



Fifth Gear

November 2007



Toronto Autosport Club

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GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Year End Report

Here it is the end of the TAC fiscal year, time to review our accomplishments.

TAC has a membership that is active in many aspects of motor sports. We have members that participate in race events, solosprint, autoslalom, ice races, navigational rallies, performance rallies and social events.

As in previous years, we organized a number of events, starting the year with the first ORRC event on the calendar, January Jaunt. This was followed by an ice race event in February. A solo school was held in the spring and several Solosprint events during the year. The Discover Ontario rally, our second ORRC event, was run at the end of June. From April to September, we ran a ralliette series, which targets beginners to the sport.

TAC added a third event on the ORRC calendar, The Infinite Monkeys rally, in August. The Hannafords again prepared a gourmet lunch at the ALMS weekend. As in the past we had a segregated area for our members provided by Mosport.

The club also ran 3 contract rallies, the fees from which help to raise funds for club activities. These events also introduce the sport to new audiences.

At the CASC AGM last weekend, TAC and MCO were recognized for being CASC members for 50 years. We were DKW Owners Club originally, Fiat Auto Club and eventually Toronto Autosport Club. We had to change the name as the cars disappeared. Hope the city stays for awhile!

This is also the time when half of the executive is up for election. My thanks to Russ, Peter, Todd, Sergei and Chuck for all their work in my first year as President. Russ, Todd and Sergei are leaving the board so the positions of Vice President, Secretary and Competition Director will become vacant and we need candidates for them. It is not too late to toss your hat in the ring. This is the best way to help in running the club. Call me if you would like more information and come to the meeting on the 21st.

Thanks to everyone for helping make the club the great success that it is.

Dietmar

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Volunteer Rewards Program will continue on next year as the Board of Directors decided to combine the 2006 and 2007 reward points together. Recipients for this program will be notified in 2008 as to their accumulated reward dollars.

This year's ALMS weekend at Mosport was a great success. Thirty-five people attended this event. On Saturday a barbeque was put on by Russ and Sheryl. On Sunday, John, Debbie and Mike delighted the palates of TAC members once again. The racing was very entertaining as well.

This year's award banquet will be held on Saturday, December 8th, at the Fox & Fiddle (where we hold our monthly meetings) located at 1285 Finch Avenue. We are hoping to see as many members at this event as possible to recognize the yearly award winners. A hot and cold buffet will be served at 7 and will be followed by the awards presentation and a considerable

amount of mixing and mingling. At this time you will also be able to converse with the outgoing board members (Russ Harding, Todd Presswood and Chuck Atkins) and the newly elected ones from the AGM on Wednesday, November 21st.

Some possible ideas for next year could be karting (maybe a competition with another club), wine/beer making (a successful event this year), a winery/brewery tour, a family picnic, a fun rally, a ski weekend or a biking weekend. The list is actually endless but requires more than one person to organize them. The new Social Director needs suggestions and help from the TAC membership. On paper, this is one of the largest autosport clubs in the province. Turnouts for club sponsored events should be much higher. Your new year's resolution for next year? Become involved in TAC events - Support your club!

Chuck Atkins

TAC Events Calendar 2007-2008

<u>DATES</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT/LOCATION</u>	<u>ORGANIZING CLUB</u>
November 2007			
10	Awards/Dinner	CASC Ontario Awards Gala, Toronto Congress Centre	CASC-OR
11	CHAMP	Mexico City, Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez	
11	Meeting	CASC Ontario Annual General Meeting, Toronto Congress Ctr	CASC-OR
21	Meeting	TAC AGM, Elections & Meeting, Fox & Fiddle, Finch W	 TAC
23-24	Rally-CRC/OPRC	Rally of the Tall Pines	MLRC
December 2007			
1	ORRC	Northern Lights Rally	KWRC
2	CHAMP	Streets of Phoenix	
8	Awards/Dinner	TAC Banquet/Awards, 6pm: Fox & Fiddle, 1285 Finch W	 TAC
January 2008			
5	ORRC	January Jaunt Rally	 TAC
26-27	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	PMSC
February 2008			
2-3	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	DAC
9-10	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	BEMC
16-17	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	BARC
23-24	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	TLMC
March 2008			
1-2	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	 TAC
8-9	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race,RAIN DATE, Minden Fairgrounds	

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)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AND THE
2007 ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS**

Notice is hereby served that the
2007 Annual General Membership Meeting
and the **2007 Election of Club Officers**
will take place at **8:00 pm** (or later)
following the regular business meeting
on **Wednesday November 21, 2007**
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 have your say in the running of the club to vote on matters
properly brought forward and for executive positions up for election**

Under the Constitution of the Club, the positions to be filled at the election are:

Vice President, Secretary, and Competition Director

Each of these Executive positions is for a two year term, commencing immediately after the conclusion of the 2007 elections and running through until November 2009.

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)

NOTICE OF PROXY – TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC.

2007 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 2007 TAC Motorsport Club Inc. Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers, to be held November 21, 2007

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____



Toronto Autosport Club
51st Annual General Members Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 15, 2006
9:20 PM

**NOTE: LAST YEAR'S
 2006 AGM MINUTES
 FOR REVIEW**

Present:	Board -Robert McAuley, Chuck Atkins, Peter Clifford, Dietmar Seelenmayer, Todd Presswood TAC Membership – Graham Tulett, Christian Sorensen, Nick Beck, Chris Atkins, Rob Jones, Janet Tse, Rich Sullivan, Peter Fenwick, M.J. Fenwick.
Regrets:	Russ Harding
Guests:	None
Recorder:	Todd Presswood
Location:	Fox & Fiddle, Finch and Keele.

