

The Bulletin



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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.



Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs Ontario
CASC-OR, the Official Sanctioning Body of Motorsports in Ontario.



2016 Executive

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From the Editor's Keyboard

December 2016

Len Arminio

We have made it to the end of another year, the 63rd in of the existence of PMSC. (Or 64th depending on which year you pick as our inaugural year.).

The club hosted seven autoslalom events in 2016, one regional OPRC rally, two regional ORRC events, two club-level rallies and the CASC-OR Ice Race weekend.

And of course, the three fun rallies in the summer months.

Several of our members also competed in regional and national events this past year as well.

We congratulate and thank all of the competitors and the many folks who organized and worked the events during the year.

We say a big “Thank You” to Dan Demers who is standing down as Competition Director after several terms in that portfolio. The Executive has found three members willing to serve on a Competition committee and share the workload. Joanne Fleguel, Lindsay Webster and Travis Grubb.

Don't forget the annual awards celebration and dinner on January 25th. Club members who attend will receive \$10 towards their meal. See details on Page 8.

See you then and if not, Merry Christmas and best wishes for a competitive New Year.

Your Humble Scribbler

Len



Minutes Peterborough Motor Sports Club Annual General Meeting, November 23, 2016

The Souvlaki Pit, Peterborough ON

Attendance: 9

Executive: Mike van Rees – President, Matt Ballinger - Treasurer, Kevin DeVries - Secretary,
Len Arminio – Communications Director, Dan Demers – Competition Director

Members: Peter Watt, Peter Gulliver, Chris Johnson, Brian Lynas

Call to Order: 19:09 by M. van Rees

Approval of 2015 AGM minutes

Moved by Dan D, 2nd: Len A - Passed

Executive Reports

President

As delivered verbally.

Vice President

VP was absent, presented in writing at meeting and as published in Bulletin

Treasurer

As presented and published in Bulletin.

Secretary

As presented and published in Bulletin.

Competition Director

As presented and published in Bulletin.

Points update – presented at meeting. Will update and send to webmaster & Communication Director

Communication Director

As presented and published in Bulletin.

Motion to accept all executive reports –Dan D 2nd- Pete G - Passed

Old Business

Approval of membership fees for 2017:

Move by Pete G to remain at \$40 and \$65 2nd-Len A
Passed

Setting of entry fees for 2017

Solo: \$30 non-members/ \$20 members

ORRC: \$40 non-members/ \$30 members

Motion to amend wording that TSD only applies to
ORRC events. Pete G, 2nd Kevin D

Motions from the floor:

None

Elections

Opened at 19:42

Motion to open elections: Pete G, 2nd Dan D

President

Nom: Mike van Rees – Peter W, 2nd Pete G - Stand

Motion to close. Pete G, 2nd Peter W

Mike van Rees - Acclaimed with 1 vote

Secretary

Motion to open: Len A, 2nd Dan D

Nom: Kevin DeVries. Pete G, 2nd Peter W - Stand

Motion to close. Dan D, 2nd Bryan L

Kevin DeVries – Acclaimed with 1 vote

Competition Director

Motion to open: Kevin D, 2nd Mike v

Nom: Chris Johnson – Peter W, 2nd Pete G - Declined

Nom: Dan Demers –Peter W, 2nd Len A - Declined

Motion to close. Pete G 2nd Bryan L

New Motions/Business

RSO Cars Rep

2 candidates: Peter Watt and Darryl Malone

Ballots cast to determine who is clubs vote

Motion to destroy ballots. Dan D, 2nd Len A

Time & Place for award ceremony.

Ricky's All Day Grill in 2014, Marty Moo's in 2015

Suggestion of Kings Crossing

Will discuss at December meeting

Motion to adjourn by Dan D, 2nd Matt B

Vice President's Year End Report

November 23, 2016

I'd like to start off with saying "thank you" to everyone
for being patient with me as I settle into the role of the

Vice President. Since my run for Competition Director
failed last year, I figure Vice Prez is likely next best
thing, maybe even a bit easier. What the hell. Give a try.

