

# Peterborough Motor Sports Club **BULLETIN**



*Rally & Solo Seasons Set to Begin!*



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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 Motoreports in Ontario.



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# Presidential Mumblings

April 2011

*Pete Gulliver*

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When Louis Cabardos suggested an April 30<sup>th</sup> date for **Spring Run Off**, I thought there won't be much left to run off. As I write this, the temperature is close to zero and we have had snow today. Maybe we will still have some "run off" to deal with.

Most of you have probably heard that the RSO AGM was probably the most tumultuous ever. Last month's Mumblings I mentioned if Ray Felice got re-elected President, Rita & Paul Moore would resign.

Ray was re-elected after a pretty close election battle with PMSC's Peter Watt.

Rita & Paul did immediately resign. The ensuing balance of the election resulted in a Board consisting of:

**Ray Felice- President**  
**Bruce Leonard -VP Navigational**  
**Warren Haywood -VP Performance**  
**Jeannie MacGillivray -Secretary**  
**Pete Gulliver -Treasurer**

RSO has had one Board meeting since election and numerous email discussions. The Board is working very smoothly together and I am looking forward to a lot being accomplished over the next year.

PMSC is currently between seasons in many ways with Ice Racing over and Rally and Solo just around the corner.

Last month we had our combined Business and Social meeting it appeared to go well and we will continue with this format for a few months before re-evaluating it.

On the personal front I just made arrangements this week to attend the **Mount Washington Hill Climb in New Hampshire** in late June. Check out the event web site and 75 entries.

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I will be working with Mark Williams on the timing team. The Mt. Washington event is coming off a ten year hiatus and I am hoping it will be successful enough to be back again next year. Maybe I will have enough material for a fall social night.

Next up on our Competition schedule is **Spring Run Off Rally April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Veteran organizer Louis Cabardos will again be creating an interesting event. Louis always tries to make event very 'do-able' for new Ralliists.

If you have never entered a rally, this event is beginner friendly. Details on page 11

And you gear grinders can get your thrills in the **Cob Web Solo, May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Details on page 12.

Pete Gulliver

President PMSC 2011/12

# From the Editor's Keyboard

*April 2011*

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Welcome – to the last Monthly PMSC Bulletin.

Starting in June, the *PMSC Bulletin* will be published **bi-monthly** with *PSMC Updates* on the “in between” months. The Updates will contain meeting minutes, event results, points and upcoming event notices with the odd timely article. The Bulletin will be as always, have as much content as you all can contribute and I can scrounge up.

The next *PMSC Update* will be published May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The next full *PMSC Bulletin* will hit your in-box on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE NOTE.... FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP BY THE END OF APRIL, THIS WILL BE THE LAST COMMUNICATION FROM PMSC.**

## *PMSC 2011 Survey a Success*

Thanks to all of you...members past, present and those in-between who participated in what's believed to be the first-ever survey conducted in this manner by PMSC. Your input and the results will give the current Executive a very good idea of where our members think the club should be going. Preliminary results are in and the full results will be posted in the *May PMSC Update* for discussion at the June meeting.

- *April Meeting: Rally School - Courtesy of Peter Gulliver & Peter Watson*
- *May Meeting: Chief Bob English of the Peterborough County Emergency Medical Services*
  - Chief English will have a presentation about the service and hopes to have a “bus” available for close-up examination. Hopefully for most of us, it will be the first time inside an ambulance!

*Your Humble Scribbler,*

*Len Arminio*

## ***PMSC 2011 EVENT SCHEDULE***

*\* = COMPLETED    **Red = NEXT EVENTS***

Event	Date	Location	Organizer
Ice Race *	Feb. 12&13	Minden	Len Arminio
<b>Spring-Runoff Rally</b>	<b>Apr. 30</b>	<b>Hastings</b>	<b>Louis Cabarbos</b>
<b>Cobweb Solo</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>Douro</b>	<b>Dan Demers</b>
Watch Winder Solo	May 29	Douro	Glenn Austin
Speed Weekend Solo	June 26	Kawartha	Ian Dyck
Mid Summer Solo (Regional)	July 17	Kawartha	Travis Grubb
GCFR	Aug. 13	Catchacoma	Mike van Rees
Dog Days Solo	Aug. 14	Douro	Brian Lynas
Lapping Day	Sept. 11	Mosport	Fab C.
Fall Ball Solo	Sept. 18	Kawartha	T        B        D
President's Prize Rally	Oct. 15	Havelock	Mark Newell
Last Chance Solo	Oct. 16	Kawartha	

# *Auto Cross, Ice Racing: Best Preparation for Road Racing*

## *-Andrew Cordeiro*

By Len Arminio

In 2003, a very young Andrew Cordeiro bought a 1987 VW Golf for \$500. He spent about \$2,000 more on suspension and tires and got, as he puts it, “sucked into autocross”.



