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# The Aficionado

The official newsletter of the Winnipeg Sports Car Club

## Celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> year!

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# November 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

## Minutes

**Called to order:** 7:40 pm

**Quorum:** With 22 members attending, a quorum was reached and the meeting continued.

**Acting Secretary:** Chad Edwards

**CONSTITUTIONAL MOTION:** by Henri Marcoux that “the current Constitution and Bylaws of The Winnipeg Sports Car Club be amended to replace the word "Solosprint" with the words "Time Attack", so as to be consistent with the recently amended designation of this race discipline by Western Canada Motorsports Association, WSCC's sanctioning body.”

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** by Andrew Cobb.

**PASSED; UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION:** by Spencer Beaudoin to accept October minutes.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Henri Marcoux.

**PASSED BY A MAJORITY.**

### Elections

Call for nominations from the floor – None.

**MOTION:** by Chad Edwards to close nominations for all positions.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by:** Henri Marcoux.

**MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY.**

*Editor's Note: See section below for details of 2013 executive members.*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** by Stu Jackson.

No seconder required for a motion to adjourn.

**PASSED; UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:47pm

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## Passing of a Lifelong Member

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a long-time member of our club, Irene Sargent on October 16th, 2012. Irene enjoyed taking part in WSCC activities and acting as a Starter. We would like to express our deepest sympathy to her family.

# 2013 Club Executive

At the November 15th, 2012 Annual General Meeting the Election of Officers and Directors was held.

The following positions were filled by acclimation:

- **President** - Peter Gwyn
- **Vice-President** - Andrew Cobb
- **Treasurer** - Teresa Jackson
- **Secretary** - Sandra MacBain
- **AutoSlalom** - Jeff Janzen
- **Time Attack** - Sarah Wach
- **Rally** - Henri Marcoux

The following positions were filled by appointment:

- **Membership** - Stephen Leiding
- **Social** - Pete Loewen
- **Steward** - Chad Edwards
- **Publicity** - Damon Surzyshyn
- **Web Master** - Johnny VanDorp
- **Quartermaster** - Spencer Beaudoin
- **WCMA Rep** - Dino Calvert
- **Road Race** - Scott McDonald (executive appointment of vacant position to be ratified at next general meeting)

The **Past-President** position is still held by Henri Marcoux. The **Ice Race** director, Al Marcoux, was voted in earlier in the year.

The position of Newsletter Editor is still vacant. If this is a position you would like to try please contact our club President, Peter Gwyn ([president@wscc.mb.ca](mailto:president@wscc.mb.ca)).

## Holiday Message from the Executive

Wishing all of our members and your families a safe and happy holiday season and all the best in the New Year from the Executive of the Winnipeg Sports Car Club.

# Ice Race Report

*By Al Marcoux*

The dates and locations are set for this season:

Race 1: Mazenod Pond

Saturday, January 5 - Test and tune. Practice and Qualifying.

Sunday, January 6 - Racing starts at 9:00 am.

Race 2: Fast Brothers Gravel Pit, Blumenort

Saturday, January 19 - Hot laps and test and tune.

Sunday, January 20 - Racing starts at 9:00 am.

Race 3: Fast Brothers Gravel Pit, Blumenort

Saturday, February 2 - Hot laps and test and tune.

Sunday, February 3 - Racing starts at 9:00 am.

Race 4: St. Malo Provincial Park

Saturday, February 16 - Hot laps and test and tune.

Sunday February 17 - Racing starts at 9:00 am.

Race 5: Gimli Ice Festival - Fire on Ice Series - Gimli MB

March 2/3- Double header race weekend. Both days start at 9:00 am.

Along with Mega Computers we have 4 new sponsors; Jakes Husky Auto Care, TBH Construction, Blatz Landscaping and Tank Traders.

We had about 20 people for the meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup> and we're expecting 15 to 20 cars out to race. It should be an exciting season, so why don't you come on out and work a station or just watch some exciting racing.

This past season Championship winners:

**Rubber to Ice:**

1<sup>st</sup> - Mike Demchenko

2<sup>nd</sup> - Brett Sharples

3<sup>rd</sup> - Jim Mulholland and Mike Demchuck

**Studded Tire:**

1<sup>st</sup> - Lee and Les McRae

2<sup>nd</sup> - Colin McKee

3<sup>rd</sup> - Pedro Melo

# AutoSlalom Report

*By Claudio Zubin*

**Financial:** Final numbers are almost all in. Even with the repairs to St. Andrews, we will be adding to the AutoSlalom reserve. We will be making some off season purchases of a new laptop and radios, but still leaves 2012 in the black.