It took a little bit of figuring out doing this whole
member registration thing that I'm responsible for, and I
glad that the outgoing Vice Prez, Peter Watt, was so
helpful. Thanks for bearing with me as it is a steep and
quick learning curve. I believe I managed to get all the
members registered that paid. Heck I had even thought
about cleaning up the expired (for lack a better term)
membership list, but as my procrastination got the best
of me, I settled with just making sure all members got
enlisted properly. That will be my task for 2017.

We managed to snag some new members this year, but
membership is slightly down from 2015 to 68 members
from 79, 5 or so being the Junkin Clan. We need to work
as a club, on recruiting some more young blood in 2017,
because without new comers, the club can't thrive and
bring in new ideas. We can't keep swapping positions
within the executive. God knows you don't want me as
the Secretary or Treasurer.

Looking forward to serving the club better in 2017, and
looking forward to seeing what next year will bring.

Vice President

Travis Grubb

Treasurer's Report – 2016

Matthew Ballinger

Nov 23, 2016

I wasn't sure how things were going to go in taking over
the Treasurer position from Peter Gulliver when I
decided to offer my assistance. There were several
suggestions made for the "younger generation" to move
into executive roles last year and start "stepping up", so I
figured it was time to help out where I could. I accepted
the position knowing I wasn't going to be able to give as
much time as Peter did, but hopefully could provide
some relief for him. So far I have been able to do just
that, but have not been able to attend as many meetings
as I would prefer. Maybe 2017 will afford some more
opportunity for this in year 2 of my role.

Well the year has gone by quickly, and events have come and gone. Some have been more profitable than others, while some have been more for the support of local motorsport. Overall, we are currently sitting at a net loss for the year around \$1,000 – Ice racing has netted us around \$600; Solo's were the most profitable at a net income of \$2,300; GCFR lost the most at a loss of \$1500 this year; and TSD's were mostly flat resulting in a year to date net loss of around \$400. The year has a couple events left to be accounted for, so these numbers may change a bit as I receive final amounts from the organizers.

Besides income and expenditures from club organized events, the club also had normal advertising expenses (mostly website costs, with some reduction in fees by moving away from using Evan's services), insurance costs, affiliation and listing fees, and costs associated with the annual awards night earlier in the year. The club also purchased 2 new club helmets in March this year. Overall, expenses were pretty typical compared to previous year and membership and net proceeds from events has covered almost all of our expenses.

As a result of this, there is still a healthy balance in the bank account sitting currently at around \$17,000. Knowing this, it may be wise to consider what the club would like to do about actively trying to spend some of this money in the future. Should we spend on efforts to grow the club membership and attract new members? Invest in building future motorsports events like RallyCross at Shannonville? Giving back to club members with more subsidized social events? Either way, ideas should be considered as we go into 2017 if this is something we wish to do.

Well I can't believe it's already late November, and before we know it, another year will be complete. 2017 is practically upon us, and I'm looking forward to a great year ahead!

Matthew Ballinger
PMSC Treasurer

Secretary's Annual Report – 2016

2016 was my second year of this term as club secretary. Responsibilities of the position include:

- Receiving communications from ASN, CASC, CARS and RSO
- Ensure that affiliation fees are paid to ASN, CASC, CARS and RSO
- Apply for General Liability and Directors'/Officers Liability and event insurance for both at speed (ice racing & performance rally) and non-speed (solo, TSD rally, RallyCross)
- Record the minutes from monthly business meetings and submit them to the Communication Director for inclusion in the Bulletin.
- Responsible for upholding the PMSC constitution
- Reviewing & revising Incorporation documentation as required by the government.
- Chair meetings if both the President and Vice-President are absent
- Collecting mail from the club P.O. box

The secretaries tasks are relatively front loaded, with two of the larger tasks mentioned above required early in the year. Affiliation fees are due and insurance needs to be applied for early in the new year. In conjunction with other executive members, I made a slight alteration to the duties. I am not regularly in Peterborough so I am unable to check the P.O. Box. An arrangement was made with another member of the executive to check the mail to ensure no important or time sensitive documentation is missed.

