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Meetings

Club Social meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted.
The Souvlaki Pit, 75 George St. North, Peterborough.

Meetings generally start at 7:30 PM with a social hour for dinner beginning around 6:30 PM.
The public is always welcome to attend.

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 Rallysport.



Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs Ontario Region
CASC-OR, the Official Sanctioning Body of Motorsports in Ontario.



Presidential Mumblings

February 2011

Pete Gulliver

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Well the Ground Hog popped his head out and didn't see his shadow, so only 42 more days of Winter. February is also month two of 'New Vision for PMSC' and we have reached some of the goals. Our Constitution and By-Laws have been reviewed and largely a lot of housekeeping done to them. These changes were approved at the February business meeting.

I just have to find the time to update the master copy and will then get to Webmaster for posting. Communications Officer Len has had mixed success getting Media to print Club news releases. However he has managed to get news printed in places not used in the past. Thanks Len.

Social meetings have always been an important part of PMSC but have not been kept up recently. We have several interesting speakers lined up to talk at coming meetings hopefully membership will support our efforts by attending. Andrew Harvey who is one of Canada's foremost auto sport photographers is scheduled for February 23rd. Come out and see some of Andrew's amazing shots.

A big thank you goes out to Len Arminio for organizing the ice races, Feb 12 & 13. With 226 entries, I understand it was the largest race weekend this year. Ice races are important to our financial success each year and allow us to take on events which have less chance of financial success. Of course Len is only one cog in a large group who make the weekend flow smoothly thank you to all of you for your efforts. We also owe a debt of thanks to several non-PMSC who helped. I apologize for not being there to help, but the cold bug got me big time. I think first event in twenty years I have missed.

Next up on our competition schedule is Spring Runoff Rally, April 30th. Veteran organizer Louis Cabardos will again be creating an interesting event. Louis always tries to make event very 'do able' for new rallyists, so come and have a try. To help your efforts, Peter Watt has agreed to give a talk April 27th on "How to Rally".

Any time I can help you with your motor sport efforts, please contact me.

PMSC has a long history. Do your part to give it continuing success

Pete Gulliver

President PMSC 2011/12

From the Editor's Keyboard

February 2011

Well...

First apologies...for letting some brutal copy with numerous spelling errors into the first run of the January Bulletin. My Bad!

Sometimes trusting technology, like "Spell Check" to do the work human eyes should do can be a big mistake.

Now to the business at hand:

This edition of the Bulletin **could** be the last under the monthly format. If the membership approves at the February 23rd meeting, the Bulletin will switch to a minimum quarterly publication schedule. Exactly what that means is to be determined...but February, May, August and November could be the publication months.

I am responsible for getting info about our club to both our membership and the public. Getting info to you all is relatively easy, but I would like more of you to investigate the social media, *Twitter* and *Facebook* which are quick and easy ways to pump out "the word" about our club and other motorsports activities. They are also a good way to "empower" members and others to share information or offer commentary, dialogues or rants.

"E-Blast" emails seem to be working, but we have only about a half dozen folks following us on Twitter. But it's early. It will take a bit of time.

I set up a Twitter site for our college radio station newsroom more than a year ago. We started with about a dozen followers. That same site now has 226 at last count.

Getting our message to the area media is also easy, but getting them to actually use it is another matter. Having experience in that area, I know we have a lot of competition for column inches, airtime or web pages. While I love the sport of hockey, it's tough to elbow and crosscheck our way past the dozens of game, teams and leagues who all send their stuff to the media. In the summer, it's the soccer folks who dominate the sports pages/sections (Mi scusi, Fabrizio).

As we start to enter the actual competition season, results and stories about events and individuals are easier to get recognized as "newsworthy".

So we will soldier on and keep plugging away at sending stuff to the local media (without pestering them or becoming a nuisance) and eventually the word will get through all the other "clutter".

B-T-W: A picture and article about the Awards Night appeared in the Peterborough Examiner, January 28th. The words were what I wrote in a news release and the picture was one I took.

As always, we will happily accept any articles and photos you all might have to pass along to the membership and the public.

You can link to our *Facebook* and *Twitter* sites from the club website, www.pmsc.on.ca.