Items/Discussion

- 1. General**
 - Rob called for all proxies to be given to Todd.
 - Todd reported that we have 14 members present and 14 valid proxies submitted.
 - The constitution requires 15 members to be represented for a quorum.
- 2. President's Report (Rob McAuley)**
 - Please refer to the 2006 November Edition of Fifth Gear for a copy of the written report.
 - Rob commented that over his 4 years as TAC President that he accomplished the things he set-out to do. The final year of the term was a calm one although it did include some important events and successes.
 - TAC implemented a new logo this year and has marketed it wherever possible.
 - The ALMS was once again a big success. The weather wasn't great but the food and company more than made up for it.
 - TAC purchased some new canopies and flags for TAC organized events.
 - Rob graciously thanked each of the Directors on the Board as well as Nick for his great commitment to the Fifth Gear publication that looks so great every month.
- 3. Vice President's Report (Rob McAuley for Russ Harding)**
 - Please refer to the V.P. Annual Report available to the membership. (please contact Todd if you would like a copy of this report)
 - The report was passed out to the members.
 - Russ was not able to attend the meeting today.
 - Rob commented that Russ had managed the website for TAC, getting our Fifth Gear newsletter on line, and setting up a forum. We will be changing our website hosting company to Affirma Innovations in the near future.
- 4. Social Director's Report (Chuck Atkins)**
 - Please refer to the 2006 November Edition of Fifth Gear for a copy of the written report.
 - Chuck spoke about the success of the ALMS weekend as well as the Year-End banquet coming up at the Toronto Board of Trade.
 - He would like to have a few more fun 'Social' things on the 2007 calendar for the club and is open to suggestions from the membership.
- 5. Secretary's Report (Todd Presswood)**
 - Please refer to the 2006 November Edition of Fifth Gear for a copy of the written report.
 - Accomplishments for this year included modifying the TAC brochure for the Toronto Auto Show, updating the TAC Inventory list, and participating and recording minutes for both the monthly members meetings and the Board meetings.
- 6. Competition Directors's Report (Dietmar Seelenmayer)**
 - Please refer to the 2006 November Edition of Fifth Gear for a copy of the written report.
 - Dietmar spoke about the various motorsports TAC is involved with and how we organized at least one event for each of Ice Racing, Auto Slalom, SoloSprint and Road Rally.
 - Currently, we are planning to organize an event for each of these different events again next year.
- 7. Fifth Gear Report (Nick Beck)**
 - Please refer to the 2006 November Edition of Fifth Gear for a copy of the written report.
 - Fifth Gear was published 11 times in 2006 with only August being missed due to a vacation.
 - Our highest monthly number of outgoing prints reached 151 in one month.
 - Nick made special mention that he needs content in order to make the publication work well. If any member has pictures/stories etc. that they are willing to share. Please forward to fifthgear@torontoautosportclub.ca .
- 8. Treasurer's Report (Peter Clifford)**
 - Please refer to the 2006 November Edition of Fifth Gear for a copy of the written report.
 - Peter commented on how pleased he is with how well our BoD works together.
 - In Fiscal 2005/06:
 - The 50th Anniversary Banquet cost approximately \$10,000
 - Clothing for rewards cost \$5,500
 - The new logo cost \$1,500

- Competition revenue's were down significantly this year.
- A question was raised about the reporting of assets owned by TAC that are held by CASC.
- Rich Sullivan motioned – Peter to add a notation at the bottom of the financial statement indicating that a nebulous amount of money is owed to TAC by SoloSprint and the value is not known at the time of year-end.
 - A discussion ensued
 - Rob proposed to amend the motion that after a discussion with the CASC Treasurer, Peter will add values to the spreadsheet and a notation, if necessary.
 - Rich motioned to close the discussion.
 - Graham motioned to approve; Second by Rob
 - Motion voted and passed.
- Rob Jones asked Peter if he is aware of any issues that have not yet been raised.
- Peter Clifford indicated that he does not see anything to be alarmed about. He added that it is important that we recognize that the club can no longer afford to spend the same amounts on club gear going forward.
- Peter said that our budget plans forecast \$18-19K/annum in gross expenses.
- Nick suggested we look at making TAC gear available for sale next year.
- Rob J. suggested we remove karting from the financial statements. Peter indicated that it was intentionally left on in an attempt to drum up support from members.

9. Procedure

- Rich motioned to accept the Director's reports as presented.
 - Peter Fenwick seconded
 - Motion voted and passed.

10. Elections (President)

- Rob reported that the nominating committee consisted of the BoD.
- Rich moved to nominate Rob Jones as returning officer. Second by Peter Fenwick. Motion voted and passed.
- Dietmar has been approached by the committee and will be running for President.
- Dietmar accepted the nomination
- Rob Jones asked for nominations from the floor. (none came forward)
- Nominations are now closed.
- Dietmar is acclaimed as the new TAC President. (2 year term)

11. Elections (Treasurer)

- Peter has been approached by the committee and will be running for Treasurer.
- Peter accepted the nomination
- Rob Jones asked for nominations from the floor. (none came forward)
- Nominations are now closed.
- Peter is acclaimed as the TAC Treasurer. (2 year term)

12. Elections (Social Director)

- Chuck has been approached by the committee and will be running for Social Dir.
- Chuck accepted the nomination
- Rob Jones asked for nominations from the floor. (none came forward)
- Nominations are now closed.
- Chuck is unanimously voted in as the TAC Social Director. (2 year term)

13. Elections (Competition Director)

- This position was left vacant by Dietmar, as he is the new TAC President.
- Chris A. has been approached by the committee and will be running for Competition Director.
- Chris A. accepted the nomination
- Rob Jones asked for nominations from the floor. (none came forward)
- Nominations are now closed.
- Chris A. is acclaimed as the new TAC Competition Director.

14. Procedure

- Rich motioned to close the elections. Second by Rob M. Voted and passed.
- Rob Jones was thanked for acting as returning officer.
- Nick motioned to Ratify and Sanction the actions of the previous year. Second by Rich. Voted and Approved.

15. New Business

- Rich asked about RSO and a small discussion ensued.

16. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Rob M. Second by Chris A. Voted and approved.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22PM.

The next scheduled members event is the Year-End Party on Saturday November 25, 2006 at the Toronto Board of Trade.

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La Carrera Panamericana

John Nielsen and Emine Wright have just returned from competing in "La Carrera Panamericana" in Mexico, running from October 26 to November 1st. They placed 2nd in the 'Unlimited' class in John's Shelby coupe (see the cover). Here is John's email report following their return.

Well its been 3 weeks and we've finally returned home to Canadian soil.. Only to get a 75 dollar parking ticket for parking the truck and trailer on the street in a snow removal zone.. like its snowing!!!! It was just the final straw in a chain of anti-climatic events that got us home.. The 2007 Carrera Panamericana seems like weeks ago after the journey it took us to get home from Laredo Texas... The day we crossed the border from Mexico to start our trip home started with a bang.. or should I say a squeak.. that would be the engine of my brand new Ford F-450 seizing up as we got only 18 miles north of Laredo. The cooling system failed and the motor seized up in what seems like only seconds after the temp light came on.. So there we were on the side of the road calling AAA for a tow.. only to have them tell us that they couldn't take our trailer, only the truck,, so we called Ford roadside assistance and they at least were able to take our trailer as well.. so after a long chat with the Ford dealer we left our tow rig with them and said good riddance to the ford.. We decided to rent a U-Haul to take us home.. boy that was a scary thought.. A U-Haul!!! don't they break down like very 10 miles??? But as it turned out, it got us home with the engine service light light up all the way? Now that were home after 3 long days driving, after 7 days of racing and 5 days driving before to get down there,, we don't want to even sit in a car or truck or race car for quite a while.



