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Dan Demers, Club Champ x 10



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AND AGAIN....AND AGAIN.....**

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- Updated Competition Calendar
- Brit Car Spring Fling
- Chevy Spark Review
- Ice Race Update
- ...and more

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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.)

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 Rally Sport.

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Alex McLeod's TR

From the Editor's Keyboard *February, 2013*



Well, Well,
Well.....Something
looks a bit different.

That's right; the
venerable *PMSC
Bulletin* has a new
masthead, slightly
smaller font and a
newspaper-style two-
column format.

Your Editor, with the consent of the club executive committee, has made a few updates to the format of this publication, which just happens to be one of the oldest, continuously published motor sports club newsletters in Canada. More than half-a-century of keeping our club members informed, first in paper and now, also via email and the Web.

The former masthead was created by Mark Newell when he was editor four years ago and it has served us well. But in our 60th year, we thought it was time to look to the future with a fresh design while still remembering our historic past with our distinctive traditional club "steering wheel" logo to which we added a stylized graphic of a car fender and the "60" as the door number.

But as always, this publication needs your input to remain an important information link with and amongst our members.

So if you have any motor sport related news; a new competition project, an interesting drive, a story about your latest rally cross, ice race, car show or driving experience, let us know about it.

Put some words down and snap a few pictures. We'll be sure to get in a future edition of the *PMSC Bulletin*.

In routine news; we have hit the 100 mark in Facebook Friends. We have 22 Twitter followers. But the club forums have been fairly quiet lately.

Len Arminio
Your Humble Scribbler



Sixth straight title for racer Dan Demers at Peterborough Motor Sports Club's 2012 awards night.

By Dale Clifford, Peterborough Examiner

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Who Can Stop This Man...?

This was no ordinary night
for the Peterborough Motor

Sports Club.

Car racing enthusiasts and club members gathered to celebrate the beginning of its 60th anniversary year with the annual awards night, recognizing the achievements of members during the 2012 season, at The Souvlaki Pit on George St., on Wednesday night. (January 23rd)

While the PMSC was actually established in late 1952, its first full year of operation and events were the following year. It became incorporated in 1959.

Including the club championship awards, the PMSC handed out a total of 17 plaques and trophies to 11 individuals recognizing excellence in several motorsports disciplines sponsored by the club.

Long time member Dan Demers, of Cavan Monaghan Township, got to hoist the Club Championship Bowl for the sixth straight year. The trophy dates back to 1964.

Events are in the planning stage for the anniversary season, although nothing is finalized yet. Included among the ideas is a special banquet, an alumni night of sorts, bringing back past members. Another is incorporating some special events among already scheduled affairs. That too is the planning stage.

“We have a few ideas but haven’t decided anything yet,” said club communications director Len Arminio. “One thing we are interested in though is if any (older or previous) members had any photos or memorabilia.”

To let club organizers know, contact the club at pmsclubinfo@gmail.com or 705-745-0685 or 705-768-0685.



Some of the Winners in 2012

Looking ahead to this season, the club’s first event of 2013 is Round 6 of the Magnum Fine Printing Ice Race Series, sponsored by Mobil I, in Minden, Feb. 23 and 24. More than 200 competitors are expected to participate over both days of the weekend.

The PMSC will also host the Shannonville Stages Rally at Shannonville Motor Sports Park near Belleville April 13. It will be the first event of the Ontario Performance Rally Cup championship in 2013. More information is available at www.pmsc.on.ca.

For the 59-year-old Demers, it was also his 10th club crown, garnered in 19 years with the club. He also captured two other categories.

“It’s a matter of participation,” he said. “I think I’m the only member that is in all events.”

Demers drives a 1989 Honda Prelude in solo events, 1992 Toyota Camry on ice, 2005 Grand Cherokee Jeep in other rally affairs and a 1992 Honda Prelude in stock car Mini-Stock competition at Peterborough Speedway, where he has raced the past 13 years.

