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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

First off, I wish Chuck Atkins a speedy recovery after his recent surgery. I know he won't be at the March meeting, but is recuperating at home.

Thanks to Sergei Gushin for volunteering as Acting Competition Director. Any other volunteers or nominations will be taken up at the April meeting. Voting for the position will take place at the April meeting.

Ice racing is now over for another year. If Peter's count is correct, there were 22 TACCies competing this year. To give some highlights for top three places: Dan Douglas is first and Andy Hughes is third in FWD swb; Rodney Schmelter is third in RWD and second in RWD second driver; Nick Majors is first in RWD studs, Kyo Tabuchi is second in AWD studs; Andrew Vernon is first in AWD street studs, I am third in the same category; Gary Vernon is second in FWD lwb second driver and Graham Tullet is first in AWD second driver. Overall stud driver is Nick Majors, street stud is Andrew Vernon, and second place rubber to ice goes to Dan Douglas. Time to plan for next year!

While on competition, Ralliettes start 4th Wednesday in April. Organizers can let me know their preferred month now, before I call them.

Hope to see more people at the meeting on March 21 at the Fox and Fiddle.

Dietmar

TAC EVENTS CALENDAR 2007

| <u>DATES</u> | <u>CATEGORY</u> | <u>EVENT/LOCATION</u> | <u>ORGANIZING CLUB</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|------------------------|
| MARCH 2007 | | | |
| 18 | Fr | AUSTRALIAN Grand Prix 307.574km | |
| 19 | Rally School | RSO Beginner Rally School | RSO |
| 21 | Meeting | TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Fox & Fiddle Restaurant (Finch W) 📍 | TAC |
| 24 | AGM/Awards | RSO AGM & Awards | RSO |
| 24 | IRL | Homestead-Miami Speedway | |
| 26 | Rally School | RSO Beginner Rally School | RSO |
| 30-31 | ALMS | St Petersburg Grand Prix | |
| APRIL 2007 | | | |
| 1 | IRL | Grand Prix of St. Petersburg | |
| 1 | Solo | SOLO OPEN HOUSE - CSC Racing, Newmarket | |
| 2 | Rally School | RSO Beginner Rally School | RSO |
| 7 | ORRC | Spring Runoff Rally | PMSC |
| 8 | CHAMP | Streets of Las Vegas | |
| 8 | Fr | MALAYSIAN Grand Prix 310.408km | |
| 9 | Mini Rally | Mini Rally | MLRC |
| 13-15 | ALMS | Long Beach Grand Prix | |
| 15 | CHAMP | Streets of Long Beach | |
| 15 | Fr | BAHRAIN Grand Prix 308.238km | |
| 18 | Meeting | TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Fox & Fiddle Restaurant (Finch W) 📍 | TAC |
| 20-21 | ALMS | Lone Star Grand Prix, Houston Tx | |
| 21 | IRL | Twin Ring Motegi | |
| 22 | CHAMP | Houston, Reliant Park | |
| 25 | Ralliette | Ralliette Series Event #1, Tim Hortons: Mississauga Rd & Derry 📍 | TAC |
| 28-29 | Solo II Series | Autoslalom School, BCS&E, Brampton | SPDA |
| 29 | IRL | Kansas Speedway | |
| MAY 2007 | | | |
| 5 | ORRC | Blossom Rally | KWRC |
| 12-13 | Regional Race | BEMC Spring Trophy Mosport | BEMC |
| 12-13 | Solo II Series | CASC-OR Mobil 1 Autoslalom Series ; TBA | |
| 12 | SoloSprint | SoloSprint School Day #1, Mosport DDT | |
| 13 | Fr | SPANISH Grand Prix 305.256km | |
| 13 | SoloSprint | SoloSprint School Day #2, Mosport DDT | |
| 14 | Mini Rally | Mini Rally | MLRC |
| 16 | Meeting | TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Fox & Fiddle Restaurant (Finch W) 📍 | TAC |
| 17-19 | ALMS | Utah Grand Prix, Salt Lake City | |
| 20 | CHAMP | Zhuhai International Circuit, China | |
| 23 | Ralliette | Ralliette Series Event #2, Tim Hortons: Mississauga Rd & Derry 📍 | TAC |
| 25-26 | Rally-CRC | Rocky Mountain Rally | CSCC |
| 26 | SoloSprint | SoloSprint Event #1 ; Mosport DDT | |
| 27 | Fr | MONACO Grand Prix 260.52km | |
| 27 | IRL | 91st Indianapolis 500 | |
| 27 | SoloSprint | SoloSprint Event #2 ; Mosport DDT | |
| JUNE 2007 | | | |
| 2 | ORRC | Discover Ontario Rally 📍 | TAC |
| 2-3 | Regional Race | CRDA Shootout at Shannonville | |
| 2 | Solo II Series | CASC-OR Mobil 1 Autoslalom Series , Picton Airport Picton | SPDA |

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
 WRC : World Rally Championship

**TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC. (TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB)
SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**TO ELECT A
CLUB OFFICER in the Position of
COMPETITION DIRECTOR**

Notice is hereby served that a
Special General Membership Meeting
will take place at **8:00 pm** (or later)
following the regular business meeting
on **Wednesday April 18, 2006**

at the Fox and Fiddle, 1285 Finch Avenue West, Toronto (1 Block East of Keele)

**It is important that all members attend (either in person or by proxy)
so that you can vote on matters properly brought forward for the
executive position up for election. Nominations for this position are also
accepted up until call for closing of nominations at the Meeting.**

Due to circumstances, the present director is resigning, thus the position to be filled at the meeting are:

Competition Director

This position is for the remainder of a two year term, running through until November 2007, whereupon the regular annual election for the position will take place.