With a second year under my belt I have got a better feel for the position but like with everything there continue to be learning experiences.

Kevin DeVries

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Competition Director 2016

Annual Report

Dan Demers

PMSC had another busy competition year. The year consisted of 13 events covering the disciplines of Ice racing, Performance Rally, TSD Rally and Solo. As well three other fun events: Golf Rally (a variation on the Scrabble Rally), Jack's Poker Run (organized by Alain Cabardos) and our GPS Rally (organized by Len Arminio) were held. Also returning this year was the Watchwinder and Fall Ball Rallies after a 10 year absence.

Firstly I'd like to thank of all of the organizers and workers for making these events possible. A summary of the events is included at the end of my comments. The no. of entries for most Solo events was up for our club compared to recent years, and the entries for Rally events were down this year. This year as in the past the Solo events held at Kawartha Speedway did the best. Points for the competition season will be posted on the website. I ask that club members have a look at them and let me know if any corrections need to be made. I would like to finalize the points by mid December. This will be my last year as Competition Director as I will step down for 2017.

Yours in Motorsport

Dan Demers

Competition Calendar 2016

Event	Date	Location	Organizer	No. of Entries
Ice Race	Feb. 6&7	Minden	Dan Demers	125
Spring Run-off Rally	Apr. 23	Newcastle	Louis Cabarbos	13
Cobweb Solo	Apr. 24	Kawartha	Dan Demers	27
Watchwinder Rally	May 28	Peterborough	Peter Watt	6
Watchwinder Solo	May 29	Douro	Glenn Austin	24
Speed Weekend Solo	June 12	Kawartha	Chris Johnson	27
Mid Summer Solo	July 24	Kawartha	Travis Grubb	36
GCFR	July 9	Catchacoma	Peter Watt	10
Dog Days Solo	Aug. 14	Kawartha	Chris Johnson	33
Fall Ball Rally	Sept. 10	Bridgenorth	Pete Gulliver	4
Fall Ball Solo	Sept. 11	Kawartha	Dan Demers	35
Last Chance Solo	Oct. 16	Kawartha	Travis Grubb	20
President's Prize Rally	Nov. 12	Havelock	Travis Grubb/Chris Johnson	13

Communications Director Year End Report, November 23, 2016

To: The Executive and Membership, Peterborough
Motor Sports Club, Inc.

From: Len Arminio, Communications Director

It has been my honour to serve as your Communications Director and Bulletin Editor for the calendar year 2016. My term expires at the end of 2017.

The Bulletin

During this year, we have published 10 editions of The Bulletin averaging 10.3 pages per edition. Articles have included reviews of cars/trucks, promotion and results of events, reviews of events attended by members, and various articles related to motor sports and motoring in general. Unfortunately, we have had very few submitted articles or photos from members making the job of Bulletin Editor a constant search for content.

We will also publish an 11th edition in December, which will include the minutes of this Annual General Meeting and the annual reports of the Executive Committee.

We send out, via email each month (except for July), more than 90 copies of the Bulletin to members, several former members, interested individuals and the local media. I have curated Bulletin editions in paper copies from 2011 through to 2016 and have or will save them in electronic versions to add to the 2009-2010 bulletin digital editions created by former Bulletin Editor Mark Newell.

News Releases

Thus far we have sent out, via email, 15 news releases in 2016 to all local print, broadcast media and our members. We will send out releases regarding the AGM results and will preview the Awards night in January.

We have received good coverage from the Examiner, occasional use of our releases from Peterborough This Week and area online publications. Radio stations Extra 90.5 and Country 105 have consistently used our releases for broadcast.