They say its all in the journey,, and I have made several journeys in my life, and I couldn't agree more.. "IT IS" all in the journey,, its half the fun.. and it makes you a better person at the same time...you learn, you adapted, and you Overcome... that's what this event is all about.



The race itself, was again an amazing event for so many reasons. And having Emine there with me this year was very special, she did so well at everything she had put in front of her.. she rose to the occasion and surpassed it.. I couldn't of asked for a more competent navigator.

We are happy to tell you that we finished 2nd in class and 3rd over all, out of over a 100 cars.. and if we exclude the Subaru 4 wheel drive, turbo charged, fuel injected car... we actually finished 1st in class and 2nd overall... The Subaru really didn't qualify to run being a 4 wheel drive,and everyone agreed.. But we are still very happy with our results,, and to beat the top cars and drivers of this event with their years of experience under their belts on our first attempt in the Coupe, is a testament to the car and our workings as a team. You may have the fastest car in the field,, but you still have to drive it fast and safe to win...So I'm elated with our results and happy to say we were the top Canadians in the field..

We have tons of video and photos that we will share with you as soon as I have time to send some out,, in the mean time,, there is already many shots on Youtube and on the web..just search 2007 carrera panamericana and you will find lots..

I also want to send out a special thanks to Richard and Esteban.. for all their help and understanding,, It was a tough job for all of us.. you lived through a great event and have many memories to last you a lifetime. cheers guys....!!

I hope to see you all soon in the future, until then,, take good care... thanks for all your support in this event,, and we're so happy to be home safe and all in one piece..

Cheers to all... John and Emine

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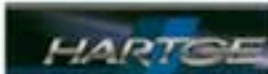
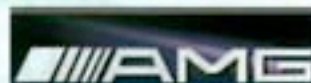


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TAC Annual Christmas Get Together

- Date:** Saturday, December 8, 2007
- Time:** 6:00 to Midnight
- Location:** Fox and Fiddle
1285 Finch Ave. W.
North York
- Attire:** Casual
- Food/Drink:** Full Hot/Cold Buffet/Cash Bar
- Cost:** \$25 per person
- Method of Payment:** Please make cheque payable to: Toronto Autosport Club
and send to: Peter Clifford
109 Park Home Ave.
Toronto, ON
M2N 1W7
- Deadline:** Monday, November 5, 2007
- Agenda:** Mix and mingle
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Presentation of awards
Mix and mingle
Meet the new executive and say goodbye to the retiring directors

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CHARIOTS OF FIRE – A MOTOR RACING LESSON

November 2007

by Peter Little

(via Chuck Atkins)

I am taking the trouble of writing this essay, as I'm certain there are lessons to be drawn from it by every person who races cars. I hope it reaches as many competitors as possible for that very reason, so if you happen to have a mailing list for a particular group, I'd appreciate it if you were to forward it to them. It will emerge that, far from being any sort of expert, able to stay in control of any situation I find myself in, I am capable of making a whole series of blunders when put in an unfamiliar and stressful spot. I ask you to read this carefully, and to carry out my recommendations. It may well save your life one day.

For those of you who don't know me, I currently race two different cars. This tale involves the 'safer' of the two, a Lotus Seven replica, powered by a Mazda rotary engine, which I use to participate in the Western Province Motor Club's NA Carrera Sports & GT Car championship at Killarney. I've been racing since the early Seventies with a ten-year gap when I rode motorcycle trials. The point is, I've been around long enough to know all the risks involved, and to have taken all necessary precautions to make life as safe for me as possible. Despite what some may think, I leave a margin for error in my driving, which gives a person a little extra reaction time – not that it helped me much in the tale I'm about to relate.

Last Saturday my car caught alight during our second race of the day. I had started from the back of the grid, not having done official qualifying. As I happen to have the quickest car in the race, it took about two laps to get past the bulk of the field, leaving another lap to catch and pass Louis de Jager's Lola T210 replica in fourth place, and two more to reach the two leaders, being the BMW's of Shaun Sale and Kosie Swanepoel. Whilst closing on them I'd smelt the odd whiff of petrol in some of the slower corners, and assumed one of them was spilling a bit from a filler cap or breather. I did feel a small amount of uneasiness, and did in fact wonder if it may not be my car. After passing the leader in Cape Town Corner at the end of the fifth lap, I could ease off a little, but by the end of the back straight, when I again smelt fuel and then knew it to be my car, I tapped right off. This is where all the blunders start. Shaun passed under braking for Cape Town Corner, and Kosie closed right onto my tail. Half way through the corner the footwell erupted in flame. At that point I was well off the pace, but being well dressed for fire, and not feeling any heat, I kept going whilst looking for a marshal with an extinguisher to stop alongside. Of course we don't have any such marshals at that part of the circuit and as soon as I could see that, I pulled off onto the point where the dragstrip joins the circuit, stopped, killed the car, set off the plumbed-in extinguisher, unbuckled, and hopped out. By now I'd made at least four stupid mistakes. What I've failed to mention is that, by the time I'd stopped the car, my hands were hurting a lot, and I still had to use them in the flames to do all those other things. By the time I was able to climb out of the car, my right leg was hurting a lot and my hands were unbearably sore. I'm not ashamed to say that I was very close to panic for the last seven seconds as I was then surrounded by fire.

I had a video camera running on the car, facing backwards, the film of which survived. Rotaries let out a lot of flame on the over-run, and with my exhaust exiting from the rear of the car, it was probably this that ignited the fuel vapour in the vortex, which can be clearly seen. People have said that they could see a vapour trail behind the car a while before the fire started. I'd had to replace the high pressure fuel pump, as well as the injectors in the morning, all under the bonnet, and can only assume I'd disturbed the low pressure return line to the tank in the process. This must have been rubbing on the propshaft right at the diff, where the two are fairly close, the hole gradually enlarging, and the flow increasing until there was enough to ignite. Braking for the corner would have washed the fuel forward in the car, hence fire around my legs. Fortunately, I don't think there was actually that much spilt fuel in the car, judging by the way the car burned before marshals with extinguishers arrived.