If you know that you will be unable to attend, please fill out the notice of proxy below and submit it to the Club Secretary before the elections take place (in person by proxy-holder or to club address : 2267 Lakeshore Blvd West, Suite 1214, Toronto Ontario, M8V 3X2)

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NOTICE OF PROXY – TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC.

2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and ELECTIONS

I, _____, being a member in good standing of the Toronto Autosport Club, do hereby assign my voting rights at the 2006 TAC Motorsport Club Inc. Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers, to be held November 15, 2006

to _____, who is also a member in good standing.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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TREASURER'S ICE RACE REPORT

This was a successful year for the CASC Ice Race Series sponsored by Magnum Fine Printing but you could be forgiven for having had some doubts in late January. When I drove up with TAC President Dietmar Seelenmayer one week before the first scheduled weekend, the fields were bare and lakes not frozen. As for the track at the fairgrounds in Minden, it had completely vanished in the balmy weather over Christmas and Tom Prentice and the Kinsmen had just started building the track for the second time. We left the ice racer and returned to Toronto hoping for the best. As it turned out, the first event was cancelled and rescheduled to the rain date but after that the six-weekend season went off without a hitch, and we were treated to cold weather and slippery tracks.

Ice racing is important to the club for a couple reasons. First, there has always been active participation from TAC in ice racing and this year was no exception with over 20 members racing. Second, the TAC ice race weekend has a significant positive impact on club finances so I am happy to report that once again we had a successful weekend. Thanks go out to organizer Andy Hughes and all the volunteers who helped out.

I have to personally thank Dietmar for sharing his '85 Audi 4000 Quattro with me this year. Since Dietmar was running in street stud class and I was running rubber to ice, we were kept busy and did getting on for 100 wheel changes! As for results, my main objective at the outset of the season was to avoid running into anyone and I can report that in that, at least, I was more or less successful. I have some great memories, particularly of close races with Ken Graves of OMSC, the cars never far apart, sideways much of the time - really a lot of fun! If you have not yet been up to Minden to see what goes on at the ice races, put it on your to-do list for next winter.

Peter Clifford



Peter Clifford (#108, rear) vies with ace driver Doug Forbes(#80)

COVER PHOTO: TAC President Dietmar Seelenmayer drives his Audi with determination, through the back kink at Minden (Photo thanks to Peter Clifford)

TAC ICE RACE



**Dietmar Seelenmayer
crosses the Finish Line**



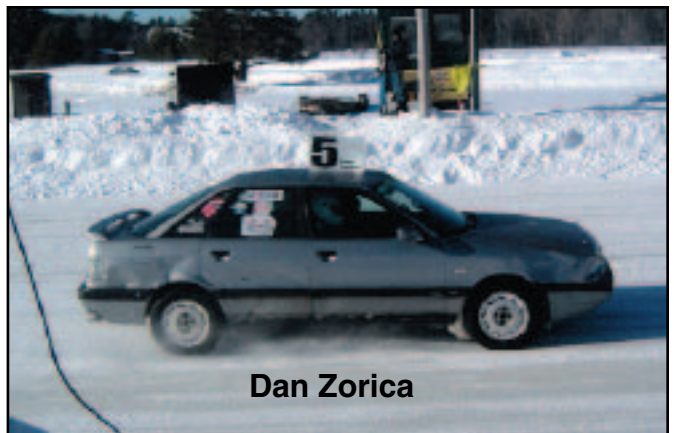
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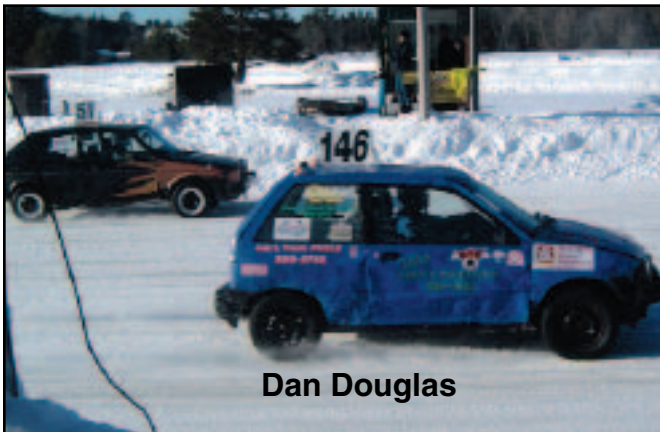
Apologies if we missed any TAC members in photos. There were many too!



Dale Brinklow



Heather Peckham-Hughes



Dan Douglas



Organizer Andy Hughes



Sunday is Clockwise racing!



Andrew Vernon



Robert Lynch

TAC ICE RACE

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Andrew Vernon in the Lead !

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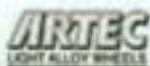


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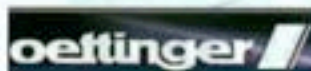
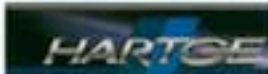
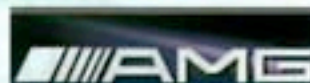


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MAGNUM SERIES COMPETITORS SHOW WELL IN SHERBROOKE ONTARIO DRIVERS NET GOOD RESULTS IN NATION'S TOP ICE RACE

Feb 26, 2007 (CASC)

This year's Challenge sur Glace at Sherbrooke, Quebec featured a visiting contingent of top competitors from the CASC Ontario Magnum Ice Racing Series.

