



# Fifth Gear

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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 the MOOSE AND FIRKIN, 7600 Weston Road at Hwy 7 (SW corner), just west of Hwy 400 in Woodbridge ([www.mooseandfirkin.com](http://www.mooseandfirkin.com))...

## GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

What a summer.

Record heat, drought, and a plethora of events to choose from!

The heat can be rough on competitors, but we've been lucky at our events. It's been warm, but we seem to luck out and miss the hottest days.

The drought has turned my 10 bags of grass seed at the cottage into a field of crab grass and chickweed. However, it has been great for all the weekend race events! Too bad the farmers and the racers are always on opposite sides of the appeals to the rain gods. If only we can get the rain over with during the week, and have nice, dry weekends.

We had a great turn-out for our Mosport ALMS weekend, with 28 people in total! The new management at the Canadian Tire Motorsports Park have been fixing the place up nicely, with better access roads, big open parking areas, and have cleared a few trees to improve the views.

In the past, we've had to fight with campers, who love to set up tents in front of our corral. This year, the hill has been squared up, is nice and flat right to the edge, where it drops off. Our corral was set up on the edge, so we had front row seats! With 5 canopies, there was plenty of shade, and Dan Zorica's famous barbecue made for a perfect afternoon.

Thanks to all the members who brought salads and deserts, and thanks to everyone who brought guests. We had a number of people express interest in the event, and were looking to sign up for next year!

On the track, the racing was exciting, with TAC members cheering on drivers in the various events that they knew. Of course there were a few incidents to spice things up. You can't go wrong sitting between turns 2 and 3!

With all the excitement over the London Olympics, I started thinking about some of the sports they have, and used to have. Who knew that motor-boating was one of the 1908 events? What if they had autosports? They'd want to show off the human talents, so the drivers would have to be the stars. We'd love to see road racing in spec cars - open and closed wheel events. Performance Rally, navigational rally, and synchronized drifting!

Their would have to be a pentathlon, where you have to score well in all 5 events.

Perhaps Canada can start pushing for Ice Racing at the next Winter Games!!

TAC's Fun Rally was supposed to run this month, but it seems everyone is busy with other commitments. Unfortunately, we've had to cancel the date. I'm hoping the Moores can make use of the layout, and get everyone out at another time. A Fall rally around the local wineries sounds like a great outing! Hopefully wedding/cottage/vacation season will be done, and people will be looking to get out to see the autumn colours.

September 22/23 is the next TAC Time Attack event, and it will be the first ever at the Grand Bend Motorsports Complex. The track looks great, with first class facilities. Grand Bend is a vacation Mecca, with very nice hotels and B&Bs. The beach may be a little cool, but the main street is worth a walk along.

This will be the last event of the season, so the racing should be exciting, with a few battles left to decide. Check out Kelly Ball's article and Gary Wood's photos later in this issue to see some TAC members in action!

If you are interested in helping out, please drop me a line. Daughter Sarah says she'll be there racing, as long as she can drive her Mom's new BMW 335xi - or my race car.

See you at the track!

Rob McAuley



# TAC 2012 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<i>AUGUST 2012</i>			
19	INDY	Streets of Qingdao, China	
19	Mobil1 Autoslalom	Mobil 1/Toyo Autoslalom #7 Peterborough Kawartha Downs	PMSC
26	INDY	GP of Sonoma, Infineon Raceway	
31-02	F1	SHELL BELGIAN GRAND PRIX (Spa-Francorchamps)	
<i>SEPTEMBER 2012</i>			
1	TimeAttack	Time Attack Event #7 ; Mosport Big Track	
1-2	Race-Regional	Ted Powell Memorial Races, Calabogie	MCO
2	INDY	Baltimore GP, Streets of Baltimore	
2	TimeAttack	Time Attack Event #8 ; Mosport Big Track	
06-08	CRC/OPRC	Rallye Défi, Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, Quebec	CASDI
7-9	F1	GRAN PREMIO SANTANDER D'ITALIA (Monza)	
15-16	Regional Race	BEMC Indian Summer Trophy , Mosport	BEMC
15	INDY	Altona Club Speedway, Fontana CA	
15	Club Rally	KWRC SNATR #5, Woodstock	KWRC
19	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	<b>TAC</b>
21-23	F1	SINGTEL SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX (Singapore)	
22	TimeAttack	Time Attack Event #9 ; Grand Bend Raceway	
23	Rally Cross	MLRC RallyCross, Bancroft	MLRC
23	TimeAttack	Time Attack Event #10 ; Grand Bend Raceway	
29-30	Regional Race	Celebration of Motorsport , Mosport	
29	ORRC	No Winter Maintenance Rally, West Central Ontario	SPDA
<i>OCTOBER 2012</i>			
5-7	F1	JAPANESE GRAND PRIX (Suzuka)	
12-14	F1	KOREAN GRAND PRIX (Yeongam)	
12-13	CRC	Pacific Forest Rally , Merritt, BC	WCRA
17	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	<b>TAC</b>
21	Rally Cross	MLRC RallyCross, Bancroft	MLRC
26-28	F1	AIRTEL INDIAN GRAND PRIX (New Delhi)	
<i>NOVEMBER 2012</i>			
2-4	F1	ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX (Yas Marina)	
03	ORRC	Fall Night Rally, Perth	MCO
16-18	F1	UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX (Austin)	

