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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.)

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.



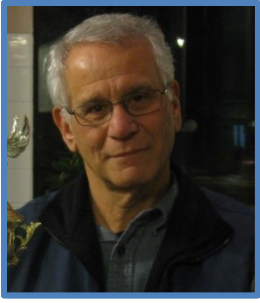
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From the Editor's Keyboard April 2016

Finally! Spring-type weather!!!

Now we can begin the warm weather PMSC competition calendar ...in warm weather. (I hope).

“Team Cabardos” has put together another **Spring Run Off Rally** on Saturday, April 23rd. A 200 klick-four hour event which starts and ends at The Black Dog Bar and Grill on Hwy 115 (Northbound) at Taunton Road. From Peterborough, take the 2nd Taunton Road exit and go right at Taunton. Enter the restaurant on the left (Careful; construction is ongoing).

On Sunday the April 24th, **The Cob Web Solo** kicks off the autoslalom season at Kawartha Speedway.

Some changes in the leadership of CASC Ice Racing Division. We have a new Director elected at the drivers meeting back in February. More on that and the wrap up to the ice race series by the out-going director follow my comments.

Later this summer, we welcome the return of the **Galway-Cavendish Forest Rally** to the OPRC calendar on July 9th. Checkout the details in this issue of ***The Bulletin***.

Contact Peter Watt if you can lend a hand.

Finally some changes in our website are coming. More on that at the **April meeting on Wednesday, April 27th**.

Dinner at 6:00pm. Business meeting at 7:00 pm.

At the Souvlaki Pit Restaurant.

I hope that a video or two will follow.

Your Humble Scribbler,

Len Arminio

Message from the Past Ice Race Director, Heather Beatty

I thank you all for the support that I have received in the past as the Ice Race Director from both the racers and CASC Office and directors. I wish to congratulate the **new Ice Race Director, Jonathan Rashleigh** and hope that you show him the same support.

In the past couple of years, there have been ups and downs in the series but we have shown that the Ice Race family keeps working together to a common goal. This will not stop with a new director taking over the reins and I expect he will be given the same respect.

We have had media exposure in the past couple of years, Grid TV/Mobil 1, CASC website and The Weather Network to name a couple and we look forward to Proper TV for next season. The Ice Racing series is starting to make a mark on the map and informing the average people that there is a sport that does not cost huge dollars. Let's keep up the work on informing the public of our fun winter sport. Where else can you go to have lots of fun on ice and excellent relationships with ones that share the same enjoyment?

A huge thanks to Tom and Lisa Smith for doing tire and stud testing this past season, racing for no points, showing that racers, and not only the director, are trying to find ways to keep the sport inexpensive and growing. The solution is out there but we all have to keep working on it together.

Personally I would like to thank George McCullough for his input on the safety issues and keeping them the top priority. Bryan Rashleigh for helping drivers with tire mounting or changes, Doug Forbes for instructing Rookie School during the season, Diane Forbes for watching over the 50/50 and sponsor draws. Victor DeCol for upgrading and staying on top of the computer program and the Clubs for making each weekend possible. I cannot forget Minden Subaru and Mobil 1 for their sponsorships for the past couple of years, without them the series may not have lasted and The Minden Kin Club for building and maintaining the ice track. Last but not least, my family (Dan and Tammy) and husband (Mike) for being my sounding board throughout the year. See everyone soon again. Have a great year.



Ice Race Clubs, Minden Kinsmen, to meet May 7th

The six CASC-OR clubs that organize the ice race series, and the Minden Kin club, will meet in Minden on May 7th to discuss the financial arrangement all parties agreed to last fall.

This meeting follows the 2016 Ice Race Series in Minden which saw vastly reduced entry levels (due partly to unseasonable weather). That in turn resulted in reduced revenue for both the clubs and the Minden Kinsmen.

Prior to this year, the track expenses charged to the clubs were calculated using a daily track rental fee plus a \$20 per entry levy.

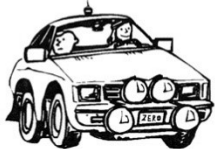
Combined with fixed cost such as CASC permits, ASN insurance premium and staffing costs, most of the clubs found it difficult to make a profit on their events.