Sorry to have gone on for so long, but I wanted you to have a fairly clear picture. You have probably noticed all the mistakes I made, but I'm going to list them anyway. Firstly, however I want to make two further points, both of which will tend to suggest that I would react well in such situations, the point being that you may be just as likely to screw up like me. Firstly, I've always dressed myself with the best quality gear I can get my hands on. All my gear is Formula 1 level, the latest available suits now just being made lighter and anatomically better. They have also improved the design of the gloves, which, had I known, I would probably have purchased. Secondly, I've been in a couple of tricky situations before, and been very calm and clear-thinking at the time, so there was no indication that I would fail so badly this time.

Right, now to the mistakes I made, in order:-

- Getting my priorities wrong by wasting valuable time looking for a marshal to stop alongside. Those seconds wasted become vital once things start hurting, and you can't ask for them to be given back. I took a scarcely believable 19 seconds to finally stop after initial ignition – that leaves way too little time to get out unharmed. No wonder my hands were already blistering before I had stopped.

- Not immediately killing electrical power, thereby switching off fuel pumps. Again, worrying about finding a marshal stopped my thinking processes.
- Only activating the onboard extinguisher after stopping. Even then, because of my near panic, my right hand first went to the cylinder, instead of my left hand going straight to the activating knob.
- Not unbuckling my belts before stopping. At this point, I struggled a while unthreading the shoulder straps from my Leatt Brace. That is not the fault of the brace, but rather of an unfocussed mind. You may just as well go back to pre-seventies thinking and push for not having to wear belts at all – all safety improvements come with at least some additional complications.

Now, what I SHOULD have done as soon as the fire started was:-

1. Kill the power – make sure your car is wired so that the Kill switch kills ALL electrical currents.
2. Pick a stopping point to aim for. That gets you out of other cars' way, as well as speeding up the stopping process.
3. If you've got a plumbed-in extinguisher (which I strongly recommend) activate it.
4. Unbuckle BEFORE stopping. It's a one-handed operation, so won't interfere with steering and braking.
5. Evacuate as soon as you stop. Saloon cars often have the added complications of side intrusion bars, as well as window nets. These slow you down. You DON'T want to feel pain. A burnt car only makes your wallet feel pain.
6. Once you're out of the car, and if it's safe to do so, you can reach back in for a hand-held extinguisher. Make that the last thing you do.

As far as my recommendations for all people who race cars are concerned:-

- Wear the BEST quality clothing you can source. This includes longjohns and long-sleeved nomex vests, as well as long nomex socks and a balaclava. Proper nomex-lined FIA approved high boots are also a must. I can't count the number of competitors I see dressed in the wrong shoes, so must presume a lot of them also skimp on the invisible stuff. Those things melt into your flesh almost immediately – I wouldn't recommend you try it out.
- Practice your exit procedure, repeatedly, preferably alone, with all your clothing on, including helmet and gloves. Try it with your eyes shut – in real life you may be blinded by flames or smoke or even a melting visor. Go so far as to roll out onto the ground if it's quicker – in a real life scenario you won't feel at all self-conscious.
- Look at getting the latest type of gloves, which have nomex under the leather palms. Your hands are even more important than your eyes in a situation like this, and blistered, incapacitated hands and fingers don't help one bit.

I hope the above is of some use to many of you. It is all only commonsense, but you'll be shocked to discover how quickly you lose that in a tense situation. If you absorb it all, it may even let your conscious mind concentrate on driving your race car quicker!

p.s. Time-line of the Event:

- 0secs – Fire starts
- 19secs – car stationary
- 26secs – driver out of car
- 50secs – Marshal 1 appears heading for extinguisher(out of shot)
- 60secs – Marshal 2 appears with extinguisher (tired and slow)
- 70secs – Marshal 2 appears – ditto
- 80secs – John Amm appears with marshal's extinguisher (quickly activates it – he is the first person to put the fire out. Remember, he had to get down from a spectator area and then run to the scene.
- 91secs – Fire truck pulls up at the scene – not bad considering the distance he had to drive, plus the 19secs I wasted at the beginning.

p.p.s My Injuries:

- 2nd degree burns to both palms and all fingers and thumbs – no deep burns.
- 2nd degree burns to right knee area, calf, and ankle – no deep burns.
- Recovery should be rapid and complete, with no after effects.

p.p.p.s. Typing all this has taken 5 hours in all, with countless multiple key hits and other irritating hand errors – i.e. burns are a MAJOR hassle, and it's going to be like this for several weeks.

CASC 2008 Magnum Ice Race Schedule and Daily Race Rotation

Schedules and # of laps may be altered for time and/or weather conditions: check the registration window!

Ice Race Advisory 416-667-9500 877-667-9505	Jan 26/27 Round 1	Feb 2/3 Round 2	Feb 9/10 Round 3	Feb 16/17 Round 4	Feb 23/24 Round 5	Mar 1 /2 Round 6	Mar 8/9 Mar 15/16
	PMSC	DAC	BEMC	BARC	TLMC	TAC	Rain
Saturday Registration & Scrutineering open at 8:00 Drivers' Meeting 8:30am SHARP- BE THERE!							
Practice	5 laps Toronto Tirecraft SSC 9:00am						
Practice	10 minutes for all rubber classes						
Practice	5 laps	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
Race # 1	10	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3
2	10	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14
3	10	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
3A	10	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
4	10	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13
5	10	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4
6	10	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2
7	10	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
Lunch: time for race 8 start to be posted on the registration window.							
8	12	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3
9	12	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14
10	12	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
10A	12	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
11	12	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13
12	12	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4
13	12	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
14	12	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2
15	12	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3
16	12	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
16A	12	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
17	12	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14
18	12	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13
19	12	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
20	12	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4
21	12	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2
Sunday Registration & Scrutineering open 11:00, Drivers' Meeting 11:30am							
8 Laps	12:00pm LTB Memorial Shootout (Top 3 from races 14 to 21 Saturday) Rubber tires only						
Practice	5 laps Toronto Tirecraft SSC						
Practice	10 minutes for all rubber classes						
Practice	5 laps	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
Race # 1	12	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3
2	12	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14
3	12	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
4	12	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13
5	12	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4
6	12	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
6A	12	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
7	12	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2
8	12	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3
9	12	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD	STUD
10	12	11,14	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14
11	12	12,13	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13
12	12	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
12A	12	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC	SSC
13	12	1,4	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4
14	12	2	3	11,14	12,13	1,4	2
DISABLE YOUR CAR AT END OF EACH RACE DAY							
RACES 3A, 10A & 16A ON SATURDAYS AND 6A & 12A ON SUNDAYS RESERVED FOR SPLIT SSC RACE DEPENDING ON CAR COUNT							