*More events to appear as 2012 Schedules are released.*

*For more information on any event, please contact the organizing club or sanctioning body directly.*

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## TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB, ONTARIO TIME-ATTACK UPDATE

Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> was the 6<sup>th</sup> event in the Ontario Time-Attack schedule for this year. It was held at the Grand Prix Track at Canadian Tire Motorsports Park (Mosport) – one of my favourite tracks. It's one of the fastest race tracks there is on the planet! There were seven members of the Toronto Autosport Club competing at this event. The turnout was great, the weather was perfect and the competition was close. The top three TAC members were;

Riaan Van Vuuren, SGT1, 03 Corvette, 96.2 points

Kelly Ball, GT3, 10 Mustang GT, 94.8 points

Carsten Gieschen, GT1, 03 BMW M3, 93.9 points

Also competing from TAC were;

Ronald Billings, Albert Ribeiro, Steve Harding and Joe Comito.

TAC is now 4th in Club Points Standings with 599 (behind SPDA, OMSC & HADA).

The next two events of the ten event season will also be held at the Grand Prix Track at CTMP on September 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The final two events of the year will be held at Grand Bend Motorplex on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. I just got started as a novice in Ontario Time-Attack last year, and I'm hooked. Ontario Time-Attack is an excellent organization, with great driver training and instructors. It is safety-oriented and competitive. Great fun! More info is available at [casc.on.ca](http://casc.on.ca). I'll report back after the next two events.

Kelly Ball, Ontario Time-Attack, Car #61



*Kelly Ball in his  
2010 Mustang GT*

*Ron Billings at speed  
in his VW Golf R*



*These and other Time Attack  
photos by Gary Wood.*

## MORE TIME-ATTACK PHOTOS



*Riaan and his hot Corvette*

*Carsten leaning  
into the corner*



*Joe Comito in his  
1987 Open Modified  
race car*

*Carsten in his  
BMW M3  
passing a  
right-hand  
drive Nissan  
Skyline*



# ASN NATIONAL AUTOSLALOM

## August 24, 25, 26 at Barrie Molson Centre organized by TLMC

Twin Lakes Motor Club (TLMC) is pleased to announce that after six years the ASN Canada FIA Canadian AutoSlalom Championship is returning to Ontario! Presented by Toyo Tires, this year's championship will be organized under the direction of Arris Gaffoor and Steven Day, Co-Organizers and Co-Course Designers. The Subaru Performance Drivers Association (SPDA) will support TLMC in its efforts to host the championships in Ontario for 2012. The SPDA was the host club of the 2006 ASN Canada FIA Canadian AutoSlalom Championship.

The Championship will use the 2012 ASN-SCCA AutoSlalom Preparation Rules for car classification and the ASN National SoloSport GCRs, ASN National AutoSlalom Regulations, and related bulletins and documents.

A membership to an ASN affiliated club or membership in NASA or the SCCA is required to register.

Competitors have to register online through the website at a cost of \$120.00 for all three days. Total registration will be limited to 200 competitors.

All competitors must pre-register through this website [www.nationalautoslalom.ca](http://www.nationalautoslalom.ca) and registration will only remain open until Friday August 17 at 11:59 p.m. Competitors will choose their own numbers on a first come, first served basis.