In November of last year, the clubs and the Kinsmen agreed to a flat rate fee of 40-percent of total entry revenues.

The meeting on the 7th will determine if the new agreement met the financial needs of the clubs and the Kinsmen.



The Car Zero Report



AGM wrap up

A relatively benign meeting, all told. The earlier Extraordinary meeting to take care of the motion regarding the Region Rally Director went well, with our Legislative Affairs expert, Alasdair Roberston, making sure we that we had no wayward commas mucking up the intent of the bylaw change. The rest of the AGM blah blah blah directors' reports were received blah blah blah elections were held and Kelly Mathew was re-

elected, Darin Mayes was elected VP Navigation, Pete Gulliver got elected as Trustee, blah blah blah there was a motion to adjourn - Carried! Jeremy Norris gave a well-received presentation on what the Growth committee is up to. And we all had a nice lunch, with the 2015 awards presented to the winners. For the complete story, the meeting minutes will be posted on the [RSO website](#).

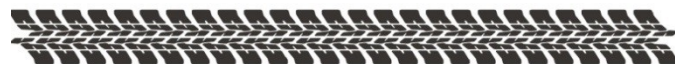
Lanark Highlands Forest Rally and Rallysprint!

Mark down May 7 for [LHFR](#), the second event in Ontario Performance Rally Championship series. In conjunction with the rally, [MCO](#) will be running a rallysprint on Umpherson's Road. The supplemental regulations will be posted soon, along with the details of how the rallysprint will fit in with the rally. Stay tuned.

Eastern Canadian Rally Championship

Lanark is one of a number of rallies that are part of the [Eastern Canadian Rally Championship](#). Created in the last couple of years to give competitors an alternative championship to the nation-wide Canadian Rally Championship, the ECRC covers 9 regional rallies in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. Entry in any of the regional events automatically includes registration in the ECRC. Drivers must have a speed factor of less than 85, which levels the field a bit.

*(Thanks to Bruce Leonard,
President, Rally Sport Ontario)*





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Spring Run Off Rally April 23, 2016

**Round 3 of the Ontario Road Rally
Championship
New Ralliers Welcome
Beginner Friendly Instructions**

Start/Finish: Black Dog Bar & Grill

6065 Taunton Rd, Orono, Ontario

Hwy 115 & Taunton Rd

43.99842/-78.626164 (+/-)

Registration: 09:30 -10:30

First car leaves 11:01

About 200 km

\$45.00 per team

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Cob Web Solo 2016

Sunday, April 24

Kawartha Speedway

Registration Opens 8:00 am

Walk Thru 10:00 am

***Entry fee: \$30 non-members/
\$10 Discount for members***

Loaner Helmets Available

Contact: Dan Demers

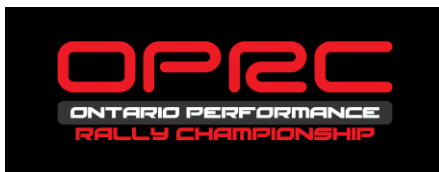
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OPRC – ECRC Galway Cavendish Forest Rally



Saturday, July 9, 2016



Invitation

The Organizing Team would like to welcome you to the 2016 Galway Cavendish Forest Rally. The GCFR is both proud and pleased to be included as the third event in the 2016 Ontario Performance Rally Championship and, excitingly, the fourth event in the Eastern Canadian Rally Championship. For those who are unfamiliar with this new championship, check out the website at:

http://www.ecrc-crec.ca/index.php/en_ca/home

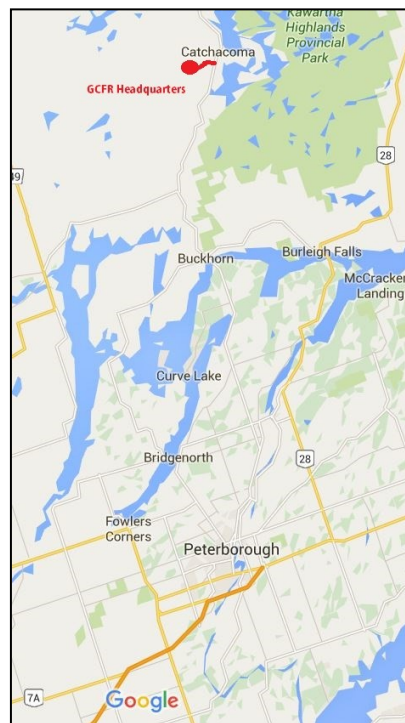
As you can see, in spite of there being no cost to enter the championship, there are substantial cash awards to be won.