- Classes**
- 1**
Rear WD
 - 2**
Front WD
<2415 mm wheelbase
 - 3**
Front WD
>2416 mm wheelbase
 - 4**
4 WD
- 2nd Driver Classes**
- 11**
Rear WD
 - 12**
Front WD
<2415 mm wheelbase
 - 13**
Front WD
>2416 mm wheelbase
 - 14**
4 WD
- STUD**
- S1**
Rear WD
 - S3**
Front WD
 - S4**
4 WD



- Street Stud Class**
- SS1**
Rear WD
 - SS3**
Front WD
 - SS4**
4 WD



The Toronto Autosport Club presents the
2008 January Jaunt
Round 1 of the Ontario Road Rally Cup
Saturday, January 5, 2008



Check the web site for updates: www.JanuaryJaunt.com

Entry Fee: \$45
Start/Finish: The Royal Coachman
1 Main Street North (at Dundas)
Waterdown, Ontario
Registration Opens: 2:00 PM
Beginner's Meeting: 2:30 PM
Driver's Meeting: 2:50 PM
Car '0' Starts: 3:30 PM
Car '0' Finishes: 8:00 PM (approx)

The 2008 January Jaunt is the first rally of the 2008 season. It is a winter navex, providing real rally instructions, on real navigational rally roads. Because this event is held in the winter, more challenging driving conditions can be expected.

- It is **strongly** recommended that you have snow tires.
- All competitors must carry a safety triangle.
- It is recommended that all competitors carry a winter safety kit (e.g. shovel, blanket, candle, bottled water).
- Any auxiliary lights should be controlled through a single switch that also disables high beams.

Please contact the organizers for more information:

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From Toronto, take QEW west to Brant Street, then north to Dundas Street, then west. Alternatively, take Highway 407 or Highway 403 to Dundas Street, then west.

From everywhere else, take Highway 6 to Dundas Street, then east.

The Royal Coachman is at the corner of Dundas and Main in downtown Waterdown. Parking lot entrance off Main.





Toronto Autosport Club

Monthly Members Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 17, 2007 8:08PM

Present: Board - Dietmar Seelenmayer, Peter Clifford TAC Membership – Nick Beck, Rob Jones, Janet Jones, Peter Fenwick, Margaret Fenwick, Paul Moore	
Guests: None	
Recorder: Nick Beck	
Location: Fox and Fiddle – 1285 Finch Ave West. (at Keele St.)	
Items/Discussion	Tasks/Deadline
1. Introduction - Dietmar welcomed members - Presently have about 196 members - The membership number quoted in CASC newsletter was wrong; Steve Scala has corrected this. - Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as published in Fifth Gear, on motion by Peter Fenwick, seconded by Margaret Fenwick & passed.	
1. Treasurer's report - Current balance of \$18,096.18 before tonight's items, about \$3000 to deposit including ALMS amounts for formerly 'missing' 21 entries from CASC, also receivables from Guru Nanak, Zonta & IAG rallies. - Expenses include Christmas Party \$1000 approximate cost, Umbrellas about \$2000 owed but no invoice yet.	
1. Social Director Report - Notice of Christmas Party was in FIFTH GEAR, will be held at the Fox & Fiddle. We need a minimum of 40 people to have the room exclusive.	
1. Competition Director's Report - National SoloSprint event at Mosport event seemed to go off well. It rained. Rob McAuley not present tonight to report. - Rally: Greenspond Go-Round was last weekend, the Moore's won, with Seelenmayers second. President's Prize is next on Oct. 27th, this is also the Tall Pines work day - 2 Contract events, one is tomorrow, one is on 27th - January Jaunt is getting worked on already - Ice Race: Organizers & Competitors meeting was last Sunday - Series starts one week later with PMSC on Jan 26/08; TAC event is March 1&2 2008 - Entry Fees \$5 higher, club fee \$100 more. - 50-50 draw amounts will now go to a CASC trust fund - Jan 19&20 /08 is the pre-tech inspection. Need licensed scrutineers. - Tire changes are limited to 10 minutes from chequered to Green flag - Street Studs may be split if over 30 cars enter - Rules were rewritten for clarity - RSO Meeting: Reported by Paul: RSO has hired a 'free' communications person from college - final Rallycross will be Oct-28 at Bancroft - working on Burnt River site - 2007 Subaru sponsorship fell thru. No money arrived. - Co-Drivers course is coming - Tall Pines is on schedule, need workers, can volunteer on-line - 2 clubs are trying to do new regional performance events (MCO & KWRC) - ORRC: levys reduced from \$10 to \$5 due to low entries	
1. New/Other Business - none	
1. For Sale or Wanted - no items	
1. Loonies in the Basket - Won by Paul Moore.	
1. Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:30 hours.	

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



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

Present:	Dietmar Seelenmayer, Serge Guschin, Peter Clifford, Todd Presswood, Chuck Atkins,	
Regrets:	Russ Harding	
Guests:	None	
Recorder:	Todd Presswood	
Location:	Conference Call	
	Items/Discussion	Tasks/Deadline
1. General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dietmar asked the Board to report on their conversations with the members from the phone calls. (calls were made to invite members to the AGM, the Year-End party, and to ask about Board member interest. ◆ Award winners were discussed and will be awarded at the year-end party. 	
2. VP's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Russ was not available for the meeting - membership in September stood at 196. 	
3. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The October bank statement is not yet available. \$17605.48 ◆ IAG rally (\$1000) and Zonta rally (was \$550 last year) are not yet received. ◆ Christmas party dollars received \$250 + 100 to be deposited ◆ SoloSprint OSO Nationals expenses were received. ◆ Several ALMS expenses are outstanding/expected from Russ. ◆ ALMS online ticket sales revenue has been received. 	
4. Competition Rally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ralliette – winner of the combined MapleLeaf and TAC award to be determined. Dietmar to follow-up. 	
5. Social Director's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuck notified the board that he will be stepping down as Social Director as of the AGM. <p>Year End Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Board agreed that the Year end party will be held on Saturday Dec 8 2007. 6pm - midnight at the Fox & Fiddle. ◆ Includes full hot and cold buffet with a cash bar. Cost will be \$25/person. 	
6. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Elections are upcoming. The offices of Vice President, Secretary, Competition and Social Directors are available. Russ, Todd, Serge and Chuck will not be running. 	
7. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:40 hrs. 	

