



# Fifth Gear

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The TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB OF TORONTO Incorporated, (known as the "Toronto Autosport Club") is a general interest motorsport club involved in rallying, Solo I, Solo II, ice racing, road racing and social events. Club Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except August & December) at 8:00 p.m. at the Fox and Fiddle: 1285 Finch Avenue West, one block east of Keele...

## GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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FIFTH GEAR is the monthly publication of the Toronto Autosport Club. Articles concerning Club members' activities are of special interest and members are encouraged to submit their writings to any member of the Executive or send them to the Editorial Offices.

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This month I have two messages. One pertains to the upcoming AGM and the awards banquet at the end of November and the other is a summary of how the club operated for the last year.

The next meeting, on November 19, will be a short general meeting followed by the AGM for this year. The reports from executive members are in this issue of Fifth Gear. You have the opportunity to question the directors on these reports at the AGM. Three positions are open for nominations and then elections. They are President, Treasurer and Social Director. There is still time to throw your hat in the ring for these positions.

The 2008 Award Banquet is on Saturday November 29. It will be at the Fox and Fiddle as last year. There will be a hot and cold buffet and cash bar. Cost is \$25 per person. Trophies will be presented to the TAC members for best performance as Race Driver, Ice Race Driver, Solosprint, Autoslalom, Rally Driver, Rally Co-Driver, Navigational Rally Driver, Navigational Rally Navigator and Most Active Member. The Ralliette series awards will also be presented.

Come out and cheer on the winners and swap stories with fellow TACcies. Serge and I will be in touch with the respective winners

This year the club organized a number of events. We ran three ORRC rallies, the first of these being the January Jaunt. This was followed by our ice race event in February. In June we ran the Discover Ontario Rally and in August the Infinite Monkeys Rally. We again ran our beginner ralliette series from April to September. These events are designed to introduce newcomers to the sport. In September and October TAC organized 2 Solosprint events. We also ran 2 contract rallies, which help to raise funds for TAC events such as the awards banquet, as well as introduce new people to the sport.

Thanks to everyone for helping make the club the great success that it is. Renew early and claim either a \$ 20 voucher usable on a TAC organized event in 2009 or choose a TAC long sleeved T-shirt.

Dietmar

## TAC Events Calendar 2008/2009

<u>DATES</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT/LOCATION</u>	<u>ORGANIZING CLUB</u>
<b><u>November 2008</u></b>			
1	Solo-I	SoloSprint / Autoslalom Banquet	CASC-OR
2	F1	BRAZILIAN Grand Prix, Interlagos	
19	Meeting	TAC AGM, Elections & Club Meeting, Fox & Fiddle Restaurant	TAC
20-22	Rally-CRC/OPRC	Rally of the Tall Pines	MLRC
<b><u>December 2008</u></b>			
6	ORRC	Northern Lights Rally !! CANCELLED !!	KWRC
<b><u>January 2009</u></b>			
3	ORRC	January Jaunt Rally, Waterdown	TAC

(Sorry, CASC has no published dates for Ice Racing yet)

ORRC : Ontario Road Rally Cup    CLUB : Non-Status Club Event    OPRC : Ontario Performance Rally Championship  
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 IRL: Indy Racing League    CRQ : Championnat de Rallye Du Quebec    ALMS : American LeMans Series  
 CRC : Canadian Rally Championship    WRC : World Rally Championship

# VICE PRESIDENT—YEAR-END ADDRESS

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Well, it's hard to believe that another season of automotive motor sport has come and gone. Where does the time go? To begin, it has been a pleasure to have the privilege of being part of TAC's board of directors. Taking on the role as club vice president gave me the opportunity to get involved with the club in new ways. I encourage all club members - new and veteran alike to consider a position on the BOD at some point. It can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, to be active with one of Ontario's oldest automotive car clubs.

Taking over from Russ Harding as club vice-president was a smooth transition. With the assistance and guidance from Russ, TAC president Deitmar Seelenmayer, and TAC treasurer Peter Clifford, along with many other TAC veterans including the club's competition director Serge Guschin, club secretary, Nelson Raposo, 5<sup>th</sup> gear editor Nick Beck, Rob Mcauley, and Malcolm Elston just to mention a few, my first term as club V.P. was productive and enjoyable. First, taking care of club membership was facilitated by the CASC web site – the majority of new TAC members took advantage of CASC's on-line registration process. Other new members were enlisted at the CSC spring's open house. TAC's current membership is 123. Of the 123 members, 82 are single members, and the remaining are family members.

