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Toronto Autosport Club

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The TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB OF TORONTO Incorporated, (known as the "Toronto Autosport Club") is a general interest motorsport club involved in rallying, Solo I, Solo II, ice racing, road racing and social events. Club Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (**except August & December**) at 8:00 p.m. at "Turtle Jacks Muskoka Grill", 925 Dixon Road (at Carlingview), Etobicoke .

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

FIFTH GEAR is the monthly publication of the Toronto Autosport Club. Articles concerning Club members' activities are of special interest and members are encouraged to submit their writings to any member of the Executive or send them to the Editorial Offices. Past issues of FIFTH GEAR are posted for viewing on the club website.

FIFTH GEAR is normally published on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday of each month. Certain scheduling changes will be made to accommodate major motorsport events which are of interest to the members.

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From The President's Desk

Welcome to the end of the world as we know it.

I've watched Contagion, Outbreak, Andromeda Strain, and Children of Men. I know this is not going to end well. It started with a near-riot in Melbourne as the F1 race was cancelled at the last minute. Then the next few races were put off. Performance Driving Schools and Chump Car events were suddenly "disappeared". Then the Canadian Grand Prix, and now... The Discover Ontario Rally is gone.

At least Ontario Time Attack is keeping people engaged with some eRacing. The first event was "held" at Laguna Seca, and was full just 24 hours after registration opened. They are now planning weekly races, and you can sign up at MotorSportReg.com. More info is available on the CASC Forums: <http://forums.casc.on.ca/forum/casc-or-divisions/time-attack-specific-forum/457400-2020-otaeracing-series-overtake-the-apex>

Perhaps now is the time to switch from pandemic films to some racing fun. The Netflix series, "Drive to Survive" gives a great overview of last season's F1 battles. When Wife-Sue and I watched it, it was trending in the top spot in Canada. I can't believe that it has been displaced by "Tiger King".

The final F1 race of the 1997 was also a classic. It started in qualifying, when

Villeneuve, Schumacher, and Frentzen all had identical times. Then Schumacher tried to drive into Villeneuve to hold on to first place in the championship. Well worth watching again!

For those of you in essential jobs, please enjoy the open roads. Those around Toronto can now be driven as they were designed - with appropriate traffic volumes.

For the rest of us, enjoy your time at home. Support your local restaurants and their take-out menus, and enjoy streaming and watching your favourite shows.

Oh. And this month's meeting is cancelled.

Rob McAuley
TAC President

On The Cover

Sir Stirling Moss
1929-2020

The Legendary racing driver
from a time when few survived

TAC 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

CAUTION: Assume ALL Listed Events are Cancelled until further notice

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Club</u>
April 2020			
15	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
17-19	F1	CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai)	
19	INDY	Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach	
25	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally	PMSC
26	INDY	AutoNation INDYCAR Challenge Circuit Of The Americas - Austin, TX	
May 2020			
1-3	F1	Dutch Grand Prix (Netherlands)	
2	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, McDonalds Corners	MCO
8-10	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Catalunya)	
9	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Blossom Rally, (Kitchener)	KWRC
9	INDY	GMR Grand Prix, Indianapolis Motor Speedway	
20	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
21-24	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
22-24	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, Invermere BC	CSCC
24	INDY	Indianapolis 500	
30	INDY	Chevrolet Dual in Detroit Race 1, The Raceway at Belle Isle Park	
31	INDY	Chevrolet Dual in Detroit Race 2, The Raceway at Belle Isle Park	
June 2020			
5-7	F1	AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX (Baku City, Azerbaijan)	
6	INDY	Texas Indy 600, Texas Motor Speedway - Fort Worth	
12-14	F1	CANADIAN GRAND PRIX (Montréal)	
17	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
20	Rally-ORRC	Discover Ontario Car Rally, - See Flyer-	TAC
21	INDY	REV Group Grand Prix at Road America - Elkhart Lake, WI	

More events to appear as 2020 Schedules are released.

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Announcement 2020-02



Subject: COVID19 Update

Issue Date: March 19, 2020

Dear Rally Fans and Participants,

The Canadian Association of Rally Sport (CARS) is closely monitoring the COVID-19 developments. Our primary concern is the safety and health of the whole rally community as well as the people we come into contact with during the course of our events.

CARS and its events will be complying fully with the fast-changing provincial requirements relative to dealing with the pandemic, gatherings and social distancing.

Working with the upcoming event organizers, CARS has established a minimum timeframe for cancellation or postponement of an event. These lead times should allow for the least negative impact on all involved.

MINIMUM TIMES FOR PUBLISHING GO/NO-GO DECISIONS

National Rallies: 6-8 weeks in advance

Regional Rallies: 6 weeks

Rally Sprint: 6 weeks

Rally Cross: 2 weeks

Test Days: 2 weeks

TSD Rallies: 2 Weeks

Other non-event gatherings (AGM's, Classroom): At discretion of organizer/club.

These times are the agreed minimums; however, events can choose to make cancellation or postponement decisions sooner at their discretion. CARS appreciates the huge effort organizers, competitors and volunteers put in to make these events happen, and the challenges they face when schedules change.

“National events are complex with a lot of moving parts,” commented Keith Morison, Rocky Mountain Rally Organizer, “As we face the changing situation with the pandemic, we need to think of our volunteers, competitors, and fans. The Calgary Sports Car Club is evaluating both the health and financial impact on holding or postponing the Rocky Mountain Rally and intends to make a decision in time for anyone planning on attending the event to also change their plans.”

CARS will continue to evaluate the situation, and pass on any updates from event organizers through official channels and social media. The CARS office remains open, providing licensing and other services during this time.



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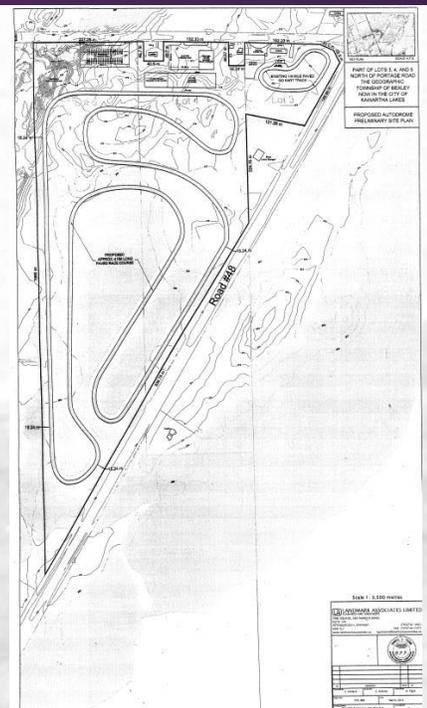
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Membership Application

Mail: 18759 Kennedy Road,
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Email: registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca

- New Members** – Single or Family \$50.00
 Renewal Members – Single or Family \$50.00

(You may PAY ON-LINE or by Cash or Cheque; Please see below...)

- 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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Cash Cheque # _____ PayPal Other TOTAL \$: _____

To pay by PAYPAL/Credit Card, please visit the Club website at: www.torontoautosportclub.ca.

This Application Form must also be filled out and submitted so we have your information.

You should begin receiving the FIFTH GEAR newsletter within 2 months. Please let us know if you don't.

FIFTH GEAR is also available on the website. Check here if you do NOT need a mailed copy

TAC works only because volunteers make autosport happen!

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



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