning course for new co-drivers, given by Jane Laan and Mike Koch, and attended by 23 students.

Next events: On May 27, we hold our first TSD rally in the Open Road Rally series (Glen Clarke and Robert Roaldi), followed by our first Rallycross on May 30 (Greg van Dalen).

##### KWRC (per Christina Chinn)

##### PMSC (per Rob MacKenzie)

The Peterborough Motor Sport Club has 56 members to date.

PMSC is starting their Solo season with most new members from that discipline.

The Shannonville Stages Rally was a successful joint event with KWRC.

The Spring Run Off rally held on April 18th was also a lot of fun with 14 teams entered.

The GCFR has its Sponsorship in place and is well on its way to another successful event.

##### SPDA (per Nuwan Dantanarayana)

11) **Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 7 At Ray Felice's home in Guelph**



# Membership Application

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**Email:** [registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca)

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

(You may also JOIN or RENEW ON-LINE; 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 is shared with CASC-OR

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1st Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Please indicate three areas that you can autosport interests for the coming year. help with this year

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