“The biggest challenge in rally is to follow the route and stay on it, minus penalties,” he said. “It’s more to maximize the ranges in speed and momentum in the other (stock).”

He hasn’t won at Speedway, second being his best, but it’s on his bucket list, he said.

PMSC Club Member Tops in Maple Leaf Winter Rally

Bancroft, ON – February 19, 2013: Despite temperatures dipping to -26 to go along with ice covered roads and deep snow banks, Cobourg’s Louis Cabardos of the Peterborough Motor Sports Club (PMSC) navigated his team to first place in the Maple Leaf Winter Rally held this past weekend in the Bancroft area.



Cabardos and his driver Robinson Kelly (hometown unavailable) won the Expert Class and topped all 21 entries collecting only 4.1 penalty minutes in the

grueling overnight rally which started and ended in Bancroft with a rest stop in Minden.

The Kelly /Cabardos team also took the MLWR Expert class in 2012.

The other PMSC entry, driver Kevin DeVries of Yellowknife, NT & Trenton, and navigator Mark Newell of Warsaw, finished 5th in the Novice class and 12th overall with 41.5 penalties.

The Maple Leaf Winter Rally was hosted by the Maple Leaf Rally Club of Toronto and was the second event in the Ontario Road Rally Cup series.

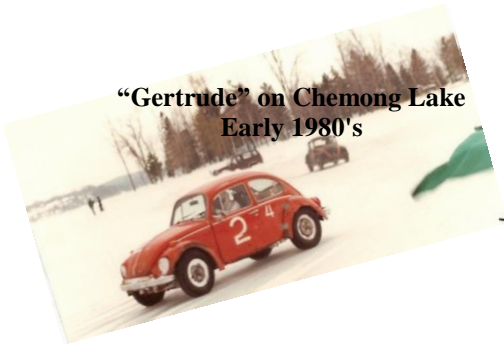
The next event in the ORRC series is the Spring Run Off Rally hosted by the Peterborough Motor Sports Club. Cabardos will swap his navigator’s toque for his organizer’s hat for that event which will start and end in Hastings on April 20th.

**PMSC ICE RACES
FEBRUARY 23-24
MINDEN**

Ice Race Pix from the Past:



Doug Ward's Ice Buggy -Early 1970s @South Beach



**"Gertrude" on Chemong Lake
Early 1980's**



**Minden -
This Century**

**Minutes of PMSC Business Meeting –
January 9, 2013**

Discussion Items

President - Mike van Rees:

The Canadian Association of Rallysport Annual General Meeting package received and voting proxy signed.

Communications - Len Arminio:

PMSC Ice Race Weekend - February 23 & 24, 2013,
rain date – March 9 & 10, 2013

Event permit & fee ready for submission to CASC.
Bill Robb will be the Steward. Greg James will be
Starter. Chris Johnson will be Scrutineering

Competition Director - Dan Demers:

Draft copy of 2013 Competition Calendar was presented.
The schedule is similar to 2012 with locations and
organizers to be confirmed. The rental status of
Kawartha Speedway is unknown since regular Friday
night racing has been cancelled for 2013.

It is suggested that we hold 3 social meeting night fun
rallies – since Jack Hanna's Poker Run has been well
attended.

Awards night will be at The Souvlaki Pit; Dinner at
6:30, Meeting at 7:30.

CASC has given notice that they would like PMSC to
invoice each Club for the rental of the club's fire
extinguishers. This will keep the invoicing off the
CASC books. Dan will take the extinguishers to
Minden. Len will inform Andy Hughes, Ice Race
Director and invoice the clubs for the club's fire
extinguishers rental.

Peter Gulliver:

Peter has resigned as the RSO Treasurer, effective
December 31, 2012, but will continue on as the book
keeper. There is concern about how the cost of the
timing equipment is being charged.

