



## CASC-OR 2007 Mobil 1 Autoslalom Championship Series

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Event # 1 Report



### “We’ve Got The Place To Race!”

That is CASC-OR’s slogan and with the ongoing issue of street racing across the province and the new Anti-Street Racing laws being put in place by our various levels of government, it is CASC-OR’s mandate to promote safe, legal and sanctioned motorsport activities to those potential street racers.



Last September 30<sup>th</sup>, CASC-OR hosted an event in partnership with the Town of Milton’s Road Safety Committee and MTO to raise awareness in the community that there is indeed an alternate venue for potential street racers. The best line of the day came when the Transportation Minister, Donna Cansfield, stated during her speech “I didn’t even know this type of event existed!” After the success of that event, CASC-OR, the Town of Milton and MTO once again partnered up to host another community awareness event that took place on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at Mohawk Race Track, just west of Milton and in Councilor Jan Mowbray’s home ward.

**Jim Kensie speaks during the Driver’s Meeting – Photo by Wes Tanney**

The first day of the two day event had experienced CASC-OR Autoslalom competitors doing a demonstration Pro Slalom event, taking anyone above the age of eleven (with parents consent, of course) out for runs on one of the two mirror image courses. A Pro Slalom is a cross between a drag race and an Autoslalom with two cars competing “head to head” on mirror image courses, with the first one back to the stop box with the cleanest run declared the winner.





For this demonstration, classes were informal and every competitor did one run on each course with the timer running. Their times from each course were then added together and the average time was their qualifying time. All the competitors were then divided into bracket classes based on those qualifying times. After the classes were formed, the elimination rounds started with the quickest competitor in class against the slowest (an advantage of being the faster in class) with the best two of three wins eliminating the loser and the winner advances to the next elimination round until one competitor from each class is left. The four class winners are then lined up for a staggered start with the lower class winner having less distance to travel to complete the run, making it a level playing field, and again the best two out of three runs.

**Lined up and ready to go.... – Photo by Wes Tanney**

This type of an event is interesting to watch and highly competitive. All it takes in one small mistake, hitting a cone or going just a little off line, for someone to lose and thus be eliminated. There were definitely some serious upsets, with a couple of favorites being eliminated by some relative inexperienced competitors, and that is what makes this type of event interesting.



The qualifying rounds went very quickly with everyone getting their two qualifying runs in well before the allotted time slot was complete. Since the more formal part of the day was not to start until close to 1pm, there was plenty of time for competitor to line up and take anyone willing to be a passenger out for a ride.

During the official kick off of the event, local Councilor Jan Mowbray gave a speech, during which she introduced a local celebrity, The Star and Motoring 2007's Jim Kensie, whom spoke about his motorsport experiences. Of course CASC-OR was represented by the President Scott Ellesworth, who spoke as well. After all the speeches, it was back to the competition.



**Lined up waiting to run – Photo by Wes Tanney**

The four classes had some surprise winners. In Class 1, typical FTD (Fastest Time of the Day) contenders Bill R. from Kingston and Mike A. from Brampton duked it out with Bill first eliminating Mike and then event organizer Joe T. (who said that organizing an event doesn't take away your performance) for the Group 1 win.

Group 2 had a surprise with Mike W. eliminating Wes T. and then Peter J. knocking out the new Autoslalom Director Pete M. Peter went on and took the win away from Mike W. in the final Group 2 eliminations.

In Group 3, Quentin Y. had his work cut out for him in his monster Skyline powered 240Z eliminating first Andrew R. and his Subaru and then, for the class win, Series Webmaster Jonas L. who was driving his Volkswagen Scirocco.



Group 4 was a larger class with lots of good competition. Five drivers made it to the quarter finals and Series Scrutineer Mike H., on his way to the Group 4 win, first defeated Rob H., then Matt B and finally knocked out the bad assed '68 Mini of Dan D in the class final.

With the class winners going head to head made for some interesting battles to say the least. Bill R. easily defeated Peter J. in two runs and Mike H. removed Quentin Y. from the mix, leaving only the two winners left. For the final round, Mike H. had the advantage of less distance to travel but Bill R. had the advantage of an extremely nimble and fast car. It was definitely close on both runs, but Bill managed to take the win away from Mike with two photo finishes, only inches separating the cars on both runs.

**Event winner, Bill R's infamous MR1.5 – Photo by Wes Tanney**

A big congratulations to Bill R on the win in his Toyota MR2 (or as it's more appropriately call the MR1.5 due to all the removed body panels) and to all the class winners. This was a great showcase for our sport and hopefully this will continue to forge relationships between communities and official sanctioning motorsport governing bodies. There is no place for racing on our streets and having a place to race in a controlled and legal environment is definitely the way to go.



