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**Triad Sports Car Club (TSCC)** is a nonprofit, independent organization open to all persons interested in sports cars and sports car activities. The club hosts nine championship series autocrosses per year beginning in March, running through November. Members may compete for season championships in the SCCA Solo defined classes as well as "Novice" and "Street Tire" Class. Other activities throughout the year may include one or more road rallies as well as car shows and go-karting.

### Meetings

The first Thursday of each month at Milano Pizza (668-7888). 7011 Albert Road, Greensboro (near the Intersection of I-40 and Hwy 68). Dinner at 7pm followed by the meeting at 7:30 pm. Everyone (members and non-member alike) are invited to attend.

**The Drift** is the official monthly publication of the **TSCC**. It is mailed to all members and subscribers. In addition, all persons attending TSCC 's autocrosses and road rallies receive two complimentary issues following that event.

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**President's Report**  
**Justin Barbry**

Another great TSCC season is now in full swing. I'm already having a great time just driving to and from the events. The improvements we've made to the van and trailer make it much easier to drive to the events and much faster to setup once I arrive. I can't thank enough those who volunteered their time and muscle to help with our van and trailer upgrade days. The work has recieved nothing but compliments from everyone who has seen it.

I should probably give a quick run down of the first points event since our normal autocross columnist was out of town for the weekend. Eric Sienkiewicz and Brandon Hicks put their heads together and designed a great technical course. 118 drivers got four runs each to tackle the sweepers, slaloms, and even a 270° mini exit ramp. Patience was rewarded as is always the case with Greensboro Coliseums compromised grip level. Jinx Jordan was at the top of the PAX list in his FSP Civic and Donnie Barnes took FTD in his AS STI.

Our next event will be back at Greensboro Coliseum on April 22nd. This is our Victory Junction Gang Charity Grand Prix. We will be accepting donations at the event and we hope everyone can find a little something extra to help support a great local charity. Look for a few changes in the registration and worker sign up process at the event. We will be discussing some changes at the meeting on Thursday so please come out and voice your thoughts.

**Extra Extra!!**

Current TSCC Members and new members please get your application and money in for the 2007 year ASAP!!

Membership Applications are available at the end of **The Drift** as well as the website (<http://www.auto-x.com>)

## **Autocross Report** **Anthony Hodges**

Please see Auto-X report in President's Report!

## **2007 Autocross Schedule** **(Dates and Locations Subject to**

**Please note changes in BOLD!!**

**Confirmed** dates are in **RED**  
**Tentative** dates are in **Green**

Test & Tune---Mar. 4 LJVM Annex Lot (CCR 24 hour lot 3 years ago)

Event #1---Mar. 18 Greensboro Coliseum

**Event #2---Apr. 22 Greensboro Coliseum**

AutoX School---May 26 Danville Airport  
Event #3---May 27 Danville Airport

**Event #4---Jun. 17 Dixie Classic Fairgrounds**

**Event #5---Jul. 29 Old Sanford Airport**

Event #6---Aug. 19

Non-Points Time Trial Event---Sep.1 Danville Airport

Event #7---Sep. 2 Danville Airport

Event #8---Oct 28 Dixie Classic Fairgrounds

Event #9---Nov 25 UNCG Park 'N' Ride

### **Next events:**

What: VJGC Charity GP  
When: April 22, first car off at 11:00 AM  
Where: Greensboro Coliseum  
Cost: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members

## Tech Tips

### Jeff Yeattes

The season is one event old now. Did things work out the way you thought they would? Were you prepared? You'd better have a plan not only for the weather but for the changes that you feel that will make the most difference on the car. Tire selection like we talked about last month may need another look. Maybe going back to a more stock configuration on your car to get back to a class that you're more competitive in is what you need. It's very easy to change the wrong thing and get bumped way up the order! Now there's also that little issue of preparation. Did you do everything? What did you leave out? What did you leave off?? What did you forget to take?

In February I suggested to buy a rule book. Did you? That little book will answer at least a few of the previous questions. First off classing of the car is your responsibility and that's not always the easiest to do. Just a few changes may put you in Mod! Even Street Mod is a quick jump from stock. Can you put things back to stock legal for the event weekend? If so you may want to do so and learn to drive the car in that configuration. Stock may not sound like a lot of fun or very competitive but it is. A well prepared stock class car can sometimes be well up in the raw time order; not to mention PAX. Sticky tires and high tech shocks can really make a car come alive.

Last month I talked about a harness; did you get one? If not a cheap alternative is a torso belt. A free suggestion is: if your stock seat belt locks if you jerk it hard, you can slip your shoulder out, lock the belt with no slack left and put your shoulder back under with the belt tight. You can, with the belt latched, pull it tight across your lap and then unlatch it, keeping it tight, and twist it a couple of times then re-latch it.

You should have an idea of how much this first event cost you. Is that cost sustainable with your budget? If not how can you best spend your time and money? We've got a Drivers School in May that should be on your list of events to run. Then pick a few of the warmer weather but maybe not hot ones like August. We'll run at several different sites this year, you may want to run

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## Secretary Report

### Meganne Hicks

7:35

Please pay your membership dues ASAP.

