

# The Bulletin



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CASC-OR, the Official Sanctioning Body of Motorsports in Ontario.

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*Also on Facebook and Twitter*

## **Meetings**

Club Executive meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the call of the President.

Social meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at The Souvlaki Pit, 75 George St. North, Peterborough. (Meetings in June, July & August are often highlighted by fun events and venues.)

## **Affiliations**

The Peterborough Motor Sports Club is a multi-discipline club, organizing ice races, solos, auto crosses and rallies. It is affiliated with the Canadian Automobile Sports Clubs-Ontario Region, Rally Sport Ontario and the Canadian Association of Rally Sport.

## **2017 Executive**

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## *From the Editor's Keyboard*

November 2017

*Our first snowfall and unseasonable cold in the past weeks turn our minds to winter-ish events.*

First up on November 24-25 is the Rally of the Tall Pines a short 100 kms up Hwy 28 in Bancroft. While we haven't had club entries in this event in several years, we always have a great turnout of workers from stewards to control marshals to traffic control and Ham Radio operators.

This event needs more than 200 volunteers from many motor sport and amateur radio clubs to make it happen.

Yours truly has been a section supervisor for the six Hastings Road stages for the past 10 or 12 years. However, I decided to step away from that this time and will be a radio marshal at four finish controls.... unless the clerk has other plans for me. Listen for my call sign, VE3LRM, on one of the four amateur radio repeaters and/or simplex channels we'll be using.

The 2018 Ice Race series starts the weekend of January 20-21. Our club event is weekend five, February 17-18.

Organizer Tim Fleguel will soon be seeking your help for the weekend. We usually need 18-20 folks per day. The club pays a daily expense rate for all workers.

We have a special article this month courtesy of Pete Gulliver who picked up a copy of a really neat rally magazine in New Zealand called "*A Little Bit Sideways*".

We have permission to share an article about the "Gumboot Rally" which I trust you will enjoy.

Remember the club AGM on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Some important motions to approve and the election of several executive officers.

Your Humble Scribbler  
Len Arminio



## **The Peterborough Motor Sports Club, Inc. 58th Annual General Meeting**

**To be held on Wednesday, the 22nd Day of November, 2017**

**Location: The Souvlaki Pit Restaurant  
75 George Street North  
Peterborough, Ontario**

Dinner at 6:00 pm  
Meeting at 7:00 pm  
**Preliminary Agenda**

1. Annual Reports of the Executives
  2. Setting of 2018 membership fees
    - o Motion to remain as in 2017
  3. Setting of event entry fees for 2018
    - o Motion to remain as in 2017
  4. Motion to Amend the By-Laws Article One, Section 6 (page 5). "Communications Director - Publish a club Bulletin a minimum of four times annually" BE DELETED (Moved by P. Gulliver, Seconded by L. Arminio)
- Election of certain officers
    - o Vice-President
    - o Treasurer
    - o Communications Director
    - o Director at Large

A description of the duties of the above officers follows.

**If you are interested in running for any of the available positions and cannot make it that night, please contact the Secretary at [secretary@pmsc.on.ca](mailto:secretary@pmsc.on.ca) or any other executive**

**member or member in good standing for 2017 expressing your interest in being nominated.**

Other motions from the floor.

1. Old Business
2. New Business
3. Adjournment

**If you cannot attend the meeting but would like an Executive Member or any other PMSC 2017 member to hold a proxy, please sign, copy/scan and send to [secretary@pmsc.on.ca](mailto:secretary@pmsc.on.ca)**

#### PROXY

I hereby name \_\_\_\_\_ to hold my Proxy at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Peterborough Motor Sports Club, Inc. November 22, 2017.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



#### **BY-LAWS OF THE PETERBOROUGH MOTOR SPORTS CLUB, INC. Article 1 - Duties of the Officers**

##### **Section 1-President**

The President will preside at all regular, annual and committee meetings and conduct them in accordance with parliamentary authority named in Article 7 of the By-laws. The President shall sign all official documents and countersign all cheques. The President, as chief executive officer, shall supervise the club's affairs and activities.

