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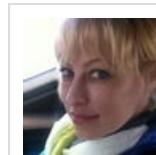
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# A TRUE VICTORY LAP FOR DISABLED DRIVERS

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Brian will drift around you using only hand controls, and Aaron flies down the straightaway at over 200 km/h and oh, he's blind.



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2011 Mitsubishi Lancer Sportback



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I recently attended an unusual track event at Canadian Tire Motorsports Park in Bowmanville, Ontario.

Most attendees were brain or spinal cord injury victims, and were clients of Gluckstein Personal Injury Lawyers, which co-hosted the event with the Targa Newfoundland Rally "Roll With It Racing" team comprised of Rick Bye and Brian Donato, who have previously suffered a brain and spinal cord injury, respectively.

The theme of the event was "back in the driver's seat, back in control of your life," and the event's fleet - two Porsche 911s and a Mitsubishi Lancer Ralliart - was modified to accommodate this special group of drivers.

Watching these survivors climb behind the wheel was inspiring to say the least.

Donato, a former ski instructor, is paralyzed from the waist down. After the accident that severed his spinal cord, the doctors told him the sexiest car he'd ever drive would be a minivan.

He tells me this story with a scoff and a glint in his eye, as if to say, "as IF that's all I'll drive." In fact, the aforementioned Mitsubishi is his, as the automaker has sponsored him to compete in this fall's Targa Newfoundland rally race (good luck Brian!).

Donato loves to drive, saying "it's the only time I feel normal" because he looks like everyone else. "No one can tell I'm in a wheelchair."

The modified Lancer features two columns attach to the pedals, which run back to a handle for Brian's right hand. He twists it clockwise to increase throttle - which must be kept constantly engaged, like a motorcycle - and moves the handle forward to brake. Using this setup, Brian can even drift the Lancer - nice.

Then I watch another disabled driver hit the track, but this time it involved no modifications or tech whatsoever.

Aaron Prevost, who is blind, climbs behind the wheel and starts the 911, a massive grin on his face. It's Aaron's fourth day at this particular track, and he tells me with a smirk that he's got the whole thing memorized. I believe him.

Bye, one of Canada's most winning race car drivers and well, a very brave man, settles into the passenger seat, and off they go.

Rick shadows Aaron's hands on the steering wheel and coaches him through the turns using instructions like "hard left," "little left," or "slight brake."

They aren't inching around the track in first gear, either - Prevost is punching it, and hits 200 km/h down the straightaway!

What a great event, watching these people triumph over their injuries, and even taking a victory lap. Visit [www.RollWithItRacing.com](http://www.RollWithItRacing.com) to learn more.

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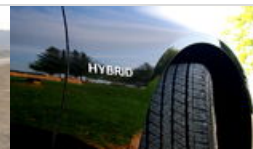
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