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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-carting.

### 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***

### ***Scott Sawyer***

Why do you autocross? For me there are lots of reasons. When I first started it was for the rush, a chance to drive faster than I could on the street. Then it became about the competition, trying to beat the other people in my class.

Now it's as much about the social aspect as anything else, getting to see friends that I don't get to spend a lot of time with. The other thing I've noticed over the last few years is the clarity I feel when I autocross. No matter what I have going on in my life, how busy things are, how good or bad I'm feeling, for the 30-60 seconds I'm on course it's all gone. For that small window of time I am completely in the moment, everything fades into the background. It's almost like meditation for me, a place I can go in my head where nothing else matters. So what's your reason?

Don't forget the club meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> at Milano's. We hope to have an announcement regarding the NCAC date and location at the meeting and will be working out the final details between now and then.

We're looking forward to going back to Groves Stadium, the June event will be our only visit to that site this year. Hope everyone can make it out!

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

***New Stuff Report***  
***Matt Feeney***

**Tech Tips**  
**Jeff Yeattes**

The season is a few events old now. Have things worked out the way you thought they would? Were you prepared? Did you do everything? What did you leave out? What did you leave off? What did you forget to take? I've suggested buying or downloading a rulebook. Did you? That little book may 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. A few things can bump you up one or two classes.

You should have an idea of how much the first events cost you. Is that cost sustainable with your budget? If not, how can you best spend your time and money? Did you do a driver's school? That should be on your list of events to run. You may want to lay low and let your wallet catch up if things are tight.

I hope the multitude of people walking the courses early is a sign of good habits. Did you take notes? Draw your own course map? Start an event journal? If not, it's food for thought. Success starts at home. Take advantage of the novice walk through even if you're no longer a novice. New ideas may present themselves from an experienced guide.

I know many people take advantage of the fun-runs, mainly for fun, but it could be a good test for changes. I've really missed good opportunities for doing that myself. I'd had a lot of fun in the regular session and had good people there to help me with adjustments but I didn't capitalize on the idea.

Don't forget to just ask around for advice. You may find several answers to the same question but if you can talk to someone with a similar car you'll be better off. After all a great set-up on the CRX that beats my Miata won't be the same set-up that works for my car to beat his. Also you may want to take advantage of our club's online forum. There's advice offered to questions and there are parts deals offered in the For Sale section.

**Secretary Report**  
**Andy Monfalcone**

**Triad Sports Car Club April 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm by President Sawyer

Treasurer's Report:

Total on Hand: \$1514

Cash Flow for March:

Awards Banquet Payments	\$555
Event 1 Revenue	\$720
<u>Member Dues</u>	<u>\$450</u>
Total Inflow	\$1725

Awards	\$205
Equip Maint.	\$149
Equipment	\$450
Event Exp	\$26
Event Site Costs	\$2400
Insurance, Events	\$310
Van Fuel	\$66
Van & Trailer Insurance	\$281
<u>SoloPro School Fee</u>	<u>\$2400</u>
Total Outflow	\$6287

Total Cash Flow (\$4562)

Autocross Report:

TSCC hosted the first ever SoloPro Driving Schools 3/17 and 3/18 at Danville

17 drivers took the introduction course on Saturday

18 drivers attended the competition school on Sunday

Special thanks go to Justin Barbry, Michael Feeney, and Matt Feeney for their help

Points Event 2 will be 5/3 at Dixie Classic Fairgrounds

No New Business

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

## 2009 AUTOCROSS SCHEDULE

Feb 8, 2009	<a href="#"><u>Dixie Test n Tune</u></a>
Mar 1, 2009	<a href="#"><u>2009 Points Event 1 @ Park n Ride</u></a>
Mar 21, 2009	<a href="#"><u>SoloPro Intro school</u></a>
Mar 21, 2009	<a href="#"><u>SoloPro Intro School Waiting list</u></a>
Mar 22, 2009	<a href="#"><u>SoloPro Comp School</u></a>
Mar 22, 2009	<a href="#"><u>SoloPro Comp School Waiting List</u></a>
Apr 3-4, 2009	<a href="#"><u>TSCC 2009 Novice School</u></a>
Apr 5, 2009	<a href="#"><u>2009 Points Event 2 @ Danville</u></a>
Apr 18-19, 2009	<a href="#"><u>SoloPro Extreme School</u></a>
May 3, 2009	<a href="#"><u>2009 Points Event 3 @ Dixie</u></a>
Jun 21, 2009	<a href="#"><u>2009 Points Event 4 @ Groves</u></a>
Aug 9, 2009	<a href="#"><u>2009 Points Event 6 @ Danville</u></a>
Oct 18, 2009	<a href="#"><u>2009 Points Event 8 @ Park n Ride</u></a>
Nov 8, 2009	<a href="#"><u>2009 Points Event 9 @ LJVM</u></a>





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**TSCC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

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Autocross Vehicles:    Year            Make            Model            Color            Class

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

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

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

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Please find enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] \$25 Individual membership [ ] \$35 Joint membership (member/spouse)  
[ ] \$10 Additional household member  
[ ] \$150 Individual membership + nine TSCC Championship autocross entry fees  
[ ] \$160 Joint membership (member/spouse) + nine TSCC Championship autocross entry fees for one  
[ ] \$280 Joint membership + nine TSCC Championship autocross entry fees for each

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*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: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required for members under 18)

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