Spent \$377, took in \$208.

T-n-T: Different lot this year. We are using the lot that CCR used at their 24-hour event 3 years ago. Group home of 15-16 year olds to spectate this event.

SE Divisional: May 5-6<sup>th</sup> in Danville. Co-hosting w/ CCR. We will provide our equipment for them to use. Profit will be split between CCR & Triad, after NCR covers its expenses. You will have to be a SCCA Member to run the Divisional. This is not a Triad points event. Running for points: You need to run 3 + the championship to contend for the championship points.

The Van looks great! Thanks to all that helped!

We need you to design the new graphics for the van! Get creative and let's see what you got!

We need to have a trailer day. Anyone that can lend a hand and clean it up. Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> is the date. Justin will update us on the time and location on the forum.

Greensboro - March 18<sup>th</sup>: Brandon and Eric will Co-Chair the event and design the course.

Dave has 245x45x17 710s for sale.

Brandon has a North Face Shell for sale.

Justin has guitar equipment for sale.

Adjourned at 8:12



**Tech Tips***(Continued from page 5)*

each one once.

The stuff that you take with you can also make or break your day. That old poncho in the trunk may come in handy. You know what "They" say about April showers! Clothes can be very important not only in the cooler months but in the summer you'd better have a good hat to keep the sun off as well as sun screen. Then there's stuff for the car. I was quite lucky a friend had a spare lug nut that I could use a couple of years back. I'd failed to get mine tight and torqued; one fell off on the way to the event. Just like NASCAR you won't pass tech without all the lug nuts. Take at least a few wrenches, Duct tape (you can't race without Duct tape!) and a quart of oil are also good to have.

Food for the car (gas) and the driver will be needed. Some drivers and cars will require more than others. Take plenty of water and a few sports drinks in the summer. You need to stay hydrated. Sitting in a hot car or standing in the sun will take a lot out of you before you know it.

Even if you had a bad first event come on back and try again. Ask a fellow competitor for some help or advice and remember we're here to have fun. See ya there.

**Treasury Report****March Cash Flow: 3/1/07- 4/2/07****March Net Worth:****NET WORTH REPORT 4/2/2007****ACCOUNT Balance****ASSETS**

Cash and Bank Accounts

Checking 4,746.00

Petty Cash 264.24

Savings 0

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts 5,010.24

TOTAL ASSETS 5,010.24

LIABILITIES 0

OVERALL TOTAL 5,010.24

OVERALL TOTAL 3,202.23

**CATEGORY DESCRIPTION****INFLOWS**

Annual Dues Payment 150.00

Event Revenue 3,225.00

Member Dues 1,535.00

TOTAL INFLOWS 4,910.00

**OUTFLOWS**

Awards 567.82

Equip Maint 229.00

Event Exp 60.00

Insur, Events 230.00

Van &amp; Trailer:

Fuel, Maint. &amp; Inspection 343.95

Van Insurance 277.00

TOTAL Van &amp; Trailer 620.95

TOTAL OUTFLOWS 1,707.77

OVERALL TOTAL 3,202.23

## Editor's Note

Hi folks,

Hi from your friendly neighborhood Drift Editor. I am writing a report because I am tired of begging and pleading for articles. Please guys when I post deadlines for articles I need you guys to stick to those deadlines. The posted deadline for articles is not up for decoration or my personal amusement. Bottom line is when I ask for articles please don't take all month to get them to me. I'm a very tolerant person and I understand that asking for articles during the off season was more difficult and I appreciate everyone working so hard to get stuff to me. But we're into the season now and there is plenty to write about for everyone, whether that's writing about the past event, the next event, any meetings we're having, discussions going on in the forums for people who don't read them, etc. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform people about the club activities so please help me out!

Thank you!  
Diana W. Huang  
Drift Editor

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TSCC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] New Membership [ ] Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (OPT) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (OPT) \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTION TO ACCEPT NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL - CIRCLE ONE YES NO**

Autocross Vehicles: Make Model Year Class

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Other Club Affiliations: [ ] CCR [ ] HSCC [ ] BRR SCCA [ ] SCCA [ ] THSCC

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] \$25 Individual membership [ ] \$35 Joint membership (member/spouse)

[ ] \$10 Additional household member

[ ] \$150 Individual membership + nine TSCC Championship autocross entry fees (\$205 value)

[ ] \$160 Joint membership (member/spouse) + nine TSCC Championship autocross entry fees for one member

[ ] \$280 Joint membership + nine TSCC Championship autocross entry fees for each

**ALL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE PAID BY THE FIRST EVENT**

*I agree to abide by the rules and by-laws of Triad Sports Car Club, Ltd., and to uphold and promote the ideals of the club.*

Signature of member: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of other household members: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETION OF MINOR PERMISSION FORM BY BOTH PARENTS REQUIRED FOR ALL DRIVERS UNDER 18.  
DRIVERS UNDER 16 NOT ALLOWED. MUST HAVE LICENSE PERMITTING DRIVING ALONE.**



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