Next scheduled BoD meeting will be held at 8:00PM on Wednesday December 5, 2007 at a venue to be determined.

**2007 Pacific Forest Rally
Round 5 of the 2007 Canadian Rally Championship
October 19/20, 2007 – Merritt, BC**

<i>Pos'n</i>	<i>Driver</i>	<i>Co-driver</i>	<i>Car</i>	<i>Class Pos'n</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Behind leader</i>
1	Antoine L'Estage, QC	Nathalie Richard, QC	2007 Hyundai Tiburon	1st - Open	1:49:30	---
2	Norm LeBlanc, BC	Keith Morison, AB	2002 Subaru WRX	1st - P4	1:55:37	6:07
3	Andrew Comrie-Picard, ON	Marc Goldfarb, US	2006 Mitsubishi Evo9	2 nd - Open	1:57:26	7:56
4	Scott Trinder, BC	Robert Trinder, BC	1995 Subaru WRX-RA	3 rd - Open	2:00:49	11:19
5	Gord Olsen, AB	Todd Patola, BC	2004 Subaru WRX	4 th - Open	2:02:13	12:43
6	Aaron Neumann, BC	Graham Coates, BC	1992 Honda Civic	1st - Gr 2	2:08:48	19:18
7	Colin Armstrong, AB	Ryan Warrington, AB	1991 VW GTI	2 nd - Gr 2	2:09:59	20:29
8	Nicola Narini, ON	Massimo Narini, ON	1992 Subaru Legacy	2 nd - P4	2:11:05	21:35
9	Martin Chung, BC	Christa Monasch, BC	1995 Subaru Impreza	5 th - Open	2:15:11	25:41
10	Ken Maydaniuk, BC	Chris Maydaniuk, BC	2004 Subaru WRX STi	6 th - Open	2:15:51	26:21
11	Karim Kanji, AB	Penny Mellor, AB	1990 Mitsubishi Eclipse	3 rd - P4	2:16:47	27:17
12	Neil Wright, AB	Lorna Wright, AB	1988 Mazda RX-7	1st - P3	2:22:15	32:45

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<i>Driver</i>	<i>Co-driver</i>	<i>Car</i>	<i>Class</i>
RJ Carroll, BC	Michelle Mah, BC	1999 Subaru Impreza RS	P4
Mark Jennings-Bates, BC	Jennifer daly, BC	1993 Subaru Impreza	Open
Zbigniew Szewczyk, AB	Tomasz Karzynski, AB	2004 Mitsubishi Lancer Ralliart	Gr 5
Graham Bruce, AB	Kurt Schantz, AB	1991 Eagle Talon	P4
Eric Grochowski, AB	Leanne Junnila, AB	1996 VW Golf	Gr 2
Jan Zedril, MB	Jody Zedril, MB	2003 Mitsubishi Lancer ES	P3

Next events:

Canadian Rally Championship – *Rally of the Tall Pines*, Bancroft, ON, November 23/24

Ontario Performance Rally Championship – *Rally of the Tall Pines*, Bancroft, ON, November 23/24

