

Peterborough Motor Sports Club BULLETIN



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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.



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From the Editor's Keyboard

November 2011

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This is the final Bulletin of 2011.

It's been an interesting year as Editor and Communications Director. We have published far more issues than I originally anticipated.

The PMSC Constitution says we only have to publish a minimum of four times a year. Well, we went to "press" ten times! We had so much information, both from and for our members, it was worth the while send it off lots more often.

While I couldn't get out to all the events to take pictures and video, I want to thank the members and organizers who did send me pictures and posted flicks on YouTube.

We also spent a lot of energy on the PMSC Facebook, Twitter and Website forums.

I look forward to serving the remainder of my two year term as Communications Director in 2012.

A more detailed year end report is elsewhere in this issue.

See you at the AGM on November 23rd.

Your Humble Scribbler,

Len Arminio

TENTATIVE PMSC 2012 EVENT SCHEDULE

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	ORGANIZER
Ice Race	Feb. 18 & 19	Minden	Len Arminio
Spring-Runoff Rally (ORRC)			Louis Cabarbos
Cobweb Solo			
Watch Winder Solo			
Shannonville Stages Rally ?? (OPRC)	April		
Speed Weekend Solo			
VARAC Rally ?	July		
Mid Summer Solo (Regional)	July	Kawartha Speedway	Travis Grubb
GCFR (OPRC)	Aug. 11	Catchecoma	Peter Gulliver
Dog Days Solo			
Lapping Day	TBD	Mosport DDT	Fab Caravaggio
Fall Ball Solo			
President's Prize Rally	TBD		Len Arminio (Route Master) and ??? (Organizer)
Last Chance Solo			



**NOTICE OF THE 52nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
THE PETERBOROUGH MOTOR SPORTS CLUB, INC.**
(Amended, November 6th, 2011)

**Wednesday November 23rd, 2011
7:30 pm
The Souvlaki Pit – 75 George St. North
Peterborough, ON**

Agenda:

- 1. Officers and Directors Reports.**
- 2. Election of Officers and Directors 2012-2013**
 - **President - One year term (completing the second year of the current term)**
 - **Vice President - Two year term**
 - **Secretary - One year term (completing the second year of the current term)**
 - **Treasurer - Two year term**
 - **Competition Director – One year term (completing the second year of the current term)**
 - **Director At Large – Two Year term**
- 3. Setting of 2012 membership fees**
- 4. Old Business**
- 5. New Business**
- 6. Adjournment**

With the resignation of the President and Secretary during 2011, this AGM is very important to the continued legal operation of PMSC.

Your Executive would urge all members to attend this AGM. We also ask that members consider running for office and assure the legal requirements of our incorporation are fulfilled.

Proxies: Should you not be able to attend in person, please submit your proxy to the Communications Director or give it to another member who may be attending the AGM.

You may also submit your Proxy by email to **the Communications Director: bulletin@pmsc.on.ca**

Should you be interested in running for office but cannot attend the AGM, please inform the Communications Director of your interest.

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PROXY

I hereby name _____ to hold my Proxy at the 2011
Annual General Meeting of The Peterborough Motor Sports Club, Inc.
November 23, 2011.

Signed _____ Date _____

Chair's 2011 Year End Report
To be delivered At the AGM

Vice-President's 2011 Year End Report
Mike van Rees

2011 saw a decline of 21% in membership. This year we had 53 members compared to 67 last year. The biggest decline was in solo members, with ice racing showing a decline also.

I organized GCFR this year, the first event I've ever organized. It was a bit intimidating, but thought it was important to give it a try. From this experience, I learned a lot.

For anyone who thinks you can't do this, trust me you can. I'm not the most organized person in the world. I don't know everything, but other members are more than happy to help you out. Motivation to see it through and willingness to learn were the most important things.

I encourage all members to take a roll in helping with organizing club events. It doesn't mean you have to take on anything big either. Big details get dealt with pretty quickly, mostly because if they don't the event doesn't happen. There is a lot of smaller jobs you can get involved with. I could be something as easy as getting things printed and organized into packages, or ordering and picking up worker shirts. If you're a little more ambitious, try being the worker recruiter or safety officer. Any help is appreciated and what being part of a club is all about.

Without your help, events don't happen.

Mike van Rees

Secretary's 2011 Year End Report

Note: The Secretary's position was vacated mid-year. No report is available.

Treasurer's 2011 Year End Financial Report **Peter Watson**

Interim Treasurer's Report, January 1 – November 3, 2011

Peterborough Motor Sports Club

It's really kind of silly to prepare an "end-of-year financial report" in mid-November, since our fiscal year ends December 31 unless we change our constitution. Oh well. I will prepare – as my final act as treasurer – a much more detailed (and perhaps even correct!) set of financial tables in January, for publication in the first issue of the PMSC Bulletin. What follows below will have to satisfy members' ravening appetites until then.

