



Fifth Gear

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

So not only is summer just upon us, but my competition season is almost over!

I'm running CASC-OR's Ontario Time Attack series this again this year, and we have completed 5 of our 7 events all ready. TAC runs the last 2 events at Grand Bend the weekend of July 26/27, and I'm hoping we will put on a great show. The series is very rookie friendly, with plenty of lapping time and instructors available if anyone wants to come out. If lapping is too fast, then WOSCA will be doing a club Autoslalom event on the Saturday. You could do some lapping, then run their event - and still enjoy the beach with the family!

Grand Bend is a unique event on the schedule. It's further from Toronto than our other events (but not much further than Shannonville), but it is a true summer vacation destination. Many racers bring their families, who hit the beach and Main Street Strip. There are some nice hotels, but they do book up early in the season. Some people stay at the Pinery Provincial Park and take advantage of its facilities, while others camp for free at the track. There are some really nice restaurants and bars in the area.

In the series, I am running in a very tight race between second, third, and forth. The three of us have juggled positions at each different track, depending on configuration and car prep. I'm hoping to do well at the final event, but regardless, I will have really enjoyed the season.

As I will be organizing our Grand Bend event, I was curious to see how CSCS ran their events. They were taking over Grand Bend for a Sunday to do a Time Attack session as well as drag races, drifting, and a show-and-shine.

Their events are huge spectator draws, and they charge \$20 just to get in the gates - contrast that with any CASC event which offer free admission. The turnout was very good, with probably close to 50% of the cars being of the Subaru variety. Most were pretty heavily modified, but as long as they looked reasonable, they could run in the Street (stock) classes. We had friends visiting, so this was the perfect event to bring guests to.

Our Time Attack sessions ran well, with everyone using transponders. Each session was similar to open lapping, with cars trying to get a clear lap to get the best time. At the end of the day, the 5 fastest cars in each class were to run a single session similar to what we do at OTA. They would get one warm-up lap, 3 hot laps, and one cool-down lap.

Unfortunately, a huge storm blew through just as the practice sessions ended. The track was closed, and any awards would be based on our practice times. This was a huge disappointment, as many competitors couldn't get clear laps in during the open runs. My class had 4 competitors all within a few tenths of a second. Anyone could have made the podium.

I'll take the OTA way of doing things over CSCS, just to get more runs in that count!

I see that British Columbia has raised a number of speed limits, including some expressway speeds to 120km/h. When will Ontario ever follow? We currently have the lowest speed limits in North America, but our governments are ignoring the situation. In fact, the day before the BC government announced they were raising limits, the OPP issued a statement saying that "Speed related deaths have doubled in the last year". Of course, they can count the death of anyone in a moving car as "speed related". What they didn't get into were the real reasons traffic deaths have increased. Consider our very harsh winter, and the crazy weather we've been having. The problems are caused by the speed differential between drivers on the road. Studies show that most people drive at the same speed, regardless of the posted limit. If we don't try to artificially force people to drive slower, there would be fewer serious "speed related" collisions.

Check out www.stop100.ca for some interesting comments on this.

Finally, with the Formula 1 season half over, there are some interesting developments in Mitch & Brooke's Fantasy F1 Racing League (<http://www.fantasyautoracers.com>). There have been a pile of people at the top of the standings who have had Rosberg as their top driver. Poor Lewis Hamilton has struggled through some bad luck and mechanical failures. I've had Lewis on my team since the start, but had been doing okay - in the top 10, but just barely.

After the British GP, with Rosberg dropping out early and Hamilton winning, I managed to jump from 8th to 3rd! If Lewis keeps this up, it will be very close by the end of the season.

Please wish me luck!

