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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****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 our 2nd event has come and gone. This was our 2nd Annual Victory Junction Gang Camp Charity Grand Prix Sponsored by Lotus of Durham (Thanks Lotus !!). First let me thank those that donated. These were the most thoughtful and generous people I know and Victory Junction and the children will thank you from the bottom of their hearts . Before a direct donation from the club (amount undetermined as of yet), we raised \$1,045 ,almost \$300 more than last year. Thank you so much. Now the bad news out of 140+ competitors that were at the event only 11 actually contributed anything to Victory Junction. I can't believe that these 130 other people couldn't spare \$1 to help these children out. I had at least 3 people that did give \$1 and told me that's all they could afford, I thanked them and told them that was great, if everyone donated \$1 I would have been happy. Needless to say I was disappointed with less than 9% donating at all. I will hold these donations until after our Danville event before carrying them to the camp, any who wish could still donate at our next meeting and at our next event.

Now for the real fun stuff. We had 140+ entrants show up for what turned out to be a beautiful but hot day. The course was laid out by your truly and it was meant to be an easy driving, flowing course. It turned out to be much more technical than I intended. It did have all your elements, a fast sweeper, fast uphill straight, tighter technical patient turns, a couple of slaloms and a couple of butt pucker corners. We did have a lot of DNF's in the first run group, partly because we had so many novices, partly because SOME people didn't walk the course enough and partly because I didn't mark the course well enough. All of these issues we will address in our next meeting. (PLUG ,Please attend our meetings, its your chance for input to the club) After the first run group things settled down and the day went relatively smooth. Keith Vail debuted his newly set-up Crossfire and went on to win PRO and set FTP with a PAX time of

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## 2007 Autocross Schedule

*(Dates and Locations Subject to*

### All dates are confirmed except for Aug. 19

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: Super Regional (hosted by TSCC and CCR)

When: May 5th and May 6th

Where: Danville Airport

Cost: \$30 per day or \$55 for both days

What: TSCC Auto-X School

When: May 25th (classroom session) and May 26th (driving)

Where: Danville Airport

Cost: \$40 (MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO EVENT)

What: TSCC Event #3

When May 27

Where: Danville Airport, first car off at 11:00 AM

Cost: Members: \$20.00

Non-Members: \$25.00 (save and become a member today)

Registration for all events on:  
<http://myautoevents.com>



## Tech Tips

### Jeff Yeattes

May is here already and we've done our first two events, how's it gone for you so far? I hope your times are getting better each run.

Planning has been discussed here lately. Have you got things figured out? Are you in the right class now? Got those new tires? How are they working? Packed everything? Say, a check list might be handy.

The backpackers among us may get more in a small space but the rest will need extra room. A small trailer may come in very handy and they're relatively cheap. Check out what some folks bring their tires in on. You'll see a variety, but some come in on utility trailers from places like Northern Tool and Pep Boys. (Tom "Toophless" has a review with photos of one he got at Harbor Freight in our online forum.) Get a plastic bed box for a pickup and you'll have a place for tires and tools; keeping your car clean inside. Speaking of tools, a full size aluminum floor jack would be a great item to have in that box. Back to the trailer, make sure your hitch is appropriate and fastened securely. You don't want to have a trailer jump off a too small hitch ball like I did once. Use the safety chains!

There's a great article, "The must do list" in this month's Sports Car magazine from SCCA, on suspension tuning for stock class. I recommend you find a copy and read it! The info is much more in depth than I can do here. Also in that issue is "First Gear" featuring an interview of Tara Knoll who runs with us some.

The autocross School is this month; May 26th in Danville Va. We use the airport runway and taxiway; accessed from the gate just past the main entrance (same as the event). On Friday night there is a class room session done by an experienced autocrosser. If you're going to be a student this time let us know early, so we can plan for food etc. on Saturday. Make sure that you're well prepared with good tires (not brand new but not ones about to show cord either), fresh oil and air filters if their due. An air pressure gauge and an air tank are almost must have items. As is some shade; a hat, an umbrella, or an EZ-up canopy

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## Secretary Report

### Meganne Hicks

#### New Member:

Chris Driving an Dodge SRT-4.

Hats are for sale: \$15.00 See Joe or Tom Jurgenon for more details

#### Auto-x report:

Great start to a great season. Greensboro Auto-x First time auto-x designers Brandon & Eric, designed an amazing course. The 270 through many people for a loop and the tight course made for some technical and quick thinking.

FTD: Donnie Barnes STI / FTP: Jinx Jordan.