Peter Watt:

Shannonville Stages Rally - April 13, 2013.
Sponsor packages have been prepared for a title sponsor
and other sponsors and are available. Swag will also be
accepted. A 10 % finder's fee is offered. The following
are needed – a web master, 2 Stage Captains, 2 Course
Opening vehicles and drivers. The Rally will be a length
of 135 km. and be limited to 24 entries.

February Social Meeting, February 27 – History of
Rallying video

Minutes of PMSC Business Meeting – February 13, 2013

Discussion Items

President - Mike van Rees:

Received invoices for CASC affiliation fee and Mosport Driver Development Track (DDT) lapping day deposit

Earl Henderson:

A Mosport DDT lapping day contract has a new requirement that we provide an ambulance and 2 attendants. Information will be passed on to Fab Caravaggio for further review.

Communications - Len Arminio:

A proposed new two column layout of the Bulletin was shown to members and received positive feedback.

The Twin Lakes Motor Club Ice Race weekend of February 8 / 9 had an average entry of 80 entries per day.

The PMSC Ice Race Weekend is February 23 & 24, 2013, with a rain date of March 9 & 10.

Event permit & fee ready for submission to CASC. Enough people have committed to work for both days. Workers will be given \$ 50 / day for working.

Competition Director - Dan Demers:

Draft copy of 2013 Competition Calendar was presented. The schedule is similar to 2012 with locations and organizers to be confirmed. Kawartha Speedway is willing to rent their facility to PMSC during 2013.

The Regional Solo is proposed for May 26th or alternately May 12th, based on the availability of Kawartha Speedway.

Bob DeShane has contacted Dan with the opportunity for the PMSC to organize a solo as the opening event as part of the 2013 Road Odyssey, an event he is organizing. The 2013 Road Odyssey will be a week long competitive event similar to the One Lap of America, starting the first weekend of September. This may coincide with the Mosport DDT lapping day and it will be discussed whether this would be a suitable event.

It is suggested that we hold 3 social meeting night fun rallies – since Jack Hanna's Poker Run has been well attended.

Peter Watt:

Preparations continue for the Shannonville Stages Rally. The webpage is now active. Workers are asked to register by using the [Worker Sign-up Form](#).

New Business:

Len A.: It was suggested that the First Aid Kit in the PMSC trailer be reviewed and updated. Peter G.: Motion to purchase a new First Aid Kit for the trailer. Seconded by Doug A. Motion voted on and passed. Travis G. will purchase a new First Aid Kit.

Peter W.: Suggested that the club purchase a spill kit. The Club has oil dry in the trailer and it was felt that this was adequate.

Len A.: Len attended a local Geocaching Saturday morning breakfast meeting at which 70 people attended. It is an informal club organized by a couple of people. Several people were going to a geocaching car rally after the breakfast. The rally participants were to set latitude and longitude coordinates into their GPS & follow the route to the cache site. It was suggested that the Club look at doing this, possibly for one of the social meeting night fun rallies.

February Social Meeting, February 27 – History of Rallying video

Meeting adjourned at 8:38; Motion by Len A., Seconded by Dan D.



Visit to the Canadian Motorsports Expo

The drive to the Motorsports Expo in the day after the heaviest snowfall in four years was notable for the following two facts (in my opinion:~) No cars in the ditch on highway 115 and only one spin-out witnessed on 401!

I had two objectives to accomplish at the show. The first was to get my HANS device recertified and then get a couple of pictures for this report. Both were accomplished in less than 90 minutes.

Upon entering the exhibition floor at the international centre, I was greeted by the booth and familiar faces of Jennifer and Ralph de Winter of CSC racing, long supporters of the Galway Cavendish Forest Rally.

After dropping my HANS device there, I set out to wander the aisles.



Much of the display featured stock car related items. Jeff Gordon's show car was there, as were most of the Canadian Tire Series Cars. A few formula examples - some names

I'm sure Doug Armstrong raced against, as well as a smattering of sedans from road racing and two Multimatic Aston Martins.



No show would be complete without drag race cars and of course, the ever popular street rod type of vehicle.