My active participation is Solo Sprint this year was limited. I'm sure many of you can relate to my situation; I purchase my first home this year on a half-acre lot out in the town of Erin. With the euphoria that is associated with the pride of ownership, comes the realization (depression) that there are many bills to pay; and as a result, my ability to run the car during the 2008 season was severely limited. I hope next year my situation will change. This said, I had the opportunity to assist club member Rob Mcauley in the organization of the final Solo Sprint event held at Mosport Raceway over the October 4-5<sup>th</sup> weekend. Working with Rob gave me the

opportunity to see the other side of Solo Sprint that many racers never see – all the hard work that it takes to organize a safe and successful event. For this opportunity I am thankful. As with any racing genre, the more racers know about their sport, the better. Keeping many of these grass roots racing series alive takes the dedication of volunteers who are willing to put forth the effort to organize events for all enthusiasts to enjoy. Again, I encourage TAC membership to consider assisting in the organization of any one of the racing series: ice racing, rally, solo one, solo two (autocross). It is both an educational and rewarding experience. It is through your voluntary help, that many of the seasons' events are even possible.

One other item that I wish to mention in my year-end address deals with TAC's new long-sleeved T-shirts. Serge and I were given the go ahead to design and order new shirts for our members. There are two styles to choose from in both white and light grey colours. The shirts are a fantastic way to not only show your pride in affiliation with TAC at various automotive venues, but more importantly, they help solicit interest in our club. It was great to see so many TAC members wearing the new shirts at the final Solo Sprint event.

In conclusion, I hope that all members had an enjoyable 2008 season. I look forward to one more year as club V.P. Make note of TAC's year-end banquet being held at the Fox and the Fiddle – it would be great to see you, and to hear all your racing stories. Moreover, it would be great to hear your comments and suggestions regarding the club.

All the best, and happy motoring,

Andrew Kinal  
Vice – President TAC

# TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB ANNUAL DINNER, GET TOGETHER & AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

- Date:** Saturday, November 29th, 2008
- 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**  
**M2H 1W7**
- Deadline:** Better Contact Peter SOON!
- Agenda:** Mix and mingle  
Buffet dinner – gorge yourself to the hilt  
Presentation of awards  
Mix and mingle  
Meet the new executive and say goodbye to the retiring directors



The Toronto Autosport Club presents the  
**2009 January Jaunt**  
Round 1 of the Ontario Road Rally Cup  
Saturday, January 3, 2009



Check the web site for updates: [www.JanuaryJaunt.com](http://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: 2:45 PM  
Driver's Meeting: 3:00 PM  
Car '0' Starts: 3:30 PM  
Car '0' Finishes: 8:30 PM (approx)

The 2009 January Jaunt is the first rally of the 2009 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.*

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Autoslalom Workshop  
Saturday, November 22  
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

SoloSprint Workshop  
Saturday, November 22  
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Race Ontario Workshop  
Saturday, November 22  
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

2008 Annual General Meeting  
Sunday, November 23, 2008  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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# **TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

## **FISCAL YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2008**

The past year has been a fairly good one for the club; the overall operations showed a gain of \$1282. The major activities on which the TAC has depended for a number of years have again resulted in significant revenue. Specifically, ice race, contract rally and solosprint together resulted in a net gain to the club of close to \$5000. This is in line with the two of the three prior years, the exception being 2005 when the net gain from these three was approximately \$7500. It should be noted that the fee for the Guru Nanak contract rally has not yet been received and so it is shown in the income statement as a receivable. Shown as a liability is the amount of \$60 owing for the Infinite Monkeys Rally levies.

Falling membership from 2007 to 2008 resulted in loss of revenue with paid membership down by approximately 30%. As well, as was indicated in last year's Annual Report, significant expenses were submitted after the 2007 year end by the outgoing Vice-President. Inclusion of these expenses was a factor in club operations showing a loss of \$662. Purchase of new club T-shirts represented a cost of slightly over \$1400 of which approximately \$200 has been recovered through sales.

