



# Fifth Gear

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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The Solosprint School at the Mosport DDT happened May 9 and 10th. Unfortunately I could not get there but Serge Gushin was there, instructing both days. Several TAC members were there including Bob and Todd Presswood and Rob McAuley and his daughter Sarah. Rob was instructing; for Sarah, it was the first time on the track as a driver. The passenger rides helped give her a feel for how one drives at the limit, and she picked things up quickly.

As usual the event was sold out, with 35 people enrolled including three women. Sarah was the youngest at almost 18. The rain on Saturday made things interesting. Serge mentioned that there was more rain than he can recall from any previous school. The pace picked up on Sunday when it was dry and cool.

Toyo Tire was present at the track and their rep did an hour presentation at lunch on their tire technology etc. Serge is planning to be at the next general meeting and will be able to provide more information.

The Discover Ontario Car Rally is coming up on June 6. It is organized by Brooke Jacobs. This is a regional event but is also geared to beginners. The DKW Cup is presented to the best placed beginner/novice that competes. I mention this so that those that

have not tried rallying can plan to attend. Information on what to do will be provided at the start, so come early. A flyer is in this Fifth Gear.

Speaking of beginner events, KWRC has their next SNATR on Saturday May 23 and MLRC has one of their mini rallies on Monday June 8 in the evening. See their web sites for more information or get in touch with me.

Our web site is an ongoing program and moving slowly. We had a volunteer working on it, some changes were made but more needs to be done. The BOD is looking for a design person with some experience. If you are aware of someone that does this, let me or someone else on the exec know. We are prepared to pay.

We have a new advertiser starting this month. Birchmount Collision have been in business for a number of years and do excellent work. I can personally attest to this.

The next meeting is on Wednesday May 20 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>May 2009</b>			
15-17	RA	Oregon Trail Rally	
15-17	ALMS	Utah Grand Prix, Miller Motorsports Park	
20	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Fox &amp; Fiddle Rest. (Finch W)</b>	 TAC
23-24	School	CASC-OR Race School - Shannonville	
23	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Event #1 ; Mosport DDT	OMSC
24	F1	MONACO Grand Prix	
24	IRL	93rd Indianapolis 500	
24	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Event #2 ; Mosport DDT	OMSC
29-30	CRC	Rocky Mntn Rally	CSCC
30-31	Regional Race	DAC - Shannonville	DAC
31	IRL	Milwaukee Mile	
<b>June 2009</b>			
5-6	RA	STPR	
6	IRL	Texas Motor Speedway	
6	ORRC	<b>Discover Ontario Rally, 401 E Service Centre, Wesleyville</b>	 TAC
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	

ORRC : Ontario Road Rally Cup  
 RSO : Rally Sport Ontario  
 IRL: Indy Racing

CLUB : Non-Status Club Event  
 CARS : Canadian Association of Rally Sport  
 CRQ : Championnat de Rallye Du Quebec  
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OPRC : Ontario Performance Rally Championship  
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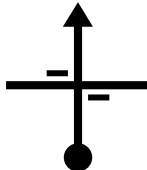
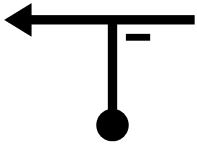
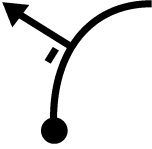

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# DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY

Saturday, June 6, 2009

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

The rally will start the service station  
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Registration opens at 12:00 noon and the first car is out at 1:31  
Entry fee is \$45 per car, \$35 for TAC members

For more information, please contact  
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Discover Ontario Car Rally is the sixth event in the 2009 Ontario Road Rally Cup  
and is presented by the Toronto Autosport Club.  
This event is sanctioned by RallySport Ontario and CASC.

# rich's ramblings

## may 2009

### The 2009 KWRC Blossom Rally

*"Spring, spring; 'tis of thee I sing."*

I think that was some piece of mid-nineteenth century poetry I was supposed to memorize in the mid-twentieth century in order to *improve* myself! Hah, *some improvement*. Of course, it could all be a load of horse hockey pucks too; the mid-twentieth century being so far back in time anyway. So there.