From a product perspective, one could find all manner of transport books and models from DRB Motors Inc. (a book store.) Almost every stock car track in Ontario seemed to be represented as well as Watkins Glen and Michigan Internationals. One could also buy autographed helmets, visors, race worn or replica suits, and who knows what else. Sorry guys, Danica's Nomex wasn't included.

Ran into a couple of familiar faces that at least some of the club members would know. Bob Giannou was representing Targa Newfoundland, Jon Nichols (rally guy) was representing his fire suppression products. Gary Grant, writer and former navigational rally competitor introduced me to Norris MacDonald, Star Wheels correspondent. A brief discussion with Derrick Lynch and father Bob as they wandered the floor had us talking about mutual acquaintances from years ago.

Featured guest that took the stage was Michael Walltrip answering question from the audience. Since my missions were accomplished, I didn't follow that as closely as some might have wished.

All too soon (had to say that) it was time to fold my tent and slink away into the afternoon. I parted with \$80 at

CSC for the HANS recertification and stepped out into the sunshine.

Cheers,

Peter Watt

Some other Photos at the CME

By Bob Deshane:



CASC-OR Display



***Peterborough
Speedway Booth***



***Norris MacDonald
Toronto Star
"Wheels"***



***CTA Prez. John
Mitchell "Making
Time" (John is a
former Prez. Of
PMSC)***



Toronto Triumph Club & The MG Car Club of Toronto Kawartha Spring Fling – Peterborough Ontario May 30th – June 2nd, 2013

By Alex McLeod



Get ready for a Spring Fling that you'll be talking about for years! We're going to Peterborough to play in the Kawarthas. This year's Spring Fling has been moved back a week to ensure we have perfect

weather. The host hotel this year is the newly renovated Quality Inn located at 1074 Lansdowne Street West in Peterborough. A separate file with Hotel reservation information will be provided in another mailing. There is an early bird rate for accommodation of \$89.99 per night until April 30th. The cost of event registration, including one meet gift per car is \$90 per person (early bird to 1 March) and \$100 per person thereafter until we reach our maximum registration of 120 people (the capacity of the Golf Club dining room).

We have a good mix of driving and dining events along with a street party / car show with live entertainment. All of this will be topped off by a great Saturday evening banquet at a private Golf and Country Club which promises to please.

Here are some of the details . . .

- Thursday, registration will open in the Board Room of the Quality Inn at 2pm and will remain open until 10:30pm. The Hotel is providing a British Car only parking lot for us at the rear of the Hotel along with hose facilities so that we can wash our cars. Our rooms will all overlook or be adjacent to our parking area, so you can keep an eye on your baby.
- Friday morning be prepared for an early start. We're going on a scenic breakfast run to a Stony Lake resort. This drive should take a bit over an hour through winding paved back roads, around Stony Lake and ending at beautiful Viamede resort for a

delicious breakfast buffet. Their dining room has a panoramic view of Stony Lake, which we know you will enjoy. Your breakfast is included in your registration price.

- **We will take the short route back from Viamede to Trent University for a Gymkana, otherwise known as solo or autocross.** For those not wishing



to run their car in this event you can remain at Viamede for a tour of the resort or pre-

register for a cruise in a pontoon boat (extra \$20 per person, payable at the resort), or you can tour the University Grounds. The University will be providing us with a lounge where you can purchase coffee, snacks and maybe even a beer, and washrooms are close to our event staging area

- Friday night the Peterborough Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA) has arranged a discount at various local restaurants. A "passport" and downtown map will be included in your registration package (reservations at most of the restaurants is highly recommended). Peterborough has some fabulous downtown restaurants. Your package will define the type of food available at each.
- Saturday we're off to a street party. The DBIA is closing Hunter Street in the downtown café district and we're invited to have our car show in the middle of the street. The party begins at 10am, with live bands performing music of the 60's and 70's all day until about 3pm. Downtown shopping and restaurant maps will be available in your registration kit so you can find that special something to take home.
- Time to get back to the hotel and get ready for the Awards Banquet. Don't worry about drinking and driving tonight as you will be chauffeured! A City bus will pick you up at the door and deliver you to the Kawartha Golf and Country Club for our awards banquet. When the evening winds up your chariot will deliver you back safely to the hotel. This may take a couple of short trips each way. Timings will be in your registration package.

