

Peterborough Motor Sports Club **BULLETIN**



FEBRUARY, 2012



Peterborough Motor Sports Club, Inc.

Founded 1953/Incorporated 1959

www.pmsc.on.ca

Peterborough Motor Sports Club

P.O. Box 131

Peterborough, Ontario K9J 6Y5

Also on Facebook and Twitter

Table of Contents

2012 Executive Contacts.....	3
President’s Preamble	4
From the Editor’s Keyboard.....	5
PMSC 2011 Award Winners.....	. 6
Thanks from Cameron.....	7
2012 Schedule.....	. . 8
Ice Race Wrap Up by Len Arminio.....	9
RSO Ham School.....	11
RSO Rally Schedule.....	13
Perce-Neige Rally.....	14
Motorsport “Tri-fecta” by Peter Watt.....	15
PMSC 60th in 2013	18
Under Pressure by Lesley Wimbush.....	20
Subaru’s Hockey Mom Ad	22
Boring Stuff.....	23
Only In Minden.....	24

2012 Executive

President	Mike van Rees	president@pmsc.on.ca
Vice President	Christine Newell	vicepresident@pmsc.on.ca
Secretary	Louis Cabardos	secretary@pmsc.on.ca
Treasurer	Earle Henderson	treasurer@pmsc.on.ca
Competition Director	Dan Demers	competition@pmsc.on.ca
Director at Large	Travis Grubb	vwdsltrukman@hotmail.co
Communications Director	Len Arminio	bulletin@pmsc.on.ca
		or
		pmsclubinfo@gmail.com

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.



January 2012, Volume 57- Issue 2



President's Preamble
February, 2012
Mike vanRees

February has been pretty busy so far with the 2012 race season getting underway. With ice racing having a slow start with winter not really arriving until late January. The Canadian Rally Championship kicked off its season with the Rallye Perce-Neige on the first weekend in February.

Many PMSC members made the trip to Maniwaki, Quebec to help out at the event in some capacity. Conditions were cold, but sunny with a fair amount of snow on the ground. As usual, attrition was high with many of the top contenders running into problems. In the end Antoine L'Estage took the national win, with Andre LeBlanc taking the OPRC win.

Old man winter blessed us with his presence at our annual ice race weekend with cold, but sunny conditions. Thanks go out to Len and everybody who helped out to make another successful ice race weekend. Special mention to Greg and Rob for putting up to listening to the tower marshals complaining about how hot it was in there while they froze on the other side of the glass.

Sorry guys, maybe next year they will put in a full light system.

Again, thanks to everybody who worked or participated.

Mike

***From The Editor's
Keyboard
February 2012***
bulletin@pmc.on.ca



Whew! Our first competition event of 2012 is over....

And all things considered, it went well... More on page 9.

As for Communications: The news release on our awards night was used, with picture, by the *Examiner*, and of course, Evan gave us a nice piece on the *ptbocanada.com* web site. Not sure about other publications. We haven't had a mention, ever, in *Peterborough This Week* or its online version, *MyKawartha.com*. But Pete Gulliver ran into Editor Lois Tuffin and I sent an email rant to Mike Lacey asking what they would be interested in.

Seems like "human interest" stories, rather than scores and results are what they'd like.

So seeing as our club is filled with (mostly) humans....and many who are interesting (seriously)... don't be surprised if you are tapped to tell the world (or at least the folks who get our emails) about yourself, your hobby and interests...both on and off the track.

This month's edition of the Bulletin is another fat one (24 pages) filled with schedules for our club and upcoming RSO events. There is a lot of information on the RSO Ham Radio School in March. So far, the school has only half-a-dozen future hams enrolled and Ross Wood said he'd really like to see more. We also have articles from Earle, Lesley, Peter Watt and an item by your editor on some strange things about another interesting car commercial.

Pete Gulliver reminds us of the club's 60th birthday in 2013. Your ideas, suggestions and participation will be gratefully welcomed.

And.....

This month's meeting is Wednesday, February 22nd. 7:30 pm

Thanks.

