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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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Available

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

The 2007 autocross season is upon us. It is only a matter of days now before we will have our chance to shake out the rust at the Test "N" Tune on March 4th. I know everyone is getting anxious to try out that new go fast part (or parts) that UPS delivered over the off season. Several members have been working on totally new cars during the winter and I'm excited to see the the fresh hardware tearing through the lots this season.

The club also has some handywork to show off this year. Our big yellow van is just as big as it always was, but it is 100% more yellow than it was in previous years. I can't wait for everyone to see it in all it's blinding glory. On my way to deliver it to Anthony's house last week I stopped by the auto parts store to pick up some oil and the clerk commented that I was driving a fine looking rig. I cannot thank enough all the members and friends who came out February 18th to help clean, strip, and paint it. It really is a whole new vehicle now.

We have a very busy season this year and I'm happy to say that we are ahead of the game already. Lotus of Durham has agreed to work with us again this season by sponsoring three events. Our own "Flying Italian", Frank Destasio has put us in contact with Flow Mini and Sirius Radio to sponsor our first Dixie Classic event on June 17th. We are once again working with Victory Junction Gang, Brenner's Hospital, and Greensboro Urban Ministries charities.

*(Continued on page 6)***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

Well, we got off to a great start so far this. We've had our Van and trailer painted and our new staff was ready to get things going at our Test and Tune. About 60 drivers showed up to knock the rust off their respective rides and sharpen their skills after what seemed like a long winter break. Many of our usual competitors were there along with many new faces. Hopefully we can continue bringing these new faces to the event.

We were greeted with bright blue skies, but very intense winds, making the set-up a little chilly for us early staff members. The wind didn't hamper our anticipation for the days events as we set about laying out the course and setting up the timing equipment. Our course was fairly simple and just the right amount of elements to work the kinks out. It started with a short down and back slalom, into a slow left sweeper, and a quick right that dumped you out into a Chicago box. The Box was deceptively fast giving you plenty of speed for the downhill run to the off camber right hander. Get the entry right and mid corner you could nail the throttle and hold it down all the way thru the lights.

There were many good times, with Dave "Spoon" O'maley leading the way with a 29.4 and also taking top PAX honors for the day. Our novices also were doing well as one by one there times got better and their smiles bigger. Everything seemed to just flow today and before we knew it, it was time to pack up and head to our favorite restaraunt. For those that missed the meal, you are missing the best part of the day. This is when you realize how much of a family this group really is, not to mention how funny some of our members can be away from competition.

Suzanne and I will miss you guys at the first event, our trip to Tahoe falls right on that Saturday, but we will be back before the next event, ready to go. Hope to see as many of you as possible there.

And dont forget that the 2nd Greensboro event, April 22 will be our Victory Junction Gang Camp Charity Gran Prix. We need all the dona

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## 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: TEST AND TUNE!!!

When: March 4, first car off 11:00 AM

Where: LJVM in Winston Salem

What: Trailer Cleaning (just trailer)

When: Tentatively March 17

Where: TBA (check forum for updates)

What: TSCC Pts Event #1

When: March 18, first car off at 11:00 AM

Where: Greensboro Coliseum

## Tech Tips

### Jeff Yeattes

Test and Tune is just days away. The changes that you make at that event can make a big difference; if you know what to change and how it will effect your car's handling.

Changing the shocks stiffness, or unhooking a swaybar (anti-roll bar) are just a couple of things that can really help. If you don't know what to do ask someone. You will need to consult with your alignment specialist or an experienced auto-crosser for specifics. A small change in toe settings will make a big difference on course and screw things up on the street. Make sure that your baseline settings were done with you in the driver's seat.

Tire pressure is the thing that is most often changed and it can make the most profound difference. Normal "street" pressures of 25-28lbs are too low for the forces of turning at an auto-cross and the tire will roll past the tread onto the sidewall and possibly off the rim! More air will usually help. The lower the aspect ratio of the tire the less likely this is to happen as the sidewall is both shorter and stiffer. A rule of thumb has been add 10-15lbs with a 60 series tire. But tire technology constantly improves; lower aspect ratio tires may add less but possibly more! Mark the sidewall with white shoe polish or something similar. Then do some test and tuning of your own. Once you're scrubbing just to the edge of the tread you'll be able to adjust in 1 or 2lb increments to dial things in; Just like the big boys. Get a quality gauge to check pressures with!