I have created a club channel on *YouTube*. The Channel is called "PMSCTV". You can subscribe to get updated videos. If you have club related video, send it to lenarminio@gmail.com.

Your humble scribbler.

Len Arminio

Communications Director

The Business Section

Minutes: February 9th, 2011 Business Meeting

Short Forms Used:

PG = Pete Gulliver

PW = Peter Watt

EH = Earle Henderson

DD = Dan Demers

MvR= Mike van Reese

Meeting started at 7:35

Opening remarks - PG

- Attended Rallye Pierce Neige
- Peter Watt co-drove for Henderson. Finished 5th overall.
- Longest rally in the Canadian series, impressive to finish.
- Some items to discuss. Small quorum not sure if we will discuss all the items with the light attendance.
- Chair does not normally make motions, however one will be made.
- Guest Kevin Devries in attendance.

Discussion Items:

Notes from Competition Director

- Finalized dates and places for events.
- Some of the solos still awaiting organizers.
- Only real concern still is the Regional Solo (mid summer, July 17th)
- Dates need to be updated on the Website to avoid confusion

Communications Director

- Easy to get messages out via the web and social media.
- Difficult to get local news features out past the hockey people (winter), and soccer people (summer).
- Need to insure that we keep track of events for publication. Once we get additional results we'll get more press.
- Want to keep track of some of the other actives/results as well. Pictures with stories are golden.

Ice Racing – LA

- A couple of changes in position but all should be fine.
- Some confusion around the fire bottles.
- Working on the budget. Average is 118 on Saturday, 96 on Sunday. About \$12600 anticipated income.
- Has food vouchers ready to go.
- Has a gas honorarium to give out as well.
- \$800 to Kinsmen

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- \$20 per car also to Kinsmen, CASC levy, etc.. Should be expected profit of \$3000 but it will depend on weather (expected to be above freezing).
- Collecting track maintenance fee of \$5 per driver at the time of registration.
- Now a second form for second driver/ second car.
- Worker registration is in the scoring booth (self serve)

Trailer Storage-Status – Dan Demers

- Should be no issue with storage. Main route will be open, James will provide key if it gate to storage area needs to be locked.

Website – Pete Gulliver

- Website administration is under discussion.
- Looking at filling out site with additional content.
- Other clubs having the same issues with published bulletins.

Social Meeting Calendar – Pete Gulliver

- Mr Watt was scheduled for social meeting. Has other commitment on March 23rd. Moving his rally school to April 27
- Andrew Harvey scheduled on Feb 23rd and is to give a talk on his photography and work.
- Need suggestions for March meeting.

RSO AGM

- At Baker's hill in Peterborough.
- March 19th
- AGM is in the morning (10:00), Banquet at 1:00, bar at 12:30
- PMSC has covered meal cost for members who wish to attend. Please let Pete Gulliver know of attendees.

OLD BUSINESS:

Future meeting Schedule – PG

New Business:

Rally Timing Equipment – PG

- Mark Williams used to build electronic timing equipment, elected to get out of the business, and put his gear up for sale. RSO was thinking about gear for some time. CARS wanted to have Eastern area to have the same gear as the west coast. RSO purchased gear from Mark Williams.
- Equipment to be used nationally and for regional rallies.
- All events will be RENTING the equipment, with the rental fees to be determined. Regional fee will be reduced.
- Timers (displayed) are only part of the whole unit. Start of stage has count down clock. End of stage has beam + transceiver + stop clock.

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- Can also be used for TSD rallies
- RSO is looking for volunteers clubs to pay down CARS loan for gear. **Rallye Pierce Neige** has offered \$3000.
- RSO will be putting forward motion to CAP road damage fund.

MOTION – Dan Demers

“Wishes to move that PMSC donate \$1000 to purchase timing equipment”

Seconded – Len Arminio

5 in favour, 2 abstained

Projector – PG

- With guests coming in to give presentations, some have asked if we have a projector. 5 have already expressed and interest. Cheap unit is \$300
- DD – Need to do some research and see if the cheap unit will work. More research is required.
- LA – Who will babysit the unit?

Off Topic

PG – Inside track published the top three rally teams in NA, L’Estage, Moores, Richard.