- All to soon it's Sunday morning . . . a safe drive home to everyone.

Organizers - Alex and Sharon McLeod

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Note: The Brit Car folks have contracted PMSC (Mark Newell) to organize the slalom at Trent.



ALSO: Closer to home and more intense Ham class:

Basic Level Amateur Radio course
 The Peterborough Amateur Radio Club once again is implementing the Basic Level Amateur Radio course in Spring 2013. The [Basic License Course](#) will run at ASCVI on Monday evenings and is open to anyone who wishes to prepare for the Amateur Radio License examination. The cost for the course is \$85.00 which includes Study Guide Book and PARC membership. Classes run from 7:00 pm till 9:00 pm on Monday evenings in Room 131 and runs 12 weeks in total. Exam Review and Examination written in June. Note that examinations can be scheduled to be written at anytime through any [Industry Canada Accredited Examiner](#). Please email VE3EMA if you are interested in registering. [Coax Publications'](#) "Canadian Amateur Radio Basic Qualification Study Guide" is used in this course.



RSO Ham Radio Course

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



WHEN - Saturday March 9 and Sunday, March 10, 2013 from 9:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M.

WHERE - Girl Guides of Canada

Office, 38 Parkside Dr., 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", and include your email address) to: RallySport Ontario C/O Peter Gulliver 1026 Communication Road Peterborough ON, K9J 6X2 (2) By Interact: Send Interact payment to treasurer@rallysport.on.ca, Contact Pete Gulliver at same email with password or phone 705-292-7232
 Note - Your registration will not be considered complete until payment has been received.

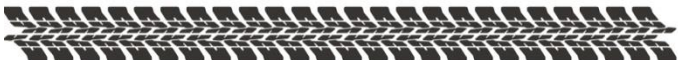


RSO Annual General Meeting In Peterborough



When: Sat Mar 16, 2013

**Where: Baker's Hill Banquet Centre,
 Parkhill & TV Road
 Peterborough, Ontario**



PMSC Lapping Day at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (Mosport)



SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

Entry form available next month.

Contact Fab Caravaggio for more info.

***Fab Caravaggio: fcavaggio@cogeco.ca
or
fabcar@bellnet.ca***



In observance of our 60th Anniversary, here are a few events in Peterborough from the 1950s

1950

- Cornerstone for new City Hall laid by Premier Leslie Frost.
- Civic Hospital opens.
- Professional photographer Fred L. Roy dies.

1951

- New City Hall opens on George Street. Built in the "City Beautiful" style.
- "Zaks Store Fire" kills four Peterborough Fire Fighters as roof falls in.
- Steamship, "Bessie Butler" makes last trip on Trent system.

1953

- Peterborough adopts landfill disposal method to deal with garbage.
- Hockey great Bob Gainey is born in Peterborough.
- City civil defense plan is drafted in the event of nuclear war.

1954

- Paul Sweetman and Lester Bissell, survey Peterborough Petroglyphs site.
- Peterborough Ornamental Swimmers are Canadian champs at British Empire Games in Vancouver.
- Fire Department runs civil defense drills in preparation for possible atomic war.

1955

- Post office on Water and Hunter Streets is demolished as new one opens on Charlotte Street.
- Robertson Davies becomes publisher of Peterborough Examiner.
- Peterborough Lock Manufacturing Company closes.
- Residents begin moving into homes in Valleyview Cooperative Sub Division.
- City children get inoculated with polio vaccine.
- CHEX Television begins broadcasting.
- City Engineers draw up plans to convert George and Water Streets to "one way" traffic.
- Examiner reports only 50 horses remain in the City of Peterborough.
- Robertson Davies awarded Leacock Medal for Humour.