But with the true coming of the season, also comes KWRC's **Blossom Rally**. In years gone by, the end of the twentieth century now, we, that would be Baab and I, used to look forward to the **Blossom** with great expectations – a rally in the colours of spring, not in the winter conditions of Stevie's **January Jaunt**, nor Ross' **Ontario Winter**, past the mud and brown's of **Spring Runoff**. Yes, glorious blossoms, greens and yellows and whites (and you didn't even know "*white*" was a colour, did you?! ) on trees, road dust and short sleeve tees and shorter pants. Spring was, at last, here.

So this year's **Blossom** was a welcome date on the calendar. The first weekend in May turned out to be all we could hope for – bright and sunny and mild. And with just enough of a breeze to keep the bugs at bay. And a sprinkle or two of rain, but not enough to cause us any problems. So off to the *Mohawk Inn* we went. I now really try to not keep lining the pockets of the *407 consortium*, so we used the *400*, Major Mac, *27*, *7*, and *427* to join the *401* at the airport – anything to avoid the mess at the *400/401* interchange. This does get us past a lot of traffic and people who don't really seem to be able to grasp the use of multi-lane roads, or the use of turn signals for changing of lanes. The run took all of ninety minutes and we were at the *Mohawk* in time for lunch and some joshing with the KWRC people, some of whom we hadn't seen since January. We were lucky – as the only non-KWRC checkpoint point crew, and in deference to our having come from so far away, we coped the package with seven checkpoints – the most of any crew! As we all agreed, if one takes the time to come from some distance, the day might as well be full. No sense driving that far for only one or two CPs! We would work as CPs **A6**, **A9**, **B2**, **B8**, **C2**, **C4** and **C11**. At that, the rally would end up with thirty-five or so CPs, including the end of each of the three legs – a busy day for the crews and the scorer.



CP **A6**, **A9**

CP **B2**

CPs **A6**, **A9** and **B2** were all in the same place. With the white *focus* we tried to hide it off the road as best we could – it stands out like a light beacon in some conditions! As we settled in and looked at the really neat roadway across from our first location (hopefully you can see the "*Do Not ...*" sign in the accompanying photo) we also realized that just down the road a piece was a railway crossing – not to worry, I hoped, trains are really few and far between these days. And wouldn't you know, just as car 1, Paul and Rita of **TAC**, pulled away, there was the whistle for a train to cross the road. "*A time allowance coming up,*" I thought. But not really, by the time Paul got to the crossing the whole train had cleared the area. Course, when the train is one engine long it doesn't take much time, does it?! Being six controls into the rally there was a little mixing of the running order by now, but all competitors made it through and shortly thereafter did the same on the loop for **A9**. Since the crews had a break between



# rich's ramblings

legs A and B we took the opportunity to change the way we were sitting at the control point, just to make the visual experience a little different. And they all made it through one again.



*So, what do you think? "No dog retriever training", but you can walk them on a leash? And how about those huge concrete blocks and solid gate structure in the middle of nowhere?*

After **B2** we pulled up stakes and headed across country for **B8**. We were supposed to be "2.2 kilometers south of SR 10". No problem in the organizer's mind. A bit of a one in ours – we could not find it on the maps, either the one supplied or our trusty set of *MapArt* ones. So ran up and down the 6<sup>th</sup> Line from SR 5 to SR 15 twice just to be sure something hadn't been slipped in since the maps were printed. Nope. Onto the ham radio, "Roger, when you come to us at B8, what road are you travelling on?" "The 6<sup>th</sup> Line," he says. "Okay," says I, "where on the 6<sup>th</sup> Line will you find us?" Turns out, his instructions say "2.2 kilometers south of the 15<sup>th</sup> Side Road". Hah. And with having driven past that location at least three times, the CP location was now easy to find.



**B8** location – nice, eh? How'd you like to pull onto that shoulder and run back for your sticker?

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This was the only place along the stretch that was not covered with “No Stopping” or “No Parking” signs. (Apparently it’s a great area for hikers and the like.) Not that there was a whole lot of room for the competitors to stop. Fortunately we were able to pull off into the parking lot entrance, and no one came along to come in or out while we were there. The road was posted at 60 km/h, so the rally would have been travelling at a max average of 57 km/h. At that speed they probably feared every time a local came into sight – the road was the next best thing to the back straight at the *Daytona* race track for the rest of the traffic. Whew. Were they ever fast! And here was where we really confirmed spring: was the water table level ever high – all the creeks along the road were flowing strongly and the ditches were either full of water or at least very wet. Not a place for pulling too far off the beaten path! And we still managed to get all the competitors. Bonus!

