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**Atlantic Sports Car Club**

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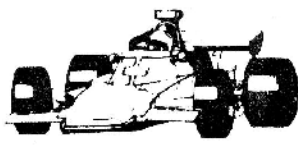
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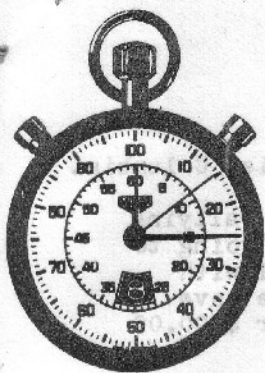
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# MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE ASCC GENERAL MEETING, Nov. 12, 1984

President Kash Husain welcomed everyone to the Nov. meeting. Record 47 members in attendance. As of the Nov. AGM we have 120 members.

SOLO EVENTS - The solo season finished in October. Mark Earl is new club champion.

A group got together to discuss solo at the AGM. They prepared a new calender, regional events compared to our club events, ammendments to take forward at the AGM about classifications.

Bruce has said that VASA has decided to slalom right through the year. Phone Bruce for more details. Bruce also reported that they ran a dirt event in a race track area for horses and they had 31 partake.

RACE REPORT - Ralph highlighted what was in checkpoint. If you want a honda/michelin car go see Ralph. Once he has 3 or 4 names he can go to Honda and maybe get you a better deal.

Renault sports racer in the states is \$10,000. Renault wants to bring them in to Canada. A National commitee is seriously thinking about bringing them in. Honda drivers meeting at the Holiday Inn in downtown Kingston on Nov.25,1984.

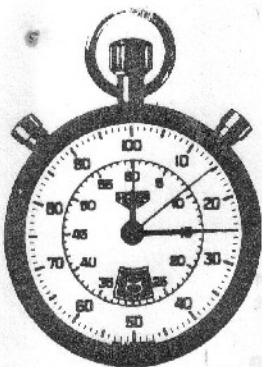
AMP - As you all have heard the A frame has been burnt down by Halloween pranksters. They also tried to burn down the outhouses but they wouldn't burn. If anybody wants film developed please go to Econocolor stores. Econocolor has supported us, let us support them!

RALLY REPORT - We had great support from BAC and ASCC for the Skoda rally. Skoda and Ronald MacDonald house are going to ask the support of all CASC clubs across the country to help. Clark gave report on the Skoda rally and slalom. Skoda also wants to run their rally in conjunction with the Highlands Rally. It would run like this: Press conference on Thurs, Skoda rally on Fri, Highlands rally on Sat, Party on Sun! Halifax is the start of the Skoda series. The next rally is the Provincial series on Dec. 1 and it is an ASCC event. Dartmouth-Highlands rally budget has been increased to about 30,000 dollars.

ATV is mounting a camera in Tim Mullins rally car in Truro. The program will be on Mon. Nov. 26 on CTV's Live it up program featuring rally. Please write and give a response to CTV about the rally program.



Dartmouth Highlands is going to be the start of rallying in Canada. CASC wants a contract and they are going to be behind us. Need 10 people to get a good deal with EPA for the National AGM in Calgary in 1985. We have five we need five more. The deal could be under \$500.00 if we have the 10 people.



# MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting Jan. 8, 1985

President Kash Hussain welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. Happy New Year! 34 members in attendance.

We are still looking for a Solo events Director. If no Director by the first event, there will be no event. All interested parties please see Kash. If you bring in a new member by Feb. 28, you will get the \$5.00 discount.

Club Event Directors for 1985:

Race Debbie Clark Rally Clark Paynter  
Sprints Derek Luger Solo ?

The two directors will be Debbie Clark and Dino

## RALLY REPORT

Feb. 17 BAC Winter Carnival Rally. Any interested people see Clark for more details. More details will be available at the next meeting. Update on Highlands-Jerry Boudreau - PR Man. Clark want volunteers to offer their man power, if not he'll come out after you with a club! Thrus. Feb. 7, 12 PM Graham's Grove, Ice Dice.

