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## Meetings

Club Executive meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the call of the President. Social meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 multidiscipline 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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<sup>\*</sup>Watch Winder Photos by Glenn Austin



# From the Editor's Keyboard May, 2013



Back again for another kick at the tires and checking out the Keystone to get ready for another summer of yanking the trailer behind the Ram 1500. But first, getting the trailer wheel bearings repacked and checking the brake pads.

Not to mention finding a short circuit which keeps blowing the fuse on the awning. While I'm not getting that done.... I have pieced together this tome and let "Joe Public" know about our club and its activities.

**April was a busy month** with four events over two consecutive weekends. The word went out to all local media which I hoped would put a few more entries on the board.

Well... only 12 entries for the Shannonville Stages, 17 for the cob Web Solo, a mere 7 for the Spring Run Off Rally but a nice turnout for the Solo School of 11.5 (One guy showed up late).

The regional solo, The Watch Winder, at Kawartha Speedway attracted 39 entries.

We have 23 Twitter followers and 102 Facebook "Friends".

#### Just a reminder to organizers and others.....

As Communications Director, my job is to let the public and our members know what we are doing and what the results were of those things we are doing. My other job, of course, is to put the Bulletin together.

I send news releases, results, and the club calendar to everyone on our mailing list as well as putting same on Facebook and Twitter.

I strongly recommend that if you have something that needs posting to the club website, like results, you should contact our Webmaster, Evan directly: <a href="mailto:evanholt@mac.com">evanholt@mac.com</a> as well as me: <a href="mailto:bulletin@pmsc.on.ca">bulletin@pmsc.on.ca</a>.

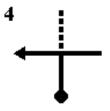
Your Humble Scribbler

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Run Off Rally 2013

Car	Driver	Navigator	Class	Sub T	TA Pen	Total
1	Sanderson	Wharton	E	17	0	17
3	Deneka	Gamble	E	22.3	0	22.3
4	Hancher	Leonard	E	32.6	0	32.6
5	Maynard	Maynard	I	76.1	0.5	76.6
6	Neil	Nazeer	I	85.6	0	85.6
7	Lusk	Yetming	N	12.8	0	12.8
2	Newell	Coleman	N	62.5	0	62.5

Michel and Louis Cabardos want to thank all the workers who showed up for the event:

Organizer, Michel Cabardos & Louis Cabardos
Greencrew, Brian Maxwell
Cp and scoring, Martin Loveridge
Car 0, Frank DeKat, Kirk Blackadar
Cps, Ross Wood, Janet Wood,
Ted Doig, Christina Chinn, Gary, Bruce Schulz, Len Arminio
Peter Watson, Peter Watt, Dan Demers, Travis Grubb,
Raphael Cabardos, Mike Chomitz, Helpers, Melanie
Williamson and Alain Cabardos