Twitter

Despite a quiet period of a few months when job and technical issues caused the Twitter feed to go silent, we have 60 followers and we follow 79 other Twitter feeds, mainly from other motorsports related entities and local media and police authorities. In 2016, "Motormouth" and others with access to the account have tweeted or retweeted 57 times with reminders of events, results, meetings, club related news and profiles.

In late 2010 when we started the Twitter feed, we had nine followers and followed 15. We aren't Donald Trump, but we have tweeted nearly 500 times since then.

Facebook

Our Facebook page has 274 members. When the page started in 2011, we had 75 members. Frequent posts from some members with comments and/or pictures and video, along with posts from other clubs, help to make the page interesting. It is also a good way to keep members informed of club events, meetings, issues and event results.

Website

In early 2016 we decided to end our relationship with our contract webmaster. Our Treasurer, Matt Ballinger got a new site started using "WordPress". Your Communications Director, with the help of Matt and the Word Press online tutorial lessons, has tentatively assumed the upkeep of the www.pmsc.on.ca website. But I did have issues with acquiring various documents to insert onto the site. Entry forms, membership application forms and other paperwork. I have posted information in the "News" section of upcoming events, including this meeting and the agenda, proxy and minutes of the 2015 AGM along with the results of recent events including the scoresheet of the President's Prize Rally.

I await our 2017 event schedule to post.

I am finding it very time consuming and mentally taxing to juggle of all these "flaming chainsaws" and would really like to concentrate solely on the Bulletin...or conversely...have someone take over the Bulletin while I run the social media and Website.

I anxiously await assistance until that time or the end of my term at the on December 31st, 2017.

Your Humble Scribbler
Len Arminio



Peterborough Motor Sports Club 2016 Annual Awards

Club Champion - Dan Demers

Club Runner-up - Travis Grubb

New Member Award - Rich Courneya

Solo Driver Champion – Rich Courneya

Solo Driver Runner-up - Chris Johnson

Solo Driver Rookie - Rich Courneya

Rally Driver Champion - Dan Demers

Rally Navigator Champion – Louis Cabardos

Ice Race Champion - - Dan Demers

Ice Race Runner-up – Amy Chambers

Street Studs Champion - Dan Demers

Rubber to Ice Champion – Richard Poxon

Ice Race Rookie - Richard Poxon

Organizer Award - Len Arminio

Organizer Runner- up – Peter Watt

President's Prize Driver – Alain Cabardos

President's Prize Navigator – Louis Cabardos

Watchwinder Weekend – Glenn Austin

Fall Ball Weekend – Dan Demers



***PMSC
AWARDS
NIGHT
Wednesday,
January
25th***



***Arrive at 6:00pm
Dinner at 6:30pm
Awards 7:15pm***

***Check out their menu in advance at:
<http://www.martymoos.ca/Menu.aspx>***

***All members get a meal
discount coupon.
Draw Prizes too!***

Info: lenarminio@gmail.com



PMSC Members at The Rally of the Tall Pines



Phillipe Benoit - Photo by Richard Morin

PMSC member Philippe Benoit of Mirabel, Quebec and his co-driver Maxime Fortin-Gagnon piloted their Mini-Cooper to 8th overall and 4th in 2w Open in the 2016 Tall Pines in Bancroft. With that finish, Phillipe claims 2WD Eastern Canada Rally Championship And the 2WD Ontario Performance Rally Driver Championship!! Outstanding! Congratulations, M Benoit. Tout le meilleur pour l'avenir.



Lindsay & Glen Webster - Photo by Richard Morin

Unfortunately, the other PMSC team entered in Open 4WD, Lindsay and Glen Webster of Keene, went off the road in the 6th stage and DNF'd. But the Websters say they gained a lot of experience and learned a lot on and off the road.