## RACE REPORT

Six races for 1985, starting June 1. Get your race regs. right away for this season. Honda/Formula July 20-21, but that is also the weekend of the Lobster Rally. Aug. 3-4 is the Endurance race. We have the ESSO 2000 race but it has not been publicized yet. More details as available. The track is going to run a lottery on a bag of lottery tickets. Want volunteers to help in selling them. The \$100.00 bond is no longer in existence. There is a user fee now. For every race you run you will pay a \$10.00 user fee. This fee may be paid when you race or because the track could use the money now pay the \$60.00 for the six races, that is if your planning to run all six. Sprinters will also pay a user fee but it will only be \$5.00.

## CASC NATIONAL

John McGill has been let go because of his stand with Labatts. Labatt's wanted out of Grand Pre, big a do about it. If you want all the details see Wayne. The ending is the Labatt's Grand Pre for 1985 is still on the go! Calgary AGM to be decided by January 15, 1985. Have to have three board meetings this year instead of two because of the Labatts problem at the last meeting. Brian Spationya new Solo director. Ex solo director for Ontario Club.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mic Mac Mall event - Gary Marks

Last weekend in April. Should be no conflict with the cars show like last year.

Cars to go in on Wed. the 24, and to come out Sat. the 27. Five cars already to go in. Same terms as last year. Slalom on Sun. Remember we need the solo director before then or it will not be held.

Bob offered to raffle off tickets on old posters and decals.

\$1.00 a ticket. To raise money for the club.

Congratulations are in order for John Kirk. Him and Angela are tying the knot! (getting married).

### OLD BUSINESS

Bob informed us that the end of Dec. 1984 was the beginning of the 30th anniversary for ASCC.

Sports hall of Fame is interested in setting up a Museum of Sport Displaying motorsport. Trophy's, posters, anything car oriented.

Dr. Rand wrote to Wayne asking about info. He's investigating Debbie Hallahans death. This might get us in the door of the stock car racers..

Swapshop followed by introduction of new members and guests.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Next months meeting is still on at China Town.

Second Tuesday of the month, please remember to be there. The more the merrier!

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## 1985 Race Season Wrap-up

Well, not a fantastic year but at least racing on four wheels did not disappear entirely at AMP, it was just a little hard to find. Thankfully, cars and bikes have alternate cycles so that when one is struggling at least the other provides something to watch. Eleven cars on the grid and one in the paddock was the count at the Econocolor Week-End last September and that is a fairly good base on which to build.

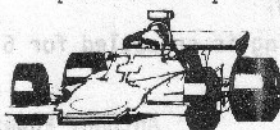
And build we will!!! Although the numbers were down the enthusiasm was not and this was evident at the race work-shop at last week-end's AGM in Halifax. There was quite a mixture of present day racers and some old faces which almost required introductions and there was certainly no lack of ideas. Terry Robison from Fredericton, N.B. was there to tell about the fiberglass bodies he can build and sell that fit Formulas like a glove and might be the catalyst needed to get some old chassis back on the track. The beauty of these bodies is that, until we get them in numbers sufficient to warrant their own track time, they can run with the sedans and this means more numbers to race and watch. Rob Vining promises to be back and we hope to see other old racers like Mark Deveau and Kerry Illes and Ralph Brooks back and revving. Hondas should be bigger and better than ever and the price is right. Just under six grand gets you a car (no cage, net etc.) and the fun and gas per mileage can't be beat! The chances of a National Honda and Formula race for July are good and an endurance on our traditional August week-end is almost for sure. There are lots of used race cars around and Graham Johnson of COACHWORKS has volunteered to be a clearing house so anyone with an old racer or someone looking for one (look out Jack!) get in touch with Graham. We need these cars back out at AMP!!!!

The first race of 1985 will be June 2 so this should give everyone lots of time to get the race team ready. Remember if you miss the race school and you are either new to racing or haven't been on the fast side of the armco for years then you must attend the drivers school in order to race that season. We may try something like a Performance Driving School for those interested only in how to take a corner faster or for improving their sprint times and are not yet ready to go whole hog racing. Still a 6 race season, but with two National races and lots of new faces it will probably seem like more.

Some points to keep in mind: - 1980 Snell helmets a must.