##### **Section 2 - Vice President**

The Vice President shall assume all of or part of the responsibilities of the President, in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall be responsible for the promotion and maintenance of membership.

##### **Section 3 - Secretary**

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and shall keep the records in accordance with the parliamentary authority named in Article Seven (7) of the By-laws. The Secretary shall prepare the minutes for publication in the bulletin each month.

##### **Section 4 - Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of membership dues and other income, and for keeping all financial books and records. The Treasurer shall disburse funds at the direction of the executive committee and sign all cheques.

##### **Section 5 - Competition Director**

The Competition Director shall be responsible for recruiting organizers for all PMSC events and keeping a record of all competition points and standings. These shall be published in the Bulletin and on the Clubs web site on a regular basis. The director may recruit committee members as necessary, and shall be responsible for each event's compliance with current club rules and regulations.

##### **Section 6-Communications Director.**

Publish a club Bulletin a minimum of four times annually.

Bulletin will at a minimum include Summary of PMSC Business meetings, since previous publication. Club Calendar. Club Competition Points.

Promote the club via any media available.

Oversee published content web site, Forum etc.

Work with event Organizers to promote events.

##### **Section 7- Director at Large**

Coordinate social meetings.

Coordinate special events.

Carry out special assignments as requested by the Board.

##### **Section 8 - Past President**

The Past President shall act as an advisor to the executive, coordinating the activities of the past and current year.



## ***Peterborough Motor Sports Club***

### ***Oct 25, 2017, Business Meeting***

The Souvlaki Pit, Peterborough, ON

Attendance: 11

Executive: Mike Van Rees – President, Len Arminio – Communications

Members: Brian Lynas, Chris Johnson, Al Carlson, Bob DeShane, Dan Demers, Peter Watt, Peter Gulliver, Alain Cabardos, Louis Cabardos

Call to order: 19:00

Secretary not present. L Cabardos volunteers to take minutes.

Motion by Len, seconded by Dan that club fees remain the same for 2018.

Motion by Len, seconded by Al that event fees remain the same for 2018.

#### AGM/Elections:

Coming up for election this year: Vice President, Treasurer, Communications Director, Director at Large, 2 year terms.

Competition Director, 1 year term.

If anyone is interested, please make themselves known to the executive.

#### President's Prize Rally:

Start/finish in Bobcaygeon. Start at Tim's, finish at Ember's Grillhouse.

Will be green crewed shortly.

Need some cp crews. Call for workers was put out this morning.

#### Rallysprint:

Scheduled for Nov 11. To accommodate Remembrance Day, there will be 2 minutes of reflection.

We should have 10 entries to make the event worthwhile. Four signed up so far, one "In the mail". Discussion regarding lowering of entry fee to encourage more participants and the importance of holding the event anyway to show we can and for the sake of the venue. No changes to entry fee were made.

Club is good for manpower, not many are needed.

#### Ice Race:

There was an Ice Race meeting in April. Dan showed a page of Income/Expenses that the Kinsmen Club had given out at this meeting. Shows the exact financial position of last year.

The schedule for 2018 starts the 3rd weekend of January.

There has been discussion on the Ice Race Facebook page regarding how to increase numbers of competitors.

Regarding the financial position of clubs with respect to lower number of competitors this year, the clubs were all in the black, but some are questioning if they will continue to be involved in Ice Race in future.

#### New Business:

Canopy Weights: Proposed that we make some weights to hold down the legs of the canopy. Can be a simple affair of steel similar to ones Dan has seen. Some discussion as to weight and size. Go-ahead was given to Dan. Range of \$150 to \$200 for four.

Timing Equipment: Last year there was talk about new timing equipment. Where does that stand? Was left with Travis to look into. Leave it with Travis.

Motion to adjourn 19:29 by M Van Rees, seconded by L Cabardos.



***Winter is coming!***  
***GOOD!!!***

***Let's Go Ice Racing!!!***

There are lots of sources for information on ice racing, lots of people who will help you get on track, and lots of time to get a car ready for the 2018 season.

First, to get a general idea about what ice racing is about, there's the CASC-OR [About Ice Racing page](#).

For a more comprehensive "all you need to know" document, Scott Miller, an ice race competitor, has assembled everything into one place which you can read at this [link](#).