TAC's Chris Martin put in a standout performance to finish 2nd in the Open 4WD category, behind the 400hp, tubeframed Citroen of Quebec's Yves Legris. Martin's brightly coloured, custom-built Ford 'Aspire GTX' was a crowd favorite, outperforming the open class Mitsubishi of rally legend Jean-Paul Perusse, and the familiar Mazda 323 GTX of multiple Ontario champion Tony McGrath. The field also included rally driver Sylvain Erickson, and former single-seat standout Marc-Antoine Camirand.

Contact and broken studs put a fast Nicolas Narini (TAC) out of contention in the Production class final, after having finished as high as 4th on Saturday.

Multiple Magnum Studded class champion Tony McGrath (BARC) defeated an Echo Cup field which included Daytona winner and former Canadian Fford champ Jean-Francois Dumoulin.

For detailed results, see www.challengecanada.com.



NEW ROOKIE LADIES' AWARD FOR MAGNUM SERIES MARG PRENTICE AWARD INAUGURATED BY CHAMPION SPARKPLUGS FOR 2007

CASC-OR announced a brand new award for the 2007 Magnum Ice Racing Series. This new award, perhaps, fondly looks at the grassroots social values of amateur racing by recognizing as the founder of the award, a well known lady, Marg Prentice, who for years worked strongly and supportively to help any and all of the people she came across in the sport of ice racing.

I'm sure she also was an unending support for her husband, Tom Prentice, who is the track builder for the ice racing series, and is the main reason why the people who participate in this sport have such an excellent facility to pursue their passion in amateur racing.

This new award is known as "The Marg Prentice Memorial Award" for "The Top Female Rookie Driver" Presented by "Champion Sparkplugs, a Division of Federal Mogul Company." This is the first time in an ice racing series that there has been an award specifically for female rookie drivers.

Some members of the TLMC were responsible for initiating and in the completion of this beautiful trophy. Many thanks to Champion Sparkplug representative Steve Phillips for his excellent work in supporting and providing this lovely new trophy. We hope the competitors will support the Champion Sparkplug Company by running their decals on their racecars.

So, thank you Marg for your many years of cheery goodness and girls, let's get out there because the green flag is waving.

Sharon Feeney, Ice Race Director

the Soapbox Derby

...by Malcolm Elston

OK, so it's time for a carwash... and I'm driving Gail's 'WHT RBT' Saabaru WRX.

After four days of freezing stuff falling from the sky, it's finally sunny - and the car was filthy after a weekend of running Ontario's ski-country back-roads. After doing a 'pre-wash' at the DIY place, I'm lined up at Bayview for the full-zoot, \$18 int-and-ext deal...

When the woman ahead of me gets out to hand over her luxu-sedan to the attendant, the little furball that's been on her lap trots right along beside her, without a leash - this is a happy, well-trained dog. After I hand over the Saabaru, I catch up with them, and open the subject of driving with a dog on your lap.

This is clearly new territory for the owner, who apparently doesn't think much beyond the next fashion trend. When I gently explain how airbags work, I do get some serious attention, and she did grasp the concept that her little canine buddy would most probably rip her head off in a (minor) frontal collision - airbag deploying, of course (40km/h).

With luck, she'd be alive (but most probably in a para- or a quadraplegic condition). Without luck, she'd be as dead as her dog would be.

So as I'm wrapping up that public-service message, another woman approaches me and asks about the TAC and CASC logos she'd spotted on the back bumper of the Saabaru...

She was an active rallyist with Maple Leaf back in the '70's, had run a few major, and many minor, TSD events, and was asking about Randy Black, Ross Wood, Terry Epp, and a few other long-term Rally Ontario organizers, participants, and well-known characters. We had a good long chat.

The point of my tale? Dunno, really - except that it is a small world, and not all women drivers are equal, by any means.

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The latest crash-fest debacle on the 400 was a classic, and I had the good fortune to be part of it, albeit on the leading edge. I was running up to Barrie late that morning to collect a Porsche Cayenne S for service at the dealership. By the time I reached Hwy. 88 I called the owner and explained that - due to conditions - I would

be 20 to 30 minutes late. Not a problem.

On the return, I launched from Barrie at 12:15pm.

The conditions were challenging, but manageable, although the white-outs reduced my speed to 10km/h in a few places. The truckers were all behaving well, staying in the right lane and matching speed to visibility.

So I made it back to base in an hour-and-a-half; double the expected time.

Which was exactly when the traffic reports started talking about the 50-car pile-up at Barrie, and then the second, 75-car pile-up between Hwy's 88 and 89.

YIKES! But, in retrospect, it was predictable... the conditions that afternoon were somewhat challenging, as noted.

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So, let's consider 'predictable' challenges.

The weather folks have announced a 'winter storm warning', and you have a mission to complete (like getting home)... Assuming you know your ride, you'll quickly review your preparation levels - winter wiper blades, windshield washer fluid levels, gas on board, your tires, and your own readiness and competence for driving in severe conditions, right?

Ummm, apparently not everyone thinks this way. Which explains a lot.

Worse, not even some of my friends! (thin thanks, after years of lecturing and hectoring!)

So KB is going to join us in Creemore for a Saturday of skiing, and launches the Jeep Cherokee Sport from Port Perry just as we launch the Saabaru from Toronto; we should hit the vector simultaneously, given that the night is warm (-1°C) clear and dry, and the distances equivalent.

We land at 9:15pm... and at 10:30 call the KB cell. In the oncoming-road ditch, and high centered. CAA has been summoned...