- no longer a \$100.00 bond. Now a user fee of \$10.00 per race, that's a saving of \$40.00 and if you could pay that \$60.00 in advance the track could sure use it!
- the canteen at AMP has burned to the ground so be prepared to help build a new one in the spring!!

*See Ralph about your new Honda now!*





For inclusion in your club's newsletter:

A Summary of the January 9, 1985 Board Meeting  
of Atlantic Motorsport Park

A quorum for the present AMP Board is six directors. As there were only five present, this was an information meeting only.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President conducted the meeting.

The Secretary went over corrections of typographical errors in the minutes of the November 27, 1984 meeting.

John Doherty reported that Municipal Contracting is completely paid off and would do business with us in the future. He said that Ocean Paving is being paid off on schedule and our bank accounts are being returned to normal operation. All of AMP's other bills are being paid off to the satisfaction of all concerned.

John Doherty said the motocross schedule is not yet ready although the schedule for cars and motorcycles is finalized. John outlined some of the ideas he is putting together in a proposal he plans to present to Borg-Warner.

Graham Johnston suggested that all Board members get appointments for Jon Kirk with potential sponsors. Graham added that the first part of March should be avoided as Jon is getting married then.

Jon Kirk reported that ESSO is confirmed as sponsor of the Formula 2000 race at AMP on the July 20/21 weekend. He said that the AMP lottery is licensed and the tickets are almost ready. Jon outlined some plans for the replacement of the A-frame destroyed by fire on October 31/84. Jon also reported that the Forestry Management Plan for AMP has been finalized with Keith Kennedy of the Dept. of Lands and Forests.

Graham Johnston mentioned that a letter was received from the Motorsport Club of Ottawa seeking interest in the formation of an endurance racers association.

Jim Theriault was told that participants in the May 4 race school will not have to pay a user fee for that day. He was also told that racers who pay their user fees by March 31 won't be required to pay a user fee for timing and testing on race school morning.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on January 29 at Sport Nova Scotia.

Anthony Edwards  
Secretary, AMP Board

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 \*ATLANTIC REGION ROAD RACING UP DATE\*  
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Happy 1985 !!!!!

I thought I would bring you all the latest in road racing in this region as of this date. Attached you will find a schedule of race events at AMP, your club should have received the region schedule by now that would have everything except the motocross dates. As you can see, we're starting the season off a few weeks later than usual with the first region race and drivers school on June 1/2. Please aim to have the car ready to race by that date. We have the same number of events as last year, i.e. five region races and one endurance so don't waste an event because you're not ready.

BIG NEWS is that we have two National races lined up for this year. The endurance is as usual on August 3/4, whether we have Moly slip as a sponsor is not yet known, but there will be an endurance race somehow. The entry fee structure is a little less as they are not charging that extra \$100.00 for a prize fund so the entry fee should only be \$150.00, a lot more affordable. We are also hosting the F-2000 cars and the Honda-Michelins on July 20/21. This is sponsored by ESSO and looks to be building up to be one of the biggest in AMP history as far as promoting a race and track. We are expecting over 20 Fords and well over 20 Hondas so it will be quite a sight. There will be the usual regional races too, and we should try to have ~~r-r-r~~ really BIG GRIDS!! There will probably be more names added to the sponsor list and everything is still being detailed out but the event is a go so start talking it up now.

Some changes for 1985 are as follows:

The \$100.00 bond is no more. The system has been changed to a user fee, \$10.00 per event. The track, as usual to this time of year, could use as much advance money as possible so if you intend to run the full slate of races you can pre-pay your \$60.00 user fee with a cheque to Atlantic Motorsport Park and send it to Gary Marks, 10 - 2 Foxwood Terrace, Hfx. N.S., B3R 2H7. First timers attending the driver school do not have to pay the first \$10.00.

Entry fees are the same as last year at \$60.00 N.S. entry and \$55.00 N.B. This is incredible considering ASCC & MASC lost over \$1,000.00 running races last year. The big expense is insurance, \$650.00 per race day, and we are praying that hasn't increased for '85. More entrants means spreading the costs more efficiently and with enough people we could possibly look at lowering entry fees or offering the racer more (E.G. trophies, etc) Remember, we are a non-profit organization (good thing too!) so we don't scheme to make money, only break even and the most feasible way is more racers.

