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BUILDING COMMUNITY - ONE CONE AT A TIME

We've made it through a snowy March, and I am pretty sure some folks are fired up to go autocrossing or rallycrossing ASAP.

If you love grassroots motorsports, please check out the story of Chad Ruston and his journey into the world of autocross.

At our solosport events, we rely upon the entrants like Chad to volunteer as marshals, timing, starters, or grid. These positions are vital to ensuring the events proceed safely and on schedule.

While the competition brings out the best in us, we also find community in the moments when we are not behind the wheel.

- Remember that first time you came to an event, and you had to put your hand up with all the rookies?
- Do you remember the first couple times an experienced driver jumped in and gave you some pointers on where to brake?
- Did you ever have a great conversation with the person you were marshalling with at Station 3?
- Have you ever stood at the end of the course, watching all the entrants take the turn in different ways, and evaluated what line would work best for you?
- Did you ever have to set up that one cone repeatedly at the end of the Chicago Box that every third person clipped?
- And do you remember the day that was so windy you had to shelter the radio when making the calls, and running out to put up cones that blew over?
- What about that time you realized you let out a bit too much air, and your neighbour loaned you an air compressor?



Photo Credit: Jennifer Dunn

- Or what about the time the car you always dreamed of being in pulled up, and you asked to jump in for a ride along?

If you are new to motorsports, meet some people, go for ridealongs, and ask questions!

And for the seasoned veterans - thank you for showing our newest participants how to launch, when to brake, and when to get on the gas.

These are the moments that build a grassroots motorsports community. Together, through the setup, the course walk, the drivers meeting, the marshalling, even the lunch breaks and the pit stops, we come together as a club to look after each other.

On the rally side of things, the Cochrane Winter Rally was hampered by heavy spring snow and there was a crash. Our team wisely chose to end the rally so that paramedics could respond to the incident, and minimize risk to the remaining teams. Our team made the correct call.

Safety at our events is paramount, and we welcome everyone who can serve in a volunteer capacity.

All competitors can run knowing that their fellow competitors and enthusiasts will be looking out for them.

See you at an event soon,

Calgary Sports Car Club President, Darcy Kraus *Photo Credit: Jennifer Dunn*



The 2026 Rocky Mountain Rally, 2nd event in the Canadian Rally Championship and the Western Canada Rally Championship is ready for competitors from across Canada and further.

Entries are now open.

[Details can be found here.](https://RockyMountainRally.com/volunteers)



CSCC RALLYCROSS

Ice Cup 2026



Photo Credit: Jennifer Dunn



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RallyCross continues to be a very popular event with the Calgary Sports Car Club. This year we ran the Ice Cup with 4 events from January through March. Come join the action or just stop by to check out an upcoming event.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Calgary Sports Car Club hosts many events throughout the year, including Rally, RallyX HPDE, and others, but did you know that we also support other motorsports clubs around Calgary and Southern Alberta to advertise their events?

You can find everything you want to know on our calendar. Click on the calendar here to see more.

The image shows a digital calendar for April 2026. The calendar is a grid with days of the week as columns and dates as rows. Events are listed in blue boxes on specific dates:

- SUN 29:** World of Wheels Show, World of Wheels
- THU 2:** 7:30pm CSCC Monthly Meeting
- SAT 4:** (No event listed)
- SAT 18:** 9am LSCC Practice Event
- SAT 25:** 8:30am RMM Half Track Experience, 9am SASC School and HPDE/Test and Tune
- SUN 26:** 9am SASC YYC Event #1
- MAY 1:** 8:30am RMM Half Track Experience
- SAT 2:** Driven Show - Calgary, 9am Driven Car Show, 9am LSCC Event #1 - Novice Class/Test & T



RALLYX: 2025 AND FALL CUP FINAL RESULTS

This Year's RallyX Fall Cup has been a big hit. The competition is very close and the excitement is high. Here are your results from 2025. The full results can be found at CSCC.ab.ca