# Lanark Highlands Forest Rally 2013 Overall Results

Pos	Time	Vehicle	Class	Driver/Co-driver		
1	0:41:39.6	Subaru Impreza 94	4rm Ouvert	Sylvain Vincent - Terrebonne		
				Simon Vincent - Terrebonne		
2	0:43:17.6	Subaru Impreza STi 00	4rm Ouvert	Ryan Huber - Mississauga John Vanos - Markham		
3	0:44:41.0	Subaru Impreza 99	4rm Ouvert	Simon Leclerc - Boisbriand Vincent Allard - Montreal		
4	0:45:35.2	Subaru STi 07	4roue Prod	Alexandre Ouellette - Gatineau David Lamarre - Chelsea		
5	0:45:39.7	Subaru STi 07	4rm Ouvert	Jeremy Carle - Gatineau Logan Macalear - ?		
6	0:45:42.2	Subaru Legacy 91	4roue Prod	Eric Vlasic - Paris Chris Pye - Ottawa		
7	0:45:43.0	Nissan 240SX 91	Group 5	Martin Walter - North Gower Ferd Trauttmansdorff - Nepean		
8	0:46:55.0	Subaru WRX 02	4roue Prod	Alan Ryall - Acton Bruce Leonard - Georgetown		
9	0:46:58.8	VW GTI 88	2rm Ouvert	Sergei Grishechkin - Holliston Ksenia Prokofjeva - Holliston		
10	0:47:27.3	Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VIII 05	4rm Ouvert	Bruno Laverdiere - Laval Arianne Laverdiere - Laval		
11	0:47:32.9	Ford Focus ZX3 00	2rm Ouvert	Andrew Kulikowski - Guelph Derek Vincent - Schomberg		
12	0:48:00.9	Audi TT 00	4roue Prod	Ryan Nichols - Brantford Daniel Nichols - Brantford		
13	0:48:15.6	Subaru Impreza STi 02	4rm Ouvert	Patrick Marcoux - Carignan Yvan Joyal - Terrebonne		
14	0:48:36.8	Ford Fiesta 11	2roue Prod	Francois Gauvreau - Montreal Guillaume Roussin - Montreal		
15	0:50:04.4	Mitsubishi Lancer 04	Group 5	Robert McNeil - Acton Patrick Wieler - Brampton		
16	0:51:04.2	VW Golf 99	2rm Ouvert	Peter Reilly - Brampton Chuck Storry - North Gower		
17	0:51:15.7	Porsche 911 82	Group 5	lan Crerar - Picton James Drake - Kettleby		
18	0:51:21.8	Mitsubishi Lancer DE 09	2roue Prod	Jeffrey Dowell - Windsor Emily Dowell - Hamilton		
19	0:52:07.0	Honda Civic 00	2roue Prod	L. Deschen-Beaulac - Pierreville Hubert Gaudreau - Quebec		
20	0:55:55.1	Eagle Talon 90	4rm Ouvert	Richard Fender - Shelburne Tom Delaney - Caledon		
21	0:59:11.2	Volkswagen Golf 91	2rm Ouvert	<u>Chris Krepski</u> - Gatineau Sebastien Richard - Cantley		
Regio	Regional only					
	DNF	Mitsubishi Evo IX 06 Transmission	4rm Ouvert	Michelle Laframboise - Picton Elise Racette - Mirabel		
	DNF	Subaru Impreza 2.5RS 00 Roll	4roue Prod	Jeremy Norris - Kitchener John Merry - Ottawa		
	DNF	Ford Focus ZX3 00 Brakes	2rm Ouvert	Gary Sutherland - Burlington Yevgeniy Gospodinov - Georgetown		
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# Toronto Triumph Club & The MG Car Club of Toronto Kawartha Spring Fling — Peterborough Ontario May 30<sup>th</sup> — June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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. 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 Gymkhana, 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 preregister 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. 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
- 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 Cell # 705-761-2616 Alex McLeod 18 Eldon Court Peterborough, ON K9H 7S1 amcleod@peterborough.ca

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

# This kind of explains how a British automobile electrical system works.

Positive ground depends on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of negative ions by retention of visible spectral manifestation known as "smoke".

Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing.

For example, if one places a copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is elementary and inescapable! The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they consumed large quantities of smoke, requiring very unsightly large wires.

It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak. British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defense secrets.

Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components especially British units manufactured by Joseph Lucas, Ltd.

And remember: "A gentleman does not motor about after dark."

Joseph Lucas "The Prince of Darkness" 1842-1903.

#### Thanks to Al Carlson

## Watch Winder Solo Results



Fraserville, May 12, 2013 – Frigid temperatures, blustery winds, rain and ice pellets welcomed nearly 40 competitors at the *Mobil1/Toyo* 

Tires Region Autoslalom at Kawartha Speedway Oval.

That didn't stop Toronto-based driver Travis Tiegs from recording the only sub-one minute raw time in the Peterborough Motor Sports Club's annual Watch Winder Solo. Tiegs maneuvered his 2010 Subaru Impreza WRX through the twisting half-mile pylon course to a raw time of 59.344 seconds. His Pax (or handicapped) time was 50.205 seconds.

Each competitor had at least six runs on the track with their best time counting for the final results.

Top PMSC driver was Phil Tighe of Peterborough, driving a 1999 Mazda Miata, who finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place in both the raw and Pax times of 64.139 and 53.107.