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Please get your copy of the 1985 Race Regulations so you are aware of the latest rule changes. The address is:

C.A.S.C.  
5385 Yonge St Suite 203  
Willowdale, Ontario  
M2N 5R7

Cost last year was \$4.00 or \$5.00 but I don't know of any increases for 1985. If you know someone who is interested in taking the driver school please pass this address on to them so they will have their guidelines well in advance. I have included competition license and medical forms. renewal instructions are on the license form. Remember, a medical is required every two years (every year if you're over 40)

Sprints have gone to their own week-ends and we only have two combined car and motorcycle race week-ends so there may be some minor schedule changes, however race day is still Sunday because we can only afford race insurance for one day. Saturday is tuning & testing only.

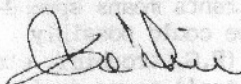
Hope you all own 1980 Snell-approved helmets!

Now is the time to see Ralph about your new Honda-Michelin Civic. Price is \$5,975.00 excl. PDI, freight, taxes, license, \$350.00<sup>and</sup> and safety equipment. If you have any questions please call Ralph right away at 829-3276.

Know of any race cars for sale?? Please send me any information on unused race cars or parts and we will try to pass that info on to interested parties. Graham Johnson of Coachworks in Halifax volunteered to act as a clearing house for race cars needing new owners so maybe we can get that going.

Guess that's all for now. Please call me if you have any questions or if you know anyone interested in going racing or marshalling. June 1st will be here before you know it !!

Debbie Clark  
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January 29, 1985



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1985 ROAD RACING CALENDAR

JUNE 1/2 DRIVERS SCHOOL AND 1st REGION RACE

JUNE 22/23 2nd REGION RACE

JULY 20/21 ESSO F-2000 AND HONDA-MICHELIN RACE

AND 3rd REGION RACE

AUGUST 3/4 ENDURANCE RACE

AUGUST 24/25 4th REGION RACE

SEPTEMBER 15/16 5th REGION RACE



November 29th, 1984

Dear A.M.P. Competitors:

Another season has come and gone at A.M.P., and although sedan racing was down slightly from previous years, 1985 promises to bring in further numbers.

Motorcycle racing has grown by leaps and bounds and the prospects are good for another successful year next season.

Over the past year, A.M.P.'s financial affairs have been brought under control thanks to the splendid efforts of Pat and John Doherty. It has been through the efforts of John, Pat and the Board of Directors.

If you have not recently heard, the share or bond payments has been eliminated for 1985. Instead, a user-pay plan has been introduced whereby competitors pay a \$10.00 fee per event per entrant for asphalt events and \$5.00 per event per entrant for off-track events. (motorcross)

O.K., now the pitch!

In order to generate some operating revenue to meet obligations to creditors for 1984 and ensure that current obligations be met on time, the following request by the A.M.P. board of directors is being made.

A request for the user-pay fee in advance of the 1985 racing season is being made, comprised of \$10.00 payments to cover each event you plan to enter in 1985. This plan alone is saving each competitor approximately \$40.00 over the cost of a \$100.00 annual share. Again, payment made now will generate A.M.P. operating capital for the winter of 1984/85 to meet previous obligations and ensure future operation of the track for 1985.

Further clarification on this or any other matter relating to A.M.P. or any other idea or suggestion to raise operating capital for the track would be welcomed. Please contact John Doherty (Home: 429-7528, Work 429-5468) or Gary Marks (Home 477-5161, Work 424-3501)

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Again, participation would be appreciated with all cheques made payable to ATLANTIC MOTORSPORT PARK. Sedan and Honda/Michelin competitors can send cheques to:

Gary Marks  
2 Foxwood Terr., Apt. 17  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
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Motorcycle and motocross competitors can send cheques to:

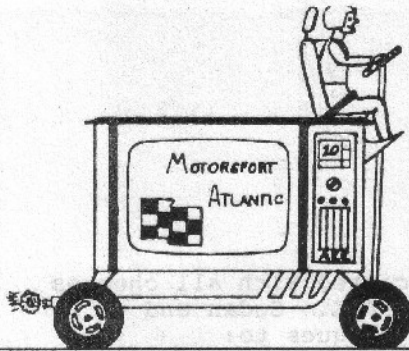
John Doherty  
c/o Atlantic News  
5560 Morris St.  
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Thank you for any co-operation you can give, big or small. We really need your help. If we can pull together through this winter I'm confident we'll all benefit next season.

