



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 "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.

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From The President's Desk

It's nice to be busy, but...

Our deadline for Fifth Gear is the second Wednesday of the month. The timing looked great. I had managed to grab press passes for the Canadian International Autoshow.

There were 2 media days. One on Wednesday, featuring Lawrence Stroll's new version of Force India - now known as Racing Point, and one on Thursday, featuring all the car company announcements. I could get to the Wednesday activities, include them in my article, and save Thursday's for next month.

Wife Sue also managed to get a pass (she is now obligated to write something up), so we had a great time hanging around with Lance Stroll, Sergio Perez, Team Principal Otmar Szafnauer, and Crofty from the Sky Sports F1 team. I figured I'd have lots of time to sort through the photos, pick out the best ones, do a quick clean-up, get them in to Fifth Gear Publisher Nick, and post them on Facebook.

Unfortunately, nothing is ever as easy as one hopes. I ended up with 3 sets of photos (one from each of our phones, and one from my digital SLR). Uploading the photos left them in Apple's new HEIC format instead of JPG.

The camera's pictures were JPG, but the time stamp was off. When I finally got all the photos in one directory to look them over, I was looking over 120 random shots. Trying to sort them into chronological order took forever!

However they did get loaded up to the TAC Facebook page. Now I have to find the good ones for Nick to include in this edition.

There were a few interesting things that came up during the Racing Point unveiling. The drivers were getting along well. Lance is definitely the younger, less experienced of

the two. But his Dad owns the team. Poor Sergio has to play nicely, or Lawrence may take his toys away. Lance sounds genuinely pleased that he will have a good driver as a team-mate. It didn't look like he was challenged too much by Sirotkin last year at Williams. Perez said the best thing that Lance has going for him is his wild and crazy youth. He will be trying some crazy things, and they will both learn what works, and what destroys cars.

Otmar was so pleased that they would have the budget to do mid-season upgrades. In past years, new go-fast parts would be designed, but funds would not be available to bring them to the track to install on the car.

They are still operating with much less funds than the top 3 teams, and less than Renault, but they are still hoping for a forth place team finish this year. They said that some of the lousy teams from last year are expected to do much better this year (like McLaren, Williams & Alfa (Sauber)).

Crofty, from the Sky Sports F1 team was the MC during the live reveal, and was as entertaining as always. Afterwards, Townsend Bell (former Indy driver and current NBC Sports broadcaster) took over. There was a very intimate session with Racing Point Technical Director and Otmar, hosted by Townsend. They did a Q&A with interested media. There were maybe 30 of us in the room with them, just standing around chatting. Otmar grew up in Detroit, and he was recalling his youth. He used to cross over to Windsor to drink after the US raised their legal age to 21. One of his buddies was from a family of drag racers, and the kids used to gather at his house to check out the dragsters. He'd love to get a classic Corvette, or even a Mustang to bring back to England. Technical Director Andrew Green said he had absolutely no interest in North

American Muscle. But he would love a classic Aston Martin. This did not sit well with the folks from Barrett-Jackson, who were sponsoring the chat.

After the Point Force guys departed, there was a 3-car presentation. First up was McLaren's Senna. This is a \$1,000,000 plus car of which only 500 are being made. The product manager noted that the #1 McLaren dealership in the world is Pfaff in Toronto. He was somewhat curious as to why, when we cannot drive their cars for 6 months of the year! We chatted, and I asked about cross-over with the F1 Racing crew. He said they don't get too much, considering they are under the same roof. However, they are always grabbing bits of technology that F1 bans. It seems that really sells with the customers. When asked about the SUV market, he laughed. We will NEVER build anything but the best driving car we can imagine.

Rolls Royce was next - with their SUV. The Rolls product manager opened by saying that RR will NEVER build a vehicle that could be considered sporty.

The Cullinan is big, but its lines were tweaked to make it look less Sport Utility Vehicle, and more Weekend Drive in the Country Utility Vehicle.

Both product managers talked about the importance of bespoke options. Everyone wants to think their car is unique, and it seems that most of these models are.

Finally, we saw the Devel. It is built in Bahrain, and sports over 5,000hp with its 12.75 litre 16 cylinder engine. The cost is \$1,600,000, and there is a 2 year wait. They are only building 7 per year. They also make a truck that is based on a tank. It has

wheels, not tracks, but will do 0-100km/hr in under 4 seconds.

This weekend is the TAC Ice Race, so Wife Sue and I will be there helping out. We really enjoy our B&B and nice meal out. Watching the racing is a blast as well. The new Lexus series sounds nuts, but who wouldn't want to race around in a luxury car! One of the folks from the Guru Nanak rally will be there, checking things out. They hope to get into the sport. Perhaps we can interest them in a novice weekend pass!

With the Racing Point unveiling, and F1 testing starting up, get ready for another season of Mitch & Brooke's F1 Fantasy League! You know all those F1 drivers that nobody cares about? Now you WILL care! The pool is dead simple to enter, and is completely free. Just go to <https://www.fantasyautoracers.com/> and watch for registration to open. This really does make the F1 season a blast to watch!

Finally, it is RSO AGM time again. Please look for the RSO proxy in this issue, and mail or email a version to either Competition Director Dietmar, or myself. Once again, I don't expect any major crazyness, but I am always worried that some of the smaller clubs may start dictating how we run our 2 Navigational rallies (and our contract rallies too!).

Enjoy the rest of the winter!

