



# Fifth Gear

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# Toronto Autosport Club

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

April showers bring slippery track conditions.

I know the Ice Racers are laughing, but the rain in April and May can cause havoc at our events. Of course, there's no better way to learn car control than with a low speed drift!

I realized that summer was coming when wife Sue wanted to know which weekends were free so we get to the cottage for a Saturday/Sunday. I have something autosports related on every Sunday in April. From the Time Attack Open House, to the CASC President's meeting to 2 instructor's schools.

This leads in to the Time Attack school the first weekend in May, an F1 vacation, and lots more events to keep me busy!

Last month I attended the RSO AGM. It was a sedate affair compared to the last few. Congrats to Bruce Leonard, who takes over as President from Ray Felice. Bruce seems to genuinely care for both navigational and performance rally. He recognized that to keep RSO's commitment to CARS, we needed to create a new board position to just concentrate on CARS activities. The board looks functional, and they are working hard on more promotion for Nav Rallies, and ensuring that Performance Rallies will grow. Thanks to everyone who sent in a proxy. I appreciate having the membership behind me when I attend!

Next week is the CASC President's meeting. It's kind of like a mid-term AGM, without the elections. My usual rant at these meetings has been the increase in license fees. They are doing the right thing by having the fees offset office costs, and putting sponsorship dollars towards autosport events, but the fee increases have provided a revenue windfall this past year. Hopefully, as the number of competitors returns to earlier levels, we will see fees come down.

The Time Attack season kicked off this month with our Open House. JRP did a great job hosting the event. It was nice to have the event closer to my Burlington home! Welcome to our new members that signed up. I had a great time talking to people coming out for just the first time. It reminded me of when I found out about amateur autosports for the first time. I was amazed that there was this subculture of people that did track events. Graham and Andrew Tullet worked the TAC table until we closed. Andrew put up some Ice Race videos on my laptop, and we were able to show the breadth of events that the club covers! Carsten Gieschen, our Time Attack Rep came and helped out. There were lots of people to chat with, and the newbys

had lots of questions. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the track.

The first event on the OTA calendar goes the first weekend of May. OMSC and TAC will be jointly organizing the Time Attack School. We are limited to 36 students, and we come close to selling out every year. If you are interested in attending, it is best to sign up early! If you don't want to sign up, just come out! We can always use able bodied TAC members to assist. The event is at Mosport's Driver Development Track. We run it in a different direction each day, so students can see what it's like running new tracks.

One exciting new feature this year is an end-of-season shootout to pick the overall series winner. Anyone who completes 5 of the 7 OTA events will be invited to run for free. People will have 1 lap to put down a time. The slower entries will be eliminated, then we run again. The last car running will be the series champ!

Right after the school, I'm heading to Spain! Wife Sue got me tickets to the Spanish Grand Prix F1 race for my birthday, so we'll be heading to our first Formula 1 race outside of North America! I'm looking forward to seeing Madrid and Barcelona, as well as the race. Of course we'll be renting a car and exploring the Pyrenees Mountains as well. It isn't a European Vacation without a car and some mountain passes!

Finally, I heard that Fisker has laid off most of their workers. About a year ago, I was invited to the Toronto launch of the Fisker brand. A Karma model was supposed to be there, but it was held up at the border. Henrik Fisker was there, talking about the financing they'd lined up. At the time, a Billion Dollars seemed like more money than anyone would ever need. While the car looked great, and probably drove comfortably, it could not be called a sports car. The batteries made it just too heavy. At the time, I said that I didn't think electric cars would make it until gasoline got much more expensive.

Henrik Fisker has recently quit the company, and of the 600 workers, only 55 remain. The battery supplier has filed for Chapter 11, so it looks like Fisker is dead in the water. I'm sure people will say they were ahead of their time, but I dread the time when we will only have electric cars.

Give me a small, light car with good tires and a free-revving engine, and I'll be thrilled!