Your Humble Scribbler,

Len Arminio

Awards Night Photos





To the Peterborough Motor Sports Club....

I would like to thank you for the New Members Award and Ice Racing Rookie Award for 2011.

Although I could not attend the ceremony as I am in Sudbury this year at University, I'm very honored to be selected as the recipient of these awards.

I enjoyed the season last year and found that there is a lot more behind this sport than cool cars and slippery roads.

Thank you for all you do to continue to support new members of the Peterborough Motor Sports Club, and I hope to be back out on the track with you all next year.

Sincerely

Cameron Chambers

It will be good to see you back on the track, Cam. (The Editor)



PMSC Competition Calendar- 2012

Event	Date	Location	Organizer
Ice Race (Regional) (completed)	Feb. 11&12	Minden	<i>Len Arminio</i>
Cobweb Solo	April 22	Kawartha Speedway	<i>Dan Demers</i>
Spring-Runoff Rally (ORRC)	April 28	Hastings	<i>Louis Cabarbos</i>
Watchwinder Solo	May 27	Douro	<i>Ian Dyck</i>
Speed Weekend Solo	June 24	Kawartha	<i>Brian Lynas</i>
Mid Summer Solo	July 15	Kawartha (Pit area only)	<i>Glenn Austin</i>
Galway-Cavendish Forest Rally (OPRC)	Aug. 11	Catchacoma	<i>Peter Gulliver</i>
Dog Days Solo (Regional)	Aug. 19	Kawartha	<i>Travis Grubb</i>
Lapping Day	Sept. 9	Mosport	<i>Fab C. & Travis G.</i>
Fall Ball Solo	Sept. 16	Kawartha	<i>Brian Lynas</i>
Last Chance Solo	Oct. 14	Kawartha	<i>Dan Demers</i>
President's Prize Rally (ORRC)	Nov. 17	TBA	<i>Len Arminio, Peter Watson, Peter Watt & Mark Newell.</i>



Entries Down, But The PMSC Ice Race Still a Success

If winter lasts only two days this year...I'm glad it was on February 11 & 12!

The PMSC Ice Race weekend had the coolest daytime highs (-18) and the coldest overnight lows (-20) so far this season. That made track conditions just right for Street Stud classes and made the Rubber to Ice classes very challenging. Unfortunately, while the weekends this season have been cold enough to race...the weekdays have been mild...above freezing. Not good conditions to make ice on the track. That means, in effect, there will be no Menard Stud racing at all this year. (Unless a glacier rolls over Minden in the next few days.)



But so far, the CASC Ice Race series has run three events. As I write this, the fate of the February 18-19 weekend, organized by TAC is still up in the air.

The planned enduro on the holiday Monday has been cancelled due to lack of entries.

That means our club was wise to swap weekends with TAC, I guess.

Our turnout of entries was well down from last years 225, but in the “ball park” for events so far this season. BARC had 167, TLMC had 197, and we wound up in the middle with 182. The Menard classes might have added another 15-18 entries.



Despite that and some added costs (HST and higher worker honorariums), the club still made a decent profit. The final tally should be available by the February club meeting on the 22nd.

I do want to thank all our workers for their efforts. We had some folks who had different jobs this year or who were new to the organizational side of the races, so there was a “learning curve”...But with a bit of help from Ice Race

Director Andy Hughes, scorer Victor Del Col and CASC Steward David Brown, we sorted things out and were running much more smoothly by Saturday afternoon.



Sunday in the trailer was pretty much perfect.
(Christine! You Da Woman!)

Thanks to club racers Anthony Vanleishout, Chris and Michelle Smolarz and Dan Demers who helped out on the worker side as well.

Speaking of Dan... Between stints in the "Crash Truck" (aka Jeep Cherokee)... Dan had a super weekend on the track in Street Stud Class 3. He finished 6th in the first points race, but then reeled off three 3rds in a row! There was no catching Shane Hutton in second and Tom Smith in the GEO powered by a 1000cc Yamaha motorcycle engine with chain drive to both axels. An amazing machine, well driven to consistent first place finishes, usually after lapping half the field.



