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“Last Time for Everything”

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And we guess this is it. The end of 63 years of (almost)
continuous monthly publication of the

“PMSC BULLETIN”

Our “Last Time”



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Meetings

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

Social meetings are held on the 4th 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.

2018 Executive

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From the Editor's Keyboard

December 2017

Just like the song goes...There's a Last Time for Everything.

And sadly, the same applies to this publication which has been around since (circa) 1954, shortly after the creation of the Peterborough Motor Sports Club.

The pages of *The Bulletin* have contained event notices, competition results, articles by members, commentary and photos of members, families and friends.

In the early days and up to the 1970s, the publication was done on a hand-cranked beast of a machine that needed an aromatic fluid to transfer the copy to special paper which would then duplicate the individual pages...one page at a time.

It could take hours and hours just to crank out 8-10 pages of about 40 or so copies. Many pages were hand written.

These were then posted (that's Canada Post Snail Mail) to our members and other readers.

(One upside was the duplicating fluid itself, which was alcohol-based and left the publishers with a bit of a "buzz". Like, Wow, Man!!)

Then came photocopies. Editors would often swipe photocopy time and paper from their employers to collate editions. Or pay (dearly) for copies to be made at a retail service. We actually had to get sponsorship and put ads in the Bulletin to defray the cost of printing and mailing.

Then came the Inter-Web and email. Easy-Peasey!

We could send out a hundred copies at virtually no cost.

But finances have not been the cause of our demise.

What really has resulted in "The Last Time" is the lack of club members who have an interest or the time and experience in keeping it going.

Since 2010, "Your Humble Scribbler" has used his 40-plus years of journalism experience, and my retired status, to essentially be a one-man band in collecting articles, getting results of events, writing news releases on upcoming events and once in a great while, publishing an article by a member or two.

I am also forever indebted to former member Lesley Wimbush who has allowed me to use her automotive reviews in *The Bulletin* .

It has been an honour to have this award-winning member of the Automotive Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) grace our little publication with her work.

I also want to thank Matt Ballinger for creating our new website using Word Press. His expertise has been a great help.

So while we may not see future *Bulletins*, we have a couple newer faces on our executive committee who will take on the other duties of the Communications Director like Social Media (Facebook & Twitter), Website and news releases.

Congratulations to Rich and Michael on taking on the above tasks.

I remind them I will be available (at least for a while) to lend guidance and support, when and if they need it.

For the last time...

Your Humble Scribbler,

Len Arminio
Communications Director, PMSC 2010-2017



Annual Year-End Reports

Presidents report 2017

As most of you know, for the 2017 season our board operated without a competition director. With some help from a bunch of different members we were able to come up with a competition calendar and take care of the club points. Thank you to everybody who helped out.

Other than that the board worked effectively at managing the boring behind the scenes activities (paying bills, insurance, affiliations etc.) The problem that we are dealing with now is finding a time where all of our exec. members are available for meetings. Due to the fact that half don't work/live in Peterborough makes it a challenge. Looking forward, as a club, we might have to change the way we do business. More of our members are living outside of Peterborough so that is a barrier for some people who may want to participate. What that is, I don't know, but if you have any suggestions, bring them up.

In ending, I would like to take this time to thank the outgoing members of the board for your hard work. I would also like to thank the in-coming members for stepping up and taking on roles. A club is nothing without input and hard work from its members. If everybody helps out in their own way, a lot more fun things happen.

Mike van Rees
President



Vice President's Report

2017 started off with a bang for me as Vice Prez, as I had just figured out how to process memberships thru CASC. When CASC decided to update the system, which was thoroughly needed, and bring it live in 2017.

Overall the process is a bit easier short of sorting thru the membership list and making sure who were valid members as well as tracking down proper email addresses, which weren't really required before but now are needed for proper registration.