Expenses incurred through the publication of 5th Gear were down from the previous year due to decreased circulation. In addition, we collected \$750 in fees from advertisers although, ultimately, two were written off as uncollectable. With this revenue taken into account, 5th Gear's loss for the year was only \$2235, roughly half of the amount of the previous year.

Although TAC did receive a significant dividend payment from Solosprint this year, it should be noted that member participation in Solosprint events was much reduced from previous years. It is therefore anticipated that the club will likely organize only one Solosprint event in 2009. This trend, if continued, will affect future club finances, in that the sharing of Solosprint dividends among organizing clubs is based on the number of events organized. Ralliette participation was also down but revenues were approximately equal to expenses. The three ORRC rallies organized by TAC showed a profit almost \$600.

In summary, the club is solvent and well positioned to meet its financial obligations. In fact, the bank balance is more than is necessary for normal operations while earning virtually no interest. Therefore it is the intention of the directors to open a new investment account in 2009. This account will likely hold roughly 50% of the cash balance and will be very conservative in orientation.

Peter Clifford, Treasurer

November 10, 2008

# TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB INCOME STATEMENT

Year Ending October 31, 2008

<b><u>CLUB OPERATIONS</u></b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Club	(663)	271	(4661)
Contract Rallies	1774	3365	2038
Fifth Gear	(2235)	(4046)	(3784)
Social	(143)	(1137)	(1160)
Banquet	(1082)	(370)	(10176)
<b>TOTAL CLUB OPERATIONS</b>	<b>(2349)</b>	<b>(1917)</b>	<b>(17743)</b>
 <b><u>COMPETITION</u></b>			
Ice Race	1582	1724	2500
ORRC Rallies	567	(127)	193
Ralliette	85	449	36
Solosprint	1398	0	0
Autocross	0	0	195
<b>TOTAL COMPETITION</b>	<b>3632</b>	<b>2046</b>	<b>3224</b>
 <b><u>NET PROFIT (LOSS)</u></b>	 <b>1282</b>	 <b>120</b>	 <b>(14519)</b>
 <b>ASSETS</b>			
Chequing Account	<b>17506</b>		
Receivables	<b>1500</b>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>19006 **</b>		
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities	<b>60</b>		
Equity	<b>19006</b>		
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>18946 **</b>		

\*\*These amounts do not include TAC's share of Solosprint equity which stood at \$4362 as of 31/10/06.

# the Soapbox Derby

...by Malcolm Elston

The 2008 Formula One Championships have wrapped up, and the season-ending race in Brazil was the most exciting one I can remember. It was a terrific year for F1, with multiple race winners, and numerous teams able to challenge for podium finishes. Ferrari won (deservedly, IMO) the Constructors title, and Lewis Hamilton the Driver's crown. Also deservedly.

And at this point, 2009 is looking like it will provide an even more competitive season than 2008, what with the return to slick tires, and the KERS technology that will (in effect) provide a new 'press-to-pass' power reserve.

The world's troubled economies will impact F1, and there will be continued efforts to reduce the costs (but not the profits to Mr. Ecclestone). I can see the need to reduce the costs, and applaud the teams for jointly planning to do so – but not the suggestion that the teams standardize and adopt a common engine; that undermines the spirit of the sport itself. But there are many other areas where costs can be contained, as can be easily seen. BMW-Sauber test driver Christian Klien has dismissed as "unnecessary" some of the expenditure in Formula One. "Perhaps too much money is wasted," the Austrian, who last season tested with the Honda team, said in interview with the newspaper Kurier "Take Jenson Button: he uses 18 helmets per season and every one costs 6,000 euros before the paint. I ask myself if this is necessary," said Klien.

\$165,737Cdn. per year, per driver – for helmets? Clearly, there is some room to trim the budgets without affecting the sport.

## Foresight!

A Formula One fan who bet on Lewis Hamilton winning the World Championship more than a decade ago is gearing up to collect £125,000.

The win for Hamilton means a huge pay day for an unnamed Peterborough (UK) punter who was willing to gamble on the talent he saw in a go-karting 13-year-old boy.

The middle-aged man pocketed £40,000 last season when he collected on a £200 wager at 200-1 that Hamilton would win his first F1 race before he turned 23. Now that Hamilton has won the Championship, the man will take home another £125,000

after betting £100 at 500-1 that Hamilton would win the championship before his 25th birthday and £50 at odds of 1,500-1 for the double.