Other PMSC members participating were: Travis Grubb, 2001 VW Jetta STI, 14<sup>th</sup> Raw, 15<sup>th</sup> Pax. Kris Dickson, 1992 Mazda Miata, 16<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Brian Lynas, 2009 Mazda MX-5, 21<sup>st</sup>/20th Evan Daemke, 2007 VW GTI, 25<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Neil Hannah, 1987 Honda CRX, 27<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Drew Mclean, 1988 Mazda RX-7, 31<sup>st</sup>/35<sup>th</sup> Glenn Austin, 1988 Mustang 5.0, 32<sup>nd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Alan Meddick, 2001 Corvette, 35<sup>th</sup>/36th Mike Allan, 2011 Porche 911-997, 37<sup>th</sup>/38th Full results at:

http://solo2.casc.on.ca/events/2013results.php.

Sunday's event was the first in the Mobil1/Toyo Tires Autoslalom series. The next series event is June 1st at the Picton Airport in Prince Edward County hosted by the St. Lawrence Autosports Club of Kingston.

The next Peterborough Motor Sports Club autoslalom is Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Douro-Dummer Community Centre Parking lot.

# **Competition Calendar 2013 Revised**

Event	Date	Location	Organizer(s)
Ice Race	Feb. 23 & 24	Minden	Len Arminio
Shannonville Stages	April 13	Shannonville	Peter Watt
Cobweb Solo	April 14	Kawartha	Dan Demers
Spring Runoff Rally (ORRC)	April 20	Newcastle	<del>Louis Cabarbos</del>
Solo School	April 21	Trent Univ.	Mark Newell, Glenn Austin
Watchwinder Solo (Regional)	May 12	Kawartha	Travis Grubb
Speed Weekend Solo	June 23	Douro	Glenn Austin
Mid Summer Solo	July 14	Kawartha	Kris Dickson
GCFR (OPRC)	Aug. 10	Catchecoma	Peter Gulliver
Dog Days Solo	Aug. 18	Kawartha	Travis Grubb
Lapping Day	Sept. 8	CTMP (Mosport)	Fab C. & Travis G.
Fall Ball Solo	Sept. 15	Kawartha	Brian Lynas
Last Chance Solo	Oct. 13	Kawartha	Glenn Austin
President's Prize	Nov. 9	TBA	Len Arminio
Fun Rallies: 1	June (Scrabble)		
2	July/Aug (Poker)		
3	Sept/Oct (Golf)		

## Test Drive: 2013 Chevrolet Sonic LTZ 5-door

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#### Review and photos by Lesley Wimbush

It's an oft-repeated phrase at most driving schools that it takes longer to unlearn a bad habit than it does to learn

correctly in the first place.
The same thing goes for impressions.
Muck the first one up, and you'll spend twice the effort trying to undo the damage.



Thus, the Chevrolet Sonic has a heavy row to hoe, erasing the dismal legacy left by GM's previous subcompacts.

The Aveo/Wave/Swift can't really be called "forgettable", since it remains an experience that legions of owners, including some good friends of mine, won't soon forget. The earlier 1.6L engines had a rather nasty tendency to consume timing belts before the 80K mark – as an "interference" engine, all its working parts must move in carefully timed sequence to avoid critical damage. At 70,000 km, a friend's car had such catastrophic damage – we whistled in admiration after opening it up and seeing tangled valves, punctured pistons and metal fragments throughout the block. Really sweet, but totally not car-folk, they were inexplicably attached to their little hatchback and couldn't be convinced to scrap, sink or unload it.

Fortunately, with a little ingenuity, we were able to replace the engine with a later version re-engineered to be a little hardier.

I'd recently driven Chevy's smaller Spark, and was pleasantly surprised to conclude that it was a fairly decent little car – but overpriced. It's been years since I was a twenty-something scraping together enough

change to score a still-running relic from the want ads – but 18 big ones could score one heck of a nice used car with enough left over for a year's rent.



2013 Chevrolet Sonic LTZ 5-door.

The Sonic, on the other hand, makes a good first impression. Instead of the bland, noncommittal styling of the previous generation of GM subcompacts,

this hatchback boasts sharp creases, an angry little blacked-out face framed by slanted headlamps, and muscular wheel arches. The roofline slopes downward while the beltline gradually reaches up – creating a sense of forward motion. And the LTZ model pumps up the edge-factor with 17-inch aluminum wheels, large fog lamps, a jaunty little roof-mounted spoiler and an Inferno Orange Metallic paint scheme.