At 11:15, no CAA at the scene yet, so I go off to find 'em. 20 minutes from Creemore, just on the west side of Camp Borden, and truly 'stuffed'- backwards.

continued...

It's all about tires, folks. Really.

Here's the core of the e-mail I sent to KB last week...

Your Cherokee Sport is riding on Cooper Discoverer H/T tires, size 225/75 R15. And this set of tires has 55,000kms of wear on them.

The sidewall information moulded onto the sidewall reads...

Traction 'A'

Treadwear '520'

Temperature Range 'B'

Here's what all that means...

Traction ratings are a measure of a tire's ability to stop in straight-ahead braking on both wet and dry surfaces. It is measured on both concrete and asphalt. It does not measure acceleration, traction or cornering. The tires are graded from AA, A, B and C, with AA having the best traction for braking. So your tires score pretty well in this category.

Treadwear is numbered from 60 to 500 in increments of 20. The higher the number, the longer the tire should last. A treadwear of 300 should last twice as long as a treadwear of 150. Theoretically it should cost twice as much; any less makes it a bargain in longevity. So with a rating of 520 (literally, 'off-the-scale'!) your tires are made from extremely hard rubber... which of course means less grip. Since tire evaluations and testing are usually done in 'average' weather (except for specialty winter-tires), you must also factor in the effect of cold weather (it was -1°C when you spun) – so your tires had become even harder.

Even more worrisome, there is a little secret about treadwear numbers: They are not comparable from one manufacturer to the other. Those tread wear numbers are valid only when comparing apples to apples. Each tire manufacturer sets his own numbers. One manufacturer may rate a 400 tire as comparable to another manufacturer's 300 tire. Tires are not government tested and regulated, although there is a DoT (Dept. of

Transportation) number moulded into the sidewall of tires whose construction meets or exceeds the minimum standards outlined by the DoT. Tread wear is used only as a comparative between the tires of the same manufacturer. So use the tread wear number within the same product line. This is how Cooper was able to apply an 'off-the-scale' treadwear rating to your tires.

Temperature is rated from A to C. C-rated tires run hotter at the same speeds and weather conditions, and C is the minimum allowed by the U.S. Department of Transportation. Your tires are not of the highest quality in this category, either.

If you want to see behind the veil, go visit - 'www.coopertires.com'

It is a very hip, very slick website, but you'll notice how they don't talk about how their tires actually perform...

From the Cooper Tires website... "While many leading brand 4WD tyres are made with lighter construction and less tread, Cooper Tires continues to produce strong, deep-tread tyres. Cooper tyres come with a written guarantee* to last from 50,000 kilometres to 90,000 kilometres depending upon tire size and pattern. If the guarantee is not met, Cooper credits the shortfall."

That explains why they use such hard rubber – they've guaranteed longevity, and that could cost them \$\$\$\$. They are aggressively acknowledging the fact that most ordinary consumers want tires "that last", as opposed to tires which "work" – by delivering the best in handling, braking, and acceleration.

So, to re-cap; your Cooper tires are well past their prime, and may actually be completely worn out (you'd need to measure the tread depth accurately, and look at the manufacturing date to know this for sure).

Having driven to your assistance in Gail's car, I can attest to the fact that your incident was almost entirely due to the tires fitted to the Jeep. Yes, the road was slippery, but Gail's car had absolutely no prob-

lems with traction, and the main difference was the tires; Gail has four advanced-technology performance winter tires fitted to it. Certainly, it would have been better if you had had the Jeep in 4-H drive rather than 2-H, but in my opinion that is a minor contributing factor.

Even more Bad News:

You may or may not be aware that there are two levels of crash-testing: Passenger Vehicle, and Light Truck. The Light Truck standards are 'way lower than the Passenger Car standards, and for reasons of brevity (!?) I'll not bother with here. But – and it's a **BIG** but – it seems that somehow Jeep managed to get your vehicle approved without submitting it to any crash-tests. I suspect this was accomplished using a 'Grandfather Clause' that claimed that since the vehicle design was essentially unchanged from when it was launched (before mandatory crash-tests for Light Trucks), it should continue to be allowed to be sold until it was re-designed. Not a reassuring fact at all!

At any rate, this is what I found when searching for crash-test results for your 1998 Jeep Cherokee Sport:

Crash Test Results

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) did not test this vehicle model.

Frontal Crash: Rating:

Driver -

Not tested by NHTSA

Passenger -

Not tested by NHTSA

Side Crash: Rating:

Front Seat -

Not tested by NHTSA

Rear Seat -

Not tested by NHTSA

Rollover Resistance: Rating:

Rollover Resistance

Not tested by NHTSA

continued...

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) provides 3 different ratings - full-width frontal crash test, side impact crash test, and rollover resistance. The frontal crash test indicates how well the safety features and restraints will protect an occupant in a head-on collision. The side-impact test conveys the chance of a severe chest injury, while the rollover resistance rating estimates the risk of rolling over in a single vehicle crash.

In other words, your vehicle is a complete unknown when it comes to crash safety. We can all give thanks that you did not have to contend with oncoming traffic... as was so recently demonstrated in the Meaford crash, Light Trucks don't fare well (that one was a 2006 Chevrolet Equinox, which did meet the current NHTSA Light Truck crash standards). 5 folks killed.

So, what to do...

Well, first, try to avoid driving the thing in bad weather – luckily the spring is arriving, so you have a bit of time to make some decisions.