This year we're doing our best to keep the costs to compete under control. By having zero transits on open roads, we're able to allow unlicensed and uninsured vehicles to enter and compete, hopefully encouraging some of those older cars out of storage and back into competition.

In keeping with a history of new and innovative enhancements, PMSC will pioneer offering the route book in pdf form prior to the event.

We've also forgone the customary banquet. While this was a difficult decision, being most popular as a reward for the many workers, it was an additional way we could cut the costs to the competitors. Please be sure to thank the workers as the event cannot run without their dedication. If any teams have any 'swag' or other items to give the volunteers, it would be gratefully received.

Differing from previous years, the plan is to drop the Quarry stage along with the rougher parts of Loom Lake. This will provide us with the fantastic Fire Access portion with its wide smooth generally flowing roadway and, additionally, four km of the more technical Loom Lake portion of the Fire Access Road



Description of Event

This is a Performance Rally including Special Stages to be run on closed gravel and dirt roads. This event will make passes (north and south) of *Galway-Cavendish Fire Access Road* from County Rd 507 approximately 10.5 km toward Crystal Lake Road. It will also incorporate the "spur" road to Parnell's Quarry for a total of 95 stage km.

NOTE: All stages and transits are on closed roads. GCFR has obtained an exemption to CARS NRR's 11.2.1 (b) & (c), therefore, competition vehicles that meet all other CARS regulations can be accepted without Third Party Insurance and License plates.

The road is 1 to 4 car widths wide with varied surfaces, ranging from smooth limestone chips surface to a typical MNR forest road. Some portions of the road surface may be wet.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Peter Watt peter.watt@cogeco.ca





BRITS ON THE LAKE

Classic Motoring Revival - Port Perry, ON

August 6 & 7, 2016

Much, much more than your average car show!

Registration is OPEN NOW!

Schedule:

Saturday Aug. 6th:

- Autojumble,
- "Saturday Supper Scramble",
- All-British "Prince of Darkness Sundown Parade"
- Outdoor movie presentation "Brits on the Silver Screen".

Sunday Aug. 7th:

BRITS ON THE LAKE Classic Motoring Revival Car Show.

We look forward to welcoming you to Port Perry again this August!



1000 Islands

International Rally

August 13, 2016

Open to All Cars & Motorcycles

Join us for this monumental motoring event, emulating the world famous Monte Carlo Rally having multiple start points and scenic all-tarmac routes designed by local experienced Rally Masters to provide a Rally/Tour that you won't soon forget! Fabulous roads, superb vistas, easy on your car or bike, yet interesting and challenging.

Start from Cobourg, Ottawa, Montreal, Syracuse, Albany or Scranton and be part of this fabulous international event that leads to Gananoque in the beautiful Thousand Islands vacation area.

***Registration is
OPEN NOW!***

Schedule:

- 10am - First Car Out
- 5pm - Anticipated Finish
- 6:30pm - Awards Dinner & Celebration

For More Information:

<http://www.mowoguniversity.com>



Detail Therapy: Giving Your Car Essential Spring TLC

by [Lesley Wimbush](#) – Originally published March 18, 2016



“The shoemaker’s children always go barefoot.”

You know that old proverb. Maybe it even applies to you – after all, if your

day entails slinging skids of building supplies around at the Home Depot (sic) – who the heck wants to come home and tackle that half-finished rec room project, even if it has taken the better part of a year? And I’ll bet the last thing a tired chef wants to do at the end of the day is prepare dinner for the family.

While I’d like to say it’s an adage that applies to most of us in the car-writing business, if I had to be completely honest, that’s not exactly true. I know several folks who somehow balance work and travel and yet still manage to build their race car, or finish that classic restoration.