I'm not sure I'll be able to organize the 2013 Ice Race. I'm finding, at the age of 64, I'm having a bit of trouble doing all the pre-race work AND acting as Clerk of the Course at the same time. There's way too much to remember, and I'm tending to forget things more often these days. It would be nice if more members could get

their Clerk and Scrutineer licenses as well.

I have all the paperwork and equipment for anyone who would like to take on the job. While the actual Organizer's "paperwork" job takes only a few hours to complete, especially if you have the templates of previous events, the biggest job is to round up the workers.



It's why I started in October and continued to pester people right up to a week before the event.

I even called upon some non-club members like Tom Kennedy and Greg James (who is a past president but not a current PMSC member) to help out. Tom had never done anything like this and said he enjoyed the experience and wouldn't mind helping out again. We may see him at the GCFR.

I certainly want to thank immediate past Ice Race Organizer Peter Watt for his invaluable contribution as Event Secretary who kept things orderly (mostly) in the "back of the house" while I oversaw things (sort of) at the "front of the house" (the track).

Peter also shot the pictures for this article.

Len Arminio

RALLYSPORT ONTARIO HAM RADIO SCHOOL

Who wants to be a HAM (Amateur radio operator)? I got my licence at the RSO HAM radio school last March, and I haven't looked back. As a HAM, you can get right into the stages and you always know what's going on.

It really opens up opportunities for new and interesting jobs. I'd like to invite PMSC Rallyists to consider taking this year's school so you can join the fun!



Jeannie MacGillivray VE3JNE, RSO Secretary

RALLYSPORT ONTARIO HAM RADIO COURSE

RallySport Ontario (RSO) is pleased to offer a Basic HAM Radio Course to facilitate official licensing of more amateur radio (HAM) operators to assist with official communications at rallies.

WHEN – Saturday, March 10 and Sunday, March 11, 2012, from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

WHERE – Girl Guides of Canada Office, 38 Parkside Drive, Newmarket, Ontario.

ELIGIBILITY — This course is open to anyone; however, the class will be cut off at 25. If more than 25 apply, preference will be given to RSO members.

COST – \$25 per person. Payment may be made in the following ways:

(1) Mail a cheque payable to "RallySport Ontario" to:

RallySport Ontario
c/o Peter Gulliver
1026 Communication Road
RR # 1
Peterborough, ON K9J 6X2

(2) By Interact: Send Interact payment to Pete Gulliver at treasurer@rallysport.on.ca. Contact Pete at the same email with the password.

Note: Your registration will not be considered complete until payment has been received.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will be a condensed version of the full course offered by various clubs. Participants will be expected to study course materials in advance independently. The two days of in-class sessions will concentrate on reviewing key topics and to answer specific questions. A portion of the in-class sessions will deal specifically with HAM radio procedures at rallies.

Official testing will take place at about 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 11. Approved examiners will supervise the testing. The exams will be marked immediately. Successful applicants will be assisted directly with application for license.

The course instructors will be Roger Sanderson VE3RKS and Rob Metcalfe VA3RBM.



RESOURCES

A Course Outline will be available to students. It indicates a priority listing of topics to study.

The official textbook for the course will be the Canadian Amateur Radio Basic Qualification Study Guide, Edition 6, 7 or 8. This book may be purchased at HAM Radio Stores such as Radio World or from RAC.

The cost is approximately \$45. Please see <http://www.radioworld.ca> or https://www.rac.ca/store/catalogue_e.php.

A highly recommended source of information is the RAC website at <http://www.rac.ca>. Beginner info is available here: <http://www.rac.ca/en/amateur-radio/beginner-info/>.

If you have specific questions about course content, the instructors are available for consultation. Contact Roger Sanderson at rsanders@kwrc.on.ca, or Rob Metcalfe at VA3RBM@hotmail.com.

We cannot do a full course in the two days, so the format is review and practice. This means you MUST study ahead of time. This means you need to get your books ASAP.

Have fun studying and see you at the course!