If the Jeep is running fine, and if you want to keep it, you might be able to use the Cooper Tires for the summer of '07 (although I'd be a VERY cautious driver in wet weather, and for sure I'd be using 4-H if it was damp or below +7°C!). A decision regarding keeping the Coopers will depend on tread-depth and age, as mentioned above.

If you do keep the Coopers on, you must buy new tires before October '07.

Fuel Shortage:

Again, a big 'Ummm'!... I'm not at all sure what to make of last month's

supposed 'fuel crisis' in the GTA. I've seen a few 'out-of-supply' stations while I've been driving around, but I have felt no ill-effects personally, neither has Gail.

While working on my taxes last night, I discovered that in the first 9 months of 2006 I filled up 72 times, at an average cost of \$17.49.

Gotta love your smart! (and Diesel)

Oh, and if you get a gory e-mail that reads "cancel my smart order", please tell the sender (and all other recipients) that the car pictured is a Volkswagen Cross-Fox, **not** a smart, and that the crash pictured (too well, in my opinion) happened in Brazil. Those five-bolt wheels and hub-logos are a (dead) giveaway...

WANTED!

2nd Driver ride for the '07 Solo Sprint (Solo 1) Series...

- I'll bring:**
- a new set of R-compound tires
 - a new set of competition brake-pads
 - personal, one-on-one certified advanced driver coaching
 - 38 years of experience in Ontario motorsport

- You have:**
- a good, solid car (any class)
 - a desire to improve your racing skills

All replies will be treated with full confidentiality

Malcolm @ (416) 705-9232 or mje@51.rogers.com

Top Ten Tax Tips

1. File your taxes on time to avoid the 5% late filing penalty.

If you owe tax for 2004, and do not file your return for 2004 by midnight of May 2, 2005, CCRA will charge a 5% late-filing penalty.

If you or your spouse or common-law partner carried on a business in 2004 your 2004 tax return has to be filed by **June 15, 2005**. However, if you have a balance owing for 2004, you still have to pay it by May 2, 2005.

2. Receive your tax deduction automatically every month.

You can ask CCRA to allow your employer to reduce withholdings if you have contributed to an RRSP early in the year, made large charitable donations, or incurred substantial medical expenses. Child care expenses, alimony and taxable child support also may lower your income and reduce your withholding taxes.

3. Take advantage of Income Splitting Opportunities:

- a. Split income by employing your spouse or child.
- b. Lend money to your spouse or child.
- c. Have the lower income spouse invest all earnings
- d. Maximize your charitable deductions (amounts over \$200) by pooling your charitable receipts for up to five years and have the higher income spouse claim them.

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

5. Pay the premiums on your disability insurance.

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

7. Make use of your investment losses.

8. Defer tax on severance or retiring allowance.

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

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



Mark Hudson is a Certified Financial Planner (CFP™) and Personal Coach since 1994. His investment approach incorporates tax planning to minimize your investment tax bill each year. A tax-smart portfolio is a portfolio that focuses on maximizing after-tax investment returns. After all, it's not how much you earn, but how much you keep that matters most. He can be reached at mhudson@gpcapital.com or by telephone at 1-800-608-7707 x37 , or 416-622-9969 x37 www.gpcapital.com



Mini-Rally Series 2007

Beginner, Novice and Expert Classes.



The Mini-Rally's are held on the following Monday evenings:

| | | | |
|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Apr 16 | May 14 | Jun 11 | Jul 9 |
| Aug 13 | Sep 10 | Oct 1 | |

The Maple Leaf Rally Club Mini-Rally Series is a set of 7 monthly navigational Rally's held throughout the summer and autumn on good quality gravel and paved country roads just north of Toronto. Anyone can enter and no special car preparation is necessary. They are FUN, inexpensive and challenging.

Any car, truck or mini-van may enter. Bring along vehicle registration, proof of insurance, a clipboard, pen, paper, and a good watch. A calculator would be handy and make sure that your map light works as many of the events occur in darkness. Trophies are handed out to the Top-3 finishers in the Beginner and Novice Classes.

This year, **Toronto Autosport Club** and **Maple Leaf Rally Club** are pleased to announce the combined **Mini-Rally & Ralliette Championship**. Competitors can count their best six events from either Series towards this Championship with at least two events from each series.

Beginner, Novice and Expert instructions will be available. No previous experience is required although familiarity with Rally jargon and commonly used instruction types would be an asset. The club has free Mini-Rally manuals available and assistance is available at the start of each Rally. Please visit our web site or email for more info.

Start/finish is at the Service Centre on northbound Hwy 400, just north of Major Mackenzie Drive. The usual distance is 100-120km. Registration for all events begins at 6:30 PM, first car starts at 8:01 PM and finishes around 10:15 PM.

Entry fee is \$25 per event per team. MLRC and TAC members pay \$20 per event per team.

For More Information,
Please visit:

www.mlrc.ca

Or Contact:

Ken Nazeer: atlarge@mlrc.ca

\$25 Entry Fee
Door Prizes at each rally





Toronto Autosport Club presents the **2007 Ralliette Series**

A six event navigational series specifically designed to introduce the sport of TSD Rallying (Time/Speed/Distance). Any street legal car or truck can be used - no special equipment or preparation is required. All you need are proof of vehicle ownership and insurance, pens, pencils, paper, clipboard, digital watch - and a light for the navigator to read the route book by.

This year, **Maple Leaf Rally Club** and **Toronto Autosport Club** are pleased to announce the combined **Mini-Rally & Ralliette Championship**. Competitors can count their best six events from either Series towards this Championship with at least two events from each series.