There are lots of ice racers who are more than happy to help you get on track at the CASC-OR Ice Racing Forum and Facebook page.

And you don't have to be a mechanic, or even work on a car!

There are plenty of ice racers advertised for sale on the CASC forums and Facebook page, with many under \$1000.



**And one more thing ...**

## **Try ice racing for under \$100!**



Not sure if you're ready to make the commitment to a full season of ice racing?

Jonathan Rashleigh, the CASC-OR Ice Race Director,

is excited to announce a new program being put into place for the 2018 season. "We think that if more people get an opportunity to try ice racing, many will join the series full time, so we're going to make it easy for them to do that".

**There will now be a special one-day one-time licence available for the bargain price of \$15. To take advantage of the program, you will need to do the following:**

- **borrow/rent/buy a car prepared to the ice racing rules that has passed annual tech inspection**
- **borrow/buy a helmet that meets the CASC Ice Racing Regulations**
- **complete a licence application, a waiver, and a short test on flag signals and race procedures**
- **pay \$10 for a one-day licence**

***Come out and join the fun!***



***President's Prize Rally organized by PMSC, Nov. 4, 2017***  
***The final round of the 2017 ORRC championship***

Pos'n	Driver	Navigator	Class	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	A11	A12	A13	Sub Total	TA Pen	Total
1	Deneka	Gamble	E	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	<b>0.1</b>
2	Neil	Dammeier	E	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	<b>0.7</b>
3	Mayes	Mayes	E	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.4	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	<b>2.5</b>
4	Leonard	Leonard	E	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	-0.7	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	0.1	0.0	3.5	0.0	<b>3.5</b>
5	Sanderson	Wharton	E	0.1	0.6	-0.7	0.9	0.9	0.0	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.0	-0.4	0.0	4.9	0.0	<b>4.9</b>
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2	Skurski	Holland	N	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	4.6	0.0	<b>4.6</b>
3	Thompson	Kirton	N	-0.9	1.0	-0.3	0.4	0.6	0.0	-0.8	-1.2	-0.6	-1.2	-1.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	0.0	<b>8.0</b>
4	Szymanski	Szymanski	N	-1.6	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.4	0.0	-1.5	-2.0	-0.1	-1.8	-1.2	0.0	-1.0	12.1	0.0	<b>12.1</b>
5	<b>Demers</b>	<b>White</b>	N	-0.6	1.5	2.2	0.7	-0.7	1.0	-1.2	-0.5	0.1	-1.1	6.0	-1.2	0.0	16.8	0.5	<b>17.3</b>
6	Allen	Hammond	N	2.2	0.0	-0.3	0.6	1.1	0.0	-8.4	-2.2	-0.8	-2.3	-1.9	-1.5	0.0	21.3	0.0	<b>21.3</b>
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2	<b>Newell</b>	<b>Newell</b>	T	-0.3	3.4	2.3	1.9	1.6	0.0	-1.1	-1.4	-0.6	0.0	-0.5	-0.3	-1.0	14.4	0.0	<b>14.4</b>
3	Kennedy	Morrison	T	-1.5	-0.3	-0.2	1.8	4.0	0.0	-0.7	-1.2	-0.9	-1.4	-1.4	1.7	0.0	15.1	0.0	<b>15.1</b>
4	Fraser	Fraser	T	-1.2	-0.3	2.0	1.4	10.0	0.0	-0.3	0.2	-0.5	-0.8	10.0	4.2	0.0	30.9	0.0	<b>30.9</b>





*This past summer, our own Pete and Jenny Gulliver spent time touring in New Zealand. While there, Pete picked up a rally magazine aptly named “A Little Bit Sideways”. He found this article about a classic Kiwi motoring event... “The Gumboot Rally”.*



Whilst not strictly rallying in the sense that we know it, rally enthusiasts Andy, Kie and Gator decided to drive the Forgotten Highway. A few friends were invited along, and The Gumboot Rally was born.

This is not a race. It's held on public roads, and all road rules must be obeyed. The organisers will penalise you for arriving ahead of the "safe arrival time" and you will not be eligible for any prizes if you receive a speeding ticket during the event. It's about like-minded people having a good time in their cars.