After that, off to **C2/4** (a loop position again). To get there we took Appleby Line from just north of the 401, over the Niagara Escarpment past Rattlesnake Point Park (and was that a nice twisty, falling away piece of road – held our breath for a good part of that run!) down to Britannia Road. The location was easy to find – there was just enough room for a couple of cars between us and the **STOP** sign.



CP **C2**, **C4** location – looking due west into the sun!

The organizer even had one of the idle CP crews park a distance back of us and radio in every time a car was headed to us, just to help determine whether they were on the first pass through, or the second. Handy. For this part of the rally the **ORRC** competitors were joined by the entrants in **KWRC**’s beginner rally series, the **SNATR** (**Saturday Night At The Rally** – they’ve been running something like this for years. When I first started into rallying in the late ‘80s I can remember **TACCIE** crews like Stevie and Ingrid running the **TAC Ralliette** series, the **MLRC Mini-Rally** series, the **KWRC SNATR** series and the then **CASC-OR ORRC** series each month all summer long. Whew. Sure a big change now.). So we now had almost double the cars to handle, with the **SNATR** crews running with a five minute gap after the last **ORRC** crew. But, all did find us, both as **C2** and as **C4**. This was a really good sign – it’s always reassuring when the competitors can stay en route and not get so frustrated they quit. We did have some trepidation when the truly ancient **Triumph TR4-A** ran into first overheating problems then electrical ones (the dreaded *Prince of Darkness* just had to strike – even in daylight!). But the driver was ready for them and was able to keep plugging on. He would eventually get the *Press-On-Regardless* trophy for sportsmanship, well done. We did pick up a quick radio transmission (we were down in a deep hollow so not everything being said was caught by my aerial, and our range was like one crew either side of our location). Seems the crew after **C4** got so excited at cars coming in one of the cars actually managed to drive past the CP car, park and then walk back for the sticker all unbeknownst to the CP marshal. He had to “make up” an appropriate *In Time* – good thing it was a **SNATR** crew, not someone really concerned about running to exact time, yet, anyway.

And with that we were off to our last location – CP **C11**. We got there a little early and set up. In fact we were so early I think the local “neighbourhood watch” came out to check us out. How else to explain the van that had to drive past us three times? Mind you, in a place with multi-million dollar homes I’m not sure why the spotter was driving one of the original, fully, and foully, oil-burning Chrysler Magic-Wagons. But, what can I say. Maybe they should all ante up for a new one – help save Chrysler, and our tax dollars! And still, all the crews made it through. Then it was off to the Finish. Good food (thanks, Martin, for treating all who were there after the prize-giving), great company, lots of talking and sharing and swapping of stories. A great end to the rally.



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CP **C11** – trying to hide behind the pole!

And then we were off home. We had left Barrie at 10 that morning and, even with coming along the 401 to the sign that read “**All Express Lanes 400 North Closed North of Hwy 7**”, thereby giving us great concern since they didn’t tell us this until we were past anything that could get us to the 427 north, leaving me with a dive across a number of lanes to get to the Weston Road exit (and, yes, I did look and I did use my signals), we did manage to be home by midnight. Just before mind you, but still *by midnight*. (And wasn’t that one huge run-on sentence! Malcolm’s editorial hairs must have been standing up on the back of his neck. And speaking of Malcolm – Thanks mate for the trip through South America.)

## Whither Navigational Rallying in Ontario in 2009

So, what did we learn at the *Blossom*? The **ORRC** and by extension navigational rallying in Ontario is in deep trouble. Entry levels for both the *Blossom* and the *SNATR* were, to be kind, abysmal. Starting with the **TAC Jaunt** at **21** entrants, the **ORRC** has seen entries drop for every event since then. The **MLRC Winter** had **18**; the *PMSC Spring Runoff*, **14** and for the *Blossom KWRC* had **6** – one Expert crew and five Novices. Two crews from **KWRC**, one crew from each of **MCO**, **SPDA** and **TAC**. (And one I didn’t catch.) Not at all encouraging or overwhelming. And the entry in the beginner series was not any better – four cars. Now **KW** did say it would have been higher except some possible entrants were working as CP crews. But they were all already long-time **KWRC** members! So very few were people starting out in rallying. And given that this was an event not that far from where **RSO** holds its annual *Rally School* one wonders where the attendees at that exercise were. I do not know what **RSO** is doing to follow up with *Rally School* attendees to see if they continue to be interested in rallying, or what the governing body is doing as part of its promotion of its **ORRC** series but I will say that based on entry levels and trends so far this year, it ain’t amounting to a hill of beans. And the great worry is that the next two events in the **ORRC** series are **TAC**-organized ones: the *Discover Ontario Car Rally* in June and the *Infinite Monkeys Rally* in August. Do you think maybe **TAC** and its organizers should be seriously worried? I do.