Start/Finish: Events will start at the Tim Hortons, corner of Mississauga Rd and Derry Rd (N of 401). Finish is at the Drake and Firkin, next to the start location.

Dates/Times: All Ralliettes run on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month.

April 25 May 23 Jun 27 July 25 Aug 22 Sep 26

Registration: Starts at 7:00 PM. First car starts at 8:01 PM and finishes before 10:20 PM.

Distance: Ralliette distance is typically 100 – 125 km.

Classes: Beginner, Intermediate and Expert.

Trophies: Awarded to Driver and Navigator for 1st and 2nd place Beginner, 1st place Intermediate and 1st place Expert.

Total Events: Six events in the series – your best four finishes count towards the year-end championship awards.

Registration Fee: \$25 per event per team, TAC and MLRC members pay \$20.00 per team.

More Information:

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
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**Toronto Autosport Club
 Monthly Members Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, February 21, 2007
 8:25PM**

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| Present: | Board - Dietmar Seelenmayer, Peter Clifford, Todd Presswood, Chris Atkins TAC Membership – Nick Beck, Rob Jones, Janet Tse, Rich Sullivan, Maeghan Sullivan, Brian Sibbitt, Bob Presswood Peter Fenwick, Margaret Fenwick, Andy Presswood, Andrei Sitartchouk | |
| Regrets: | Russ Harding, Chuck Atkins | |
| Guests: | None | |
| Recorder: | Todd Presswood | |
| Location: | Fox and Fiddle – 1285 Finch Ave West. (at Keele St.) | |
| | Items/Discussion | Tasks/Deadline |
| 1. Introduction | - Dietmar introduced new club member Andrei Sitartchouk. Andrei joined as a way to learn about Motorsports activities and is hoping to get involved with some events. Welcome Andrei! | |
| 2. Treasurer's report | - Peter reported that the club has recently paid the following expenses: TAC Tri-Folds (\$250.80) and January Jaunt Trophies (\$142.68). - We have the following expenses remaining to be paid: CASC Affiliation fees (\$318) and Club Directors Insurance (\$750) - We have a current bank balance of \$15,976.20 - After accounting for some receivables, Peter projected that we are carrying a balance very close to the target of 1 years worth of club expenses. | |
| 3. VP Report – Russ not able to attend, Dietmar covered the following items | - TAC's total membership stands at 130 members. - There are 7 new members and 6 life members included in this figure. | |
| 4. Competition Director's Report | - Chris is moving to Edmonton in April 2007. This means we are looking for a new Competition Director. If interested, please contact Dietmar or Chris. - The first TAC organized ice-race of the season is coming up this weekend - We are looking for a ralliette director. - TAC will not be running any Autoslalom (solo2) events this year. Brian Sibbitt organized these events for TAC the past two years and has moved on to RoadRacing and SoloSprint. | |
| 5. New/Other Business | - Dietmar presented Brian Sibbitt with the trophy and plaque for 2006 most active member. | |
| 6. For Sale or Wanted | - None. | |
| 7. Loonies in the Bus | - Won by Rich Sullivan | |
| 8. Adjournment | - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:55 hours. | |

Next scheduled TAC Members meeting is located at the Fox & Fiddle commencing at 8:00PM on Wednesday March 21, 2007.



**Toronto Autosport Club
 Monthly Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, March 7, 2007
 8:30 PM**

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| Present: | Dietmar Seelenmayer, Todd Presswood, , Peter Clifford, Sergei Guschin | |
| Regrets: | Russ Harding, Chris Atkins, Chuck Atkins | |
| Guests: | None | |
| Recorder: | Todd Presswood | |
| Location: | Conference Call | |
| | Items/Discussion | Tasks/Deadline |
| 1. General | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dietmar introduced Sergei Guschin as the new TAC Competition Director taking over for Chris Atkins. - Sergei posed some questions regarding the Competition Director role and responsibilities. Todd will forward the TAC constitution to all board members for their records. - Sergei will connect with Chris Atkins to ensure a smooth transition and that ongoing tasks are handed over in the near term. | |
| 2. Membership and Early renewals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are no updates from Russ for this meeting - As of February 5, 2007, Russ reported that we have 130 members in total. | |
| 3. Treasurer's Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter reported that the TAC ice race will generate net profit of roughly \$3000 once all payables are dispersed. - Our current bank account balance is \$19,763.08 including the Ice Race. - We are still to pay event levies to CASC for the event. - Not accounted for in the bank balance is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Club insurance (\$762) - CASC annual affiliation fees (\$TBD) - Peter offered to create a report for the next members meeting. | |
| 4. Competition | <p>Ice Race</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TAC ice race had 115 entries on Saturday and 107 entries on Sunday. - The event was a great success. - 31 of the 222 entries were TAC members. - Due to the costs that are incurred by the Kinsmen who maintain Minden fair grounds, it is expected that the track fees will increase for next year. A meeting is going to be held that will include a discussion about whether entry fees should be increased as well. - The ice race season is now finished. <p>Ralliettes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dietmar will be sending out information to the organizers. A Ralliette advertising flyer will be circulated in Fifth Gear. | |
| 5. Other Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are looking for the club radios. Dietmar to ask Nick Beck if he still has them. (last person of record was Nick in March 2007) - TAC has purchased a significant amount of tractionizer parts for \$700. These parts will last us quite a long time and they have been left with Dan Douglas for safekeeping. | |
| 6. Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:39 hrs. | |

Next scheduled BoD meeting is a conference call commencing at 8:30PM on Wednesday April 4, 2007.