Rob McAuley
TAC President

TAC 2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<i>JULY 2014</i>			
10-13	RACE	TUDOR United SportsCar Championships, CTMP (Mosport)	
12	INDY	Iowa Corn Indy 300, Iowa Speedway	
12	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Black Bear Rally, Bancroft area	
13	Social	"Annual" TAC at CTMP (Mosport) with BBQ !	TAC
16	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
18-20	F1	GROSSER PREIS VON DEUTSCHLAND (Hockenheim)	
19-20	INDY	Honda Indy TORONTO 2 Races	
25-27	F1	MAGYAR NAGYDÍJ (Budapest)	
25	Rally	KWRC - SNATR	KWRC
26-27	Regional Race	Canadian Touring Trophy Races, Mosport	BARC-OC
26-27	TimeAttack	Event #6 & 7 ; Grand Bend Raceway	TAC
27	Rally	Mini Monte Rally	
<i>AUGUST 2014</i>			
3	INDY	Honda Indy 200, Mid-Ohio	
9	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Galway Cavendish Forest Rally, Catchecoma	PMSC
9	TimeAttack	Time Attack Championship Shootout, CTMP DDT	SPDA
15-17	Bike	Superbike Double Header Weekend, CTMP (Mosport)	
16-17	Autoslalom	Molson Centre, Barrie Ontario Regional Event #5 & 6	TLMC
17	INDY	ABC Supply Wisconsin 250, West Allis, WI	
22-24	F1	SHELL BELGIAN GRAND PRIX (Spa-Francorchamps)	
22-24	Motorcycle	VRRA Vintage Motorcycle Festival, CTMP (Mosport)	VRRA
23-24	Regional Race	Ted Powell Memorial Trophy Races, Calabogie	MCO
23	Rally	KWRC - SNATR	KWRC
24	INDY	GoPro Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma, Infineon Raceway	
29-31	NASCAR	Chevrolet Silverado 250, CTMP (Mosport)	
30	INDY	MAVTV 500, Fontana CA	
31	Autoslalom	Autoslalom, Durham College, Whitby	OMSC
<i>SEPTEMBER 2014</i>			
5-7	Rally-CRC/OPRC	Rallye Défi , Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, Quebec	CASDI
5-7	F1	GRAN PREMIO D'ITALIA (Monza)	

More events to appear as 2014 Schedules are released.

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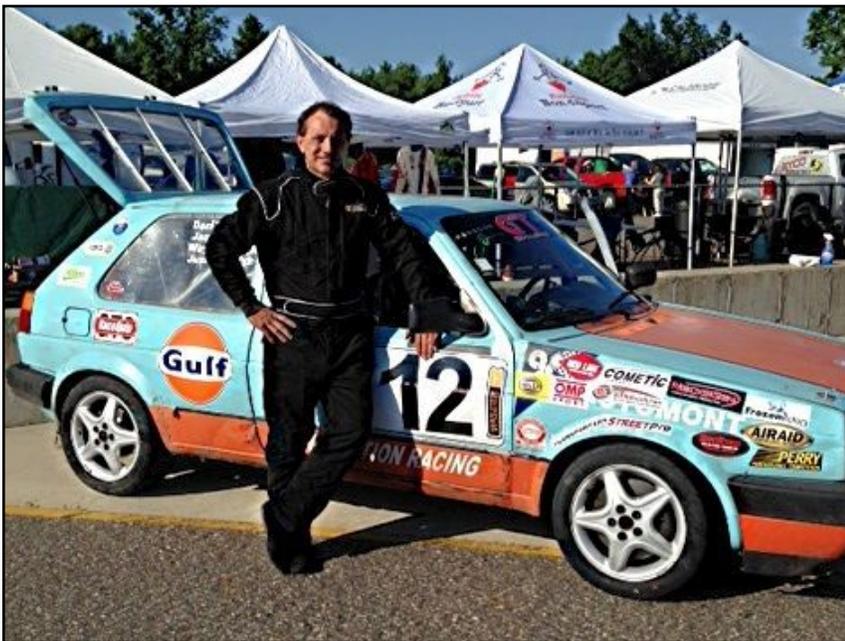
Wanted to give you quick report from our July Chumpcar race at Calabogie Motorsport park. It was a 2 day event with 7 hours each day. We brought our 1990 vw golf. It has been a somewhat reliable car. We always try to get things sorted out prior. This year was no different. Saturday, July 5th, car ran good. There was some good racing going, enjoyed every turn. Minor hiccup with spark plugs. Got some new ones at good old Canadian Tire.

