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Sun to shine on ODSS hosted competition

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Members of the ODSS Robotics and Engineering Team pose with their entry in the upcoming Electric Car Competition to be held at ODSS, June 3 and 4. Contributed Photo

The Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS) robotics and engineering team is gearing up to host the provincial Solar Car Competition in June.

"This is our first year as the host," said Dennis Weishar, head of the school's technical department. "This competition has really grown in the last five years."

Meridian Credit Union in Orangeville is the competition's primary sponsor this year and Mr. Weishar says the project is funded by donations from

businesses and organizations.

The car cost \$1,500 to build and the solar panel is on loan from Reduce the Juice, last year's highly successful energy-saving program devised by students at Centre

Dufferin District High School in Shelburne.

Other sponsors who are participating in the project include Woolwich Dairy, Trinamics Inc., Johnson Controls, Orangeville Hydro, Plastiflex, Orangeville Lions Club and Greening-Donald.

"Without the financial help, this project wouldn't get off the ground." said Mr. Weishar.

The robotics team is an after-school activity supervised by Mr. Weishar and this year's team includes Kyle Coles, Cliff Clark, Nick Noseworthy,

Kristian Johnson, Mitchell McCreavy, Lee Rodgers and Trevor Van Alstine.

The solar/electric car was built by the team for the annual competitions, and the team tested the car at the Skills Canada Robotics competition, held at Ontario Place last month.

It's now time to prepare for the competition on home turf by making sure the car is in peak condition.

The course will be set up around the school's parking lot and it is expected that 10 schools, with at least 100 team members will compete during the two-day event.

The competition is scheduled for June 3 and 4.