The Ladbrokes customer, whose son used to race go-karts against Hamilton, placed the bet on May 13 1998.

He said: "I've known Lewis from his early days and it was easy to see he had an obvious driving ability, coupled with a fantastic attitude to racing. I just had a hunch he would go on to bigger and better things and when Ladbrokes came back with an irresistible offer it was too good to pass up.

"I told Lewis' father Anthony and he was shocked and chuffed that he was not the only one to have confidence in Lewis. I'm obviously excited about the prospect of winning the money but I'm more excited about what it will mean to the Hamilton family and British motor racing."

Hamilton won his first British Kart Championship at the age of 10.

Ladbrokes spokesman Robin Hutchison said: "It will be a bitter-sweet moment for British bookies if Hamilton wins but we'll be delighted for this customer who put his faith in him so long ago. This will be the largest single payout we've ever made on a Formula One bet."

The punter is hoping to buy a Tag Heuer watch with his winnings, and he said he'll have the back engraved with Hamilton's signature. He has also promised to take his family on holiday to Cuba – where his wife wants to swim with dolphins – and to buy her a Mercedes SLK.

As to the future? As Ron Dennis noted; "If you look at the statistics, he has won more points, more races and had more podiums in the last two years than any other driver".

"He is now the youngest world champion ever, and at the end of the day, he is two years into his career – there is a long way to go."

At 23, Hamilton has started his record-breaking run early. What odds today that he ends his career holding every F1 record going? And that he does it all at the wheel of a McLaren? Call Ladbrokes, and place your bets...

LONDON, Nov 3 (The Times) - What is it about Switzerland and motor racing champions? When Lewis Hamilton upped sticks last year to move to the shores of Lake Geneva, he complained about the pressure of celebrity, in particular an unfortunate incident involving a fan and the washroom of a motorway service station. It sounded unconvincing; the Formula One driver is no shrinking violet.

Only months after he signed a contract for an apartment in Vésenaz, a genteel lakeside suburb of Geneva, he complained of boredom. It is the perennial moan of the divas, ageing rock stars and fading

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glitterati who swallow their misgivings, take their accountants' advice and agree to spend half of the year watching swans drift between willow branches.

Jackie Stewart took up Swiss residence to reduce his tax bill. Then there was Michael Schumacher, Alain Prost and more recently Fernando Alonso, Hamilton's former team-mate at McLaren Mercedes. Only an hour's drive away, he could drop in on Bernie Ecclestone, who owns the Formula One business and has taken up residence in Gstaad but he might not choose to spend the night; if Geneva is sometimes considered dull, the Bernese ski resort is a fur-lined mausoleum.

For those with serious money and time on their hands, the Swiss offer a good deal, tax à forfait or lump sum tax. Any foreigner entitled to reside in Switzerland (that includes Britons) and who has no intention of taking employment in the country is eligible. Under the forfait scheme, your income, no matter how large, is ignored. What is taxed is your annual consumption.

Typically, this is measured by assessing the deemed or actual rental income on your home in Switzerland. That figure is multiplied by five and the resulting sum is taxed according to the normal Swiss income tax rates. In Geneva, contrary to popular opinion, income tax is quite high for big earners, more than 40 per cent, but for Hamilton, the choice is a no-brainer.

His annual income, including celebrity endorsements for Tag Heuer watches and Reebok sportswear, is estimated by Sports Illustrated magazine to be \$28 million (about £18 million). Even if he pays an extortionate rent on his Geneva flat, his potential Swiss tax is a tiny fraction of the amounts he might pay Revenue & Customs on his worldwide income.



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Hello All...Just letting you know that I will be acting as the Canadian Promoter for the Mexican road race, the Chihuahua Express, in Chihuahua Mexico on March 27th 28th and 29th

This is a 3 day road race in the famous Copper Canyon area of Mexico, just 250 miles south of the Texas Border. Chihuahua is a safe modern city with all the conveniences of any city. and only a few short miles away from the copper canyon. If you ever wanted to race your car flat out on public roads with the blessing of the federal police, then this is your event.. This race is a condensed version of the Targa Newfoundland and the Carrera Panamericana race at a fraction of the cost. It is ONLY 1800 dollars to enter. All cars modern and vintage can race, you just need a 6 point cage in the car, helmets, and a few other safety items and your all set. If you have an interest in this event, please contact me ASAP as spaces are limited. Please feel free to forward this mail to anyone you feel might have an interest.