On December 31, 2010, the Club had total assets (petty cash plus bank account) of \$13,613.26, with no liabilities (i.e., no outstanding cheques not yet cashed), for net assets of **\$13,613.26**. The following table presents the income and expenses for various PMSC activities during the first 11 (or so) months of 2011.

<u>PMSC Activity</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net Income/(Loss)</u>
Non-competition Operations	2283.75	5212.74	(2928.99)
Ice Races	12935.76	9767.90	3167.86
Spring Run-Off Rally	560.00	572.81	(12.81)
Galway Cavendish Rally	9330.00	8749.91	580.09
President's Prize Rally	610.00	719.67	(109.67)
Mosport Lapping Day	2260.00	2825.00	(565.00)
Solos (7) *	3785.00	1331.92**	2453.08
_____	_____	_____	_____
Combined:	\$31,764.51	\$29,179.95	\$2584.56

...and thus, as of November 3, 2011, our financial situation was:

Total Assets = \$18,723.64 Liabilities = \$2375.82 **Net Assets = \$16,347.82**

* I apologize for the lack of detailed information about what solos ran when, where, and earned and/or cost how much. Perhaps we can impose on the organizers of solos, and those who appoint them, to avoid thrusting small envelopes containing large amounts of used, unmarked bills, with no indication of what they're for, into the bewildered hands of future club treasurers. None of us like to feel like Karl-Heinz Schreiber or Brian Mulroney, unless we can reap the benefits...

** Does not include some expenses presumably hung up in the snail-mail system – here's another place where future treasurers will welcome greater diligence in moving the mail along more expeditiously – i.e., let's not let the bills sit in the PO box for several weeks before passing them along to the Treasurer for payment.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Watson

Treasurer, PMSC

Competition Director's 2011 Year End Report
Dan Demers

PMSC had another busy competition year. The year consisted of 13 events covering the disciplines of Ice racing, Performance Rally, TSD Rally, Solo and a Lapping Day at Mosport.

Firstly I'd like to thank of all of the organizers and workers for making these events possible. A summary of the events is included at the end of my comments.

The no. of entries for most events was average for our club compared to recent years. I would like to point out there was a definite difference in entries for the Solo events between the locations, about twice as many per event at Kawartha vs Douro.

Points for the competition season have been posted on the website and in the Bulletin. I ask that club members have a look at them and let me know if any corrections need to be made. I would like to finalize the points by early December.

Plans for the 2012 competition year are in the works with a schedule of events similar to this year.

I look forward to 2012.

Yours in Motorsport

Dan Demers

DO YOU HAVE A PMSC YEAR END TROPHY?

Please return it to the Competition Director
at the November 23rd Annual General Meeting.

Thanks

Dan

Competition Calendar 2011 Recap

Event	Date	Location	Organizer	No. of Entries
Ice Race	Feb. 12 & 13	Minden	Len Arminio	225
Spring Run-off Rally	Apr. 30	Hastings	Louis Cabarbos	13
Cobweb Solo	May 1	Douro	Dan Demers	13
Watchwinder Solo	May 29	Douro	Glenn Austin	12
Speed Weekend Solo	June 26	Kawartha	Ian Dyck	24
Mid Summer Solo (Regional)	July 17	Kawartha	Travis Grubb	46
GCFR	Aug. 13	Catchacoma	Mike van Rees	19
Dog Days Solo	Aug. 14	Douro	Brian Lynus	10
Lapping Day	Sept. 11	Mosport	Fab C.	17
Fall Ball Solo	Sept. 18	Kawartha	Dan Demers	22
President's Prize Rally	Oct. 15	Peterborough	Peter Watt	15
Last Chance Solo	Oct. 16	Kawartha	Travis Grubb	30

2011 Points (Not finalized) on the next page

Director At Large 2011 Year End Report

PMSC Communications Director 2011 Year End Report

Len Arminio

The position of Communications Director for PMSC was established in late 2010 to take on the responsibilities of both the former positions of Public Relations Director and Bulletin Editor. In addition, it was this director's first return to the PMSC Executive in some two decades.

It was a pretty busy year.

The Bulletin:

During 2011, we published nine (9) full Bulletins and one (1) Update in May averaging about 16 pages per issue. I had originally planned fewer publications, in fact only **every other month**...for the full *Bulletin* with the shorter *Update* in between... but it seemed the amount of information available and submissions warranted putting out the full Bulletin every month except May. No publications were planned for July and December.

I want to thank Earle Henderson, Jeannie MacGillivray, Peter Watt and the many event organizers and competitors for contributing to the various editions with articles, results, point totals and pictures.