Constitution and by-Laws – PG

- Due to involvement, PG passes floor to Mike VanReese

MOTION: Constitutional changes to be adopted as published – PG

Seconded Evan Holt

Motion Voted on – Unanimous approval.

Discussion of Points changes

PG – Rearranging points components with revised formatting makes race a lot closer.

New Business

EH – Reminder that we have to invoice for the use of the fire-extinguisher.

PG – Are we getting any money for them? Reason why PMSC provides them is because PMSC used to host it out of the Kawartha Downs. Damage fund levied had money left over, and used it to purchase fire-extinguishers.

PG – This year we had to submit a safety plan and supplementary regulations for ice racing.

LA – Feb bulletin will be coming out

Motion to adjourn Earl Henderson

Seconded: Mike Van Reese

Meeting adjourned at: 8:44pm

Next Meeting March 9th - 2011

Guest speaker at our February meeting:
Andrew Harvey
Motor Sports Photographer



(Photos from www.andrewharvey.ca)

Andrew Harvey Photography

Andrew is a Lakefield based editorial and commercial photographer who specializes in action, adventure and motorsports photography.

He will be at the Peterborough Motor Sports Club's February 23rd meeting to talk about his profession and display many of his photographs.

The meeting starts at 7:30 pm at The Souvlaki Pit, 75 George Street North.

Everyone is welcome.



PMSC Ice Races Huge Success!

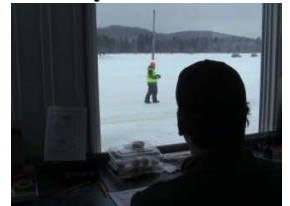
Wow!

As Organizer and Clerk for the PMSC Ice Race, I want to thank everyone who came out to volunteer their services this past weekend.

The work of the scoring crew led by Earle (The Voice) Henderson (aka, "The Muffin Man") was terrific. Thanks also to Mark Newell, Christine Newell, Doug Armstrong, Chris Johnson and Ian Dyck.



Rita Moore, who is actually a member of TAC, but came out to help us, was an ace with the CASC computer scoring system.



Registration was led by Peter Watt with the very able assistance of the Newell clan, Claire, Christine and Mark. The Mock Grid crew of Travis Grubb and Brian Lynas, otherwise known as "The Lime Popsicles" in their fancy safety vests did a great job, and of course, the marshaling crew with Greg James as Starter, Asst. Rob MacKenzie, the Chambers Family and Neil Hannah and friend in the tower.



I'd also like to thank our CASC Steward, Nick Majors and CASC Ice Race Director Andy Hughes for their assistance and advice. And thanks to Medical Officer Rob Luke. His services weren't needed, fortunately.

I must say, the event was a definite financial success with a total of 226 entries which created an impressive cash flow. The final dollar tally appears to also be a record.

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Speaking of money, with the success of the weekend, we might think about putting some of that back into the sport. CASC Ice Race needs a few more of the specialized cold weather fire extinguishers. They are considerably more expensive than the normal bottles we contribute to the sport each winter.

Back to on-track activities... I was rather concerned with the behavior of too many drivers, especially in the Street Stud races. Whether it was cases of too much speed and too little skill, or recklessness and disrespect for their fellow competitors, I had to speak to far too many drivers who caused or contributed to damage to other cars. I also had to listen to far too many drivers ticked off about damage to their cars in those classes.

This is an issue which CASC and the drivers themselves will have to discuss and sort out before something serious happens and our sport is ruined.

All that aside, it was a great weekend. We had many compliments from competitors and CASC officials for our organization and efficiency both in the registration trailer and on the grid and track.

Congratulations to you all!

Len Arminio

Organizer and Clerk

Here's where PMSC Members sit in the Class Standings after 4 events:

Menard Studs

Stud 3 - 7th John Maloney (John made his first foray into Stud class this year and had two 3rds, a 4th and 5th place finishes.

Street Studs

SS 3 – 5th Jason Ford, 6th Bart Slot, 7th John Maloney, 10th Steven Slot, 22nd Dave Chambers (R), 24th Ryan Brentrell.