Rob McAuley

# TAC 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<b>APRIL 2013</b>			
21	TimeAttack	Time Attack Instructor School, CTMP/Mosport DDT	CASC-OR
26-27	Regional Race	Spring Fling, Shannonville	St LAC
27-28	School	CASC-OR Race School - Shannonville	
17	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	<b>TAC</b>
12 - 14	F1	UBS CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai)	
19 - 21	F1	GULF AIR BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	
21	INDY	Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach	
13	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Shannonville Stages	
20	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally	
9	School	RSO - School -Navigational Rally	RSO
<b>MAY 2013</b>			
4-5	Regional Race	Spring Trophy Races CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
4-5	TimeAttack	School Day, CTMP/Mosport DDT	OMSC
8-9	TimeAttack	Event #1 & 2; CTMP/Mosport DDT	OMSC
25-26	Regional Race	Trillium Trophy Races, Shannonville	DAC
15	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	<b>TAC</b>
10 - 12	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Catalunya)	
24 - 26	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
5	INDY	Indy 300 Sao Paulo, Brazil	
26	INDY	Indianapolis 500	
4	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Lanark Highlands Forest Rally	
11	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Blossom Rally & SNATR	
<b>JUNE 2013</b>			
22-23	TimeAttack	Event #3 & 4 ; Shannonville Pro/Long	HADA
14-16	Vintage	Canadian Historic Grand Prix- CTMP (Mosport)	VARAC
29-30	CRC	Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec	CRAB
22-23	Regional Race	Grand Prix of Ontario, CTMP (Mosport)	BARC-OC
19	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	<b>TAC</b>
07 - 09	F1	CANADIAN GRAND PRIX (Montréal)	
28 - 30	F1	BRITISH GRAND PRIX (Silverstone)	
1-2	INDY	Chevy Indy Dual in Detroit,Belle Isle	
8	INDY	Texas Motor Speedway, Ft Worth	

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## Toronto Autosport Club, Ontario Time-Attack Update – April 2013

Winter is finally behind us and soon we'll be at the track again! For many of us in time-attack (including me), that means getting our cars ready. Any upgrades/changes/adjustments that we've been planning and researching over the past few months will be coming together soon, in the hopes of better lap times. By the time this newsletter goes to print, the annual Time Attack/AutoSlalom open house will have taken place at JRP in Mississauga; a chance to renew acquaintances, sign up for events and discuss our strategies.

This year there are seven events, where the class winners will be decided, and a final "shoot-out" in September to determine the overall champ. As always, TAC is involved in hosting some of the events. This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> season competing in time-attack. First year, the car was pure stock. Last year; tires, wheels, brakes, some suspension, fluids etc. This year; more tires, wheels, brakes, some more suspension and fluids. Hmmm, a repeating trend here maybe? It's an addiction, but a good one. Anyway, best of luck to all competitors and welcome to anyone just starting out. It's a blast.

I'm looking forward to reporting back on the opening weekend results from the DDT track at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park in June. See you then.

Kelly Ball,  
Ontario Time-Attack, Car #61



Graham and Andrew at the TAC table at the Open-House

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## **Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of February 2013 General Meeting**