ENTRY LIST - 2007 Rally of the Tall Pines – Nov. 23/24

1	National	Peter Thomson, <i>Toronto, ON</i>	Rod Hendricksen, <i>Clinton, NJ</i>	2006 Mitsubishi Evolution	Open
2	National	Ken Block, <i>Colchester, VT</i>	Alex Gelsomino, <i>Colchester, VT</i>	2006 Subaru Impreza WRX STI	Open
3	National	Antoine L'Estage, <i>St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC</i>	Nathalie Richard, <i>St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC</i>	2007 Hyundai Tiburon	Open
4	Both	Frank Sprongl, <i>Georgetown, ON</i>	Brian Maxwell, <i>Port Hope, ON</i>	Mitsubishi Evo	Open
5	Both	Andrew Comrie-Picard, <i>Toronto, ON</i>	Marc Goldfarb, <i>Atkinson, NH</i>	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo	Open
8	Both	Martin Gauvin, <i>New-Richmond, QC</i>	Daniel Duchesneau, <i>New-Richmond, QC</i>	2002 Subaru WRX	P-4
9	Both	John Cassidy, <i>Bangor, ME</i>	Dave Getchell, <i>Camden, ME</i>	2003 Subaru WRX STi	Open
12	Both	Martin Donnelly, <i>Toronto, ON</i>	TBA	2007 Subaru WRX	Open
13	Both	John Vanos, <i>Markham, ON</i>	Jeff Secor,	2006 Subaru WRX STi	Open
14	Both	Craig Henderson, <i>Saint-Constant, QC</i>	Lyne Murphy, <i>Saint-Constant, QC</i>	2002 Subaru Impreza WRX	Open
15	Both	Dmitri Kishkarev, <i>Ocean, NJ</i>	Malcolm Swann, <i>Ellershouse, NS</i>	1997 Mitsubishi Lancer	Open
16	National	Peter Reilly, <i>Brampton, ON</i>	Phil Assad, <i>Brampton, ON</i>	1994 VW Golf	Open
17	National	Réjean Losier, <i>Blainville, QC</i>	Philippe Poirier, <i>Québec, QC</i>	2005 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution 8	Open
18	Both	Ted Mendham, <i>Lyndeborough, NH</i>	Lise Mendham, <i>Lyndeborough, NH</i>	2002 Subaru WRX	P-4
21	Both	Alan Ryall, <i>Georgetown, ON</i>	Bruce Leonard, <i>Georgetown, ON</i>	2002 Subaru Impreza WRX	P-4
22	Both	Nicola Narini, <i>Hampton, ON</i>	Massimo Narini, <i>Hampton, ON</i>	1992 Subaru Legacy Turbo	P-4
23	Both	Rob Mackenzie, <i>Bond Head, ON</i>	Greg James, <i>Port Hope, ON</i>	2000 Honda Civic	P-2
24	National	Martin Losier, <i>St.-Donat, QC</i>	François Morin, <i>Lac-aux-Sables, QC</i>	1999 Mitsubishi Lancer	Open
25	National	Simon Losier, <i>Blainville, QC</i>	Maxime Losier, <i>Blainville, QC</i>	1997 Honda Civic	Grp-2
26	National	Colin Armstrong, <i>Calgary, AB</i>	Keith Morison, <i>Calgary, AB</i>	1991 VW Golf GTI	Grp-2
29	Both	Ian Crerar, <i>Picton, ON</i>	Doug Draper, <i>Yarker, ON</i>	TBA	TBA
30	Both	Vittorio Bares, <i>Londonderry, NH</i>	Kristin Chute, <i>Standish, ME</i>	1987 Audi 4000	Classic
31	National	Andrew Frick, <i>Columbus, OH</i>	Michael Hordijk, <i>Mars, PA</i>	2001 Ford Focus	P-3
32	Regional	Nuwan Dantanarayana, <i>Brampton, ON</i>	TBA	1992 Subaru Legacy Turbo	Open
35	Both	Mark Williams, <i>Ridgefield, CT</i>	James Drake, <i>Markham, ON</i>	1995 Subaru Impreza	Open
36	National	Leonid Urlichich, <i>Peterborough, ON</i>	Dave Shindle, <i>Alexandria, VA</i>	2006 Subaru Impreza WRX STi	Open
37	National	Jean-Louis Weil, <i>Prévost, QC</i>	Éric Champagne, <i>St-Colomban, QC</i>	1999 Subaru Impreza	Open
38	Both	Jose Vicente, <i>Newark, NJ</i>	Constantine Mantopoulos, <i>Staten Island, NY</i>	1997 Audi A4 Quattro 1.8T	P-4
39	Both	Rick Williams, <i>Omeme, ON</i>	Peter Watt, <i>Peterborough, ON</i>	1967 Ford Cortina GT	Grp-2
40	Both	Martin Walter, <i>North Gower, ON</i>	Ferdinand Trauttmansdorff, <i>Nepean, ON</i>	1992 Nissan 240SX	Grp 5
41	Regional	Ivan Malo, <i>Richmond Hill, ON</i>	Sebastian Fudalej, <i>Toronto, ON</i>	1983 VW Rabbit	Grp-2
42	Regional	Anthony Tremblay, <i>Astorville, ON</i>	John Gardhouse, <i>Toronto, ON</i>	1981 VW Scirocco	Grp-2
43	Regional	Phil Jeffries, <i>Burlington, ON</i>	Matt Jeffries, <i>Burlington, ON</i>	1990 Eagle Talon	P-4
44	National	Jan Zedril, <i>Winnipeg, MB</i>	Jody Zedril, <i>Winnipeg, MB</i>	2003 Mitsubishi Lancer ES	P-3
45	Regional	Luis Melo, <i>Brampton, ON</i>	Jeff Hagan, <i>Whitby, ON</i>	1991 Lada Samara	P-2
46	Both	Jim Stevens, <i>Kingsville, ON</i>	Rebecca Stevens, <i>Windsor, ON</i>	TBA	TBA
47	National	Christopher Martin, <i>North York, ON</i>	Phil Narini, <i>Hampton, ON</i>	1985 Subaru RX	Open
48	National	Simon Gervais, <i>Montréal, QC</i>	Olivier Maltais, <i>Montreal, QC</i>	1988 Audi 90	Open
51	Both	Glen Clarke, <i>Mountain, ON</i>	Ray Felice, <i>Guelph, ON</i>	Subaru	Open
52	National	Dave Mirra, <i>Colchester, VT</i>	Alan Ockwell, <i>Toronto, ON</i>	2002 Subaru Impreza WRX	Open
53	Regional	Doug Tompsett, <i>Norwood, ON</i>	Rachel Steeles, <i>Cambridge, ON</i>	1984 VW Scirocco	Grp-2
54	Regional	Matt Waters, <i>Ottawa, ON</i>	Eric McKinnon, <i>Alexandria, ON</i>	1994 Eagle Summit	P-2
55	Regional	Conor Malone, <i>Toronto, ON</i>	Glenna Chestnutt, <i>Toronto, ON</i>	TBA	TBA
56	Regional	Nigel Mathew, <i>Caledon, ON</i>	Kelly Mathew, <i>Caledon, ON</i>	2005 Subaru Impreza STi	Open

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Minutes



LOCATION – Telephone Conference Call
 – meeting 7:30 P.M. 15/10/07

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

Agenda

- 1) **Approval of/additions to Agenda** – approved as amended – Gulliver/Moore
- 2) **Approval of August 21, 2007 meeting minutes** – approved as published – Felice/Gulliver
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report** – approved as presented – Gulliver/Moore
- 4) **Old Business**
 - (a) **RSO Board/Exec. Job Descriptions** – couple missing – will prepare document as is
 - (b) **Communications** – Stephanie Rauscher, a student enrolled in Reporting & Writing at Laurier, , will prepare and issue RSO communications with mentoring from Jen Horsey.
 - (c) **RSO Decals** – decals now in stock – approximately 6” x 15” – available for \$10 each – these large decals are suitable for trailers etc – regular decals still available for no charge - contact Paul Henshall
 - (d) **RallyCross/RallySprint** - report – September 22nd event was run by PMSC – had 35 entries – final event on October 28th
 still working on Burnt River site for 2008
 competitors not required to be a member of an RSO club to score in series
 suggestion from a Quebec competitor to merge Quebec & Ontario series was considered and rejected as the events are being run quite differently
 - (e) **Subaru sponsorship** – status for 2007 – nothing for 2007 – possibly for 2008
 - (f) **RSO Calendar Meeting** – some clubs have not submitted proposed dates
 - Secretary will pursue these
 - suggestions from Martin Loveridge re ORRC Series for 2008 were discussed
 - will accept up to 10 events – per car levy will be reduced
- CARS Update** – Rule change process – is progressing very well – has been very productive due to the perseverance and leadership of CARS President, Jorge Dascollas, in resolving a large backlog. Some change suggestions. Will now go to the Sport for input.
- 6) **OPRC**
 - (a) **Series Standings** – Defi Results to be posted soon
 - (b) **Co-drivers’ Course** – Mark Williams will run a co-driver’s course for RSO
 - date set for November 10 – location Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough– lots of registrations coming in - P. Gulliver in charge of arranging details
 - (c) **Black Bear Follow-up** - towing incident – CARS Board is investigating further
 - (d) **GCFR Update** – Steward’s report – received – very positive – discussion re stage security