We did manage to score new members, mostly being solo participants, but also in some other types of racing. We had a total of 73 members during our 2017 Season, 17 being new members for this year

All and all a good year, I intend on running for Vice for another term, and looking forward to helping the club grow in 2018

Cheers

Vice Prez

Travis Grubb



Secretaries Report 2017

2017 was my first year of this term and third year as club secretary. Responsibilities of the position include:

- Receiving communications from ASN, CASC, CARS and RSO
- Ensure that affiliation fees are paid to ASN, CASC, CARS and RSO
- Apply for General Liability and Directors'/Officers Liability and event insurance for both at speed (ice racing & performance rally) and non-speed (solo, TSD rally, RallyCross)
- Record the minutes from monthly business meetings and submit them to the Communication Director for inclusion in the Bulletin.
- Responsible for upholding the PMSC constitution
- Reviewing & revising Incorporation documentation as required by the government.
- Chair meetings if both the President and Vice-President are absent
- Collecting mail from the club P.O. box

The secretaries tasks are relatively front loaded, with two of the larger tasks mentioned above required early in the year. Affiliation fees are due and insurance needs to be applied for early in the new year. In conjunction with other executive members, a slight alteration was to the secretaries duties. I am not regularly in Peterborough so I am unable to check the P.O. Box. An arrangement was

made with another member of the executive to check the mail to ensure no important or time sensitive documentation is missed.

Earlier in 2017, the executive made the decision to consolidate the social and business meetings and had been starting the meetings 30 minutes earlier, at 7:00, to allow for the social component to take place after the business portion was completed. It seems to have been well received and will be reviewed to see if the practice is continued.

Kevin DeVries



Treasurer's Report

2017 has been an interesting year when it comes to club organized events specifically on the rally side of motorsports. We tried a couple times to get a rally cross and/or rally sprint up and running with both events having to be cancelled (one due to weather and course conditions, the other due to lack of interest, even though they were expected to run at a loss if necessary).

Additionally, the long standing PMSC event known as the Galway-Cavendish Forest Rally (or Festival of Rallysport) was hosted this year by KWRC under the name Rally of the Voyageurs. Though running these various rally events would likely have resulted in club losses, the loss of interest in rally is concerning, especially as a competitor myself in performance rally. We did run the usual Spring Run Off and Presidents Prize Rally for the ORRC, but these events also suffered from an overall deficit.

On the other side of the coin, we continue to generate significant income from our Solo/Autocross events and seem to see a strong influx of competitors in this space. The club appears to be more active in this discipline and has more interest in this side of motorsports. Ice racing has had a dip in competitors in the last couple years coupled with poor winter conditions, but overall remains around a net zero cost at this point. Hopefully 2018 sees some return in preferred winter weather conditions and improved attendance.

Besides the driving events, the club hasn't really had any significant expenses during 2017. We are currently

running a surplus for the year, and should end with a very healthy overall cash balance. Other expenses consisted of the usual advertising costs for website hosting, affiliation fees, insurance, awards fees, and just a handful of other minor expenses.

Going into 2018 the club needs to consider where it should look to spend its cash surplus, whether that be in upgrading some club equipment, investing in some promotional efforts on raising club awareness and getting new members, or considering developing some new events such as a consistent rally cross series (even knowing there will be some losses when running the first year of events). A new year brings new challenges, and the new (and existing) executive will have their work cut out for them in looking to shape the club's direction going forward.

As for myself, I will be handing over the reigns of responsibility to a new club treasurer as I finish up my two-year term. Work and life commitments, along with the fact I am not in close proximity to Peterborough, make it difficult to properly perform the duties of this position. Even though much of the financial side of things can be done electronically these days through e-transfers and scanning of documents, I still find it challenging to stay connected to the club and make it out to the various meetings.

I wish all the best to the new treasurer and the new members of the executive as they start 2018!

Matthew Ballinger
PMSC Treasurer



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 10th edition in December, which will include the minutes of this 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 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 songs 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



Minutes: AGM November 22, 2017

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Peterborough Motor Sports Club
2017 Annual Awards

Club Champion – Chris Johnson

Club Runner-up – Dan Demers

New Member Award – Anthony Courneya

Solo Driver Champion – Chris Johnson

Solo Driver Runner-up – Ian Dyck

Solo Driver Rookie - Anthony Courneya

Rally Driver Champion - Dan Demers

Rally Navigator Champion – No Award

Ice Race Champion - - Dan Demers

Ice Race Runner-up – No Award

Street Studs Champion - Dan Demers

Rubber to Ice Champion – No Award

Ice Race Rookie - No Award

Organizer Award – Chris Johnson

Organizer Runner- up – Len Arminio/Travis Grubb

President's Prize Driver – Dan Demers

President's Prize Navigator – No Award

Watchwinder Weekend – No Award

Fall Ball Weekend – No Award

NOTE: AWARDS NIGHT, JAN 24, 2018
Location TBA



***MERRY
CHISTMAS!!***

Happy New Year!