SS 4 - 6th Dan Demers, 9th Chris Smolarz

SS 13 - 1st Cam Chambers (R) (Woo Hoo!!), 3rd George Etimov

SS 14 - 3rd Michelle Smolarz, 9th Chris Smolarz

Rubber to Ice

Class 1 - 8th Richard Murphy

Class 3 – 8th Ryan Brentrell

Class 4 - 5th Rebecca Fleguel (R)

Class 13 – 18th Cam Chambers, 19th Lori-Ann Murphy

Class 14 - 2nd Jessica Carrell, 4th Tim Fleguel

Four in a Row for Dan Demers!



Dan Demers

The Peterborough Motor Sports Club handed out its annual awards on January 26th at the Souvlaki Pit in Peterborough and a familiar face held the Club Champion Trophy.

Make it a "Four-peat" for **Dan Demers**. Dan is the 2010 overall PMSC club champion once again...the fourth year in a row he has taken home the silver bowl as the club's top point getter. But it was close. He won by only four points. It's the *eighth* time Dan has won the award in the 18 years he has been a member of the club. Dan scored the bulk of his points in ice racing and solo.



Chris Johnson



Ian Dyck

The overall runner up award went to **Chris Johnson** who also won the ice race championship while solo champion was **Ian Dyck**.



The top rally driver award was won by **Pete Gulliver (Right)** and the rally navigator award went to **Peter Watson**.

The President's Prize Rally award went to the team of navigator **Louis Cabardos (Right)** and **Alain Cabardos** who won the driver award.



The New Member award went to **Susan Graham** while **Peter Watt** won the Organizer Award and was recognized for his contribution to motor sports with the PMSC Executive Award.

Here are the rest of the winners:

Solo runner up - Phil Tighe, Solo Rookie - Susan Graham, Ice Race Runner Up - Dan Demers, Metal to Ice Champ - Jim Feeney, Street Studs champ- Dan Demers, Rubber to Ice Champs - John Maloney & Bart Slot (Tie), Ice Race Rookie - Robert Murray and Organizer Runners Up - Peter Gulliver & Mark Newell (Tie)



MANIWAKI, QUEBEC – Peterborough Motor Sports Club member Peter Watt and former PMSC member Craig Henderson of Saint Constant, Quebec finished fifth in this year's Rallye Pierce Neige, February 5th.



*Peter Watt
(Facebook)*

Henderson and Watt finished seven and a half minutes behind the winners, Antoine L'Estage (Ste-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC) and Nathalie Richard (Halifax) of the Rockstar Mitsubishi team.

The rally was the opening event of the 2011 Canadian Rally Championship and is Canada's only true winter rally event with more than 200 kilometres of stage roads. Teams started from downtown Maniwaki in the morning, running two in-town stages before heading into the forest roads west of town

Further down the order, a battle was shaping up for the other podium positions. Bruno Carre and Yvan Joyal (Laval, QC) drove cleanly and smoothly all day, a style that earned the team their first National win at this event in 2010. The team finished second, nearly 30 seconds ahead of third place.

Swap Shop teammate Henderson and co-driver Watt were struggling to find the right pace and were uncharacteristically further down the order, making space for 2010 Canadian Novice Champion Ugo Desgreniers (Orford, QC) and Erik Kirby (Sherbrooke, QC) to move up the leader board, in turn battling with "**Crazy**" **Leo Urlichich** (Toronto) and Martin Headland (Caledon, ON). In the final stages, Desgreniers moved into a comfortable third after Urlichich drove off the road.

Interim rally coordinator Terry Epp was very positive about the event, where remote locations and limited communications prove very challenging for organizers. The event has a 46 year history and the reputation of being a marathon event, demanding of teams and volunteers alike.

The 2011 season continues May 26-27, at the Rocky Mountain Rally, headquartered in Calgary. Though the event has been changed for this season, it still features the high mountain roads and unpredictable conditions that make the event so compelling.

The Canadian Rally Championship is comprised of six events held nationwide in a season that extends from February to November. The series is presented by Subaru Canada, supported by Yokohama Tire Canada and features contingency programs from Subaru Canada and Mitsubishi Canada. The Canadian Association of Rallysport (CARS) is the official sanctioning body for rallying in Canada.

From a News Release

Who *IS* this long-haired freaky person?