Join Obsessive Car Detailing's Managing Director, Christian Taylor, as he writes about the latest rally, held on 28th April 2017.

There was something special happening in Tauranga over the weekend; and all the stars turned out! The Gumboot Rally was in town, and the theme was Hollywood. We had actors and actresses, members of the 1930's press, and even Kermit the Frog. We were lucky enough to join them for a weekend of driving and challenges across the North Island of New Zealand, and what an experience it was!

With seven events already under their collective belt, it's no surprise the latest Gumboot Rally was an outstanding hit.

Coming from grass-roots NZ motorsport beginnings, the Gumboot Rally founders Andy, Gator and Mikey have all attended the large international car rallies – and came together five years ago with the common feeling that the focus has been lost in these rallies.

Rather than simply let this feeling go, they opted to do something about it; and the Gumboot Rally was born. Put simply in two words, the Gumboot Rally is about People and Driving.

It could be seen as a motto or a mantra; but however way you look at it, these two words mean wonders when it comes to running an event like the Gumboot.

And therein lies the main drawcard for returning die-hards like myself who have yet to miss a Gumboot Rally.

Covering over 1,000kms of the best driving roads in New Zealand, the driving aspect of each rally is thrilling. From rolling hills to back country straightaways and winding farmland, the differing assortment of countryside was immense, and there truly was a little for every enthusiast in this, the eighth rally.

High levels of preparation and thought are put into the route by the trio – and they succeeded again in finding simply the best driving roads our country has to offer, and some of NZ's most amazing scenery.

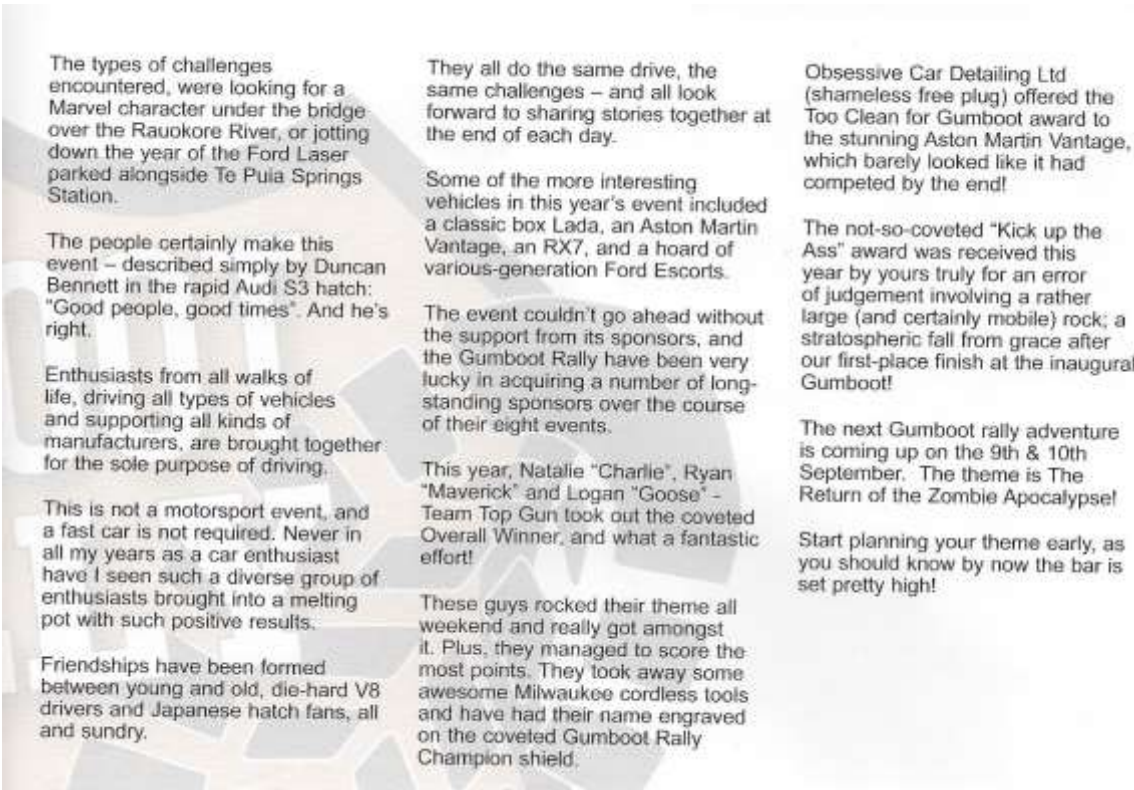
This was heightened by the secrecy – the mission pack detailing the challenges and route are not released to participants until the driver's briefing on the day of the event.