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**Sunday the 29th**  
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**Friday the 27th**  
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# A TAC RISING RALLY STAR

by Rita Moore

On Thursday, Oct 30, a closed-road practice day was held on part of the road normally used for the Galway-Cavendish Forest Rally. Paul and I went up as volunteers to help with traffic control, etc, and were able to snap a few pictures of TAC member Steven Laye in his new role as a performance co-driver.

Steven is only 17 years old, and got his start in rallying by doing navigational rallies with his dad Tim a couple of years ago. After winning the Ontario Road Rally Cup Novice class in 2007, they moved on to ORRC Intermediate this year and with one event left in the series, they've already clinched the win. (Tim and Steven were also awarded TAC's Most Active Member award for 2007, competing in 4 separate navigational rally series.)

Somewhere along the way, though, Steven decided that it would be fun to do performance rallies as well, and after saving up to buy all the required gear, he was able to connect with MLRC's Paul Hartl in a Group 2 VW. They came in second in their class in their first event, the Galway-Cavendish Forest Rally in August; and they're hoping to do a similar job on the upcoming Tall Pines Rally on Nov. 21-22.

Meanwhile, here's what they looked like on test day.



## **ON THE COVER:**

Paul Hartl and Steven Laye on Test  
(Thanks to Rita Moore for the Photos)

## RSO Board/Executive Meeting – Oct. 14, 2008 Minutes

### Rally Sport Ontario

<http://www.rallysport.on.ca>

LOCATION – Peter Gulliver’s home, Bridgenorth – dinner 6:45 meeting 7:30 PM 19/10/08

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

### Agenda

- 1) Approval of/additions to Agenda** – approved as amended – Moore/Gulliver
- 2) Approval of August 18, 2008 meeting minutes** – approved as published – Gulliver/Moore
- 3) Treasurer’s Report** – report received as presented -discussed levies & fees for 2009 – no changes except for club affiliation fee – motion Gulliver/MacKenzie to offer special reduced rate of \$50 per year to new clubs for first two years - carried  
-discussed GIC’s
- 4) CARS Update** – reflective vests to be provided for Media to wear at events  
- there will be a 2WD Championship in 2009  
- Rule changes are ongoing  
- sponsorship search is underway for 2009  
- decision has been made not to have permanent door numbers
- 5) Old Business - (a) RSO Calendar Meeting – Note – rescheduled to Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM**  
**(b) RSO AGM & Awards Banquet – March 21, 2009**  
- venue -  
**(c) RallyCross/RallySprint** – Bancroft – MLRC’s request to waive \$5 per car levy has been granted for 2008 summer events  
- decision to be made at Calendar Mtg. if RX will continue to be an RSO series or a club series  
- Burnt River site update – good progress being made re zoning to allow cars
- 6) OPRC**  
**(a) Series Standings** – GCFR now included – Defi to be added soon  
**(b) Defi** – Steward’s Report pending  
**(c) GCFR** – Steward’s Report received – very positive  
**(d) Tall Pines** – Supp. Regs. published  
- Seeded Draw – Tuesday, November 4 – Musket Restaurant, Advance Rd., Etobicoke  
- still need someone to manage Merchandising on rally weekend – contact Donna Huber at [donna@tallpinesrally.com](mailto:donna@tallpinesrally.com)

- needs lots of volunteers – contact Ross at

[ross@tallpinesrally.com](mailto:ross@tallpinesrally.com)

**(e) Shannonville Rally** – April 4, 2009 – investigating insurance options

**(f) Lanark Highlands Forest Rally** – May 9, 2009 – committee formed and getting underway – will be a one road event on Lavant Mill Rd. – 48 km of stages

**(g) Black Bear Rally** – changes for 2009 – Donna Huber will be Coordinator – event may be moving to Bancroft

**(h) Road Damage Fund** – Pines – work being done on Egan Creek roads

**(i) Scrutineering** – Ontario now divided into three areas for the purpose of vehicle inspections with a Scrutineer in charge of each – Eastern – Chris Krepski, Central – Mark Ockwell, Western – Martin Loveridge