Roger Sanderson

More notes:

Note: For those of you who have the Study Guide already, here are the errata: <https://www.coaxpublications.ca/err0001.html>

There are some other resources below. The first link will get you the regulations. The second link is a computer program that has all the possible questions in it. It is highly recommended for practice.



- RBR-4 and RIC-3 are NOT in the study guide, but they are on the test. Located here: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/h_sf01709.html
- Software to generate amateur examinations: http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/insmt-gst.nsf/en/h_sf05378e.html
- The Question Bank is RIC-7, listed on the Industry Canada website: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/h_sf01709.html

It's a big PDF file and has the answers in it....

Roger has an Excel file with the answers in a hidden column, so let him know if you want that.

Upcoming Ontario Regional Rally Events

RSO AGM, March 17, Baker's Hill Banquet Hall, Peterborough

Spring Runoff Rally, April 28 Hastings, navigational rally PMSC

ORRC Louis Cabardos

Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, May 4-5 McDonald's Corners performance rally MCO

OPRC Jane Laan

Discover Ontario Car Rally, June 16 St. Catherines ?? navigational rally TAC ORRC Brooke Jacob

Black Bear Rally, July 13-14 MacArthur Mills performance rally MLRC OPRC Donna Huber

All-Ontario Monte Carlo Rally, July 22 Ontario navigational rally multi-club

Galway-Cavendish Forest Rally, Aug 11 Catchacoma performance rally PMSC

OPRC Peter Gulliver

No Winter Maintenance Rally, Sept 29 West Central Ontario navigational rally SPDA ORRC Trevor Hancher

Fall Night Rally, Nov 3 Perth navigational rally MCO ORRC

President's Prize Rally, Nov 17 Peterborough navigational rally (night) PMSC

ORRC Len Arminio/Peter Watt /Peter Watson & Mark Newell

Rally of the Tall Pines, Nov 23-24 Bancroft performance rally MLRC CRC/OPRC

Ian Wright

L'Estage & Richard Open CRC with a Win. "Crazy" Leo Survives Utility Pole!

MANIWAKI, QUEBEC, February 5, 2012 - Antoine L'Estage (St-Jean-Sur-Richelieu, QC) and Nathalie Richard (Halifax) opened their 2012 season by winning the Rallye Perce-Neige in Maniwaki, QC, the first event in the Canadian Rally Championship, Presented by Subaru and supported by Yokohama. Perce-Neige is just the second event for L'Estage in his new car, and already, he's comfortable, setting the pace from the first stage.

For Nathalie Richard, the Rallye Perce-Neige is her 100th career start, a fact that makes the win even more gratifying. "We both really wanted to come here and win this one," said Richard. "These weren't easy conditions, and it's a great way to start the season. We're just doing what we're doing and it seems to work."



Podium regular "**Crazy**" **Leo Urlichich (A former PMSC member)** and co-driver Carl Williamson (Swansea, GB) were able to finish second despite an incredibly spectacular crash into a utility pole on a very fast road.

In Two Wheel Drive, the team of Peter Kocandrlle and Angela Cosner took the class by more than 20 minutes over their closest competitor.

The Rallye Perce-Neige is the first round of the six event Canadian Rally Championship, and is made up of 16 stages, totalling 248km of competitive distance. Canada's only true winter rally, roads are covered in ice and snow, but teams are forbidden from using studded tires, requiring a smooth hand at the wheel for a driver to be successful.

Full coverage of the championship will air on RDS and TSN. Check local listings.
For more information: www.carsrally.ca or www.rallyeperceneige.com

From the Rallye Perce-Neige Website.

Three Consecutive Weekends of Motorsports

By Peter Watt



I suppose if a little bit is good, then a lot is better, but I might just reconsider that.