[More information on this event can be found at this site as well as on the autoslalom forum.](#)

Competitors who are competing in the Toyo Tires contingency program are required to display a minimum of two 2"x20" Toyo Tires vehicle decals. Decals will be provided at the venue by Toyo.

Registration for the Toyo contingency program is available at the following link:

<http://www.toyotires.ca/racing-program>

As the presenting sponsor, Toyo is pleased to offer a contingency program for competitors, including Type1 discounts on the Toyo Proxes R888 through the Team Toyo Racing program. Competitors who compete on the aforementioned Toyo Proxes R888's or the Toyo Proxes R1R tires and finish in first place in the contingency program will be rewarded for their performance with one set of Toyo Proxes R1R tires for Street Touring competitors and one set of Toyo Proxes R888 for the DOT race tire competitors. Second place competitors will receive \$300 in product coupons while third place will receive \$200 in product coupons. Coupons can then be redeemed at a Toyo Motorsport dealer for use on either Proxes R888 or R1R tires. Founded in 1982 and headquartered in Richmond, British Columbia, Toyo Tire Canada Inc. is focused on the comprehensive sales, marketing, communications, and customer service for the Toyo Tires brand in Canada.

Less than two years after bringing the Scion brand to Canada, Scion will be launching the all new FR-S, which will be available for test drives on course during Friday's test session. The FR-S, which stands for Front-engine, Rear-wheel drive, Sport; is Scion's definition of an authentic rear-wheel-drive sports car with exceptionally balanced performance and handling, compelling style, flexible utility and surprising fuel efficiency. To learn more about the FR-S and other Scion models visit <http://www.scion.ca>

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## WE GET MAIL TOO

*Dietmar received this card from the Alfa Romeo club in appreciation of organizing the recent rally for their meet.*



Cover - It's 3-D !

*Toronto Autospots Club*

*Thank you for all your efforts in organizing, running  
and securing the Alfa Canadian FSD Rally June 22.*

*A special thank to Dietmar for all of his attention  
to detail and patience when dealing with me!*

*Thank, Dietmar!*

*Tony Adams*

*Alfa Romeo Club of Canada*

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**MORE WHEELS !**



Fred Walker and Jane Worobess  
came to the July meeting in their  
Chrysler Imperial.



TAC President Rob McAuley hopped to  
the meeting in his daughter's Vespa.  
*(Above Photos by Dietmar Seelenmayer)*



## TAC AT THE ALMS RACE WEEKEND



Dan handled the BBQ with excellent skill as usual. Enjoyed by all. *(Above Photo by Nick Beck)*



Some of the TAC crowd under the canopies. *(This photo and above Left thanks to Dietmar Seelenmayer)*

Recent changes have made the spectating views much improved. *(Photo by Janet Tse)*



### **ON THE COVER**

The Overall ALMS race winning car between Turns 5a/5b  
*(Photo by Nick Beck)*



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## **Toronto Autosport Club – July 2012 Executive Conference Call Notes**

Call date: July 4, 2012 2012

Call time: 8:07 pm

Present: Paul M, Dietmar S, Graham T

- President's Report:
  - o Not available
  
- Vice President:
  - o Membership numbers = 114 total including 6 life, 59 primary, 46 family, 3 incomplete
  - o CASC database issue reportedly fixed
  - o TAC branded gear subject to \$100-200 set up charges from Canadian suppliers; Café Press.com now ready to go with 244 products
  
- Treasurer:
  - o Forwarded by email: \$16,319.75; PayPal, \$310.27; Chequing, \$3800.44.
  
- Competition:
  - o Alfa contract rally went off well with 18 entries; now paid in full with thanks
  - o Guru nanak contract rally rescheduled to August 12
  - o RSO looking for activity reports from the clubs to publish
  - o August 18 TAC Fun rally themed around Oak Ridge Wineries
  - o Time Attack event upcoming at TMP
  
- Social:
  - o Jane suggested the A&W cruise night in Mississauga for the July general meeting.
  
- Old business: nil
  
- New business: nil

Call adjourned: 8:35 pm

Notes recorded by G. Tulett.



# Membership Application

**Mail:** 275 Court Street,  
Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 3S6

**Email:** [registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

1st Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**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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