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- (e) **Tall Pines Update** – shaping up very well – Supp Regs have been approved and posted
 - road permissions coming as expected
 - will feature a recce/notes school on Thursday prior to recce by Tom McGeer & Mark Williams
 - two pass recce Thursday afternoon and all day Friday
 - special Media Tour a new feature -12 by invitation only – excellent media Coverage shaping up
 - need more volunteers – contact ross@tallpinesrally.com
 - Christina C. recruiting (for all RSO events) at the Newmarket Hamfest
- (f) Steward's compensation – policy was discussed and clarified – an RSO steward At the Baie des Chaleurs Rally will receive additional compensation due to a misunderstanding

7) ORRC

- (a) **Series Standings** – standings posted & current
- (b) **Infinite Monkeys** – report – good event – awaiting Steward's report
- (c) **Tour Rallies** – simple navigational instructions for an ORRC event are totally acceptable – Organizers must use good judgement re speeds that are set
- (d) **Grencrew payments** – Treasurer to look into including additional compensation for navigators in the 2008 budget

7) Growth Committee - (per Christina Chinn)

- Christina Chinn will set up an RSO booth at the York Region Hamfest

8) New Business –

- (a) **levies** – discussion re suggestion to reduce or eliminate club levies –
 - proposal re reallocation of Road Damage Fund was not carried
 - decision was made to reduce ORRC per car levy from \$10 to \$5 effective 2008
- (b) **Rally Vehicle Insurance** – an RSO member is pursuing group rally car insurance

10) Club News

MLRC (per Ross Wood)

- Mini Series – Series entries down in September & October
- Rally of the Tall Pines – need lots of workers – set aside November 23-24 – online Worker Registration is open – go to www.tallpinesrally.com
- second RallyCross went well – next one August 26th in Bancroft
- Greenspond ORRC event a go – October 13

TAC (per Paul Moore)

The CASC Ice Racing Fall Driver's meeting will be taking place on October 18th. Details are available on the CASC website in the Ice Racing Forum. Note to Rallyists: Ice racing is the fastest way to brush up on your car control skills in a safe, fun environment. Just think about it.....20 Civics all heading for Turn One at 60 km/h and nobody has traction! Passengers are always welcome (aka organic ballast) and the class structure allows for second drivers in most classes.

TAC will be hosting a contract rally for the Integrated Automotive Group on October 18th.

The Ralliette Series was completed on September 26th. Overall attendance was down from historic levels but steady throughout the year. There were some good "battles" for the series championship in some classes. The new venue used this year (Mississauga Road and 401) proved to be very popular and provided easy access to some of the great roads in the western GTA.

TAC will be looking for new organizers for some of the Ralliettes in 2008 as well as an ORRC organizer for the DOCR.

The TAC year end Social Party will be held on December 8 at the Fox and Fiddle (Finch Ave West and Keele) from 6 pm to whenever. Cost is \$25 per person with a hot and cold buffet and cash bar.

MCO (per Greg van Dalen)

KWRC (per Christina Chinn)

KWRC has 53 Current Members. Some of the members will be attending the RSO Co-Driver's School to be held in November. Dennis ran a beginner's timing school at the September SNATR. Further discussions of the KWRC events for the 2008 RSO calendar will be done at the October meeting. There are still on going discussions for a Regional Performance event for 2009. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 11 October.

PMSC (per Pete Gulliver)

SPDA (per Nuwan Dantanarayana)

- 11) **Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 4th at Paul Henshall's house**

For Sale

1988 Ford Mustang LX 5.0

Black, painted in summer 2004

5-spd

Car is in good condition, bits of rust on underbody, but nothing excessive. Body is in very condition. This car has been raced in Solosprint for the past 3 years. It finished 1st and 2nd in GT2 this year, and 2nd Overall in 2007. Car ran a 1:43 at Mosport in 2005 before many of the below modifications, and Andy's first time on that track.

Modifications:

Engine – original 5.0L / Ford Racing underdrive pullies / MSD Blaster Coil (Summer 2006)
Taylor 8mm Spark plug wires (Summer 2007) / Ford Racing Mini-Starter (Summer 2005)
New Heavy Duty 3-core rad/thermostat/rad cap (Summer 2007) / New TFI module (Summer 2007)

Drivetrain:

Tremec TKO-600 Transmission (Winter 2007) / Ford Racing Aluminum Driveshaft (Winter 2007)
Fidanza aluminum flywheel (Winter 2007) / Centerforce Dual Friction clutch (Winter 2007)
Ford 3.08 rear gears (Summer 2005) / Pro 5.0 Shifter (Summer 2007)
Polyurethane trans crossmember to body bushings (Summer 2006)
Ford Racing clutch cable (Summer 2006) / Moroso Rear wheel studs (Summer 2007)

Suspension:

Motorola Cup Car Springs / Koni Yellows / Maximum Motorsports (MM) Caster/Camber plates
MM Rear lower control arms / MM Panhard Bar / MM Aluminum Steering rack bushings
Front swaybar urethane bushings / Prothane Endlinks
4x – 17x8.5 ROH wheels with 245/40-17 Hoosier R6s (40% left?)
4x – 16x8 Simmons 3-pc wheels with 245/45-16 Toyo RA-1s, 2 like new, 2 about 30% left
2x – 16x7 aluminum wheels with 245/45-16 Toyo RA-1s, about 10% left

Brakes:

Hawk Blue front pads / Hawk HP+ rear pads / Stainless Steel brake lines
Stainless Steel front caliper brake sleeves / Baer 12' vented rear discs with aluminum PBR caliper
Wilwood Proportioning Valve / 1994 Mustang 5.0 Master Cylinder

Interior and Safety:

Battery relocated with Taylor aluminum battery box / Optima Red Top Battery
6-pt roll cage with integrated shock tower brace / Corbeau Forza seats (2) / Corbeau 5-pt Harnesses
Hood pins (4) / Driveshaft safety loop / MM K-Member brace
Interior is gutted / 3000lbs with almost a full tank of gas

Misc:

Cervini's fiberglass Heat Extractor Hood (Lift-Off) – VERY light
Subframes / Chromoly Strut Tower Brace / Torque boxes welded / Rear fenders rolled
Engine has low compression in 2 cylinders. Valvetrain/Heads were checked in July.

\$11,500

Contact Todd 416-560-6933 evenings if you're interested or for more information



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.

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:** _____

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 2007 autosport interests

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

Please indicate three areas that you can help with in 2007

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



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