**(j) Special OPRC Award** – working on a special award – series within the OPRC Series

**(k) OPRC Series** – composition for 2009 - tabled

### 7) ORRC

**(a) Series Standings** – current as posted

**(b) Infinite Monkeys Rally** – written Steward’s Report received

**(c) President’s Prize Rally** – October 25<sup>th</sup> - has been greencrewed – need more CP crews

**(d) Northern Lights Rally** – December 6<sup>th</sup> – greencrew has been appointed

**(e) Navigational Think Tank** – clubs will get together to discuss growth

**8) Growth Committee - (per Christina Chinn) - no report**

### 9) New Business –

**(a) Tall Pines Spectator Guide** – RSO will purchase the usual ad

**(b) Toronto Auto Show** – working on plans for RSO to return

**(c) First Aid Course** – set for January 17/09 in Newmarket

### 10) Club News

#### MLRC (per Ross Wood)

- the Mini Series is now complete for the season – Series Awards will be given out at the MLRC meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Musket Restaurant in Etobicoke - the MLRC Board has decided to make changes for 2009 – single set of simple instructions, improved marketing etc. – Ken Nazeer will continue as Series Coordinator

-there has been a “cabinet shuffle” in the MLRC board – due to personal commitments, Bryn Epp has stepped down from the President’s position, but will remain on the Board As Director at Large – Ryan Huber will take over as President – Kym Prime has resigned from the Board and James Drake has been appointed to complete her term as Secretary while Matt Barnes will continue as V.P., as will Bruce Leonard as Treasurer

-the Rallycross series has continued to run very well under James Drake’s care with good events at the new Golton site in Bancroft – one summer event remains to be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>

- numerous MLRC members participated in Targa in various roles from competitors to service crew to stage workers to radio operators to committee and I was there as Clerk of the Course. Some of our members placed very well in the standings. Alan Ryall, co-driving for Bill Arnold from California in a beautiful BMW Bavaria, were leading the event overall until midway through the last day, when they broke a strut, causing them drop down in the standings. Andrew

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Comrie-Picard, with Jen Horsey co-driving in a brand new Evo X, placed first in the Modern Division and third Overall. Frank Sprongl and Rod Hendricksen brought out Frank's incredible Group B Audi Quattro for a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary run and placed first in the Open Division.

-Testing Days have been booked to capacity every time they are offered – so far Days were held in April, May, June(two) and July – next one is set for October 30<sup>th</sup>

- contact Ross Wood to participate either with your rally car or as a worker

-Tall Pines – things are shaping up well under Mike Koch as Coordinator – the Supp Regs have been published, the Route & Schedule are final – Work Day is Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – anyone helping on the Work Day will receive a \$10 discount for the RallyCross on Sunday – needs lots more help – a few committee positions need to be filled – Merchandising Coordinator, Equipment Manager and Iron Bridge Spectator Area Manager plus needs lots more workers for the rally weekend on November 21-22-23. Contact

[ross@tallpinesrally.com](mailto:ross@tallpinesrally.com) to volunteer – the new Golton Spectator stage in Bancroft is shaping up beautifully

### **TAC (per Paul Moore)**

The TAC summer rally events are came to a close with the wind up of the Ralliette series in September and the last ORRC event for the year in August.

The Ralliette series had very low attendance this year with one event only drawing three participants. These are very well run events with three classes of instruction and superb routes in mostly the Halton area west of the GTA. Discussions are underway to determine a plan to "kick start" the series or offer an alternative especially for beginning rallyists.

The Infinite Monkeys Rally held in August also had low attendance with only twelve teams starting the event. A full report of the event can be found on the event website. Preparations are underway for the next TAC-ORRC event, the January Jaunt the first weekend in January 2009.

TAC members also winding down their seasons for SOLO, SOLO Sprint, and road racing.

Of course, the falling leaves also signify that Ice Racing is just around the corner! I can't recommend ice racing enough for rallyists. There is no better way to learn car control in ZERO traction situations than circling the track built on the fair grounds in Minden. Ice race cars, especially in the "rubber-to-ice" classes tend to be those which are one step beyond ready for scrap. If you have \$200 invested in a ice racer (exclusive of tires) you have paid way too much. It is inexpensive racing, with lots of track time (two practices and 5 races a weekend for 6 weekends in a row weather permitting) and a great bunch of participants! The classes are scheduled to allow for "second driver" classes with many drivers loaning/renting out their cars. It is also one of the few forms of racing that allows for passengers. Show up at the track with a SNELL-rated helmet in hand, sign the waiver and someone will be happy to take you out for a race. That's how I got hooked!