## Formula 1

Okay, Malcolm. This month’s questions: was Honda that bad? What’s with the first-line Mercedes team?

First – Our boy, Jacques, got no where with *BAR/Honda*. Now as “*Brawn*” Jenson Button, who could only win one “gift” F1 event in all his career to this year, has four of five events in his *win column*? Were the Honda engines that bad?

Second – Brawn uses the same Mercedes engine/transmission combo as McLaren and Brawn has 4 wins and ten cars finishing in five events. And McLaren? They look like the other Mercedes-engined team – Force India. So far out in left field they might not even be playing the same game!

But, that’s it for me. Take care of yourself.

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## **MINUTES OF THE TAC GENERAL MEETING**

Wednesday, March 18, 2009  
at the Fox & Fiddle, Finch Ave, Toronto

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

Present: Dietmar, Peter C, Andrew K, Paul M, Peter F, Margaret F, Rob J, Janet J, Rita M.

Previous Minutes: from the February 18/09 general meeting, moved, seconded, and carried to accept as published. Peter C/Margaret F.

Membership: 2009 membership slowly increasing, expect the bulk of renewals after the Solo season starts.

### Treasurer's Report:

- \$18,104.70 current balance. Bills are paid, no outstanding items.
- were considering an Altamira account; by now taken by National Bank of Canada so type of account in doubt.
- need to collect from the advertisers for 2009 in the coming month.

### Competition:

- discussion of the RSO motions for the AGM.
- Solo meeting just happened; Serge not here for report on that.
- Solo open house on April 5th.
- next ORRC rally is the Spring Runoff on April 18 in Hastings near Peterborough, followed by the Blossom on May 2 in Campbellville near Milton.
- RSO rally school begins March 23, some TAC members will be assisting.
- a lively discussion of ice racing then took place. Annual awards banquet on April 4.

### New Business:

- Rita agreed to be the acting club secretary until the next election.
- still looking for a Social Director.

### Items for Sale/Wanted:

Peter F will take (free) used unmounted tires for farm.  
Paul M interested in buying a cheap car dolly.

Loonies in the bus: Andrew Kinal.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10pm.

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## **Minutes of the TAC Board of Directors meeting**

held Thursday, April 9, 2009 by conference call

Present: Dietmar Seelenmayer, Rita Moore, Peter Clifford.

Reports: Peter had a report on the CASC Presidents' meeting, as follows:

*I represented TAC at the Presidents meeting which took place at the CASC offices on March 29, 2009.*

*Highlights of the items discussed are as follows:*

*1. ASN Advisory Board Meeting included discussion of the following:*

- Clubs must be affiliated in accordance with CASC policies.*
- Events must appear on a regional calendar and be sanctioned or authorized.*
- Any report filed with ASN Canada FIA must be copied to CASC-OR.*
- Safety equipment review is taking place at ASN with specific standards to be aligned with FIA regs-- this will require alignment of CASC-OR regs*
- Improper fitting of helmets with resulting loss of helmet in an incident was discussed -- a useful helmet fitting video is available from ARAI*
- OAP1 and its provisions regarding "race or speed test" were discussed with a view to having a unified consistent approach to lobbying all provinces.*

*2. Report on Finances from Candace Calder*

*Report of the Financial Review Committee from Art Moseley*

- Candace presented the financial report (unaudited) as of November 2008.*
- CASC-OR ran at a small loss for the year but the financial situation is stable and the organization is solvent.*
- There will be an effort to reduce the costs associated with on-line payment of membership etc, which amount to ~ \$6000 per year.*
- Under consideration is the possibility of moving fees for the on-line payment services back to the member clubs.*
- In his report Art again expressed his conviction that there should be an audit and, in addition, CASC-OR should employ the part-time services of a bookkeeper to keep the financial situation in good order.*
- The CASC board intends to move on these recommendations.*