Meeting date: February 20, 2013

Meeting opened: 8:05pm

Attendees: 11

- 1) President's report:
  - a. CASC-OR – no more news since Fifth Gear
  - b. Ice Race went well – special thanks to all volunteers who made it happen
  - c. RSO AGM to be held in Peterborough per fifth Gear; email proxies being solicited
  - d. Volunteer awards for 2012 are now being distributed
- 2) VP Report :
  - a. Total membership up to 69 = 6 Life +32 primary + 31 family
  - b. Some new members being welcomed
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Account balances - \$14,445.89 savings; \$4442.42 Chequing; \$360.53 Paypal
  - b. Website update breaks link to PayPal and now appears to be repaired.
  - c. Not all ice race expenses reported so far but less profitable than last year.
  - d. CASC-OR and CARS affiliation fees due
- 4) Competition Report:
  - a. Ice race well run other than mix up with rooms at Minden House
  - b. Time Attack – TAC Grand Bend event in July, may be cross promoted with Autoslalom
  - c. Time Attack instructor school will precede the May 4/5 driver school.
  - d. HADA is NOT withdrawing from the Time Attack organizers after all. Financial policy has been drafted to address the situation of withdrawal.
- 5) Social:
  - a. Ice race went smoothly and a new approach to scoring was tried.
  - b. Communication with Mosport has commenced regarding ALMS weekend in July
- 6) Fifth Gear: postage cost is now \$1.34 per issue and with preparation & supplies costs about \$25/yr. members are encouraged to take an electronic version instead of hardcopy.
- 7) Old Business: nil
- 8) New Business: nil
- 9) Items for sale:
  - a) Rob McAuley's BMW race car for sale
  - b) Dietmar has 4 Hankook 185/70R14 W409 ex street stud tires for sale
- 10) Loonies in the bus: Rob J won gas card, Rob M the \$11 in loonies and Keith another gas card.

Adjournment: about 8:50 pm

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.

## **Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of March 2013 General Meeting**

Meeting date: March 20,2013

Meeting opened: 7:54 pm

Attendees: 10

Minutes of Last meeting were emailed out

- 1) President's report:
  - a. Rob attended the RSO AGM this past weekend.
  - b. There is now a new RSO voting position for a CARS representative.
  - c. New RSO president is Bruce Leonard.
  - d. There was no need for voting on any RSO board position
  - e. Rental rates for RSO rally timing equipment did not cover costs this year
  - f. Rita noted that there has not been any invoice for RSO fees for the January Jaunt yet.
- 2) VP Report :
  - a. Total membership 80 = 6 Life +39 primary + 35 family
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Account balances - savings; \$ PayPal; \$3370.25 Chequing, others are same as at last Executive meeting
  - b. Ice Race preliminarily shows making around \$2000 but not including some expenses for Minden House
- 4) Competition Report:
  - a. Time Attack open house is Sunday April 7.
  - b. Carsten, Kelly and Rob will be there for TAC
  - c. AutoSlalom dates should be out now
  - d. RALLY- DOCR upcoming in June
- 5) Social:
  - a. More info on ALMS weekend will be sent out once more is known about event
- 6) Old Business: nil
- 7) New Business: Dietmar was contacted about Guru Nanak contract rally, which will be around Sept-22. He will set up but needs driver. Paul & Rita will help.
- 8) Items for sale: Rob McAuley's race car still available
- 9) Loonies in the bus: Five prizes tonight, plus loonies. Winners were Pack of Pringles to Nick, Rob and Rob / Ultra-94 gas cards to Keith and Jane / Loonies (\$10) to Dietmar

Adjournment: 8:30 pm .

Minutes recorded by N. Beck.



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- New Members** – Single or Family \$50.00  
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- TAC Membership includes CASC-OR (Race, Solo) & RSO (Rally) affiliation for the year
- Family rate is limited to family members domiciled at the same mailing address.
- Renewals : Indicate membership number [# ] (if known)
- Assigned membership numbers will be reserved until February 1st.
- All memberships and affiliations expire December 31.
- Please be aware that membership data may be shared with CASC-OR and/or Rallysport Ontario.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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So that we know *your* interests (and where you can help out) and can therefore plan the right mix of events – please complete the information checklists below ...

Please indicate your autosport interests for the coming year :

- TimeAttack (Solo 1)
- Autoslalom (Solo 2)
- Navigational rallying
- Performance rallying
- Road racing
- Vintage Racing
- Ice racing
- Karting

Please indicate three areas that you can help with this year :

- Solo (1/2) organizer / worker
- Road Rally/Ralliette organizer
- Contract Rally organizer
- Rally Checkpoint/Green-crew
- Social Event Organizer
- Ice race organizer / worker
- Event timing / scoring
- Performance Rally organizer