That was the start of what eventually turned out to be a full time career as a professional race car driver. And that’s a good thing... because that’s what he wanted to be all along!

Andrew was the guest speaker at the March meeting of the Peterborough Motor Sports Club. He explained the preparation, sacrifice and hard work that have gone into creating a full time job doing what he loves to do.

The Woodbridge native worked for his dad’s construction company and briefly attended Humber College. “I lasted one semester and quit”, he says, before turning his life to the road courses of North America.

But back to Auto Cross... That’s where it began. Running the tight circuits of Canada (especially Quebec) and the wide open, superfast courses in the US, learning how his car handled and how to develop the skills he would need on road courses.

He also decided a great way to hone his skills on the track was to join the CASC-OR Ice Racing series in Minden. That experience, says Andrew, was “A good way to develop ‘race craft’, especially on slippery surfaces...like in the rain”. In fact, folks on the TDI circuit called him the “Rain Man” because of his uncanny ability to corner and pass in slick conditions.



Make Haste Racing

Speaking of that series... In 2007, Andrew heard about the now discontinued Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup Series. It was a “spec series” with all drivers in identical Jetta TDI cars, according to the SCCA website: *“Powered by a 2.0-liter, 170 horsepower, four-cylinder TDI clean diesel engine mated to a six-speed, double-clutch, automatic DSG transmission. The car is only slightly modified from stock with Pirelli racing tires, race suspension and brake components, drivers racing safety seat, FIA roll cage and an on-board fire extinguisher system.”*

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But before he could park his backside into that “drivers racing safety seat”, he first had to go to school...The series qualifying school in Arizona. After five lapping days, physical training, media training and driving, he was one of just a handful of drivers to get a chance on the track.

“I was the first name called”, he remembers, “I nearly s\*\*\* my pants!” He qualified 28th out of 30 but finished 16<sup>th</sup>.

His pro racing career was launched.

His first podium finish was in 2008 at his “home track” of Mosport. He used his ice racing skills on a rainy afternoon to avoid a first lap pileup at corner two. He did a complete 360, holding his breath, but kept it on the track. He got back in control and continued to a third place finish.

But it costs money to race at that level. A lot of it. Andrew says race teams are all about money. That’s where the next part of his pro racing story comes in. He started hitting up everyone he knew for cash to help him live his dream. He said a lot of support was the “in kind” type. He got “value” rather than cash.



Make Haste Racing

Andrew and his girlfriend beat the bushes for sponsorship. “If you believe in something, you go after it”, he said. They sent out 2,500 sponsorship proposals. He got 200 responses....197 of them said “No”. But Greenview Irrigation Ltd, HotBits Suspension, Can-Alignment, (along with Volkswagen of America) came through.

Andrew is very conscious of what racing costs and, as he told the meeting he, “Drives with dollar bills under my foot” because he just can’t afford to wreck his car. His yearly racing budget tops \$35,000 and about half that from sponsorships.

As for 2011, Andrew is building a new race car, another VW (Scirocco), and plans on running the GT Sprint Series and entering lapping days at tracks around North America.

His story has been one of success...but it’s the sacrifice and hard work involved that have been the keys to that success.

Not to mention autocross and ice racing!