RallySport Ontario

Board/Executive Meeting – Feb 12 2007

- LOCATION – by conference call – 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

28/02/07 Revised

PRESENT - Ray Felice, President; Jeff Hagan, Vice-President – Performance; Rita Moore, Vice-President – Navigational; Ross Wood, Secretary; Peter Gulliver, Treasurer; Rob Metcalfe, Chief Scrutineer

Agenda

1) Approval of/additions to Agenda – approved as amended – Gulliver/Hagan

2) Approval of December 11, 2006 meeting minutes – approved as published – Gulliver/Hagan

3) Treasurer's Report – report approved as presented – Gulliver/Wood

- 2006 financial records currently being reviewed by Eric Curtis in preparation for the AGM

- some 2007 club affiliation fees are outstanding

- T.O Auto Show invoices have been sent to CASC-OR & Targa

4) Old Business

(a) RSO Board/Exec. Job Descriptions – done all but one – will be sent to the Board for review

(b) Communications – still seeking volunteer to head up public relations communications – contact any Board member for info.

(c) RSO website – seeking new webmaster – Roger Sanderson, Mihai Chiriac and Pete Gulliver are working to convert the RSO web site to a CMS based system. This will allow for easier management of the web site- now in midst of moving current and archival material to the new format. The current system will remain in use until all transfers and changes are made.

(d) Toronto Auto Show – dates February 16-25 – have booked the same location as 2006 – will be sharing again with Targa & CASC-OR – rally cars have been arranged – RSO has purchased a display backdrop at a great price – show passes have been arranged for display – need lots of volunteers – contact Ray Felice at rayfrally@rogers.com

(e) Subaru sponsorship – final cash awards list has been posted - cheques will be presented at the Awards Banquet on March 24th (see details under AGM & Awards Banquet)

(f) Organizers' Seminars – V.P. Performance will poll Organizers re date (March 24th proposed)

V.P. Navigational will prepare a handout for Organizers

(g) Bill C19 – Street Racing legislation – CARS is preparing a Competitor Code of Conduct for all rally activities - there will be a discussion re C-19 at the AGM on March 24th

(h) RSO AGM & Awards Banquet – will be held March 24 in Newmarket – AGM at the Girl Guides office at 10:00 A.M.– Awards Banquet at the Veteran's Hall at 12:30 – details on RSO website - elections – President (2 year term), VP Performance (2 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), Secretary (1 year term – Note – Secretary's term has become misaligned – 1 year term will correct it)

- will have discussions re Bill C-19, Time Allowances & Road Damage fund at AGM

(i) RSO Award Winners 2006 – list posted – respective V.P.'s contacting Award Winners

(j) RSO Rulebook – Draft revised rules are posted – some further possible revisions were discussed and approved – Wood/Gulliver – final version to be posted Note – RSO Scrutineers are seeking CARS Rulebooks prior to 1997 to confirm Vehicle eligibility in the new Classic Division of OPRC, although the onus Remains on the competitor to demonstrate eligibility

(k) HAM Radio Course – (i) dates – March 10 & 11 – online Registration (ii) RSO has Study Guides to lend to participants

5) CARS Update – 50th Anniversary Celebration was a resounding success – banquet was attended by over 200 – symposiums also well attended – cars from each decade were on display - RSO was the only Region to Sponsor and PMSC was the only sponsor club

6) OPRC

(a) Series Standings – current standings posted

(b) Rally of the Tall Pines – Steward's Report - pending

(c) Perce Neige – good event – well organized – 41 teams started – concerns re the Organizer-provided notes – some safety issues caused by inappropriate competitor actions – being dealt with by the Stewards

(d) Series Scoring – see 2007 Rules

(e) Classic/Historic Class proposal – for 2007 RSO will score and award a Classic class – for the Ontario events only (Black Bear, Galway-Cavendish & Pines)

- pleased to announce that Clearwater Design is sponsoring this class – flyer to be prepared for the T.O. Auto Show

(f) Safety – Unofficial Spectator Areas – proposal – to be written up and presented to the Board for consideration

(g) Event Entry Levels – discussed – no specific action taken

(h) Co-drivers' Course – proposal – to be discussed at next meeting

(j) First Aid Course – was held on January 20th – 10 successful participants

(j) Calendar Cards – will be prepared for 2007 and distributed at Auto Show – clubs may request a supply directly from RSO

(k) SPDA status with CARS – everything sorted out

(l) RallySprint Rules – Peter G. and Ray F. reviewing

7) ORRC

a. **Series Standings** – standings posted –

b. **January Jaunt** – Steward's report pending – good event – used TA's

c. **NOWR - MLRC event February 17** – named "Not the Ontario Winter Rally" – Organizer - Ryan Huber – Start & Finish in Lindsay – 300-350 km into Kinmount/Minden area – former OWR roads – easy navex - has been greencrewed

d. **Emergency Instructions (red cross)** – RSO will produce in bulk (laminated)

(h) Tour Rally Proposal (Craig Hamm) – fits under current rules – explain format in the Supp. Regs.

(i) Time allowances (TA's) – discussed at some length – proposals to be gathered by V.P. Navigational and presented for discussion at AGM

8) Growth Committee - no report

9) New Business

(a) Rally School – dates set for March 19, 26 & April 2 – being organized by Paul Henshall – need volunteers for instructing - for Registration details go to www.rallysport.on.ca

(b) RallyCross – Winter & Summer – RSO Series – a proposal has come forward – a detailed proposal to be submitted to the RSO Board

10) Club News

MCO (per Greg van Dalen)

The MCO just held it's first "rally inspired" Winter Performance Driving School, led by the Targa champs, Evan Gamblin and Glen Clarke! It was a success for all students and workers involved. We had several prepared rally cars registered along with many new drivers dreaming of future rally success. We were all excited to see the hard work from the MCO pay off in a big way. This event will take place again the winter of 2008.