Each edition was sent via email to all members and a few selected others, except for a few folks who live in rural areas with dial-up (or "no speed" internet service as Jeannie refers to it). For those technology challenged souls, I sent hard copies via snail mail.

While there were some startup road bumps in the early days of my tenure due to an incompatible spell checking format and a wonky PDF creator, we got things straightened out and I hope all have enjoyed the publications.

I would like to thank Mark Newell who was Bulletin Editor during the last term. He labored mightily to try to publish each month with some success and some setbacks. He did leave a full set of templates, files and archives which made the job a lot easier for me.

Media Relations:

Starting in November of 2010 through November 15, 2011, the Communications Director sent out a total of twenty-three (23) news releases to local media telling of upcoming club events, event results, meetings and feature items.

For several reasons, getting our events and results on-air, in print or online, was a bit of a chore in the early part of the year.

Firstly, it seems the Media Relations function was left fallow for a few years and, as a former practitioner of news and sports reporting, if you ignore the media, they'll ignore you.

Secondly, over the past decade, the newsrooms, print and broadcast, have been gutted. Several of the region's weekly print newspapers have disappeared. Local radio newsrooms which had 5-6 staff in the 1990s now have 2-3...if they're lucky. And many have no reporters, just someone to read newscasts. None of the local radio stations have sports departments any longer. They all depend on hand outs and news releases from official and other sources. The local TV station has a very good sports director, but he's not too knowledgeable, it seems, about motor sports. He seems to concentrate on three sports...hockey, hockey and...oh yeah...hockey. Unless I missed it, the closest thing to covering a wheeled sport in recent memory has been the Sunday morning cycle cross rides in Nicholls Oval.

But, gradually, our events, results and meetings are getting mentions more frequently, especially in the Examiner and the Lakefield Herald. I had a chat with Dale Clifford of the Examiner a few weeks ago at a...you guessed it...hockey game. He said he sees our releases and the editor usually includes them in the paper. We have also been reported on, less frequently, in the Community Press and Northumberland Today websites. The stories of events or features of club members in any of these publications are virtually unchanged versions of this director's news releases. A couple of stories included pictures...that I took. Peterborough This Week almost totally ignores us in both print and online editions.

Social Media:

- **Facebook:** The PMSC Facebook site has been experiencing fairly frequent use by me and several other club members. We have 75 people in total signed up.
- **Twitter:** Our Twitter page has been less active but I try to tweet all upcoming events, results and meetings. We have 9 followers and we follow 15 other twitter sites. A total of 95 Tweets have been posted since November of 1010.
- **YouTube:** The PMSC YouTube channel has had not all that much input except of the few videos of events I have managed to shoot and post and some links to video posted elsewhere by several members and others.

Survey:

We conducted an online survey of members in March-April of 2011. Just over 100 surveys were sent out, and 35 were returned.

The results reflected the mood and wishes of the respondents: More social events, "field" trips, 50/50 draws and more TSD Rallies, drags and rally cross. However, the results for questions asking if respondents would be willing to organize event or hold elected office were not overly enthusiastic.

Website:

The www.pmsc.on.ca website is periodically updated with event news releases, results and Bulletin archive. The most active part of the site is the Forum section with a fairly significant amount of traffic on all our events, meetings and general “chin wagging”.

Len Arminio
Communications Director
Peterborough Motor Sports Club, Inc.
November 15, 2011

Call me on my mobile phone:





PMSC Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, November 23, 2011

Come early and join us for Dinner

This voucher is worth \$5.00 off your meal at

The Souvlaki Pit

75 George St. Peterborough

This coupon Valid only on November 23, 2011

Print this page and take it with you to the meeting.

Minutes

PMSC Business Meeting

September 28, 2011

Meeting Called to Order at 7:29 pm by Chair Pro-Temp Peter Watt

- Attendance: 13 members
- Executive Present: Chair Pro-Temp, Competition Director, Communications Director
- Absent: Vice President, Treasurer, Director At Large

Executive Reports: Received and approved.
Moved/Seconded by Peter Gulliver/Dan Demers

Discussion Items:

Solo Events: Dan reported the solo events this year were reasonable well attended

Lapping Day: Fab reported 17 entries with three drivers who said they would come but did not. He said other competing events on the same day were part of the reason.

The event went well with only one minor incident. But the event financially fell short of break even. There will be consideration for upping the entry fee for this event in the future.

Future Events:

(Not the) President's Prize Rally. Chair Peter Watt (the event organizer) reported he needs 8 checkpoint crews but so far has only 6. He made a decision that if there are no further volunteers, the event will be cancelled after this meeting. Al Carlson volunteered to help but no others came forward at that moment.

The Chair also reported some statistics regarding this year's ORRC events.