### **MCO (per Jeannie MacGillivray)**

The MCO Rally Group has a few things on the go right now. The following are updates on:

- The Summer Night Rally navigational series
- Targa competitors
- Rallycross
- The Lanark Highlands Forest Rally (May 2009)

### **Summer Night Rally #4**

To date, we have held four events in our Summer Night Rally series. We had eight entries for the first event, and have gained one or two with each successive rally. The last event was held on August 27. The fifth, and final, event will take place during the day starting from Perth on November 8. We have had some expressions of interest from rallyists in the Greater Toronto area, and are looking forward to seeing some of those folks out enjoying beautiful Lanark Highlands! Glen Clarke of Open Road Motorsports is the series organizer.

Targa competitors. Two brothers have just proved how important it is to take rallying seriously. Hugo and Maxime Vadeboncoeur took not one, but both of Glen Clarke's Targa schools, and came out to most of the Summer Night Rallies. They placed eighth overall at Targa Newfoundland in their 1997 Honda Civic. Glen Clarke, with a new co-driver from Newfoundland, drove a 1991 Subaru Legacy and finished 14th overall.

### **Rallycross**

MCO's first Rallycross event was held on Sunday, August 24, on a dirt-track facility in Augusta, north of Highway 401. We had an amazing 29 entries for our first Rallycross! Our second event will be held on Saturday, November 1, at the same facility. Greg vanDalen is the series organizer.

### **One-road regional stage rally**

Darryl Malone is the organizer for this rally, known as the **Lanark Highlands Forest Rally**. The Lanark Highlands Township Council approved our request to close the road for one day, and that day will be Saturday, May 9, 2009. There will be six runs, for a total of 48 km.

Darryl and I presented our proposal to the Lanark Highlands Public Works Committee, who made a unanimous recommendation that the full council approve our request. Darryl and I owe a debt of thanks, in particular, to Ross Wood for all his advice and to Peter Gulliver, who met with the organizing committee. Your insights and advice have been most appreciated!

The road in question is Lavant Mill Road, whose south end is about 15 km north of Malberly (itself about 30 km west of Perth on Highway 7). This road is non-winter-maintained and has only a few cabins on it — thus our wish to hold the rally before the Victoria Day long weekend in May, when folks start to come back in.

Darryl has been busy organizing his extended team and developing a budget for the event. The core be handling publicity for the event, and no doubt other duties (as needed).

### **KWRC (per Christina Chinn)**

### **PMSC (per Rob MacKenzie)**

The Peterborough Motor Sport Club has 76 members to date. Pete Gulliver will be giving his annual Targa Talk to members and friends October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Presidents Prize Rally ORRC event will take place October 25, 2008 starting at the Cango gas station on the southeast corner of Hwy 7A and Cty Rd 10 in Cavan. This event is organized by Dan Demers and a few more check point crews are needed.

PMSC AGM and elections of Officers will be held November 26<sup>th</sup>.

PMSC will be looking into how to rejuvenate its clubs TSD rally program. While the Club has had a very active series in the past there is currently a lack of interest.

### **SPDA (per Nuwan Dantnarayana)**

### **11) Next Meeting**

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# 2009 Membership Application

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

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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    |

**TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC.  
(TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB)  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
AND THE  
2008 ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY SERVED THAT THE  
**2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
AND THE **2008 ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS**  
WILL TAKE PLACE AT **8:00 PM** (OR LATER)  
FOLLOWING THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
ON **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2008**  
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:

**President, Treasurer, and Social Director**

Each of these Executive positions is for a two year term, commencing immediately after the conclusion of the 2008 elections and running through until November 2010.

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 : 14 Princess Anne Crescent, Etobicoke, Ont M9A 2P1

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**NOTICE OF PROXY – TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC.**

**2008 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 2008 TAC Motorsport Club Inc. Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers, to be held November 19, 2008

to \_\_\_\_\_, who is also a member in good standing.

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