Thank you.

Gary Marks  
on behalf of A.M.P. Board  
of Directors

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## NEWS FROM OUR STAGE

### REPORT TO THE 1984 A.G.M. OF THE ATLANTIC SPORTS CAR CLUB ON THE TELEVISION PROGRAM "MOTORSPORT ATLANTIC"

My report on our television show, "Motorsport Atlantic", is broken down into three parts. They are: the past year, the future and the show and the club.

#### The Past Year

This was the 12th season for "Motorsport Atlantic". It is the longest running motorsport television program in Canada and this past season, as last year, "Motorsport Atlantic" filled a schedule from the first week of April 1984 to the last week of October 1984 with 31 half hour programs. These programs were broadcast in Halifax and Dartmouth every Wednesday evening during these months through the facilities of Halifax Cablevision and every Thursday evening on Shaw Cablevision in Sackville, N.S. In addition Halifax repeated the programs on Sundays changing to Fridays at 6:00 P.M. in September.

We were offered the option of carrying on through the winter this year by Mike Barnes, Program Director for HCV's Channel 10. We have taken advantage of this offer and hope to cover some winter events in motorsport during this time. Shaw Cablevision will also continue playing our shows over this winter period.

Thanks to arrangements made by Wayne Schnare we were able to record an interview with the C.A.S.C. National President, John Magill. Other internationally known Canadian motorsport people interviewed this year included John Graham, Craig Hill (thanks to Tim Mullin), and the Odyssey pair Ken Langley and Garry Sowerby.

Our program did several remote shoots including a motorcycle and a car show both, at the Metro Centre, the Molyslip Endurance Race, and the Econo Color Weekend. In addition we got footage of what it's like to drive in a slalom (thanks to Gary Marks) and an update on John & Debbie Clark's Prelude race car. Some of these features would



not have been possible without the generous co-operation of Shaw Cable-vision's Channel 10 Program Director, Cindy Kidd and Program Coordinator, Scott Deal. Together with cameraman Pernell Verhaeghe, Scott handled coverage of the Molyslip Race from turn 2, while Hfx. Cable handled the coverage of the race from the tower, directed by our Program Co-ordinator, Colin King. A few weeks later Colin and I edited the two coverages together, I mostly watched trying to keep both tapes on the same lap. Still another few weeks and Debbie Clark came in to do the three hours of commentary required to complete the presentation.

The involvement of the A.S.C.C. membership was good as it always is but two members stand out for their participation in the production of the program. They are Gary Marks, who operated a studio camera for 18 of our 26 live shows and Debbie Clark who hosted a great majority of our shows this year often on short notice and sometimes at much inconvenience to herself and other plans she had already made. Jon Kirk and Jeff Wright also hosted some shows and a show from last year hosted by Iain Carruthers was replayed. John Clark hosted some live shows for the first time this year as did I on one occasion.

I edited two video-to-music presentations of three and four minutes in length this year. The first used the instrumental piece "Sirius" by The Alan Parsons Project together with footage associated with A.M.P. to commemorate its 10th anniversary. The second used the song "Watching the Wheels" by John Lennon together with footage from the show to both review the year and celebrate the past twelve years.

The A.S.C.C. spent a little less than \$400. of the \$507. budget on "Motorsport Atlantic". It's interesting to note, I think, that Mike Barnes of Hfx. Cable's Channel 10 estimates that it costs them between \$200. and \$300. to produce each half hour of our program.

#### The Future

The future has already begun. We are well into our winter season. Programing for these months is taking the form of motorsport films, old shows worth seeing again and some new shows (some appropriate to the season). Additionally we have already presented two remote productions. One was the Econo Color/Canon/Vivitar/AMP Photo Contest awards



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presentation hosted by Jon Kirk and the other was the Ronald McDonald House/Skoda Rally hosted by Iain Carruthers. Skocar Canada asked for a copy of all the footage I had so all the rough footage as well as a copy of the edited show is on its way to them.

