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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.

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President's Report
Justin Barbry

In years past we had an amendment in our by-laws stating that individuals that possessed driving permits would NOT be permitted to drive in our events, however many of our members feel that autoxing would be an excellent way to teach young drivers how to handle their cars. We need to vote on if we want to change that so we can allow drivers with permits to drive with an adult

Autocross Report

Anthony Hodges

This was our first trip to The Old Sanford Airport as a club and from the sound of everyone after I think it was a big success and I look forward to returning later this year. The only draw back to the entire day was the heat !..Joe Magyar was our Event Chair and course designer and did an awesome job in his first ever design. More than 100 drivers took the very fast course that Joe, Diana and Chris had laid out. It started out with an easy right that flowed into a quick left that if negotiated correctly dropped you right in the front of the first Chicago box. Getting out of this box quickly proved very important as this was the start of one of several VERY quick straights. You wanted to be on the gas early and hold it to the floor through the lane changes and all the way into the first slalom. This required 3rd gear for some of us. The decreasing slalom saw more than a few cars uneasy near the end, but once through you were on to another fast section that approached the rev limiter for many .you could stay on the gas through the offsets and into the cups, Joe's modified Chicago Boxes. After the Cups you had a medium speed left hander that turned you back to the main runway. You then took a right onto the runway and set up for the pivot cone at the top. Coming off the Pivot was another acceleration area that saw most cars topping second gear in several fast sections. These eventually brought you to another slalom that crossed diagonally from one side of the runway to the other, Fast entry and critical exit. Leaving the slalom early on the gas was important as this lead to the final fast section and the finish. After the finish it was time to catch your breath !Very fast, fun and technical course that took a lot of "OO" to stay on the gas as long as you

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2007 Autocross Schedule

(Dates and Locations Subject to

Aug. 18-19: Seepfeed Nationals, presented by zMax in Rockingham, NC

Aug 25-26: NCAC in Danville, VA

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: SpeedFed Nationals

When: Aug 18-19

Where: Rockingham Dragway in Rockingham, NC

For more information:

<http://www.speedfednationals.com/autocross.htm>

What: NCAC

When Aug 25-26

Where: Danville Airport in Danville, VA

Cost: Members: \$50.00 for both days

(includes lunch and a t-shirt), \$35.00 for one day (includes lunch but no t-shirt)

Information for all events on:

<http://myautoevents.com>

Tech Tips

Jeff Yeattes

No TSCC Championship event this month? Yes, it's true; and there'll be two next month. So we've got time to prepare for the money paying event at Rockingham, the NCAC or the SCCA Nationals next month. What to do? What to do? Plan, prepare, and get crackin'. The Rockingham event will be a good test and tune for the NCAC; if you get good data from that test. You'll need to make a financial commitment no matter which events you choose. I say this in all candor as I'm doing these very things.

I again didn't follow my own advice a while back and bought a project Triumph TR6 from a friend. It used to be a competitive car but as I got further into looking, once it was mine, another mistake; it was going to take a lot more work to get going and competitive again than I'd first thought. So having money and not much time, (it's always one or the other isn't it?) I've bought some parts and the car still sits in my bay in the shop. So I've now bought another car, running and competitive in a couple of different classes. So I must decide what class to run and what modifications to add or delete to make the most of the purchase. Again this has been a bit harder than imagined. But the good part is friends in TSCC pointing me towards the internet and adding their experience to help in the decision making. When pointed to the Andy Hollis blog on the [Grassroots Motorsports](#) site by some front runners, I knew I was on the right track. I've known of and about Andy for quite a long time; he's quite a fierce competitor. (Ask me sometime and I'll tell you just how fierce; when I was on the protest committee at a divisional in Atlanta many years ago and Andy was protested.) But I digress. The info on the blog was instrumental in my decision making. The open honest layout of costs and parts to build a car were some of the best I've seen. All secrets of success aren't revealed but plenty of great ideas. The blog is about a Mazda Miata but this info can apply to lots of cars if you take the time to sort through. So I'm going to get crackin'.

The folks at GRM have for years done a

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Secretary Report

Meganne Hicks

Treasury Report: We have some money in the bank! Spent \$1330 in Van repair / Storage, Site Location, and Misc. Expenses. Took in \$2105 from the Danville Event.

Auto-x Report: At Sanford - Joe Magyar set up a long, quick course that really took many by surprise. With all of the room that Sanford has to offer, he took full advantage of it! Many drivers were hitting the limits of their tires and 2nd gear. Great Job Joe!

Upcoming Events: Matt Douglas, Jeff Joyce, and Ken Kahlil are racing at VIR 8/11 - 8/12. If you have the time please come out and support these guys! **SpeedFed Nationals:** August 19, 2007 Rockingham Dragway. It is very likely that you will win some \$\$\$ and get your car published in a magazine! Be seen, be there! More information at: <http://speedfednationals.com/autocross.htm>

NCAC: Danville hosted this year by HSCC. The NCAC, presented by Lotus of Durham, is North Carolina's premier autocross competition. This two-day event is hosted each year by one of the four founding clubs - CCR-SCCA, Triad Sports Car Club, Tarheel Sports Car Club, and Highlands Sports Car Club. This year, Highlands will be the host. As in the past, you can expect this event to draw a large number competitor from all across the state and beyond, including some Nationals-level drivers. If you want to test your skills against the best in the area on a pair of large, fun, and challenging Nationals-style courses, then THIS EVENT IS FOR YOU! (Please note: you don't have to be member of a founding club - or even a resident of North Carolina - in order to participate or receive a trophy.)