Maybe they’re better organized, have deeper pockets, or just have a lot more talent than I do because my long-neglected project car is my dirty little secret.



It’s been seven years since I brought home a 1992 Mazda MX-3 with the intent to turn it into a fair-weather daily and occasional track car. I’ve always liked the nimble

handling and rather unique design of the odd little coupe, and finding a fairly low-mileage example that hadn’t been bastardized by a fast n’ furious twenty year old was akin to finding a full set of teeth at a Westboro Baptist protest.

Out came the car’s stock 1.8L V6, a smooth but underpowered little engine, to make way for a Japanese import with 200 hp. And then came life and work and an

endless stream of other responsibilities and before I knew it, six years had passed and my project was languishing beneath layers of dust and built up grime.

But this year I resolved to get this project rolling again – and the first step was cleaning up the residue of all those years of neglect.

What better way to evaluate a selection of detailing products supplied to us for review, than to offer them up this challenge?

Meguiar’s
Gold Class
Car Wash
Shampoo and
Conditioner
1.89L –
\$19.99



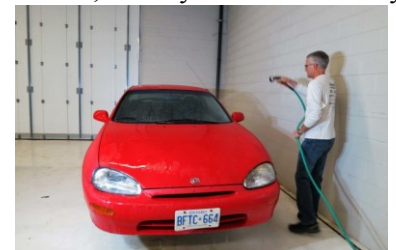
This is a proper car shampoo, meant for the regularly scheduled maintenance of your car’s paint. According to Meguiar’s website, dirt and sun are paint’s worst enemies and they recommend washing every couple of weeks to remove any surface dirt.

I have to admit, I’ve been guilty of using dish soap in the past. While it’s great for removing grease and dirt, detergent isn’t ideal for a well-maintained finish, because it destroys the wax. Detergents contain “surfactants” – compounds that reduce the surface tension between oil and liquid, or liquid and solid, enabling them to cut through grease, dirt, and wax.

A good car shampoo is not only safe for wax, but contains lubricants that prevent scratching, and helps the water to run off in sheets, rather than pool and create spots.

A luxuriant shampoo should help the wash mitt or sponge to glide across the paint surface, rather than cause any friction.

An ounce of Gold Class Car Wash added to a bucket of water produces plenty of thick, creamy foam. It certainly feels luxurious and smells great. All of the dust and dirt build-up on the car’s surface was easily washed away. It was nice to some semblance of red



start to emerge, as soaps and suds were washed away.

Meguiar's also sells an "Ultimate Wash and Wax" (\$20.99) which contains wax additives. User reviews praise its "sheeting action" which helps reduce drying time, but prefer the slightly cheaper Gold Class for its superior lubrication.

In this case, I could have gotten away with any sort of detergent because not only was the car's finish suffering from years of build-up, the paint was in very poor condition as well. Twenty-five years of contaminants and environmental abuse had completely stripped the clear coat, leaving behind a dull matte finish. Obviously, the best solution is new paint, but for now I'll settle for squeaky clean.

It was impossible to evaluate the product's ability to create a lustrous shine on my car, but the majority of online users on several review sites and forums give it four, to four and half stars out of five.



Mothers Ultimate Wax System

Step 1. Ultimate Pure Polish

16 fluid oz./473 ml – \$12.99

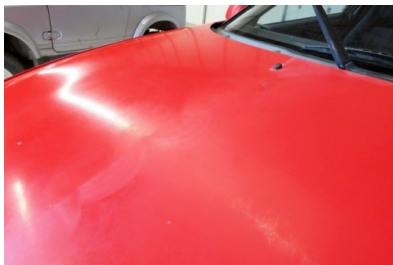
Step 2. Micro Polishing

Glaze

16 fluid oz./473 ml

Step 3. Pure Brazilian Carnauba Wax

340 g – approx. \$30



Mothers Ultimate Wax System is a three-step system consisting of a Pre-Wax Cleaner, a Sealer and Glaze and finally, a Carnauba Wax system. While

we were supplied with the first step to review, I decided to go ahead and complete the three steps, since my detail kit already included the rest of the Mothers system.