Average Entry = 13.4

Experts = 2.7

Intermediate = 2.9

Novice = 7.9

Total entries for the series = 94

Number of drivers who enter only one event = 48

Only 13 of 43 novice drivers are RSO members

A discussion followed which involved the level of interest in TSD rallies and whether this club should abandon them totally. A suggestion was made PMSC focus on performance rallies.

The deadline for submission to the RSO calendar in October 24th. The remaining executive members will discuss the issue prior to that date.

Solo Events: Glenn suggested there be persons dedicated to, trained for and perhaps compensated for operating the timing equipment. Mark said Chris has put together operations

manual and could also put together a course on how to run the gear. She can work on this over the winter.

Ice Race Event: Len reported the PMSC event is February 18 &19, 2012. He will act as organizer and clerk of the course once again and hopes to get a full cast of helpers. He also reported that Twin Lakes has dropped out of organizing their event scheduled for February 4&5, 2012. Other clubs have been asked to step in.

The annual Fall organizers and drivers meetings are Sunday, October 16th at the Annandale Country Club in Ajax.

A suggestion was made that with club finances in such a very good shape, we consider paying for accommodations for workers and/or upping our \$20 compensation for travel considerably.

There was also a discussion on promoting participation by club drivers to help with events by letting them pick their best event at other clubs for the PMSC Ice Race championship.

Vintage Rally: The Chair was informed by Bob Deshane of the vintage club desire to hold a rally on July 16th. More discussion later.

Adjournment: The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.
Moved/Seconded: Dan Demers/Peter Gulliver

The membership enjoyed a presentation on the Mt. Washington “Climb to the Clouds” by Peter Watt and Peter Gulliver.

I apologize for forgetting to include these minutes in the October bulletin.

Your Editor

Minutes
PMSC Business Meeting
October 26, 2011

- **Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 pm by Chair Pro-Temp Peter Watt**
 - **15 members in attendance.**

- **Executive Reports (except for the Treasurer) were presented, discussed and approved.**
 - **Moved/Seconded – Earle Henderson/Rick Williams**
- **Past Events:**
 - **Travis** reported the **Last Chance Solo** had 29 entries with lots of Out of Towners attending. 13 club members also competed.
 - **Peter Watt** reported on the (Not the) President's Prize Rally. There were 15 entries which was above the overall ORRC average. The event lost \$9.67.
 - **Peter** asked **Peter Gulliver** our RSO representative what RSO used the fees and levies for. Peter Gulliver said it was for the listing fee and to pay the event Steward. (RSO did not provide a Green Crew). The fees and levies cover ORRC year end trophies and other awards and the annual RSO awards banquet.
- **Future Events:**
 - Ice Race. At the request of the CASC Ice Race Director, PMSC **approved** the purchase two 20lb (BC) fire extinguishers for ice racing events.
 - PMSC will invoice CASC \$75 per weekend for rental, maintenance and recharging of all the fire extinguishers it rents to the clubs.
 - **Moved/Seconded - Peter Watt/Fab Caravaggio**
 - **Competition Director Dan Demers** will take care of the purchase as well as the purchase of wrist bands.
 - **Ice Race Organizer, Len Arminio** presented several proposed budgets for the club's Ice Race event. Items discussed included:
 - the new revised fee schedule to take the HST into consideration
 - a daily stipend of **\$50 for each worker**
 - the organizer is still considering an entry fee reduction for PMSC members
 - **Discussion of 2012 Calendar:**
 - The 2012 calendar was discussed at length with several individuals coming forward to organize events. It was decided we could not organize the Snowy Safari Rally, an ORRC event, because there was no available date in January or February.
 - Louis Cabardos will organize the Spring Run Off Rally on April 28, 2012
 - Bryan Lynas and Travis Grubb agreed to take on some solo events.
 - Further calendar discussions will take place in the coming months.

- **2012 Annual General Meeting (November 23rd, 2012):**
 - **The preliminary agenda is as follows::**
 - **Officers and Directors Reports.**
 - **Election of Officers and Directors 2012-2013**
 - **President - One year term (completing the second year of the current term)**
 - **Vice President - Two year term**
 - **Secretary - One year term (completing the second year of the current term)**
 - **Treasurer - Two year term**
 - **Competition Director – One year term**
 - **Director At Large – Two Year term (completing the second year of the current term)**
 - **Old Business**
 - **New Business**
- **The following members indicated some interest in running for executive positions:**
 - **Peter Watt**
 - **Dan Demers**
 - **Mike VanRees**
 - **Christine Newell**
 - **Earle Henderson**
 - **Fabrizio Caravaggio**
 - **Brian Lynas**
- **Motion to Adjourn:**
 - **Moved/seconded - Peter Gulliver/Glenn Austin**
 - **Approved 9:04 pm**

***Next Meeting:
Awards Night!
January 25th, 2012***