**Event # 1 of the CASC-OR 2007 Mobil 1 Autoslalom Championship Series**

Event #1 in the CASC-OR 2007 Mobil 1 Autoslalom Championship Series Sponsored by Inside Track Motorsport News took place the next day, once again at Mohawk Race Track. It was a beautiful day at Mohawk Race Track and competitors from across the province descended on the south east lot at this horse track.



Like the previous day, this was also part of the Milton Road Safety Committee's Community Awareness event and was organized, once again, by Joe Trinidad on behalf of CASC-OR. The weather was very nice for a pre May 2-4 weekend, and the lot was still covered in the deposits left after a Canadian winter, making it slippery in some parts and with a fair amount of grip on the sections of the lot that had been used the day before.

**The Gridding Area at Mohawk – Photo by Sonia Tanney Photography**

Being the first event of the season, it was interesting to see everyone out again. Some of the regulars were out in new rides, others with substantial changes to their previous rides and the remainder of the competitors were out with very little changes, if any at all to their previous rides.



There were a few interesting battles that developed at the first event. The closest battle was in SPDA dominated E Super Stock where Rhys H. in his '02 Subaru WRX just nudged Peter W. in his '04 Subaru WRX Wagon by 5/100s of a second for the class win, followed by Ben W in his '98 Camaro SS another 35/100s of a second back in third.



F Street Prepared had another very close battle with Jim H. in his '93 Honda Civic with a .25 second win over Series Scrutineer, Mike H.'s '87 Volkswagen Scirocco 16V. Mike's brother Steve H. was another .5 seconds back in third.

**The police and a few of the younger spectators watch the action – Photo by Sonia Tanney Photography**

The most interesting battle though was all the way up near the top of the classes in D Modified where the Bills from Kingston took the class 1-2 in their stripped down Toyota MR2. Last year's third place overall went to Bill R. and Bill was still in fine form, beating out the other Bill R. from St. Lac. by a half second.

Craig B. in his Factory 5 Cobra was another tenth of a second back in third. D Modified should be an interesting class as the season progresses as Quetin Y. and his Skyline powered 240Z will likely make it up into the mix and a couple of other class regulars should be out at later events as well.

Most of the rest of the classes had the class winners taking fairly substantial wins with one upset in G Stock where last year's 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall and new CASC-OR Autoslalom Director, Pete M. in his new (to him) Northern Motorsport '02 Mini Cooper S, received a sound beating by Series Chief Timer, Cliff S. in his Plymouth Neon.

**Marshall M. was the Northern Motorsport Top Scorer for Event #1 – Photo by Sonia Tanney Photography**

There was a tight battle for the top spot Overall for Event #1. The top eight competitors were all above 98 points (out of a possible 100) and represented seven different classes. Who said PAX wasn't working (a performance indexing system used to level the entire field for scoring the Overall Championship).....? BARC's Wes T. in his Reaction Grafix/Tsunami Technologies/Wheel & Tire Zone/Pathfinder Lubricant/CG-Lock H Stock Civic SiR was fifth Overall with a score of 98.479. Fourth Overall went to St. Lac's Rob B. in his C Super Stock Toyota MR2 with a score of 98.915. SPDA's Mike A. scored a 99.294 in his D Street Prepared Subaru Impreza 2.5RS to finish third. WOSCA fared very well at Event # 1 with member Cliff S., narrowly missing out on the Overall win, scoring 99.910 in his G Stock Plymouth Neon. The Overall winner and the winner of the Northern Motorsport Top Scorer Award for Event #1 was WOSCA's Marshall M. in his E Stock '92 Mazda Miata scoring the 100 points and taking the early Series points lead.





The Top Novice for the event was Loui P. in his E Super Stock '05 Subaru Legacy GT with an easy tromping of the other couple of novices in the field. The FTD (fastest time of the day) went to Mike A. and his above mentioned Subaru with a time of 32.711 followed very closely (7/100s of a second) by the C Street Prepared Miata of Paul K with a time of 32.782. The B Street Prepared Fourstar Motorsports/Perrin Performance/KVR Performance/HotBits Subaru STi of Stephen D. was third fastest with his time of 32.860 followed by Bill R.'s

MR2 with a 32.952 and Daniel F. in his D Street Prepared Subaru Impreza 2.5 RS with the fifth quickest time of 33.152 seconds.