Pure Polish deep cleans by removing old wax, oxidation, dirt and stains. It's an abrasive, so Mothers recommends you only use it one-two times a year.

I used a buffer with a pad to apply the wax evenly, and once the entire surface was covered thoroughly, buffed it

again with a clean pad. The amount of dirt lifted off was impressive, when you consider that the car had been thoroughly shampooed. The first buffing pad was stained pink with oxidized paint residue.

Micro Polishing Glaze is the next step. It contains a very fine polish to remove swirls and scratches, and lubricants to deepen the paint's colour and lustre. As before, I used a buffer to apply the liquid, and a clean pad to remove it. It works really well – I could immediately see an improvement in the paint's surface, and its original deep rich red colour was beginning to return.

If the entire three-step system had come as a complete kit, the final step would be Liquid Brazilian Carnauba Wax. No problem, I already had a tin of the same product, in paste form.

The third phase of the process is non-abrasive and works to protect the paint and deliver a long-lasting shine. A couple of coats are recommended for extra protection.

I used an applicator pad to apply the wax, and a soft terry cloth to buff it. I must say – these products smell absolutely fantastic, a mild scent not unlike tropical fruit and bubblegum.

After using a clean microfiber cloth for a final polish, I must say the results were impressive. I had trouble lining up the products for a photograph, since they kept sliding off the hood. If this system can impart some semblance of a shine to paint this poor, imagine what it could do with paint that's been maintained. Import forums, and various online reviewers rave about Mothers Ultimate Wax System, with most awarding it five stars.

Simoniz Upholstery and Carpet Cleaner
510 g spray can – \$7.99



Aesthetically speaking, the carpet was one of the least attractive features of this 25 year old vehicle. And of course, being black, it seemed to attract dirt and lint like filings to a magnet.

Fortunately, the previous owner of my car didn't drive it in the winter. While there was an abundance of filth ground into the carpet, at least there was no salt damage and the stains were minimal.

After removing the seats, I tried a test application of Simoniz's Upholstery and Carpet cleaner, which produces a thick, shaving-cream like lather. The scrub brush attachment helps to work it into the carpet pile for deep cleaning.

However, while it's great for spot cleaning, I wouldn't recommend using it for large areas such as the car's entire floor. First of all, it's a laborious process for such a relatively small applicator. Then there's the smell.

For a product that's meant to be used in an enclosed space, it's surprising that it's so strongly scented – those who are sensitive to perfumes will find it nearly intolerable.



Instead, I opted to steam clean the remainder of the carpet using a Swish carpet cleaner.

The custom MX-3 mats were treated with the

Simoniz spray, sponged clean to remove residue (and smell), then aired out. The results were good; the dull, flattened pile of the carpet regained its springiness and deep black clarity, and most of the stains came out of the white stitching.

Overall, most customer reviews give it a 3 or 4 out of 5. While I wouldn't recommend it for a big cleaning job, it's a good product to keep around for tackling spills and spot cleaning. And hopefully they'll introduce a scent-free version.



Armor All Outlast Trim and Plastic Restorer
236 ml – \$19.99

I was really interested in trying this product since I'd been using Meguiar's Back to Black, and while it worked well enough, the effects never lasted and were usually gone by one wash.

Most of the exterior plastic trim on my project car had faded to dull grey from UV exposure. I applied a liberal amount and was really pleased to see that even the worst of the bleached-out plastic was restored to black. While I can't disprove Armor All's claims that this product will last 100 washes yet, I took to the inter webs to see how other users have fared after repeated washings.

Jeep users in the arid Southwest thought it worked great on their vinyl fenders, standing up to the broiling sun better than Back to Black, while an online forum devoted to Colorado 4x4s liked that it provided a deeper black than some of its competitors.

The overall consensus among users is that it's a product that works as it claims, while lasting up to several months before requiring another application.

Read more at -

<http://www.autotrader.ca/newsfeatures/20160318/detail-therapy-mazda-mx-3-project-car/#1SqSEmf33ZOsuuIG.99>

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Reminder:

The April membership meeting of PMSC is Wednesday, April 27th.

The Souvlaki Pit Restaurant

7:00 pm.

Dinner at 6:00 pm.

Maybe a video or two will follow.