1956

- Former Peterborough resident, Lester Pearson wins Nobel Peace Prize (Suez Crisis).

1957

- Artist Katharine E. Wallis dies in California; family donates large art collection to City.

1959

- Otonabee Regional Conservation Authority (ORCA) is established.



1952 DeSoto

none. Tough criteria for sure. Read on to see if we think the Chevy Spark 2LT succeeds.



There was a time when shrunken runabouts would raise eyebrows on our North American streets. Not anymore.

Thanks to skyrocketing fuel costs and the increasing awareness of the effects we're having on the environment, the "microcar" segment has not only become accepted, it's growing in leaps and bounds.

The smart fortwo blazed the way. And like the smart, the Chevy Spark was a familiar sight in other markets before it reached our shores. We'd spied the Spark running about the streets of Seoul on a trip to South Korea a couple of years ago, where it has sold over 600,000 units, and is still manufactured today.

Techno-Pink roller skate

I have to admit, my first look at my 2013 Chevrolet Spark 2LT tester made me laugh. It was hard not to. Its angry little face was totally at odds with its "Techno



Pink" paint scheme -- a strange, diluted colour that put me in mind of '70s bathroom fixtures. Its height lends the illusion that the Spark is smaller than it is -- at 3,675 mm from tip to tail, it's actually longer than both the Scion IQ and Fiat 500. With its tiny wheels, gigantic headlights and gaping grille, the 2013 Chevy Spark's an oversized anime



roller skate. I was powerless not to feel some grudging anthropomorphic affection for it. Inside, the decor is



The Peterborough Motor Sports Club proudly presents Shannonville Stages on April 13, 2013.

Held at [Shannonville Motorsport Park](#).

This is the fourth year of this rally in the Quinte region.

Stay in touch with us on our [Facebook page](#).

Or contact : peter.watt@cogeco.ca



Igniting interest amongst the frugal

Once rare microcar now a growing segment



By Lesley Wimbush

While entering a segment that values fuel economy above all, the 2013 Chevy Spark attempts to ignite new-car interest in a demographic that has little to

definitely cheap and cheerful. The gauge pod that adjusts up and down with the steering wheel is a funky touch, as is the blue ambient lighting. In keeping with its lean towards youth-appeal, my 2LT model tester came equipped with Chevrolet MyLink with navigation screen, Stitcher internet radio, AM/FM Sirius XM radio, as well as Bluetooth and voice recognition for connected smartphones.

But holy-mother-of-all-upholstery, is it too much to ask for a little padding in the seats? Even my more amply endowed passengers complained of the 2013 Chevrolet Spark's unyielding seating flatness, and backseat riders were especially annoyed by the protruding headrests.

There is, however, plenty of headroom and the front feels sufficiently roomy.

Unlike the smart-for-two -- without a genuine backseat -- there's enough room for four passengers without the rear being some sort of penalty box for tiny people on a timeout. The rear seat splits and folds down, too -- expanding the cargo space from 323 to 883 litres.

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Highway passing requires plenty of forethought

By today's standards, the 2013 Chevrolet Spark's 84 hp and 4-speed automatic transmission seem downright primitive. In fact, that's exactly the configuration that drives my 21-year-old Japanese hatchback. However, for cars such as these, bred mainly as urban runabouts, it's sufficient power to move it smartly around town -- and just enough for it to keep up on the highway.

Passing, however, is best done with plenty of forethought. There are no quick bursts of speed in the 2013 Chevy Spark's repertoire.

Power sacrifices are generally made in the name of fuel efficiency. In the case of the Spark, it falls short in this oh-so-crucial aspect of this segment. During my week-long road test, I averaged 7.3L/100 km -- compared to 6.8L/100 km in the Chevy Cruze Eco, a much bigger and far more refined car.