- Entry Fee:
\$50.00 --- both days, includes t-shirt and lunch both days
\$35.00 --- Saturday or Sunday only, includes lunch but not t-shirt
*** Add \$10 if you do not pre-register through MyAutoEvents

Classes:

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This event will use all the standard SCCA classes including separate Ladies classes, a PAX'ed Novice class, and a PAX'ed Pro class. In addition, a PAX'ed Street Tire class with the following rule set will be available:

- Street Touring categories are not eligible
- Tire & wheel size is dictated by your base class rules
- Tires must have min. tread wear rating of 140
- Tires must be mass produced and readily available to all competitors

Schedule:Friday 8/24

6:00 - 9:00 pm --- Registration/Check-in & Tech Inspection AT THE EVENT SITE

Saturday 8/25

7:00 - 9:45 am --- Course open for walking

8:00 - 9:15 am --- Late Registration & Tech

9:45 am --- Driver's Meeting

10:00 am --- First Car Off

Sunday 8/26

7:00 - 9:45 am --- Course open for walking 8:00 -

9:00 am --- Late Registration & Tech

9:45 am --- Driver's Meeting

10:00 am --- First Car Off

***** NO "ANNUAL TECH" WILL BE ACCEPTED. ALL CARS MUST BE TECHED *****

September 1st-2nd Triad's Cross Trial at Danville.

This is going to be an awesome spectacle of driver skills. 2 laps around the auto-x course is going to be a new adventure for many of us!

Spaces are limited!

Business: There has been talk in regards to the Learner Permit issue. Overall, it looks like with our insurance, we are not able to allow teenagers with "Learner Permits" to participate in driving at an autocross. We were supposed to post this issue in the Drift, so we can have a vote on it, but there is nothing to vote on. Justin is looking for Loud Speakers for the event setup. Keep an eye and an ear out for some! We need to make sure that we are providing enough tape and #'s for the cars. New Member: Brandon "Skully" Ford Escort. Looking forward to coming out and supporting the club by bringing 3 others and their auto-x prepared Supra!

For Sale: Scott Sawyer has \$100 headlights / \$75 Trailer Hitch.

Andy Monfalcone has \$350 set Wheels/Tires / \$350 Koenig Shocks.

Please contact them for details.

AutoX Report*(Continued from page 4)*

needed too !! Nice job Joe !

The Fastest of the fast that day was Les Davis and his Z06 taking FTD and placing high in PAX as well. Les just edged out Chuck Tegeler and a VERY QUICK Jim Feinburg. Jim did manage to best everyone in PAX, but we are all sure its just the car, as his car and its 3 other drivers swept the top 4 PAX spots. The Ladies were also very fast at Sanford with Donna Frank, Suzanne Hodges and Catherine Tegeler all placing inside the top 10 in RAW times. Guys its no need to look over shoulders for the fast ladies, they are in front now !

After all the fun and trophies about 30 of us headed to a small Italian restaurant for our after autocross meal. That's right I said Italian, breaking from our traditional Mexican meal. The company and food were awesome and many stories were told, some were even true !! I've said before but if you haven't been, you need to do the after autocross meals as they are the highlite of most events. I think we will try the Olive Garden next time !! See you guys at the NCAC's !!

Anthony Hodges TSCC VP

PS: Steph, don't shoot me !

Also don't forget about our Cross Trial and Danville event coming up Sept 1-2

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TECH TIPS

very good job at helping shed light on this sport we love and there are loads of forums on the internet that you can access to help your specific needs. So my real tip this month is seek specific advice on your car from drivers in the club, other clubs and the internet. Study up!

Cash Flow Report (7/1/07 through 8/2/07)

Category Description 7/1/07-8/2/07**INFLOWS:**

Event Revenue	4,210.00
Member Dues	25.00

TOTAL INFLOWS	4,235.00
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OUTFLOWS:

Annual Championship- Awards	19.18
Awards	190.95
Equip Maint	266.34
Event Exp	246.71
Event Site Costs	400.00
Insur, Events	620.00
Van & Trailer: Fuel, Maint. & Inspection	__75.00__

TOTAL Van and Trailer	75.00
Van Storage	330.00

TOTAL OUTFLOWS	2,148.18
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OVERALL TOTAL	2,086.00
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Results from Sanford, 7/29/07**Class Winners:**

SS - Les Davis
AS - Donna Frank
BS - Chris Odlemon
DS - Chuck Branscomb
ES - William Gravely
FS - Brian Lewis
GS - Tony Fowler
HS - Bernie Baake
STS - Chris Cline
STS2 - Christopher Lin
STX - David Frankel
STU - Phil Fausz
BSP - Bobby Windmeyer
CSP - Wes Eargle
DSP - Christopher Agocs
FSP - Yarko Thomas
SM - Chuck Tegeler
BP - Ed Evans
CP - Tom Wilheit
FP - Evan Levine
DM - Steve Johnson
EM - Joe Worsley

PAX Classes

Tire - Joel Lindelof
Ladies Stock - Jackie Branscomb
Ladies Street - Suzanne Hodges
Ladies Mod - Catherine Tegeler
Pro - Jim Feinberg
Novice - Brendon Windmeyer

Fastest Time Pax

Jim Feinberg

Fastest Time Raw

Les Davis

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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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