*3. Offices and Staffing*

- Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame completed their move out of CASC-OR offices in November.*
- Negotiations with the current landlord were unfruitful with the result that new premises are being sought which will maintain occupancy cost at 2005-2008 levels.*
- This move is to be completed by the end of June at the latest.*
- Staffing requirements are a bookkeeper (2 days per week), a web developer, a forum administrator (volunteer position - filled) and a sponsorship coordinator (volunteer position).*
- Consideration will have to be given to options for paying for these staffing additions.*

*4. Club Affiliation Requirements*

*These items must be filed by March 31 for a club to remain in good standing:*

- Proof of current incorporation status as not-for-profit based in Ontario.*
- Current club bylaws.*
- Names and contact information for Board of Directors.*
- Current club membership information.*
- Affiliation fees.*
- Proof of D&O/GL insurance*

*Failure to be in compliant may mean a club:*

- Has not valid insurance*
- Cannot organize events*
- Members cannot hold licenses*
- Members not have CASC voting rights*

*5. Sponsorship*



## **Minutes of the TAC Board of Directors meeting**

held Thursday, April 9, 2009 by conference call

*CASC-OR has a new media partner for 2009.*

*A three year agreement has been signed with PRN.*

*All affiliated members who indicate that they will accept sponsor offers will receive a complimentary subscription (members will not receive any other promos).*

*Toyo Tire has renewed its sponsorship at the same level as in 2008.*

*The agreement with Mobil 1 for 2009 is expected shortly.*

*CSC Racing is expected to continue for 2009.*

*CASC-OR has signed an agreement with iRacing as "Official Simulation Service" with all affiliated members eligible to join iRacing at preferred pricing.*

Reports cont: A report on the RallySport Ontario Annual General Meeting was received from Ross Wood, RSO Secretary, as follows:

*At the 2008 RallySport Ontario Annual General Meeting held on March 21 09 in Peterborough, there were two significant changes approved to the 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.*

*Three Board positions were elected at the AGM, each for a two year term. Ray Felice was re-elected as President, Rob MacKenzie as Vice President of Performance Rally and Peter Gulliver as Treasurer. The remaining two positions on the Board with one year remaining in their term are Rita Moore as Vice President of Navigational Rally and Ross Wood as Secretary.  
Ross Wood, RSO Secretary.*

Reports cont: Dietmar has prepared a report on the ice race banquet, to be published in the next 5th Gear.

Notable that Andrew Vernon won Street Stud with a perfect score of 500 points, as well as the Tim Whitfield Trophy awarded to the All-Wheel Drive Champion.

Next TAC general meeting, on April 15, we look forward to a slide show by Malcolm.

Financial Report: Peter reported that the bank balance stands at \$18,204.73

Nothing new to report. No outstanding bills to pay.

New Business: Discussion on the billing account setup for conference calls.

Regarding affiliation filing, as per CASC--Dietmar will check into that.

Meeting adjourned 8:21pm.

## **Minutes of the TAC Board of Directors Meeting**

held Thursday, May 6, 2009 by conference call

Present: Dietmar Seelenmayer, Rita Moore, Peter Clifford, Andrew Kinal

### Topics of Discussion:

A letter from the organizer of a potential rallycross in Cayuga was received, asking TAC to advertise their event on our website. There was no opposition to this, so Dietmar will ask them to inform us when the event receives approval.

TAC paraphernalia was picked up from Malcolm and Gail: radio, megaphone, banners and flags, barrier tape, signs, walkie-talkies, tent, timer. Items are now with Dietmar. He will produce an inventory for review.

Correspondence from AXA Assistance with an offer for roadside assistance plan for TAC members, \$59.95 per year. Andrew will bring this information to the next general meeting on May 20.

Discover Ontario Car Rally: purchase of map book approved. Dietmar to green crew.

Received from Nelson by Dietmar: incorporation papers application, and past minutes on a CD. Dietmar will complete the paperwork and send it in.

TAC membership application/renewal form: should be updated to reflect that credit cards can only be used on CASC website. Andrew will ask Nick to print new version.