Sparky does shine as an urban runabout

To be fair, the 2013 Chevrolet Spark 2LT really does shine as an urban microcar. It's fairly manoeuvrable, although you'd never accuse it of sportiness. It moves in and around traffic easily, slips into small parking spots

with fairly minimal effort, and its steering (while on the light side) is accurate and feels suitably matched to its handling. Any hard cornering will reveal a bit of body roll, but the suspension is nicely balanced and soaks up most of the bumps you're likely to encounter in an urban environment. It's fairly manoeuvrable, although you'd never accuse it of sportiness.

Too much is not enough

Where the 2013 Chevrolet Spark lost me is on price: For a car that's being aggressively marketed towards "millennials" my tester's \$18,500 price is simply too high. Perhaps I'm wrong; it's been years since I was a 20-something scraping together spare change to buy a battered-yet-still-road-worthy relic from the want ads.

But still, 18 big ones could score one heck of a nice used car.

The Spark is rather cute, and I really wanted to like it. Knock a few thousand off the sticker price and its unremarkable fuel economy would be forgiven.

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New Testing for the Drive Clean program causing hassles for drivers

Ontario's Drive Clean testing has changed. For vehicles built after 1998, the test now involves simply reading the car's onboard computer to see if there are any error codes.

But if you recently did work on the car or the battery was disconnected, there could be a problem.

Here's what the Drive Clean website says you should do:

"Car Owners: How to be Test-Ready

If your vehicle was recently repaired, or if the battery was disconnected, the information in your vehicle's built-in computer might not be readable, and the test might not be completed. As a result, you'll have to re-take the test and you could be delayed in getting your licence sticker.

A day or two of normal highway and city driving will usually reset your vehicle's computer and ensure it's ready for the Drive Clean test.

You can also take your vehicle through a "generic drive cycle":

- Step 1:** Make sure the vehicle has been parked for eight hours without a start.
- Step 2:** Start the engine and let it idle in **Drive** for two-and-a-half minutes with the Air Conditioning (A/C) and rear defroster on.
- Step 3:** Turn the A/C and rear defroster off. Drive the vehicle for 10 minutes at highway speeds.
- Step 4:** Drive the vehicle for 20 minutes in stop-and-go traffic.
- Step 5:** Your drive cycle is complete. You can now go in for your test.

Gas tank should be ¼ to ¾ full.

Driver should avoid rapid acceleration.

1988 to 1997 model year vehicles require a different test. [Find a Drive Clean facility equipped to test older vehicles.](#)"

On February 7, 2013, Drive Clean introduced an interim measure to help owners of a small number of vehicles with a history of having problems getting test-ready. [Find out how you might qualify for a readiness conditional pass.](#)

**Deadline for Submission
to the March Bulletin
will be Tuesday, March 19th
10:00 pm**



A Rally Driver's Best Friend(s)



(From the WRC Website)



Check the gas prices in these old photos from the 1950s (26 cents a gallon!)



Competition Calendar 2013 (Draft)

Event	Date	Location	Organizer(s)
Ice Race	Feb. 23 & 24	Minden	Len Arminio
Shannonville Stages	April 13	Shannonville	Peter Watt
Spring-Runoff Rally	April 20	Hastings	Louis Cabarbos
Solo School	April 21	Trent	Mark Newell, Glenn Austin
Cobweb Solo	April 28	Kawartha	Dan Demers
Watchwinder Solo	May 12	Kawartha	Travis Grubb
Speed Weekend Solo	June 23	Kawartha	
Mid Summer Solo	July 14	Kawartha	
GCFR	Aug. 10	Catchacoma	Peter Gulliver
Dog Days Solo	Aug. 18	Kawartha	Travis Grubb
Lapping Day	Sept. 8	Mosport	Fab C. & Travis G.
Fall Ball Solo	Sept. 15	Kawartha	
Last Chance Solo	Oct. 13	Kawartha	
President's Prize	Nov. 16	TBA	Len Arminio
Fun Rallies:1	May/June (Scrabble)		
2	July/Aug (Poker)		
3	Sept/Oct (Golf)		