January 26 to 29 was the Sno*Drift Rally in Michigan. That was the first round of the 2012 Rally America Championship. Originally, I had been entered as co-driver for the # 68 Mitsubishi of Bill Bacon. We were slated to start third on the road, but when some sponsorship dollars fell through, the entry was withdrawn. I decided to make the 9.5 hour drive to Atlanta, Michigan anyway and volunteer my services. I left on the Thursday and

drove to Gaylord, Michigan, getting to my hotel just after dark. The event started early afternoon on the Friday, so I had a relatively leisurely start from Gaylord, about 50 minutes west of Atlanta, to arrive for registration and work assignment. Shortly after noon, we set out in convoy to our assigned location. I was given a rather large "Y" junction to manage on the area known as "The Ranch." This was private property owned by the family of former rally competitor Henry Bourne Joy III. Aside from the once yearly rally, the only other activity of note was watching oil being pumped out of the many wells spread throughout the huge parcel of land.

My location, as mentioned, was a "Y" or Delta junction with the three roads intersecting over a distance of about 300 meters. The cars would pass through three times, each time in a different direction, so radio boards and taping had to be moved for each pass. In Canada, arrows would have also been used and moved, but not so here.



Antoine L'Estage & Nathalie Richard



Leo Urlichich & Carl Williamson

The only time of real entertainment was when the configuration had the competitors approaching over a crest into glare ice downhill to a 90 degree right turn. While I feared the banner tape would have to be replaced many times, we only had two spins and both managed to miss the tape.

... more

It did get rather dark and cold toward 11:00 pm, but we had little to do. A short distance past our location was a rather long icy uphill with a nasty bend about halfway up. One of the workers' vehicles had a problem earlier.

While backing down for another attempt, he slipped backwards off the road into a bank. We had to get the minivan spinning his front wheels while the rest of us leaned on the front to push him around to head back down the hill for a longer run up. He made it.

On the second pass with the rally cars, it also proved difficult for many of the two wheel drive competitors.

At one point there were 5 vehicles stuck on the hill. It took close to 10 minutes before all of them eventually gained the summit.

Day two involved an earlier start so, by 10:00 am we had set out our stage. I was radio for the start; fortunately, since we were in an exposed area the wind was viciously bitter. With only one delay for some snowmobilers, that progressed well for the two passes and I was able to join other workers in a bar in Hillman. While we were somewhat out of our element, it was great to do a sociological and anthropological study of the clientele. I believe we may have discovered Hillman Man. (non gender specific)

The drive home the next day was quite brutal. Blowing and drifting snow made life interesting for about the first two hours where, almost instantly, the road turned to glare ice. Within minutes, the interstate was littered with bumper covers and crashed cars while the ditches began to fill with spun vehicles. The bad weather continued all the way to Mississauga where, miraculously, it cleared. As for the rally, it was won by David Higgins and Craig Drew (Subaru) with Antoine Lestage and Nathalie Richard (Mitsubishi) in second.

If anyone else is interested, it is possible to save some money on wine in the US. As long as you are out of Canada 48 hours, you can bring back quite a bit if you pay the duty. This time I brought back 18 bottles. Each bottle cost \$5.00 and the duty amounted to about 2.25 per bottle. Similar wine at the LCBO is close to \$12, so the \$7.50 each seems good value.

Weekend # 2

The following Thursday, 5 Ontario people (3 PMSC members) set out for Maniwaki, Quebec to oversee the timing for the Perce-Neige Rally. This was the first round of the Canadian Rally Championship and would be the first big really cold weather test for the RSO timing equipment. Two of the units malfunctioned and caused Doug Hollands and former PMSC President Peter Gulliver some difficulty, but the units operated by Mark Newell, Ross Wood, and myself operated flawlessly.

... more

I'm including a couple of photos of the set-up I made at my flying finish location.



The Rally was won by Antoine L' Estage and Nathalie Richard. YouTube video of Leo Urlichich shows the second place driver assaulting a telephone pole with considerable gusto.

Weekend #3

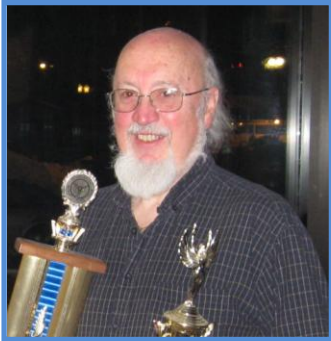
The PMSC Ice races involved only two days and most members are pretty much aware of the results there. Once again, the PMSC membership rose to the occasion and, for the most part, things went very smoothly. I know some pictures and other comments will be appearing elsewhere so I'm going to take a break and thereby give all of the readers one as well.