The season consisted of: 14 AutoSlalom Events, 2 Schools, 52 school students, 665 entries from 165 different individuals (47.5 avg. per event), 1578 cones hit, with 377 DNF runs.

**Venue:** Repairs to the St. Andrews site turned out excellent. Time will tell what the winter season will do, but if we remain at St. Andrews for our primary venue, we can afford some upkeep.

Other venues (Wpg Sludge Lot, 17 Wing AFB, McPhillips St. Station, Rivers AFB) will continue to be pursued.

**Help Needed:** contact Jeff Janzen.

## 2012 AutoSlalom Championship

Class	Place	Name	Car
Stock Street Tire	1st	Jason Fidelak	2006 Honda Civic Si
	2nd	Curtis Janzen	2000 Acura Integra GS-R
	3rd	Claudio Zubin	2004 Mazda RX8
SP/Mod Street Tire	1st	Jeremy Sparling	1993 Honda Civic
	2nd	Jeremy Choy	1955 BMW 325is
	3rd	Joe Premecz	1994 Toyota Corolla
SCCA Competition	1st	Jeff Janzen	2002 Honda S2000
	2nd	Corey Dyck	2000 Honda S2000
	3rd	Chris Magne	1995 Plymouth Neon ACR
Rookie of the year		Jim Antosko	2011 Subaru WRX

## Time Attack Report

*By Sarah Wach*

WSCC had a very successful Time Attack season this year with five events. We had fourteen drivers attend with an average of six drivers at each event. There was also a good mix of cars, which livens up the track. Many of these were new to Time Attack. Hopefully we can continue to grow and get a few more cars out next season as well as retain the drivers we have. Thanks to everyone who turned up to race and volunteer this year.

# Road Race Report

*By Scott McDonald*

The overall season can be considered quite successful despite the fact that a couple of our grander schemes didn't pan out. We successfully got our 5<sup>th</sup> race weekend back and should have no trouble keeping it. Participation in the Friday Lapping Days was up quite a bit. Our race grids averaged 21.4 cars, compared with 16 in 2011. The SoloSprint (Time Attack) grid was pretty stable around 5 or 6 cars but involving more than twice that number of people and it had no costs associated with it. The Friday Lapping Days were popular and well attended.

Thanks to a lot of volunteer help we got our corner 8/9 hazard repaired. We may not need it as the Drag folks got their cement barriers donated and we will likely be able to go back to the old corner. We have our dates for 2013 and copies are available. Our school will be the last weekend in April, weather permitting and that will allow us to finish in September and leave the extra October date for whatever we want to do with it.

Financially we got a bit ahead, which is a good thing because we desperately need new radios. A current spreadsheet of revenue and expenses is available for hand out to members. There are a couple of bills we are expecting so the net will be a little smaller but substantial. There is enough to start replacing transponders as well.

Finally I want to thank everyone who helped make this run so well this year. I made a lot of specific requests for help and was never once disappointed. Thanks to every one of you. I'm pretty sure you know who you are. Bless you all.

The 2013 race dates for Gimli are set: April 26/27/28, May 3/4/5, June 7/8/9, July 5/6/7, August 9/10/11, Sept. 6/7/8, and Oct. 4/5/6. So mark your calendars and come have some fun.

## 2012 Road Race Award Winners

*By Scott McDonald*

The award winners from this season:

- **Roy Bardsley Worker of the Year** - Bryce Stewart
- **Driving Champion** - Wayne Shellekens
- **Long Service Award** - Stuart Jackson
- **Best Engineered** - Darin Wach
- **Road Race 2012** - Damon Surzyshyn
- **Bailer Award** - Dwight Ullberg
- **Metro Motors Driving Skill Championship** - Al Marcoux

# 2012 Road Racing Championship Winners

Class	1st	2nd	3rd
Formula V	Wayne Schellekens	Jean-Sebastien Stoezel	Greg Eastwood
GT1	Grant Kubay		
GT3	Damon Hill		
IT2	Bill Langner		
IT3	Jordan Sharples	Ken MacBain	Chris Brown
ST-O	Mike Demchenko		
ST-U	Al Marcoux	Darin Wach	Gerd Ubele
Vintage	Hugh Hanson	Dyrk Bolger	Bruce Houlden

## WSCC on Facebook and Twitter

Just a reminder that we are on Facebook and Twitter. For our official sites go to:

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/WinnipegSportsCarClub>

Twitter: @WSCC\_Club (or the direct link is [http://www.twitter.com/WSCC\\_Club](http://www.twitter.com/WSCC_Club))

## Notice to Membership Re Radios

*Editor's Note: This letter was e-mailed to all members already. It is being included in the newsletter in case anyone missed it.*

December 17, 2012

Dear WSCC Members,

This is my second term as President of the Winnipeg Sports Car Club. I am very proud to be a member of this club and am very honoured to be entrusted with the club's operations. Our club had had a very busy year in 2012, thanks in part to the 60th Anniversary celebrations. I am confident that 2013 will be just as busy, but in different ways. I want to assure you that the club has a tremendously talented and caring team of executives to keep our club going, and going in the positive direction.