The 2007 MCO Snowcross season has started very well! The first two events averaged 39 cars, and some very tight competition in all 3 classes. Our next two events are March 3rd and 4th, located at the Capital City Speedway just west of Ottawa, Check out the winter driving forum on MCO.org for details.

The MCO Winter Rally, a combined Drivex and Navex, will commence Wednesday evening, February 28th at 8pm. The route will include sections on the same snowcross track and should be very exciting for all those involved. We'll let you know if it's a success and if it is, we will try this again next winter!

Only a couple days later, March 3rd to be exact, MCO's only 2007 ORRC event and the 3rd in the 2007 Ontario Road Rally Championship will happen in Tweed Ontario. A navigational rally of about 200km. Quoted from Craig Hamm after greening the route..... "There are some extremely interesting roads in the Tweed area. I was a bit surprised by many of them. Many of them would fit well into any "classic" winter rally, and the condition of the roads was VERY good. A lot of compacted snow. The MCO is now in the process of organising Full Lapping Days at the new Calabogie Motorsports Park. Details and registration will open in a few days, watch MCO.org for further details. You can expect at least 4 days over the summer, with prices under 300\$ each day. We hope to see you there!

MLRC (per Ross Wood)

- NOWR on February 17th – all info – went very well – 20+ entries

- Winter RallyCross – new track has been built at Burnt River – excellent courses – first date was February 11th – many pre-entered – 36 entered – see details at www.mlrc.ca

- Pines Committee being reorganized – 23 interested people attended a meeting on February 19th – reorganized the jobs into smaller, more manageable packages – created some new positions – e.g. Worker Recruitment Officer - lots of good volunteers came forward – Coordinator for 2007 will be Paul Henshall with Alan Ockwell as Assistant Coordinator

PMSC (per Pete Gulliver)

- PMSC Supported the CRC 50th as a Bronze Sponsor. The club had a three table display at CRC showing many years of PMSC history. Although unconfirmed PMSC, who have been organizing rallies since 1953, believe that the club. Has the longest history of continuously organizing rallies than any other club in Canada We had a very succesful Ice Race weekend in Minden January 27-28. A total of 184 entries.

Membership for 2007 is now at 58, many are new members which is a good sign for membership growth.

TAC (per Dietmar Seelenmayer)

TAC's current membership stands at approximately 130. Have finalized the start location for the Ralliette series. We are starting from the Tim Hortons at the SE corner of Mississauga Rd and Derry Rd. The finish is at the Drake and Fikin in the same plaza. Had a successful ice race last weekend, about 110 entries per day.

11) Next Meeting – date to be determined at AGM

NOTICE of 2006 RallySport Ontario AGM
Saturday, March 24, 2007
10:00 A.M. – Girl Guides of Canada Office
38 Parkside Drive
Newmarket, ON

Revised Feb. 19/07

Directions are as follows:

FROM THE WEST – Parkside Drive runs south off Davis Drive (Hwy. 9) 3 lights east of Yonge St.

FROM THE EAST – Parkside Drive is 3 lights west of Main St.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. sharp. Refreshments will be provided.
The official Agenda for this meeting will be posted separately but will be the usual AGM Agenda.

Worthy of special mention and your consideration in advance:

ELECTIONS – Three positions –

President – two year term (position currently held by Ray Felice)

Vice President Performance – two year term (position currently held by Jeff Hagan)

Treasurer – two year term (position currently held by Peter Gulliver)

Secretary – one year term – Note – Secretary's term has become misaligned
– one year term will correct it (position currently held by Ross Wood)

Nominations for these positions may be submitted to any RSO Board Member in advance or from the floor at the AGM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Wood, Secretary RallySport Ontario

Spring Run Off Rally - date change

There has been a change of organizer and date for the **SRO**. It was scheduled originally for April 7, but will now take place on April 21. Details to follow, but in the meantime, mark your calendars!

Rita Moore
RSO VP, Navigational rallies



2007 Membership Application

Mail: 2267 Lakeshore Blvd W, Suite 1214,
Toronto, Ontario, M8V 3X2

Email: registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca

New or Renewal Members – Single or Family \$50.00

JOIN or RENEW ON-LINE :

JOIN-> www.casc.on.ca/joinAClub.php

RENEW-> www.casc.on.ca/welcome.php

- TAC Membership includes 2007 CASC-OR (Race, Solo) & RSO (Rally) affiliation
- Family rate limited to family members domiciled at the same mailing address.
- 2006 membership numbers will be reserved until February 1st, 2007.
- All memberships expire December 31 2007.

1st Member _____ **Home Phone** (____) _____

Address _____ **Bus. Phone** (____) _____

Postal Code _____

First Member _____ [] **email:** _____

2nd (Family) Member _____ [] **email:** _____

Additional Family Member _____ [] **email:** _____

Additional Family Member _____ [] **email:** _____

Additional Family Member _____ [] **email:** _____

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Mastercard Expiry Date: ____/____ **Signature** _____

Amount: **\$50** **Other** _____ **TOTAL :** _____

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 all of your 2007 autosport interests;

- Solo I
- Solo II / Autoslalom
- Ice racing
- Navigational rallying
- Performance rallying
- Road racing
- Karting

Please indicate three areas that you can help with in 2007;

- Solo I / II 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