I have offered to act as the PMSC representative to the RSO board if no one else is interested. That said, I believe it should become an agenda item for the next meeting to be endorsed by the membership.

Safe roads everyone.

Peter Watt

2013 - PMSC 60th Anniversary



Hard to believe that an idea by a few motorsport enthusiasts back in 1953, to form a car club to meet and discuss cars with friends, would materialise into a club that next year turns 60.

Sixty. Hard to imagine. Yes we have had highs and lows. Many members over the years have passed on or moved away, but OUR club keeps going.

We need to celebrate our fantastic 60 years of history. With that in mind I would ask interested members to contact Len Arminio or myself and get involved in the planning for next year. Len and I are willing to take lead roles however we MUST have other members participating.

Items we have already bounced around:

- Celebrations will start with something special at Ice Racing. PMSC was one of the lead clubs with getting Ice Racing and the CASC-OR series created.
- We have an idea of re-creating one of the club's earliest rallies, the general route is still available.
- We then need something special for our ORRC and OPRC events.
- Not forgotten is Solo. Early autosloms...or "gymkhanas"*...used sand-filled oil cans as pylons. Can you still get one quart oil cans?? Maybe only on *Canadian Pickers*.

We would basically end the celebrations with a 60th anniversary banquet to which current and former members would be invited.

These are ambitious plans but with enough willing hands, very do-able.

One major task would be contacting former members however since our 50th, Internet access has blossomed and the word could circulate a lot easier today. Len has made great contacts among the media and the word could be distributed that way.

So who is willing to step up and help???

Pete Gulliver

**A gymkhana requires drivers to perform reversals, 180 degree spins, 360 degree spins, parking boxes, figure 8s and other advanced skills. Drifting is also encouraged where helpful or necessary. There is usually a time limit. Drivers are penalized for exceeding the time (along with knocking over pylons).*



Treasure Tales

With Earle Henderson

SO ...as the winter sun sets and Editor Len posts yet another Bulletin deadline, I find myself wondering just what I can write this month, to add my 2¢ and redeem myself as a PMSC contributing member...but alas no entry in winter RallyCross events for me this year, no car events or automobilia at all to write about, so I guess the best I can do is report that tonight Wed Feb 8, the Lazy Devils performed at the Black Horse (the Webber Brothers and Jay) who put on another legendary performance, followed by a stroll down on thru the Whitehouse (with karaoke night) enroute to the Dobro (this already sounds like a car rally) along with Liz (infamous for Mercedes Benz) and Jason for another pint and to listen to a set or two with Robin Hawkins.

Yeah, a long sentence, but endearing to the nice long evening that it was.

So as the Cavalier sits awaiting another Ice Race, and the blue Omni sits ready & raring to go RallyCrossing, I think maybe I'm getting a bit fussy in my old age. I long for the summer RallyCross events with warm sunshine, dirt and sand flying everywhere, a treat for whoever has the balls to sit in my passenger seat as I rip through the course...

Ahhhh summer...and with it comes 7 Club Solos, a couple of PMSC regional rallies and of course our annual Galway Cavendish Forest Rally, originated by Peter Gulliver and Peter Watt. A true tradition of PMSC and proof that a small Rally Club can make a footprint larger than itself in this large scale world.

My beastly Rampage patiently waits another summer's night of street racing * on Water Street. The old '72 Challenger sits quietly beside it in the garage longing for a warm summer evening of cruising down George Street... Ahhhh summer...gotta love it.

And on a colder note... As you read this, PMSC Ice Racing weekend has just passed by on Feb 11 & 12 with the anticipated good turnout of entrants. Many thanks to all of you who turned out to volunteer. You helped to make this weekend a big success for PMSC.

Hope you enjoyed my butter tarts and mini donuts in the timing booth, and if you missed them, shame on you!

Come on out and join us in Minden next year for a great weekend.