At our Annual General Meeting on November 15, 2012, the members in attendance were asked to consider and to vote on a motion that involves the club spending over \$5,000.00 to purchase new radios to be used by both the Road Race and the Ice Race disciplines. Unfortunately, our club's Steward, Chad Edwards, advised everyone present that such a motion could not be made at that time, as doing so would be contrary to the club's constitutional requirement. For those interested, please read Article 5(11).

After the AGM, a Special Executive meeting was called to discuss this matter further. After a half-hour discussion, the voting members of our Executive present at the meeting unanimously approved the club to spend up to \$2,499 to purchase half the proposed required radios for the Ice Race discipline to use at its 2013 Ice Race season, which will commence on January 5, 2013.

The Executive reasoned that since the Ice Race discipline is a separate discipline, it is entitled to purchase the radios for its own use, separate and apart from Road Race discipline. There were a number of other considerations the Executive pondered over as well. For example, we heard from Scott McDonald, our Road Race Director, who said that we had recommendations from people who know about radios very well (e.g., *Andy Fenstad, our starter and a radio guy, Hamish Donaldson, a steward and newly licensed ham radio guy, and Don Gerard, a ham radio buff and a long time ice race marshal*). We heard from Al Marcoux, our Ice Race Director, who said that without the new radios the existing ones would very likely pose a danger to racers and to marshals because they don't pick up calls consistently, even at short distances.

We talked about several other crucial facts, namely, 1) by continuing to use the existing radios, the club would face the potential liability of negligence for not ensuring that the safety of its workers and racers is looked after; 2) that if we don't put in the order shortly we would miss a good promotion; 3) that we would be unlikely to hold a General Meeting on December 20, 2012 (5 days before Christmas), because a quorum of 22 members would be required; and 4) that the next General Meeting would be January 17, 2013 and by the time we got an approval from the general membership (assuming we have a quorum) to buy the radios, ice race season would be more than half way done.

That was the urgency the Executive had to consider. To put off the purchase of these radios for the Ice Race discipline would have meant taking a chance at putting our club's workers and racers at risk. No one on the Executive denies this fact. No one on the Executive questions the need to purchase new radios. Therefore, the order was placed shortly thereafter.

So, what seems to be the problem, you may ask? In the days that followed, several Executive members began to have second thoughts about the Executive's decision on November 15, 2012. They pointed out that the Constitution should be interpreted in its "spirit". The club should purchase all the radios at the same time, and not break them into two separate orders, regardless whether the Ice Race discipline needs new radios urgently. The proper procedure would require a written justification to be approved by the Executive. It would also require a 15-day minimum notice to be sent to all members that the purchase of these collective radios would be subject of a vote at the next membership meeting.

Peter Gwyn, 2012/13 WSCC President

## **Classifieds**

As members of the WSCC you can place for sale ads in the newsletter at no cost. If you have an ad you'd like in the newsletter please contact the club secretary at [secretary@wscc.mb.ca](mailto:secretary@wscc.mb.ca).



## Photos

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake



## AutoSlalom Year-End Get Together





## Annual Banquet









## Past Presidents and Members





# 2013 WSCC ICE RACING SERIES



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## **MAZENOD ROAD POND, WINNIPEG**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 5 - SEASON OPENER**

**TEST & TUNE, PRACTICE, QUALIFYING**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 6, 9:00AM - RACE #1**

## **FAST BROTHERS GP BLUMENORT**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 19 - HOT LAPS, TEST & TUNE**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 20, 9:00AM - RACE #2**

## **FAST BROTHERS GP BLUMENORT**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2 - HOT LAPS, TEST & TUNE**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3, 9:00AM - RACE #3**

## **ST MALO PROVINCIAL PARK**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16 - HOT LAPS, TEST & TUNE**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17, 9:00AM - RACE #4**

## **GIMLI ICE FESTIVAL - FIRE ON ICE SERIES GIMLI, MB**

**DOUBLE HEADER RACING WEEKEND - RACE #5**

**SATURDAY MARCH 2, 9:00AM**

**SUNDAY MARCH 3, 9:00AM**



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