Andrew’s website: [www.makehasteracing.com](http://www.makehasteracing.com)

# ***Time to Return to School!***

**Rally school that is!**

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**Learn what Time-Speed-Distance rallies are all about - The different types of instructions, driving techniques, and how not to get lost!**

**Join PMSC's Peter Watson & Pete Gulliver for a Rally School at the April meeting.**

**WHEN: April 27**

**Class starts at 7:30 pm**

**WHERE: The Souvlaki Pit  
Motorsports University**



*And*



**Present**

# **The 2011 Spring Run-Off Rally**

## **ORRC Event #4**

### **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Start Location: Captain's Table Restaurant  
8 Front Street E, Hastings.**

**Registration Opens 9:30 AM**

**Car '0' out 11:00 AM**

**Distance approximately 170 kms [3 plus hours]**

**Entry Fee \$45 (PMSC member discount.)**

**Organizer Louis Cabardos**

**Contact: Pete Gulliver - [pete.gulliver@nexicom.net](mailto:pete.gulliver@nexicom.net)**

***Solo Action Returns!***

***The Cobweb Solo***



***Sun. May 1, 2011***

**Douro Arena**

**Hwy 28 & CR 8**

**Registration Opens at 9:00am**

**First Car at 10:00am.**

**Entry Fee: \$25**

**Organizer: Dan Demers**

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# Visions of Western New York

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Earle Henderson



*On a sunny weekend in March cruising around nowhere in particular in the Western New York area I came across a few different sights, some automotive oriented, some just plain neat, and others, like a 50's Diner in south Buffalo where the food was fast & friendly, where a photo just wasn't necessary.*

*So enjoy a few pics of my weekend away.*

**Yes, Mike, an Alfa Romeo dealer still exists in the world of 2011. Right there on Main St. in downtown Williamsville, NY. And he also had a Rolls and a Jag in the showroom window too.**



**A Clubhouse in Springville NY, (much like the one that is needed by PMSC) is home to the Springville Travelers, a Motorcycle Club formed in 1934, which still hold various charity events throughout the year. All the times I've passed this place, I have yet to be here on a weekend when they have something going on. Wouldn't mind cracking a few brewskis over a BBQ pit with a Club that**

**likes to have some fun.**

You guessed it, Holland, NY. What a thing to do to a ‘Short Bus’ eh Rick? Forget the Figure 8 and School Bus races, read that bottom line in red, “Motor Home Demolition Derby” That’s the one I want to see. Bring out your Winnebago, your Pace Arrow, your Airstream, lets have a Demo Derby!!!



How about a “Gangsta Omni” to brighten up your day in Cheektowaga, NY? Zoom in and check out these custom features: Cobra Jet hood scoop, crappy sheet metal “Frenched headlight” treatment, turn signals and grille from God-knows-what, and a badge that boasts “Trail Rated”. Did you also spot the deer whistles on the front bumper? Might this be the future look of Dylan’s GLH???

At rest in a field in the rural outskirts of Dunkirk, NY lies an early 60’s Corvair Lakewood Station Wagon patiently awaiting the return of its once proud (maybe) owner. The tires were still round on the bottom and it still boasted NY plates. Who knows, maybe it was just waiting for Sunday to come.



And finally, in Holley, NY, parked outside the local constabulary sat this Ford Crown Victoria. “So what?” you ask? Well, look at the badging on the side; it’s a “FORD INTERCEPTOR”. Just seeing that wording sends shivers down your spine right? Makes you want to pull over even before the “cherries” go on.



# Minutes of the PMSC Meeting

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

Called to order @ 19:32

## Move to Accept the Executive Reports as Submitted:

*Moved – Earl Henderson*

*Seconded – Peter Watson*

## Discussion Items

Spring Run Off Rally

– Louis has it well in hand  
GCFR

*- Discussion items as per published agenda:*

## Old Business:

- No old Business

## New Business:

Damage to the trailer

- Snow plough damage to the trailer. \$600 hit.
- Lumix management will pay damages. Airport paid damages, and will pay mileages.
- Fixed and good to go!

Spring Run Off

- Last year: Offered a member discount
- RSO offered a coupon.
- Shall we offer a \$10 discount to the RSO rally school?
- Suggestion to provide free entry (Earle Henderson)
- Free draw for an entry (Mark Newell)

Next Meeting:

- Rally School on April 27th.

Summer Rally:

- Pete Gulliver: Looking for someone to run a paved rally event. Paved route is done. Need some modification, but would be open to ALL members (free?) About 2.5 hours.

GCFR – Request for Technical Skills

- Looking for someone who is good with Database and forms for GCFR (PG)

Motion to adjourn- Dan Demers,

Seconded -Mark Newell

Approved.

*Meeting adjourned at 19:46*

**Watch for the**  
***PMSC Update***  
**May 18th**