**A pastime not officially condoned by PMSC. (Ed.)*

UNDER PRESSURE

By Lesley Wimbush



After months of meticulous research, poring over the latest information on fuel efficiency and technology that will keep you and your family safe – you've finally purchased that spanking new vehicle.

Being the conscientious consumer that you are, you're aware that your tires, although not the most exciting part of your vehicle, are certainly one of the most important. You've mulled over the differences between those that provide optimum performance, a smooth cushion-y ride, or the most efficient return on your gas dollar.

Whether mandated in your province or not, you, the educated buyer, know that there's no better investment in your winter driving safety than a dedicated set of

snow tires.

But did you know that one of the most crucial factors in your tire's ability to perform properly is maintaining the correct amount of pressure?

Smart motorists are realizing that regularly monitoring their tire pressure saves them money – reducing tire wear, fuel consumption and emissions – and helps keep them safe by drastically increasing braking and handling efficiency.

On your tire's sidewall is a set of numbers. These refer to the highest inflation pressure that particular tire is designed to hold. But that's not the one to look for during your monthly tire check.

What you want is the figure recommended for your vehicle by its manufacturer in order to make the very best of its handling characteristics. This is usually found on the edge of the driver's door, but if not, refer to the manual. Generally, this number will range from 30 to 35 psi in most passenger cars.

It's important to note that the tire's pressure should only be checked when cold. For best results, check first thing in the morning. Reliable tire gauges are sold at most automotive supply or hardware stores.

Properly Inflated tires are safer

Low air pressure is the primary cause of tire failure – which can lead to an inconvenient and time-consuming blowout, or even worse, an accident. Tires that are inflated properly wear evenly and have greater tread life.

...more

Under inflating a tire causes it to flex more, creating a build up of heat which can cause tire failure. Just 8 psi of under-inflation can reduce tire life by 16%, or 15,000 km. An under-inflated tire requires a greater stopping distance while braking, and dramatically alters steering and handling efficiency. You want to be sure that your tires are able to grip during a panic stop.

Too much air in your tires can be equally dangerous – and not only due to possible blowouts. Over inflating a tire can reduce the size of the "contact patch" that all-important section of rubber where your tire meets the road. Too much air can actually lift the front and back of the contact patch, shortening the length of tread that's actually gripping the road. The shorter patch is also more prone to hydroplaning as fewer treads are engaged in channeling away water.

The sidewalls of your tire also suffer from the effects of too much air. Designed to provide a specific amount of flex, or roll during turning maneuvers in order to keep that contact patch on the road, a sidewall that's become too stiff from over-inflation can cause the tire to break free, or skid.

Your tires can save you money



Look after your tires and they'll repay you, not only by lasting longer, but by reducing the number of visits you make to the gas station!

In the last few years, vehicles have been increasingly more fuel-efficient – thanks to more stringent regulations and consumer demands. How much fuel a vehicle consumes is directly related to its effort to overcome inertia – or resistance to moving. Low rolling-resistance tires –designed to reduce weight

through thinner sidewalls and generally shallower tread depth – are the most fuel-efficient choice.

But every tire will perform better when inflated properly. An under inflated tire is not as round, and will require more effort to get rolling. More effort translates to more fuel expended.

According to www.betiresmart.ca (sponsored by the Rubber Association of Canada and the Government of Canada) every 5% of under-inflation can increase fuel consumption by 1%. Keeping tires properly inflated could add up to hundreds of dollars saved in conserved fuel.

Needless to say, tires that last longer, translate into fewer tires ending up as landfill. According to Natural Resources Canada, more than 29 million tires are disposed of annually. On top of that, an estimated 643 million litres of fuel are wasted as a result of under inflated tires. That extra fuel, when combusted, produces over a million tons of carbon dioxide – emissions that could so easily have been prevented from fouling our environment.

For you, the smart motorist – aware of just how much is riding on your tires – a few minutes of maintenance is no pressure at all.