Next Event: April 22<sup>nd</sup> Victory Junction Gang Camp Charity Event at the Greensboro Coliseum. Please support this great cause and raise money for the children. Lotus of Durham will be sponsoring the event.

#### May 5-6<sup>th</sup> Super – Regional Event at Danville:

2 Separate days \$35 a day or \$55 for both days. Triad will design course one day and CCR will design the other. If you have any ideas, please come forward to Justin or Anthony. Be sure to book your hotel room at the Best Western – The official TSCC place to stay on race day!

(Super – Regional Championship Rules: You must 4 of the Super Regional events to be a contender for the championship. 2 are in Danville, 2 in Alabama and 2 in Atlanta.)

Thanks to the people that helped with the trailer! Tom Wilheit was a big help in welding and Chris Agocs was a big help in Design! Thanks guys

Worker Assignments: Sign up at registration will go into effect again. This will be easier for every one to keep up with. There will be a morning and afternoon list. This used to be in affect a few years ago for those that

**AutoX Report***(Continued from page 4)*

36.984 and a RAW of 46.000. Nice job! Our PRO class put on a great show and Dominated the top 10 in PAX .With the difference between 1st and 10th being only 1.3 seconds, anyone could have pulled the win. The only non-PRO entrant to invade the top 10 PAX was our SS winner, Dave (Silver Spoon)O'maley (aka The Pants).Dave also took FTD with a RAW time of 45.015. Again the top 10 in RAW was a show in itself with the difference between 1st and 10th a mere .985 seconds !! You would be hard pressed to find this kind of competition anywhere.

When all was done, we headed for Back-Streets for little after autocross meal. Those of you who didn't make this really need to join us for these dinners. This is when the best stories are told and the club becomes a family.

Our Next event is May 5-6 at Danville Airport. It is a Southeast Division Super Regional hosted by Triad Sports Car Club and the Central Carolinas Region of the SCCA. This will be the closest to National style event this area will see this year. It's your chance to compete against and learn from the best autocrossers our Region has to offer. We will also have Saturday Night Social that I promise should not be missed. More info is on our Web site and My-autoevents.com.

We also have our annual Autocross School on May 25-26, also at Danville Airport. This your chance to learn from Triad's best. It will be a classroom on Friday from 6-9 and on course all day Saturday. This is an excellent time to learn and get seat time. Suzanne and I will be teaching the school on Friday and nearly 20 instructors will be on Hand Saturday. More info is on our web site.

That's it for me. See you at the next autocross

Anthony Hodges—TSCC Autocross VP

### Tech Tips

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will come in handy. Don't forget the sun-screen; and don't forget to wipe it off your hands once you apply it. You don't want a slippery steering wheel. Come ready to learn and **have a working seat belt on the passenger side of your car**. That may sound silly but instructors ride with you and we'd like to keep them safely strapped in!

Finally for those of you who've been running up front; don't loose focus. A slump will come quick if you are lulled into over confidence. Work on knocking off a few tenths here and there each run. Seconds come off easy when you're down in the run order but the further up you are; it's harder and harder to find those tenths. Just a little extra smoothness in a turn or on the start may mean the difference if the second place runner is catching up.

### Secretary

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were here. Offenders that did not work will be under the wrath of stricter rules and penalties. There will be an amendment to the change the constitution that will be voted on at the next meeting:

We reserve the right to make the offenders that do not work their assigned station, work twice before that they are able to run again. We also reserve the right to remove all of their timed runs for that event & publicly post their names.

Auto-x school is coming around and we need more instructors, including a Friday night teacher. Best Western is our event hotel and there will be some great fun to be had on Saturday night! Come out for the fun!

Trying to figure out a way to add pre-pay service along with pre-registration. Any ideas are more than welcome. Any way that we can make the registration time shorter and more efficient can be very helpful so if you have any thoughts, feel free to speak up!

At the April 2007 meeting we voted to amend with additional stronger penalties our **Autocross By-Laws Article IX 6 b**. "All entrants in an autocross will be required to work the event during his assigned time. Failure to do so will result in automatic forfeiture of the entrant's fastest time. (amended 4/1/99)"

To be amended to read:All entrants in an autocross will be required to work the event during his assigned time. All worker substitutions must be approved by the worker chairman. *We reserve the right to make the offenders that do not work their assigned station, work twice before that they are able to run again. We also reserve the right to remove all of their timed runs for that event & publicly post their names.*

A vote was taken was on 4.5.07, of approximately 20 in attendance that vote was 20 yes and none opposed.



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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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