Rob
TAC President

TAC 2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Club</u>
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February 2019

16-17	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	TAC
16-17	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Polar Bear Rally, Bancroft	MLRC
20	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
23-24	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	PMSC

March 2019

2-3	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds, RAIN-DATE	
9-10	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds, RAIN-DATE	
15-17	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	
20	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
29-31	F1	BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	

April 2019

12-14	F1	CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai)	
13	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series, #1	KWRC
17	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
26-28	F1	Azerbaijani Grand Prix (Baku)	
27	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally	PMSC

May 2019

3-4	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, McDonalds Corners	MCO
10-12	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPANA (Catalunya)	
11	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Blossom Rally, (Kitchener)	KWRC
15	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting,	TAC
23-26	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
24	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, Invermere BC	CSCC

June 2019

7-9	F1	CANADIAN GRAND PRIX (Montréal)	
15	Rally-ORRC	Discover Ontario Car Rally, - See Flyer-	TAC
19	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting,	TAC
21-23	F1	FRENCH GRAND PRIX (Paul Ricard)	
28-30	F1	AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX	
28-30	Rally-CRC	Rallye Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec	CRAB

July 2019

12-14	F1	BRITISH GRAND PRIX (Silverstone)	
13	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Black Bear Rally, Bancroft area	MLRC
17	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting,	TAC

More events to appear as 2019 Schedules are released.

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

TAC Report on F1 Team Racing Point



Crofty introduces Racing Point Technical Director Andrew Green, Team Principal Otmar Szafnauer, and drivers Lance Stroll & Sergio Perez. Lawrence Stroll is the man behind the curtain.

The drivers being friendly for the last time



Team Principal Otmar telling Crofty that Lawrence will not be able to call Lance directly on team radio without going through him first



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Sergio taking a selfie with the new livery



NBC Sports Commentator chats with Racing Point Technical Director Andrew & Team Principal Otmar



The car is still pink, but with some red & blue to make it stand out. And it's got a lot more sponsors than last year!



Discussions with the product manager for the McLaren Senna



Rob with his next track car



Sue's next car. Is it the Devel or the Rolls?

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Toronto Autosport Club – January 2019 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: January 2, 2019

Call time: 8:03 pm

Participants: Paul, Rita, Dietmar, Graham & Rob

Presidents Report

Nothing to report

Vice President

Membership total now 56 = 21 primary +28 family + 7 life

Treasurer:

\$15,003.18 savings; \$12.89 PayPal; \$2,147.54 chequing

Ice racing insurance & permit paid

CARS affiliation fee paid

Still some banquet expenses to be reported

Competition:

ORRC - January Jaunt set for this Saturday Jan 5, 2019 from Waterdown

Ice racing volunteers are ok and still ready to go

Two trophies remain to distribute

Time Attack – new timing system required but no details on costing. Transponders.

Social:

A survey monkey to be prepared to solicit club member interests on 2019 activities.

Old business – nil

New business – nil

Adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Notes by G. Tulett

Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of January 16, 2019 General Meeting

Meeting date: January 16, 2019

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

Attendees: 10

- 1) President's report:
 - a. Survey Monkey on club activities to be sent to entire email list.
- 2) VP Report :
 - a. Total membership currently 66 = 7 life + 30 primary + 29 family
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Account balances - \$15,003.18 savings; \$1,130.85 Chequing; \$12.89 PayPal
- 4) Competition Report:
 - a. January Jaunt – 15 entries
 - b. Ice Racing – TAC weekend
 - i. Track has snow & ice – progressing well
 - ii. Still need 5-6 more volunteers to help organize
 - c. Canadian Endurance Racing / Lucky Dog Racing Canada – schedule TBD
 - d. OTA – new timing system coming using transponders to be implemented in 2019
 - e. AutoSlalom – Keith has fixed some wireless problems with the timing system
- 5) Social:
 - a. Annual awards banquet - next year's venue to be considered; possible question on survey
- 6) Items for sale/ wanted : none
- 7) Old Business: none
- 8) New Business: none
- 9) Loonies in the bus: Paul M was the grand prize winner. Thanks for the coffee crisps Fre

Adjournment: 9:01 p.m.

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.

Attention Proud TAC Members!

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Visit the store at

<http://www.cafepress.com/torontoautosportclubgear>





NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF RALLYSPORT ONTARIO

Notice is hereby given of the 2018 Annual General Meeting of RallySport Ontario to be held Saturday March 16th 2019, at 10am, or shortly thereafter at the following location:

Baker's Hill Banquet Centre
555 Parkhill Road East
Peterborough, ON

Elections to be held at this meeting:

President - 2 yr term (incumbent Bruce Leonard)

Vice President, Performance– 2yr term (incumbent Warren Haywood)

Treasurer – 2yr term (incumbent David Maynard)

Trustee – 3yr term

Discussion Items:

1. Financial statements for 2018
2. Executive annual reports will be presented
3. Confirmation of the acts of the Board
4. To transact such further business, or any other business, as may properly come before the meeting, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof



**PROXY FORM FOR
2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF RALLYSPORT ONTARIO**

If you cannot attend in person, you may appoint another member-in-good-standing to act for you by means of a written proxy. This individual must have been a registered member of an RSO-affiliated club in 2018. Please complete the blank form below and send it to the person of your choice by email.

E-mailed proxies must be received by the Secretary before 7 p.m. on Friday, March 15th, to be valid. At Registration on Saturday morning, only printed copies will be accepted.

RallySport Ontario Annual General Meeting PROXY

I, _____, a 2018 member in good standing

of _____, an RSO-affiliated club,

hereby appoint and authorize _____

to vote on my behalf at the RallySport Ontario Annual General Meeting to be held in

Peterborough on Saturday, March 16, 2019, and any adjournment thereof.

Signed _____
(E-mail identification is acceptable)

Printed Name _____

Date _____



Membership Application

Mail: 18759 Kennedy Road,
RR#1 Sharon, Ontario, L0G 1V0
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 _____

1st Member _____ [#] email _____

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Cash Cheque # _____ PayPal Other TOTAL \$: _____

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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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