Our next season begins in the first week of April 1985. I hope we can continue to improve the quality of the show as we have done in each of its past twelve years. Such improvements mostly involve taking greater care with technical aspects of the program.

The Show and the Club

I expect that, as during last season, we will again introduce some club members to the communication side of motorsport for the first time. We members of A.S.C.C. have a unique situation in our possession. We have a club to organize our events, we have a high quality road racing circuit for holding some of those events and we have a TV show to help publicize the club and all of its events as well as other aspects of local and world motorsport.

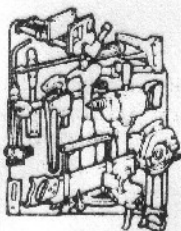
By featuring the activities of other and diverse clubs such as the Classic Chevy Club, radio controlled car clubs, motorcycle clubs and others we foster goodwill for ourselves and the potential of increasing the audience for the show and maybe even an increase in our membership.

All members of the A.S.C.C. can aid in the latter two points by "talking up" the show when the occasion to do so presents itself. Also, if you know that your sponsor is going to be mentioned on the show let them know before the program is scheduled. Sponsors like to see themselves talked about on TV. They will almost surely keep rewarding you for it into the future.

Finally, if you are building or rebuilding your race or rally car or just have some good stories to tell let me know and we will arrange to present this on "Motorsport Atlantic". We've done this in the past with Jeff Wright, Jack Canfield, Tim Mullin and John & Debbie Clark, to name a few. There's always room for more and there is no reason not to give generous mention of your sponsor at the same time.

So in closing, I would say that the show is in good shape and the future looks bright. But it would be good if we all seek feed-back from non-affiliated motorsport enthusiasts we encounter on a daily basis.

Anthony Edwards, Producer: M.A.



# Clatterings *by* J. Clark

February 4, 1985

## PRODUCTIVE LEISURE TIME

My heading is somewhat of a paradox. Who wants to be productive during leisure time? What I mean to write about is the importance of achieving leisurely living during our leisure time. I'm prompted to clatter on about this subject by a statement a visitor to my workshop once made. Enthused with something I was building at the time and rather awe-struck in the presence of my tools and equipment, he sighed - "if I only had your time". This statement of frustration and hopelessness stunned me. As nice as possible I reminded him that my clock has twelve hours on its face and the hour hand goes round only twice for me each day too.

I have some feelings I've developed over the years; I suppose they come from two angles. On one hand, I see many friends longing for the time or money, or inclinations to do something constructive and enjoyable with their leisure time. (Or worse yet, some who never even try due to over-enthusiastic consumption of booze or banana peels). On the other hand, I have many friends, mostly in New England, whose abilities and interests totally humble me. People so talented and accomplished that I'm almost embarrassed to be in their company. I like to think of myself as rather comfortably in the middle and I'll tell you how I got from where you might be, if your leisure time is not giving you good return, to where I am now, such as my meager position is reference to my aforementioned New England friends.

Most of you know, my hobbies are centered around motorsport and the tinkering connected thereto. While my comments will relate accordingly, I'm not so sure the principles would be much different for any hobby.

Firstly, you need a hobby, some kind of activity you enjoy, no matter what it's worth.

Secondly, you'll need to appropriate time, some funds and possibly some space.

Thirdly, I believe you should force yourself to be committed, for a reasonable length of time.

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Here we go --- Can't you find a hobby? Mine are building and maintaining race cars, race bikes, race snowmobiles, race ATC's - you get the picture. Also building the shack that houses these interests - What do you call that - Carpentry? Construction? Painting? Whatever!

I enjoying building, or restoring and maintaining the equipment I use. For that matter, the maintenance and housekeeping of my shop is in itself, a hobby. I enjoy reading about my motorsport and subscribe to many publications. In addition, I enjoy craft work such as leather work or doing the sort of things they do in senior citizen's homes. I feed the birds in my yard and water the flowers - though I know nothing about either. I just enjoy the feeling this activity gives me. I enjoy house maintenance, shovelling snow, cutting grass or washing and polishing cars. I suppose the list goes on. I'm trying to illustrate that you don't need a hobby that popular or "in" - pick one or several that compliment each other that will work for you, but do pick one!