Performance Racing News magazine sent to members with "TAC" on their addresses: needs to be clarified that PRN obtained the addresses from CASC-OR, not TAC. This was part of a media sponsorship deal with CASC-OR, as noted in last month's minutes in Peter's report from the Presidents' Meeting, and also as noted in PRN on page 8 of the car section of the magazine. It was agreed that the TAC membership form should add a statement to make it clear that CASC has access to clubs' membership information.

### Reports:

Financial report: cash on hand \$18,143.82

Membership report: currently 63 primary, 108 total. Solosprint starts this weekend.

### New Business:

The TAC website needs to be kept updated. A Content Management System was discussed, which would allow various people to add content rather than burdening one sole webmaster. Rita spoke highly of the CMS used on the RallySport Ontario website. She will send Dietmar more information about it. Peter will also ask Martin Gdyczynski, our web service provider, about possibilities.

Meeting adjourned 9:05pm.

Next TAC general meeting is on Wednesday May 20, at the Fox and Fiddle.

# Cruise In The Park

CAR SHOW & SWAP MEET

Presented by

SUNDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

Front Street, Sarnia, Ontario



CENTENNIAL PARK

Registration: 9am - Noon

Sponsored by



**\$1000 IN CASH PRIZES!**

All participants with a car on the property are eligible.

**Plus Specialty Awards!**

All donations  
in support of

**BONUS GIFT!**

All pre-registered vehicles  
will receive 4 litres of



supplied by A.S.A. Auto Parts



**Participant Draws:**

Set of Goodrich TA Radials  
supplied by International Tire

Engine Stand

supplied by Westgate Auto Repair

Power Washer

& All Aluminum Floor Jack  
courtesy of Princess Auto



**2009 FEATURE VEHICLE:**

**Ford MUSTANG**

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 21, 2009**

Registration: \$15.00 Can or US  
Return to: "Cruise in the Park"  
c/o Barb Fox, P.O. Box 1242  
Petrolia, ON N0N 1R0

Please make cheques (Post-Dated Not Accepted) payable to:  
Sarnia Street Machines  
\$15  
All proceeds to: Pathways Health Centre for Children

For Car Show Information, call  
Carl Farnand (519) 542-8978  
Bob McMillan (519) 344-5307  
For Swap Meet Information, call  
Dave Westgate (519) 849-2709

**ENTRY FORM**

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr/Make/Model/Colour: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Prov./State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Registering for: Car Show  Swap Meet  Spots @ \$15

LIABILITIES  
 In consideration of the acceptance of this right to participate, entrants, participants and spectators to activities of the Sarnia Street Machines Association, City of Sarnia, the Province of Ontario and their officers, association, agents, representatives and servants and accept the full and entire liability, damages, claims, judgments and/or costs from any and all persons who may be suffered by the entrant or the sponsor or property, further, each entrant agrees to indemnify, all of the foregoing entities, firms, persons and bodies of and from any and all liability, damages or resulting from the conduct of activities on the participant's account or participating with entrants under the direct control of the entrant.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2009



# 2009 Membership Application

**Mail:** 14 Princess Anne Crescent,  
Etobicoke, Ontario, M9A 2P1

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

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

JOIN or RENEW ON-LINE : JOIN-> [www.casc.on.ca/joinAClub.php](http://www.casc.on.ca/joinAClub.php)  
 RENEW-> [www.casc.on.ca/welcome.php](http://www.casc.on.ca/welcome.php)

- TAC Membership includes 2009 CASC-OR (Race, Solo) & RSO (Rally) affiliation
- Family rate limited to family members domiciled at the same mailing address.
- Renewals : Indicate membership number # (if known)
- 2008 membership numbers will be reserved until February 1st, 2009.
- All memberships expire December 31 2009. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

First Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

The Newsletter FIFTH GEAR, is available on the website. Check here if you do NOT want a mailed copy

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

Cash  Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_  MasterCard # or  VISA # \_\_\_\_\_

Card Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Cardholder 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 your 2009 Please indicate three areas that you can autosport interests help with in 2009

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solosprint (Solo 1)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Solo (1/2) organizer / worker  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autoslalom (Solo 2)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Road Rally/Ralliette organizer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Navigational rallying | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract Rally organizer       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance rallying  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rally Checkpoint/Green-crew    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road racing           | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Event Organizer         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vintage Racing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice race organizer / worker    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice racing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Event timing / scoring         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karting               | <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Rally organizer    |