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SPORTS CAR RACING ON ICE
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MOTORSPORTS CLUB OF OTTAWA ICE RACING ON BEAUTIFUL
LAKE ST. PIERRE DE WAKEFIELD
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St. Pierre de Wakefield, Quebec, Jan. 28th, 1962

City workers have found a new way of enjoying their week ends by driving their ordinary cars in various types of races on an ice track.

At beautiful St. Pierre de Wakefield, a peaceful centre in the Gatineau Valley about 25 miles north of Ottawa, these enthusiasts get away from it all for a pleasant week end. The Club holds various ice races and time trials throughout the winter, with rules and regulations which permit of traction being obtained only by rubber-to-ice contact: chains, spikes, wire or any other form is prohibited. Participants using open cars are encouraged to wear helmets, but many of the more daring don't. Women also take part in this sport -- some as drivers, others as navigators. Speeds up to seventy miles per hour are possible on ice depending upon the weather conditions.

A zeep-plough clears an area of about 30' wide for the track. The track circumvents Lake St. Pierre de Wakefield, circles around Nun's Island, and back to the starting point in front of the Hotel Sur le Lac. There is an adjoining lake and plans are under way to make the race more exciting next year by extending the track -- ploughing through a piece of land which includes a hill between the two lakes and then circumventing the second lake also. For protection, bales of hay are used around the track at the start and finish line -- the hotel area.

Because of the slipping on ice, spectators are requested to watch the races in comfort from the Hotel Sur le Lac -- a pleasant place to spend the week end. The majority of races are 5 laps in length; with the Grand Prix, which begins on a La Manns start, being 10 laps. Dash plaques and trophies are awarded to the winners. Ice conditions and the below zero weather combined to make the three week-end meets in January a great success. This is a relatively safe sport despite the sliding.

After the races, spectators and participants enjoy themselves running around on motorized ski scooters, and many of the local car owners have a go with their cars over the track. Next year, it is hoped to have go cart races also.

1. LS air view Lake St. Pierre de Wakefield
2. MS pan right to left - various cars and contestants
3. MCU group of drivers discussing track, etc.
4. MCU driver cleaning engine
5. MCU various crests on grill of MG
6. MS male entrants gathering around sports car
7. MS starter talking to bearded driver in sports car
8. CU exhaust steaming in cold air
9. LS start of sports car race (track with cars)
10. LS navigator's viewpoint during race
11. LS to MS, pan right to left with cars, spectators in foreground
12. MS sports car, lights on going right to left of frame
13. MS to LS, pan right to left - two men on ski scooter racing sports car, for fun, alongside track
14. CU driver wearing helmet and goggles in open car
15. MLS, pan right to left with sports car (No. 4) spinning off track
16. MS two men (one with camera) and girl watching race from hood of car
17. LS, pan right to left with two sports cars as they race past hotel area
18. CU driver's gloved hands on wheel
19. MS car No. 18 in short spin
20. MS well bundled up spectators (including children)
21. MLS, pan right to left, with first and second sports cars getting checkered flag at finish line
22. MLS, pan right to left, third place car getting flag
23. MLS spectators waving from hotel entrance
24. MS, pan right to left drivers and others "talking up" race
25. MCU driver cleaning snow from engine
26. MS two hooded spectators - one drinking coffee
27. MCU man announcing next event over loud hailer
28. MCU starter giving "go" signal
29. MS, pan right to left, with men running to cars
30. MS, pan left to right - start of Grand Prix
31. MS rear view of **slow** starters

32. CU driver wearing sweater, glasses, tilt down to gloved hands on wheel
33. LS two cars passing, camera position right to left, woods in background
34. LS to CU head on view car No. 9 approaching and sliding past camera position (bales of hay in foreground)
35. CU driver smoking cigarette and attempting to get more speed by body motions
36. MS several cars rounding corner (hooded official foreground), pan left to right with car No. 35
37. MS to LS, head on tracking shot - panhard spinning off track into snow
38. CU L/A same driver (No. 32) at wheel
39. MLS air view of cars during race
40. MS several cars racing right to left past camera position into snow cloud - lights on
41. CU L/A serious woman driver
42. MS passing Volvo as seen by navigator
43. CU driver wearing parka and glasses
44. LS to MS sports car leading three others past camera position, right to left
45. MLS pan right to left with cars nearing finish line
46. MCU two spectators, tilt down to car design on sweater
47. LS to MS, pan right to left with car No. 1 sliding past finish line
48. LS air view of remaining cars on lake