I find that if I don't have a schedule to apply to my hobby, I don't do it. I go to my shop in the evenings at 7. Some folks say it's not a hobby if you must be on schedule, but every aspect of life is more rewarding if we place some order or priority to it. You'll have to "put in" before you can "take out".

I worked the last month restoring a very good quality, very old and dilapidated factory drill press. Most of the work was hard, dirty, discouraging and, at times, rather boring. I could never find the words to describe the wonderful feeling I had last night as I went down to add wood to my stove and the completed unit caught my eye. I just pondered it for ten minutes. I think it's beautiful and my life, in a certain, way is enriched by its presence in my shop. Once again, of course I'm not suggesting that you need to fix a machine to find true bliss, but the message is the same for what you'll do. "Put in" and keep "putting in" on some sort of a regular basis and satisfaction will come, and with each dose of satisfaction, the "putting in" becomes more enjoyable.

Make a place for your hobby or leisure activity. This does not necessarily cost much. When I was a starving and pitiful student, living in a cellar, going to school in Moncton, I had a card table in one corner of my room where I did some wood carving. That was my shop. No space, no money, but I made a place. Today, thank God, those years are behind me, my sister has a couple of rather nice carvings that she really enjoys owning and that brings satisfaction to me. (NOTE - Still pitiful, no longer starving!)

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To review, I had a hobby, I applied myself and arranged a place to do it.

With everything I ever did, I was tortured throughout a certain period of time with my inability to do nice work. Now, I have local friends come in and stare in amazement as I shine up a bit of metal or whatever. I asked my very skilled uncle one time in Massachussetts if I could try his electric welder. I did so, but threw away the piece I made before anyone saw it. It was bad. But two years later I built the roll cage in our race car and it's not too shabby, if I might say so. Now I'm cocky enough to tackle anything with the welder. You have to start someplace and from the outset, realize that embarrassment and disappointment of a poor job are just necessary rungs in the ladder that you must climb, one by one, to get to where you would like to be, or to be where I'm telling you you'll enjoy being.

Each of us has characteristics that will help or hinder our development. I am not very patient. I know the value of patience, know what you are supposed to do to learn to be patient, but I'm 36 and still impatient. Most times I don't know I am, but in retrospect, I am. I am comfortable with manual skills, though, so I use one to offset the other. I must keep my shop clean and orderly with almost everything in its place - because to obtain the quality jobs I need for personal satisfaction, I need things laid out this way. I'm too impatient to look for a bolt through a junk pile, and if my place was laid out like this, I'd never be happy with my time spent there.

Learn to know your strong points and your weaker ones and apply appropriate attention to establishing yourself in your hobby in such a way as to reap maximum satisfaction from time spent. That's what I call productive leisure time.

I feel that to truly enjoy our leisure time we must, as much as possible, abstain from the habit of continually placing a certain value on each activity. I just built a big buffing machine. I spent as much time polishing the two big shafts that spin the wheels as I did on the complete fabrication of the electric motor mount. I did it because I enjoyed doing it and I get a great shot of satisfaction from seeing the shafts gleaming. To most, it's foolish, but to me - it's satisfying and that's what I'm "after".

I apply such intensity to my hobbies to free me from the burdens associated with work and life. Some folks misinterpret this as escapism, but this is a popular misconception. It's been proven

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time and again that one works more productively by taking periodic rests. My hobbies are my rest. Guess it's a bit like Partisipation. You'll feel like doing more if you do more and you'll be better at what you do as you do it.

In closing, one of the most important things we each need is understanding from our spouse. The understanding of the importance of hobbies - and it works both ways. It's penny wise and dollar foolish to rob your spouse from an afternoon's involvement with his or her hobby because we've miscalculated that the hobby is chosen as an alternative to our domestic or social commitments. We all desperately need a rich leisure life to be happier, better people. I encourage you to involve your family and friends in your hobbies. Don't be held back by age-old feelings that he or she doesn't belong in this or that activity. You'll be surprised how much fun you'll all have - even if it seems to be an activity not usually suited for a wife, a husband, a child.