**Loui P. was the Top Novice for Event #1 – Photo by Sonia Tanney Photography**

One other interesting happening near the site that played havoc with their event was the massive tanker explosion that shut down the 401 just west of Milton late in the morning. People trying to get food off site during lunch had issues getting back to the site due to every vehicle on the 401 being diverted off the highway at Guelph Line to get around the above mentioned accident.



A big thanks needs to go out to the Milton Town Councilor, Jan Mowbray, for putting on this weekend event and making the arrangements with MTO to be involved, as well as getting permission to use the Mohawk Race Track parking lot for the weekend. This event was a great example of a partnership between the province, a municipality and a governing body of amateur motorsport (CASC-OR in Ontario) educating the public that there is indeed and safe, legal and sanctioned alternative to street racing. A big thanks needs to go out to Joe Trinidad for picking up the ball and running with it to make this event happen. Joe, you are the man and you and your SPDA brethren are indeed good people to have involved in CASC-OR. The CASC-OR Autoslalom Committee should be thanked, as without them, the series would not be possible.

Last but not least, a thanks also needs to go out to our series sponsors for the 2007 Provincial Series which include; title sponsor Mobil 1, co-title sponsor Inside Track Motorsport News, Mad Macs Communications, CG-Lock, CSC Racing, Northern Motorsport and Tireworks. For more information about getting involved, results and Autoslalom news in Ontario, point your web browser to <http://solo2.casc.on.ca>.



**Mike A. set FTD in his Impreza 2.5RS – Photo by Sonia Tanney Photography**

The next two events on the 2007 Provincial Autoslalom Series schedule will take place on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at Bronte GO Station, just off Third Line, south of the QEW in Oakville and these will be hosted by COMP and HADA respectively. See you there and remember, there is no place to race of the streets, but CASC-OR does have a place for almost everyone because “We’ve Got The Place To Race”!



**TOP 10 COMPETITORS FOR EVENT 1 (Based on Event Pax)**

Name	Novice	Club	Vehicle	Class	Best Time	Points
1 Marshall M		WOSCA	92 Mazda Miata	1ES	33.757	100.000
2 Cliff S		WOSCA	96 Plymouth Neon	1GS	34.250	99.910
3 Mike A		SPDA	00 Subaru Impreza 2.5 RS	1DSP	32.711	99.294
4 Rob B		St.Lac.	89 Toyota MR2 SC	1CSS	33.269	98.914
5 Wes T		BARC/HADA	00 Honda Civic SiR	1HS	35.275	98.479
6 Pete M		WOSCA/HADA	02 Mini Cooper S	1GS	34.809	98.306
7 Ryan B		TAC/SPDA	06 Chevrolet Cobalt SS/SC	1DS	34.692	98.270
8 Paul K		MSOC	92 Mazda Miata	1CSP	32.782	98.036
9 Daniel F		SPDA	01 Subaru Imreza 2.5RS	1DSP	33.152	97.973
10 Rhys H		WOSCA	02 Subaru WRX	1ESS	33.877	97.256

**TOP 10 NOVICES FOR EVENT 1 (Based on Event Pax)**

Name	Novice	Club	Vehicle	Class	Best Time	Points
1 Loui P	N	SPDA	05 Subaru Legacy GT	1ESS	36.108	91.247
2 Dennis G	N		07 Chevrolet Corvette Z06	1SS	37.503	86.199
3 Nathan H	N	SPDA	05 Subaru Impreza 2.5RS	1DSS	39.852	83.475

**FASTEST 10 COMPETITORS FOR EVENT 1**

Name	Novice	Club	Vehicle	Class	Best Time	Points
1 Mike A		SPDA	00 Subaru Impreza 2.5 RS	1DSP	32.711	99.294
2 Paul K		MSOC	92 Mazda Miata	1CSP	32.782	98.036
3 Stephen D		SPDA	04 Subaru Sti	1BSP	32.860	96.896
4 Bill R		St-Lac	85 Toyota MR2	1DM	32.952	93.171
5 Daniel F		SPDA	01 Subaru Imreza 2.5RS	1DSP	33.152	97.973
6 Rob B		St.Lac.	89 Toyota MR2 SC	1CSS	33.269	98.914
7 Bill R		St.Lac.	85 Toyota MR2	1DM	33.297	92.206
8 Craig B		TLMC	00 Factory 5 Cobra	1DM	33.390	91.949
9 Marshall M		WOSCA	92 Mazda Miata	1ES	33.757	100.000
10 Rhys H		WOSCA	02 Subaru WRX	1ESS	33.877	97.256



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