Much thought is put into making the rally attractive to all – for areas of loose terrain such as gravel (still quite common on our NZ back country roads), the route is raised at the briefing, and an alternative route is always provided.

For many, the gravel sections are quite the highlight!







**Thanks to Jase Byrne, the Editor of “Sideways”, for letting us use this article for  
“The Bulletin”.**



## Communications Director Year End Report, November 22, 2017

To: The Executive and Membership, Peterborough  
Motor Sports Club, Inc.  
From: Len Arminio, Communications Director

It has been my honour to serve as your Communications Director and Bulletin Editor for the calendar years 2016 and 2017. My term expires at the end of 2017 and I have already stated my intention to step down and not run for re-election/appointment to the position.

### **The Bulletin**

During this year, we have published 9 editions of The Bulletin each month except for July and September, averaging nearly 11 pages per edition. Articles have included reviews of cars/trucks, promotion and results of events, reviews of events attended by members, and various articles related to motor sports and motoring in general.

We will also publish an 10<sup>th</sup> edition in December, which will include the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the annual reports of the Executive Committee.

We send out, via email each month more than 90 copies of the Bulletin to members, several former members, interested individuals and the local media.

I have curated Bulletin editions in paper copies from 2011 through to 2017 and have or will save them in electronic versions to add to the 2009-2010 bulletin digital editions created by former Bulletin Editor Mark Newell.

## News Releases

Thus far we have sent out, via email, 10 news releases in 2017 to all local print, broadcast media and our members. We will send out releases regarding the AGM results and will preview the Awards night in January. We have received good coverage from the Examiner, occasional use of our releases from Peterborough This Week and area online publications. Radio stations Extra 90.5 and Country 105 have occasionally used our releases for broadcast.

## Twitter

We have 62 followers and we follow 85 other Twitter feeds, mainly from other motorsports related entities and local media and police authorities. In 2017, “Motormouth” and others with access to the account have tweeted or retweeted reminders of events, results, meetings, club related news and profiles. In late 2010 when we started the Twitter feed, we had nine followers and followed 15. We have tweeted nearly 553 times since then.

## Facebook

Our Facebook page has 331 members. When the page started in 2011, we had 75 members. It is a good way to keep members informed of club events, meetings, issues and event results.

## Website

Your Communications Director, with the help of Matt Ballinger and the Word Press online tutorial lessons, assumed the content upkeep of the [www.pmsc.on.ca](http://www.pmsc.on.ca) website in 2017. On the site are entry forms, membership application forms, the PMSC Constitution and a *Bulletin* archive. I have posted information in the “News” section of upcoming events, including this meeting and the agenda, proxy and minutes of meetings along with the results of recent events.

I await our 2018 event schedule to post.

## Conclusion

As I wrote in my 2016 report, I have found it very time consuming and mentally taxing to juggle of all these “flaming chainsaws”. I strongly recommend the next Communications Director concentrate on news releases, social media and the Website.

That is why I am supporting the motion to delete the portion of the By-Laws which stipulates the publication of a minimum of four issues of *The Bulletin*. This could mean an end to a six-decade tradition of publishing a

*Bulletin* (But it leaves the door open to continue publishing).

So as the country song’s lyrics go, “There’s a Last Time for Everything”.

If the membership approves, the December 2017 edition could very well be the last, perhaps forever.

Your Humble Scribbler  
Len Arminio

November 22, 2017



## *A Final Reminder:*

*The PMSC Annual General Meeting is Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Souvlaki Pit.*

*Dinner at 6:00 pm*

*Meeting Call to Order at 7:00 pm*

*All are welcome to attend.*