Unlike the drab, budget interiors of yesteryear, the Sonic has a rather nicely executed cabin. There are the hard plastics you'd expect in this category, but clearly some thought has gone

into their design. The swooping dash provides plenty of legroom underneath, and flanks an interesting yet simple centre stack that houses a large colour touchscreen. There's a fairly decent sound system, although knobs would be infinitely preferable to the irritating up-down arrow controls.

Cars like the Kia Rio and Hyundai Accent have really upped the ante when it comes to content and amenities: for just under \$20,000, a recently driven Rio5 featured push-button start, back-up camera, power seats and a heated steering wheel. While the LTZ has leather bucket seats, featuring plenty of bolstering as well as graduated seat-heaters – they are manually adjustable.

With a base price of \$22,645, my tester came to a total of \$24,705. The large seven-inch Mylink screen featured neither Navigation nor back-up camera.

The LTZ does, however, have Bluetooth, Stitcher compatibility for streaming audio, heated power mirrors, USB port, OnStar with turn-by-turn navigation, and a driver information centre with compass and temperature display.

There's a beautifully contoured steering wheel wrapped in stitched leather, and it both tilts and telescopes. While there's no centre console,



there's a leather armrest, and plenty of cubbies for sunglasses, change and keys.

Lesley is a member of AJAC and a past PMSC member and Secretary.

# The Minutes

### PMSC Social Meeting – April 24, 2013

Peter W.: The Shannonville Stages Rally had 12 entries. It is projected that the Club will have a small financial loss.

Competition Director - Dan Demers: The Cobweb Solo at Kawartha Downs had 17 entries. The Spring Run Off Rally had 7 teams enter and 21 workers. The Solo School had 11 plus 1 late entry.

The next event is the Regional Watch Winder Solo at Kawartha Speedway. Kawartha Speedway has concerns about the wording on the Certificate of Insurance, which will be reviewed.

Communications Director - Len Arminio: Len is planning to be interviewed by George Gall of Country 105 radio station. PMSC has 99 Facebook friends & 23 Twitter followers.

The Executive of the Club should check into who owns the website domain name. Evan H. has the

administration rights for the Club Forum and is able to approve new members.

#### PMSC Business Meeting – May 8, 2013

9 members present, 6 executive members present Competition Director - Dan Demers: Dan presented the Club points, including the Spring Run Off Rally. The June 26<sup>th</sup> social meeting will be a Scrabble Fun Rally.

Peter G.: The 2013 Galway-Cavendish Forest Rally, scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> has an active workers sign up page. Please sign up if you are willing to work at the rally. The Supplementary Regs & Safety Plan are almost complete. The plan is to increase the length of stage distance in the quarry and make it a separate stage. The hope is to have a total of 9 stages; 3 into the quarry from the highway, 3 stages through the quarry and 3 stages from the quarry back to the highway.

Vice President - Christine Newell: The Club currently has 56 members.

Communications Director - Len Arminio: Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life organizers have asked for help in organizing a charity rally which is planned to be held on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Len had provided the organizers information on rally organization and sample rallies. The organizers may need help manning controls on the day of the rally and use of the Club's sign boards. If anyone wishes to help with the organization of the rally, they should contact Len to get contact information for the rally organizers.

Secretary - Doug A.: Corporation papers will be completed & submitted. The papers have not been filed for a while.

Upcoming meetings: May 22<sup>nd</sup> Social Meeting - Videos

June 26<sup>th</sup> Social Meeting -

Scrabble Fun Rally

Meeting adjourned at 8:08; Motion by Mike vR., Seconded by Doug A.

Note: Club competition points updated to May 16<sup>th</sup> will soon be available on the club website.

www.pmsc.on.ca.

NEXT CLUB
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
IS WEDNESDAY,
MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>.

7:30 pm at the Souvlaki Pit.

Videos: Building a miniature motor and a tribute to the late Gilles Villeneuve

