

President's Report

As I come to the end of my 2-year term, I am proud of what the club and our Board was able to achieve in that time, and I am very excited about the future of the club.

There is no doubt there were challenges, which impacted our ability to gather face to face, rally events, etc.

Our club is healthy, with a strong membership, a comfortable bank balance, and good exposure on Social media.

The founding principles of the club are about our members. They are the key to our club. I regret to say that in the last time since we met, we've lost two who were precious to us, Michael S Lowe, and Jeannie MacGillivray. Both gave much passion into the sport and our club, and both will be in our hearts.

Looking at what we have accomplished this year, it's been active even during this second COVID year.

Back in January, we presented the new club promotional video, featuring our members and what our club is about. If you have not seen it, please go watch it after the AGM.

Soon after, we started selling club-brand face masks, which I've seen many members wearing. We ordered two batches and have only a small handful remaining for sale.

We continued our Speaker Series, with Chris Pye talking about Computational Fluid Dynamics, and TW0th Autosports talking about sustaining motorsports business.

Vice President Dale Pasternak headed the refreshing of our club web site, which went live in the Spring. Dale continues to work on our Social media presence, and has been a tremendous asset to the club.

On the site, don't miss the Consolidated Calendar, which has all the local and international events. It has already been updated with the known 2022 dates.

We have had Social calls every month, as an opportunity to see each other and chat about the club activities, news, and to just talk with each other. We've been averaging 10-15 people each month, and have had some great laughs.

As we haven't had face-to-face meetings, we also use the newsletter to inform our members of what's happening. It takes many hours by Ron Woltman and I to prepare, with contributions from the Board and our members. In the future, we would like to feature more content of what our members are doing. We want to know your stories, want to see your photos. It doesn't take

much to send a photo from your last race, tell a short story about how your last event went, etc.

In August, we collaborated with Calabogie Motorsports Park for the first regional race weekend in 2 years, as well as a Pro weekend in June. Both events ran smoothly thanks to the contributions from our volunteers and officials, and many members were also racing in both weekends. Special thanks to Past President Terry Dale his efforts in organizing these events.

We also had members working and racing in the Calabogie Challenge series, including the Miata Challenge were I was able to get out to race a few times this year.

In road racing, our members have been very successful, winning races and championships.

Related to this, we've been working with Operation Motorsports, and hope to do more with them in the future. Thank you to Ted Rance, who has been heading up that relationship.

Karting has been both a good opportunity, but also came with major challenges. Paul Swinwood did an Atlas-like job with karting this year, dealing with tracks, series, and the CASC-OR region. There have been approaches concerning our 2022 plans already, the new Board will be able to review.

If we had not had to content with COVID restrictions, we would have been more involved with charity events this year, thanks to work by Dale, Kimm Mackenzie, Peter, Terry, and member Nicki Lachapelle.

Laura Rance has continued to be a key to the smooth running of the club as both Treasurer and Membership Chair.

A big thank you to Peter Cartwright, our outgoing club Secretary, who has provided not only great minutes but also a good sounding-board when making club decisions by the Board.

Finally, thank you for Ralph, Ron and Peter for their efforts as Nominating Committee. I think we have a great incoming Board for 2022.

I am very much looking forward to working with the new Board as Past President. I will continue to contribute to the web, newsletters, technical support, and being available to help with all of our disciplines in the club. I think 2022 will be a growth year.

Thank you for the last 2 years,
Richard Muise
President, Ottawa SportsCar Club