*This article originally appeared February 6, 2012 on the Auto123.com Blog site.
Reprinted with the permission of the author.*

Subaru “Hockey Mom” Commercial

by Len Arminio



This TV car ad made the rounds of US TV...mainly NBC during the “Winter Classic” hockey game... back in January. It’s a series of quick shots of a typical “hockey mom” getting her triplet boys ready for a game and piling into her Subaru Forester. It’s the latest Subaru ad in a string of clever spots which have had dogs at the wheel of a Forester on an icy skid pad...and the rather creepy spot featuring Sumo wrestlers in...umm... “sexy” poses.

The “hockey mom” commercial features a peppy Celtic tune with a boozy, gravel voiced lead singer. It sounds like it could be any Irish band at any bar on George Street in St. John’s. (Been there, done that) We figured it must be a Canadian based commercial. But wait...

The footage involves some quick shots of road signs which add a more “New England” flare. For instance...there is a shot of the Forester crossing rail tracks at the intersection of US Highway 4 and state highway 106. I said to myself...”I’ve seen that sign in person!” It’s in Vermont where US 4 meets VT Hwy 106 in the village of Woodstock. We were there on a bicycle tour a number of years ago. Except, there are no railway tracks in Woodstock. Hmmm....

A Google search of the commercial revealed the music was by the London (England) based, Celtic Punk band... *The Pogues*. “If I Should Fall From Grace with God” is the title track from their 1988 album. The band formed in 1982. They broke up in 1996. Reformed in 2001 and are still singing and touring. The band’s website says they will be in Japan and Australia in March and April. They apparently haven’t played Canada in about 10 years.

Now the location.

It seems this TV ad sparked a bit of online controversy by keeping the audience guessing as to where it was shot. That sign from Woodstock, Vermont...where Hwy 4 and 106 cross... had some distances on it... “Springfield 5, Fairview 20, Greenville (distance smudged)”.

Now according to the official map of Vermont, Springfield is about 30 miles down the road not 5. The other two towns don’t exist in Vermont. So the producers must have “acquired” the Vermont sign and plunked it someplace else. If you freeze frame the video on YouTube, you’ll see what looks like a palm tree just behind a utility pole to the left. Palm trees in Vermont? And the hills in the distance are definitely not the Green Mountains.

But the real giveaway is the flags on the wall of the arena as the kids get the championship trophy. Canada, USA... and....CALIFORNIA!



Peterborough Motor Sports Club

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday January 25th, 2012

Welcome and statement from the President.

New Business:

P. Gulliver discusses possible new event. Hill climb. He will organize but looking for support of the club. Still a year away anyway.

All Ontario Rally. KW organizing. Each club would make a transit to #401/#6. It could be very simple and generous timing. From 401/6, it would be a normal tsd rally. Ends in Kitchener.

Calendar update from Dan. Had to move the regional solo due to competition for dates. Dates are booked with the venues now.

Ice Race update from Len. 1st weekend (BEMC) was cancelled. Will run "rain date" of March 3/4. For PMSC event, workers should be at the track by 7:45, registration at 8:00. On Sunday, registration opens 11:00. Workers by 11:30/11:45.

RSO AGM in Peterborough again this year, March 17th. To encourage members to attend, Peter G. motions to have club subsidize the banquet cost. Seconded by Louis C. Carried.

2013 is our 60th anniversary. Need to plan things this year. Peter G. and Len A. willing to do some organizing but need 3 more people to help. It will be a lot of work to track people down.

Fab mentions that Kawartha Karting Klub are having a float in St. Pat's day parade. Do we want a float in a parade? Discussion. No decision.

Anthony Politto (ex member) father died last week. Motion by Len A. seconded by Peter G. Carried.

President turns meeting over to Competition Director Dan Demers.

Travis has numerous draws for prizes donated by local businesses. Many winners.

Dan notes number of first time club trophy winners.

Thank you to Bob De Shane (present) for sponsoring Rubber to Ice award since 1992.

Motion to adjourn. Len/Peter G.

Handing out of awards.

Pictures taken of winners.

Only In Minden!



Photo illustration by Peter Watt....who obviously has too much time on his hands!

Don't forget the February Meeting!

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd

7:30 pm