The only thing that connects your car to the road is that tire patch at each corner. It's no bigger than your hand, and with squirm and deflection it gets smaller than that. The whole reason for changing shocks, settings and tires is to maximize that patch and keep it as large and stable as possible. The tire works on a coefficient of friction with the road. A new road with lots of sharp edges, when magnified; will grip better than an older road that's worn those edges down. This is one reason on a race track there's a rain line but not on a street course. You can feel the difference between the coliseum parking lots and

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## Secretary Report

### Meganne Hicks

Meeting came to order at 7:35 pm  
\$386 in the bank.

Paid through 2 events.

\$1320 for the Banquet Trophies

\$1200 for site cost contracts

Please pay membership dues ASAP. We are covered on insurance through March.

Test-n-Tune: Open to everyone.

Ken Kahlil moving to Road Racing! Congrats and good luck to him!

2/17/07: Van Clean-Up day. We need all hands available to get the big yellow van prepared for the new season. We are in need of Hair Dryers, shop rags, oil drain / waste containers & Painters tape. (See forum thread.) Teams to be set up to do different tasks: Sanding, Heater core, and interior cleaning...

**Updated: Van is painted and cleaned!**  
**Thanks to all that helped!**

ED: Suggestion to give a ride to spectators for a nominal charge (\$5 was suggested) but insurance will not permit. Waiver does not cover. Only instructors / the instructed can be riding, spectators are not "allowed". Anthony is to ask the insurance company about this.

Justin arrives at 7:48 pm.

50% chance Justin will miss the June Event. Brett has volunteered to come and set up a couple events to learn to set up.

**Updated: Justin will make it. He found someone to cover him at work.**

Deady is not going to be able to do the photography anymore. Diana has offered to snap our pictures for this season's events.

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**President's Report**

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Keep an eye out for an update to the schedule in the coming weeks. We are still in negotiations to bring a Southeast Divisional 2-day event to Danville in May. Also at Danville this year, our autocross school / #3 points event on May 26-27 and our double header Memorial Day weekend Time Trial / #7 points event on September 1-2. Make sure you get your hotel rooms booked early.

**Autocross Report**

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tions we can get ,in the form of a check made out to VJGC.

Thanks,See you at the next event !!

Anthony Hodges  
TSCC Auto-x VP

**Tech Tips**

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Danville airport. If you can find more grip you'll drop your times.

Body mechanics and ergonomics come into play too as you drive. If your car is perfect in its mechanicals and you're not; you won't get the most out of a run. I spoke before of a tight seat belt or adding a harness; these will help you sit up straight and not flop around. The car doesn't care as such if you do, but the force you can exert on the wheel or even the pedals will change as you improve your position and grip. Take a look at sports like skiing and their emphasis on body position to get the best performance. You will see that if you sit too far back from the wheel with no bend in your elbow that you can't exert as much force as when your arm is bent. If you're too far away from the pedals you sure won't be able to mash the brake all the way. As you drive on the street try different seating positions. Some will be more comfortable for a long drive but won't give the same leverage on the wheel as what you'll want for a 40 sec. trip around the cones.

Make those final adjustments it's just a couple of weeks 'till showtime!

**Secretary Report**

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New season is going to rock. SCCA SE Divisional: Thinking about doing 3 events in NC. 1 for may 5-6<sup>th</sup> in Danville. Hang-up: We are not SCCA affiliated. Danville is NCR's region. Hayward Wagner is now running SE Div. Running for points: You need to run 3 + the championship to contend for the championship points.

Commonwealth Games- SE Div at Danville? TBD since this is Blue Ridge.

Danville: 2 2-day events: 1) will be a time trial set-up Saturday (run 2 laps at one time) / Regular Auto-x Sunday.

Sanford: Bigger and Better (?) than Danville.

NCAC: Highlands is Hosting. Statesville Auto-Auction (HUGE LOT) is a hopeful site. If NCAC in Statesville it will be a points event for us.

Lotus of Durham: Jim Carter is no longer with Lotus; He is now at a Hyundai dealership. Even though he is gone, Lotus will still be sponsoring a few of our events. Flow Mini will sponsor June Event. Sirius will also set up at this event.

Penske track in Mooresville!! We need an in. Keep an eye or ear out about this track.

Still looking for extra lots. Please keep your eyes out for empty parking lots.

New Member Introduction:  
2006 Ford GT Convertible, Michael Robertson.  
Welcome

Ace Speedway: We cannot auto-x there anymore due to the number of guardrails. The owner is looking to have a go-kart track out there. Justin & Anthony have offered to design the track. They are looking to do a Saturday night event every week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm

***Treasurer's Report***  
***Joe Worsley***

**Net Worth Report**  
(As of 3/1/07)

<u>Acct</u>	<u>3/1/07 Balance</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	
Petty Cash	1,603.75
Savings	264.24
	0.00
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>1,867.99</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,867.99</b>
LABILITIES	0.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,876.99</b>



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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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