Sunday, a bit of different story. Started to miss, still drive able under normal load but in higher rpm's was a bit of a miss. We replaced parts we had/borrowed from other teams (thank you) but not much success. We decide to pack up while still running and ahead of the game. All in all, great weekend with friends. Will do it again rain or shine. Nothing like good company with friends and family.

Thanks to Graham and Andrew Tulett, Paul Vreugdenhil, Earl Kufner, Aaron Neilly (who did not get to drive on Sunday, sorry).

Hope to see you in September for 12 hour race !!

Dan Zorica



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Minutes of the TAC General Meeting held June 18, 2014

at the Moose & Firkin, Weston Rd, Woodbridge

Meeting opened at 8:00pm with 5 members present.

President's Report:

- CASC has announced plans to spend approximately \$30,000 to produce a video of the various competition disciplines, to be used for promotion. TAC will support their decision and hope to be able to make use of it.
- Rob is gradually decreasing the number of members who request a hard copy of Fifth Gear; electronic distribution is a big expense-cutter.

Vice President's Report:

- Current membership is 108, consisting of 59 primary, 43 family, and 6 life.

Treasurer's Report:

- Savings account has \$12,601.57; PayPal has \$206.25; chequing has \$2782.06.
- Most bills currently paid although we owe Nick for some Fifth Gear expenses.

Competition Report:

Rally:

- Discover Ontario Car Rally is this Saturday. Ultra 94 sponsorship cards have been delivered to organizer Brooke.
- Zonta contract rally date is Oct. 4.
- Guru Nanak contract rally will be in September with 2 classes of instructions. Mr. Lucky Singh will be in contact with Dietmar with more specifics.

Time Attack:

- First event took place in early June with record turnout: 60 people each day. The open lapping was shortened to make the competition portion longer. Time attack competitors got in their 3 promised sessions, but the final one was shortened from 3 hot laps to just 1.
- Shannonville event is this weekend, Mosport in 3 weeks.
- The TAC weekend in Grand Bend will be organized by Rob M and Carsten.
- The entire series takes place on a more compressed schedule this year and the season will be over at the end of July.

Autoslalom:

- The first event was May 31-June 1. A Tesla Roadster attended!
- A serious violation took place with some competitors practicing on the track (an airstrip!) the day before it was open. They were promptly disqualified.
- Discussion of tires took place.

Social Report:

- ALMS weekend is confirmed for the weekend of July 11-13. TAC will have the same setup as last year. Tickets for members and their family members are \$30 for the weekend.

Old Business:

- Rob showed items from the archive around. These included Fiat auto club stickers and newsletters from 1967.
- Still awaiting Ultra 94 sponsorship news for 2014-2015 but we are hoping to receive word in time for the TAC Time Attack event.

Loonies in the Bus:

Paul & Keith won gas cards and Rob got the Loonies.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54pm.

Minutes taken by Rita Moore for Graham Tulett, Secretary.

Toronto Autosport Club June 2014 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: June 4, 2014 Call time: 8:00 pm

Present: Rob, Paul & Rita, Dietmar and Graham

- President's Report:
 - o CASC Treasurer is now serving as CASC-OR Race Director

- Vice President:
 - o 2014 membership year : 108 = 6 life + 59 primary + 43 family

- Treasurer:
 - o \$12,601.57 savings; \$1,206.25 PAY PAL; \$1,770.13 chequing

- Competition:
 - o OTA school last month went well; OTA events 1 & 2 sold out at 60 entries;
 - o Grand Bend track check to proceed; shared lapping with autoslalom to encourage crossover

- Social:
 - o TAC Infinite Monkeys fun rally – small turnout but good event
 - o ALMS Race / BBQ to be July 12/13, 2014 – prices \$30/\$40/\$50 for members/guests/other clubs

- Old business: nil

- New business: nil

Call adjourned: 8:26 pm

Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

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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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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