PMSC members also participated in "The Pines" by taking on worker or official positions. Here is an alphabetical list:

Len Arminio	VE3LRM
Matt Ballinger	
Alain Cabardos	VA3IAC
Louis Cabardos	VE3LVC
Kevin DeVries	VA3KDV
Joanne Fleguel	
Pete Gulliver	VA3PTG
Jeannie MacGillivray	VE3JNE
Christine Newell	
Mike van Rees	VA3VRM
Peter Watt	VE3WRX
Rick Williams	



The Cabardos' & Chris Johnson take titles in ORRC series.



A hearty congratulations to Alain and Louis Cabardos for winning the overall Expert titles in the 2016 Ontario Road Rally Championship Series.

Alain drove while his father Louis navigated to top spot in the top division winning four of the seven events in the provincial series.

The team collected 58 points, finishing just three points ahead of Jane and Bruce Leonard of the Maple Leaf Rally Club.



Meantime, PMSC's Chris Johnson took top honours in the Novice driver division with 55 points, 15 ahead of second place. He had victories in two events, plus a second place and two third places results. His co-driver in four events, Jess Auchterlonie, landed in third place overall.

The ralliests will receive their trophies at the Rally Sport Ontario awards banquet in the new year.

2017 Competition Calendar (Tentative)

Event	Date	Location	Organizer
Ice Race	Feb. 18 & 19	Minden	Dan Demers
Spring-Runoff Rally (ORRC)	April 29	Newcastle	Louis Cabardos
Cobweb Solo	April 23	Kawartha	
Watchwinder Rally	May 27	Peterborough	
Watchwinder Solo	May 28	Douro	Dan Demers
Speed Weekend Solo	June 25	Kawartha	
Mid Summer Solo	July 23	Kawartha	
Dog Days Solo	Aug. 13	Kawartha	
Fall Ball Rally	Sept 9	Peterborough	
Fall Ball Solo	Sept. 10	Kawartha	Dan Demers
Last Chance Solo	Oct. 15	Kawartha	
President's Prize Rally (ORRC)	Nov. 4	Peterborough	Travis Grubb/Chris Johnson
Snocross	Feb. 4	Shannonville	Al Pawling
Snocross	Mar. 4-5	Shannonville	Al Pawling
Rally Cross	TBD		
Fun Rallies: 1	June 28 (GPS)		Len Arminio
2	July 26 (Poker)		Alain Cabardos
3	August 23 (Golf)		Dan Demers





Nico Rosberg retires:



World Champion quits Formula 1 five days after title win.



By Andrew Benson, Chief F1 writer , BBC

World champion Nico Rosberg has announced he has retired from Formula 1 with immediate effect.

The 31-year-old German won his first world title on November 26, beating Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton by finishing second in the final race in Abu Dhabi.

"I have climbed my mountain, I am on the peak, so this feels right," Rosberg said.

Rosberg won nine of this season's 21 grands prix, beating three-time champion Hamilton by five points.

"For 25 years in racing, it has been my dream, my 'one thing', to become Formula 1 world champion," he added.

"Through the hard work, the pain, the sacrifices, this has been my target. And now I've made it."

The son of Finnish 1982 world champion Keke, Rosberg made his F1 debut for Williams at the Bahrain Grand Prix in 2006, finishing seventh.

And when asked if there was any chance of a return, Rosberg added: "No definitely not. End of story. Done."

Rosberg's wait for a maiden title was the second longest in F1 history

Hamilton, who had beaten Rosberg to the title in the previous two seasons, said: "He has a family he wants to focus on, and F1 takes so much from you. "It is definitely going to be strange and it will be sad to not have him in the team next year."

Mercedes team boss Toto Wolff said the news took him "completely by surprise".

"This is a brave decision by Nico and a testament to the strength of his character," he added.

"The clarity of his judgement meant I accepted his decision straight away when he told me.

"We now have to consider options and we will start to look at it on Monday."

Rosberg raced in 206 grands prix, winning 23 and finishing on the podium 57 times.