Get a hobby, make time for it, make a place for it and do it and enjoy the almost free "good" it'll bring ya!

Don't cut yer fingers off!!

*Johnnie*

Johnnie Clark



**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS  
1985 N.M.C. GROUND HOG RALLY  
FEBRUARY 24, 1985  
MONCTON, N.B.**

The Ground Hog Rally will be held under the General Competition Rules of the Canadian Automobile Sports Clubs and the Rally Regulations of the Atlantic Region and shall count towards the Atlantic Region Navex Championship. These publications are available from George Dewar, Atlantic Region Rally Director, 3 Killarney Road, Riverview, N.B. E1B 2Z4 and will be available at the start.

**ORGANIZING CLUB:** Northumberland Motorsport Club

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506-384-7580

George F. Dewar  
3 Killarney Road  
Riverview, N.B.  
E1B 2Z4  
506-386-3449

(To whom entries are sent)

**STEWARD:** To be announced.

**PREREGISTRATION DATE:** (For starting order draw) Feb. 21, 1985  
(Telephone entries will be accepted)

**START & FINISH LOCATION:** Center City Racquet Club  
209 Collishaw Street  
(Off Vaughan Harvey Blvd.)  
506-382-5998

**REGISTRATION & SCRUTINEERING:** 12:00 - 13:00  
**DRIVER'S BRIEFING:** 13:00  
**CAR "O":** 13:15  
**APPROXIMATE FINISH:** 17:00  
**APPROXIMATE LENGTH:** 220 KM (Experienced)  
170 KM (Novice)

**AREA:** The following topographical maps cover the entire rally area:  
21-1/2 21-H/15  
21-1/3 21-H/14

**FEES:** Experienced \$10.00  
Novice 5.00

**AWARDS:** Dash plaques will be presented to the first 3 finishers in each class.

If inclement weather becomes a problem, preregistered entrants will be contacted by phone. Others should call the organizer.

# NORTHUMBERLAND MOTORSPORT CLUB - ENTRY AND WAIVER FORM

EVENT \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER \_\_\_\_\_ NAVIGATOR \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVERS LICENSE# \_\_\_\_\_

CAR MAKE \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE# \_\_\_\_\_ PROV. \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE CO. \_\_\_\_\_ PL&PD # \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

WAIVER: I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this event and I agree to be bound by them and the General Competition rules, the Rally Regulations of the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs, and the Rally Regulations of the CASC Atlantic Region. In consideration of acceptance of this entry or my being permitted to take part in this event, I for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Northumberland Motorsport Club and the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs, and their respective agents, officials, servants and representatives from and against all actions claims, costs, and expenses and demands in respect to death, injury loss of or damage to my person or property, howsoever caused arising out of or in connection with my taking part in this event notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the said bodies, agents, officials, servants, or representatives.

(signed)

ENTRANT \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVER \_\_\_\_\_ NAVIGATOR \_\_\_\_\_

I do declare to my best belief that the driver possesses the standard of competence necessary and is physically fit for an event of this type to which this entry relates and the car entered in this event is suitable and roadworthy for the event. I do declare that the use of the car is covered by insurance as required by the Motor Vehicle Act of the province or state in which the vehicle is registered.

ENTRANTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

If under the age of nineteen the Parent or Guardian must sign below:

ENTRANT \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVER \_\_\_\_\_ NAVIGATOR \_\_\_\_\_





## THE ATLANTIC SPORTS CAR CLUB

Armdale P.O. Box 297, Halifax, N.S., B3L 4K1

### Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again! Club Membership renewal date is:

FEBRUARY 28, 1985

MEMBERSHIP FEE:	Single	\$25.00
	Family	\$35.00
	Each Additional	\$10.00

There are many good events planned for the new year and I hope that you will renew your club membership and participate in these events. If you hear of anyone interested in autosport who may consider joining the Club, please pass their names along to me and/or bring them out to a club meeting.

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN: Attention: Membership Chairman

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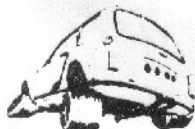
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Gary Marks 477-5181



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