OVERALL 2025 SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

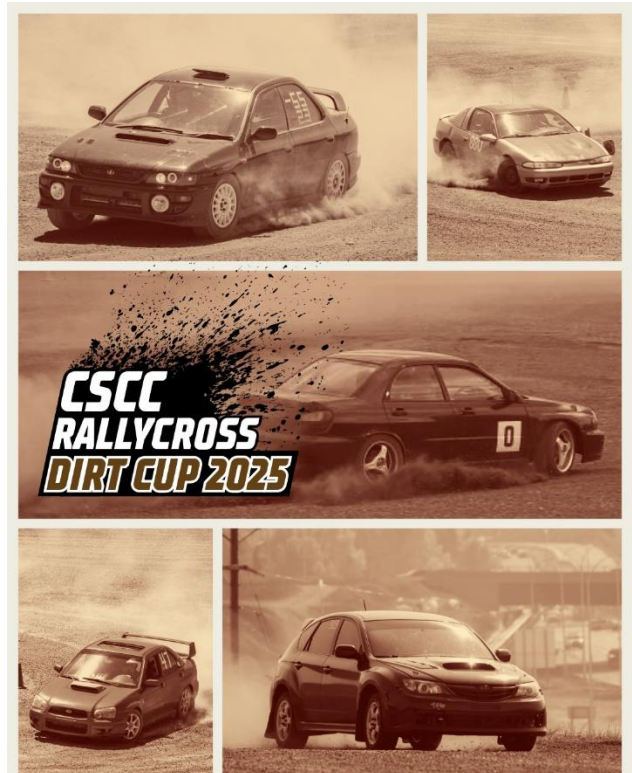
The 2025 season consisted of the Dirt Cup and the Fall Cup. The combined results are as follows:

Category	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
AWD	Johnny S.	Alex H.	Hayden S.
RWD	Johannes S.	Patrick C.	Claudia F.
FWD	Garrett D.	Stanley L.	Stuart M.
OVERALL	Johnny S.	Alex H.	Stanley L.
LADIES	Christine C.	Debbie D.	Claudia F.

2025 DIRT CUP RESULTS

The 2025 Dirt Cup was the CSCC's summer series that consisted of 4 events.

AWD	Johnny S. Alex H. Owen H.
RWD	Johannes F. Claudia F. Pat C.
FWD	Stanley L. Garrett D. Leo F.
OVERALL	Johnny S. Alex H. Stanley L.
LADIES	Claudia F. Christine C. Debbie D.



2025 FALL CUP RESULTS

The 2025 Fall Cup was the CSCC's summer series that consisted of 4 events.

AWD	Johnny S. Alex H. Hayden S.
RWD	Kevin L. Patrick C. Johannes S.
FWD	Stuart M. Patrick L. Chris V.
OVERALL	Johnny S. Alex H. Stuart M.
LADIES	Christine C. Debbie D. Claudia F.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Our Club runs on volunteers and we can't do this without you. Please reach out to info@csc.ab.ca if you have time to spare or show up at an event to help out.

THE CALGARY SPORTS CAR CLUB

SUPPORTING CLUBS IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Calgary Sports Car club organizes Rallies, RallyX and HPDE events throughout the year, but we are much more than that. We support other motorsports clubs in the Calgary area by communicating events to our membership via email, social media, and our webpage.

One such club that we support is the Southern Alberta Solosport Club (SASC) who run autocross in Calgary and the surrounding area.

I had the opportunity to sit down with Chad Ruston, the Solo Director at SASC to talk about his journey to Autocross and hear what he has to tell drivers who are considering participating in the sport.

FROM TWO WHEELS TO THE PYLON JUNGLE: CHAD'S AUTOCROSS JOURNEY



Many of us know the feeling: that itch for speed that usually requires a massive budget and a dedicated race car. For Chad, that journey started on two wheels at the old Race City, carving corners on a street bike. After honing his skills at motorcycle schools and hitting several track days, he knew he loved the limit—but the cost of transitioning into sports cars always felt out of reach.

That changed in 2023 when a friend invited him to a Southern Alberta Solosport Club (SASC) autocross event at the Airdrie Airport. Chad showed up

in his daily driver—a completely stock 2019 VW Golf Alltrack on all-season tires—and quickly realized that four wheels could be just as intense as two.

"Everything was happening so fast," Chad recalls of those first few events. "The elements felt like they were running on top of each other. It was almost overwhelming."

Despite the sensory overload, he was hooked. By the time the 2024 season rolled around, Chad decided to dive in head-first, starting with the SASC Novice School. Led by veteran drivers with years of autocross and HPDE experience, the school proved to be the turning point.

The curriculum balanced classroom theory—covering the "traction circle" and how to stay ahead of the course—with high-intensity car control drills. The real "lightbulb moment" came during the in-car sessions, where instructors took the wheel of the students' own cars to demonstrate the line, followed by

immediate feedback on the students' attempts. After a morning of technical training, Chad spent the afternoon putting those skills to the test during the "Test & Tune."

The result? A transformed driver and a transformed car. Chad competed in every single event of the 2024 season and won the Top Rookie award. That stock Golf isn't so stock anymore, either—upgraded tires and a lowered suspension have turned his daily driver into a legitimate contender.

Chad continued his success in the sport in 2025 and represented the SASC at the 2025 Tire Rack SCCA Packwood National Tour and placed 4th in a very tough category.

Chad's story is a perfect reminder that you don't need a six-figure supercar to get on track; sometimes, all you need is a set of cones, a daily driver, and the willingness to learn.

STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE



It didn't take long for Chad to move from "new guy in the stock Golf" to a vital part of our club's operations. His involvement ramped up quickly—starting with the grit and grime of event setup, takedown, and loading the truck. But when an opportunity arose for a new Solo Director at SASC, Chad was keen to volunteer.

Stepping into this leadership role means Chad now carries overall responsibility for our events. It's a massive undertaking that keeps our weekends running smoothly, including:

- **Course Design & Approval:** Ensuring every layout is safe and challenging yet fair.
- **Safety First:** Handling course setup and making real-time modifications to ensure safety standards.
- **Volunteer Coordination:** Playing air

traffic control to make sure every station is manned and ready.

While Chad pulls the strings, he isn't working in a vacuum. He collaborates closely with the SASC's executive and course designers—experts who have completed specialized design seminars to lead the creative process. Their goal? To design courses that are safe, with appropriate runoff, protecting participants and volunteers, while providing a balanced "playing field" for everyone, whether you're driving a high-torque horsepower beast or a nimble, handling-focused machine.

In the end, while it takes the whole club to make an event happen, the Director's role is the glue that holds it all together. The SASC is fortunate to have Chad's energy and commitment leading the charge!

READY TO RACE? CHAD'S TOP TIPS FOR GETTING STARTED



If you have been watching from the sidelines, wondering if your car is "fast enough" to hit the track, Chad has a simple message for you: **Just bring it.**

One of the biggest misconceptions in autocross is that you need a purpose-built sports car to compete. "You don't need a fancy car to get started," Chad says. "Most people show up in their daily driver, and that's exactly how they get hooked."

Our grid is proof of that diversity. On any given weekend, you will see everything from **Pontiac Vibes to Porsche 911s** carving through the cones. Whether your car is built for groceries or gear-grinding, the fun factor is exactly the same. Autocross is one of the most accessible motorsports for any budget.

NO GEAR? NO PROBLEM.

Don't have a racing helmet? Don't let that stop you. The [Southern Alberta Solosport Club](#) provides loaner helmets for new drivers to use. They also have a dedicated **Novice Coordinator** specifically tasked with helping you navigate your first day, from tech inspection to your final run.

Expert Guidance on Tap

To flatten the learning curve, the SASC offers in-car support:

- **Ride-Alongs:** Hop into the passenger seat of an experienced driver's car to see the line and feel the speed.
- **In-Car Coaching:** An instructor can ride with you in your car, offering real-time feedback to help you "see" the course and find those extra tenths of a second.

CATCH THE ACTION

The SASC has a packed schedule this season with **10 total events**, including **8 dates** held right at the **Calgary Airport (YYC) parking lot beside Park2Go**, **2 events at RMM**, and **1 at the Airdrie Air Park**

The first event of the season is a High Performance Driver Education school for novices. More information can be found [here](#).

Whatever you're driving, come on out and give it a try. We promise you'll leave with a smile—and likely a new addiction.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

This Quarter's archive section is the Autocross report from 2005. Although the club no longer runs Autocross, it's an important part of our heritage and we continue to support clubs in the city who bring these events to our community

Autocross Report

By: Neil Wright

The 2005 AutoCross Series has got off to a great start with the first two events successfully in the books. Thanks to all the volunteers who put in the extra effort to pull off these events. Here is a quick synopsis of the first two events:

Event 1: December 12, 2004

Entrants: 37

Conditions: -10ish, Good Frozen ground but clear gravel.

Winners: AWD-Voytek S.; FWD-Dave C.; RWD-Kris S.; FTD-Voytek S.

Notes: The grading of the lot was a great success producing a smooth consistent surface over the entire south end of the lot.

Event 2: January 2, 2005

Entrants: 32

Conditions: -20ish, 15cm of Fresh Snow.

Winners: AWD-Matt H.; FWD-Dave C.; RWD-Kris S.; FTD-Colin A.

Notes: Though cone-shattering cold, a nice sunny day with no wind made for good conditions.



*Neil, Kris and Eric take great care not to clunk heads in their excitement as they decipher their times at the winter autocross opener.
Photo by Shawn Bishop©*

FROM THE ARCHIVES (CONTINUED)

Thanks to Janusz and Shawn for acting as our series promoters. Thanks to their efforts we had the press out at event 1 and we received good write-ups in both the Herald and the Sun.

Note that we have adjusted the scheduled dates for events 4 and 5 to avoid conflicts with the Thunderbird and Cochrane Rallies. The remaining dates are:

January 23
February 27
March 20
April 3
April 24

Be sure to be at the Race City spectator parking lot by 9:15 at the latest if you intend to compete. Complete regulations can be found on the CSCC Web Board. Hope to see you at the next event.

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DID YOU KNOW: OUR CLUBHOUSE IS AVAILABLE FOR OTHER CLUBS

Our clubhouse is available for rent for auto enthusiast groups and clubs for meetings and gatherings.