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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

Will summer ever arrive? If it's cold and wet, but the days are long, can we call it summer?

It seems the past few years, we have been surprised at how quickly we moved from winter to summer. Spring was one day midweek, then temps shot up, and we were ready for hot, buggy days. This year, people are out wearing shorts in 10 degree weather, hoping the sun will break through the rain clouds. At least the bugs aren't too bad.

Back on May 11, I organized the Time Attack School. Organizing is much easier than it used to be, with other people lining up instructors and handling registration. I did the 3 classroom sessions, and we all had a blast.

Check out the photos in this issue. We had a very strong group of students, most of whom had other track experience. I managed to get Wife-Sue's newish BMW 750 out on the track to terrorize some of the students. It is a fun car to drive, but oh so heavy. It carries a lot of momentum into the corners, and is a bear to get slowed down. Anyone know if Hawk makes a track pad for such a car?

Comments were very favourable, saying that OTA events are run very well, and they are looking forward to the series. Hopefully we can fill all our events, and have happy organizers and competitors!

On the Memorial Day Weekend (that's the US holiday after Victoria Day), Champ Car (Chump Car) held an event at Watkins Glen. TAC members Graham & Dan invited me to co-drive their BMW. Friday was a test day, but most of the day was spent in line to get Tech'd. We managed to get about 3 hours on the track split between 5 drivers. The car felt amazing! There's nothing like an E36 BMW, and Dan had it very well prepared. Co-Drivers Stan and Earl had some time to learn the track, and Friday was a success. Wife Sue drove down after

work, and we crashed at our lovely bed and breakfast in town.

There were going to be 8 hour races on Saturday and Sunday. Splitting the driving up 5 ways would give us each about an hour and a half, or just about a full tank of gas. Saturday morning started very well. With the random start, we were 13th on the track at the start. Dan seemed to be passing cars all over the place, and moved up as high as 9th. He came in under a full course yellow, and I jumped into the car to head out to 39th place.

Luckily, with our pit strategy, our stops were less frequent than many of the other cars. I was able to get up to 6th place, and first in our class! With over 100 cars on the track, there was always some excitement and someone to run with. I did have a run through the red mist. On one lap, I was nose-to-tail behind another BMW. We ran up the S's and on to the back straight, but had to deal with 3 slower cars heading into the bus stop. I knew I was faster than the BMW through those turns, so dove up the inside. As I did, the 3 slower cars fanned out. I needed to clear them at the entrance to the bus stop. I tried to late brake, but went in too deep and blew straight through the turn-in. The penalty for missing the turn is to wait for a signal from the marshals before re-entering the track. I watched as all the cars I was chasing drove by, and the BMW that I was right behind was long gone by the time I was allowed to proceed.



TAC 2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Club</u>
June 2019			
15	Rally-ORRC	Discover Ontario Car Rally, - See Flyer-	TAC
19	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
21-23	F1	FRENCH GRAND PRIX (Paul Ricard)	
22-23	Autoslalom	Ontario Regional Event #3 & 4, Hiawatha Downs, Sarnia	WOSCA
23	INDY	Road America (Elkhart Lake WI)	
28-30	F1	AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX	
28-30	Rally-CRC	Rallye Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec	CRAB
29	Autoslalom	Ontario Regional Event #5 CTMP (Mosport)	OMSC
29	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack School, CTMP/Mosport GP Track	
30	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #4, CTMP/Mosport GP Track	

July 2019

4-7	Social	"Annual" TAC at CTMP (Mosport) Sports Car GP Weekend with BBQ !	TAC
12-14	F1	BRITISH GRAND PRIX (Silverstone)	
13	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Black Bear Rally, Bancroft area	MLRC
13-14	Autoslalom	Molson Centre, Barrie Ontario Regional Event #6, #7	TLMC
13	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #5 Toronto Motorsport Park, Cayuga	
14	INDY	Honda Indy, Streets of TORONTO	
17	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting,	TAC
20	INDY	Iowa 300, Iowa Speedway	
21	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series #3	KWRC
26-28	F1	GROSSER PREIS VON DEUTSCHLAND (Hockenheimring)	
28	INDY	Honda Indy 200, Mid-Ohio (Lexington OH)	

August 2019

2-4	F1	FORMULA 1 MAGYAR NAGYDIJ (Budapest)	
11	Autoslalom	Ontario Regional Event #8 TBA	
18	INDY	Pocono GP, Pocono Raceway, PA	
24	INDY	Gateway GP, Gateway International Raceway	
24	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series #4	KWRC
24	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #6, SMP / Shannonville	
25	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #7, SMP / Shannonville	
30-1	F1	BELGIAN GRAND PRIX (Spa-Francorchamps)	

September 2019

1	INDY	GP of Portland, Portland International Raceway	
1	Autoslalom	Ontario Regional Event #9, Mohawk	CASC
6-8	F1	GRAN PREMIO D'ITALIA (Monza)	

More events to appear as 2019 Schedules are released.

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

I was about an hour and a half into my stint, and the track went full-course yellow. The perfect time to dive into the pits and swap drivers. Stan took over, but barely got 1 hot lap before he and another car bumped and both ended up in the wall. They were both heading into the toe of the boot. Stan passed the slower Mazda just prior to the braking zone, but the Mazda made contact when Stan braked for the corner. The Mazda didn't expect Stan to come over in front of him, and didn't expect Stan to brake as early as he did. Both cars were out for the weekend.

It was too bad, as the car was running great. And also bad for most of our drivers, who got



very little track time - not what you expect when you sign up for Champ/Chump Car. The races are long, and you hope to run long stints.

It was perfect for Wife-Sue, who wanted to hit the Corning Museum of Glass on Sunday. Now I would be able to go with her. She signed up for 2 workshops, and came home with glass decorations and a vase that she helped blow.

Also on the plus side, Dan gets to build a new car. I was hoping he'd drop the spunky engine from #11 into my old E36 Touring Car that is now owned by Graham. It has a very high-strung engine that sucks up 100 octane gas. Swap it out

for the (mainly) stock #11 engine, and it would be a very solid Chump Car!

In early June, member Nikita, Secretary Graham and I went to observe a Kitchener Waterloo Rally Club RallyCross event. We've heard stories that this newish form of dirt track driving was hugely popular. Nikita reached out to KWRC, and they invited us to observe and assist at their next event in Port Colborne. I was amazed at how simple the setup was! They used half of a dirt track oval, and the gravel parking lot beside the track, to lay out a tight autoslalom course. Things were reasonably dry, and only a bit dusty. The track owner had graded the track, and the 40 competitors dodged pylons and barrels. The event had to wrap by 4pm, so the owner could set up for the Sunday dirt oval races.

We saw cars from a Mustang GT to a 2001 Jaguar XJ. Most cars looked like basic street cars. Some were rally prepped, and others looked like ice racers. Most cars were running 2 minute laps, and 3 cars could be on the course at a time. Things moved quickly, and competitors got in 5 runs after a few laps practice.

KWRC and Peterborough each have a series they are running. Oshawa (OMSC) was going to host an event, but lost the Tank Museum grounds so they are looking for a venue. It looks like just about any dirt oval in Ontario would do.

RallyCross is incredibly popular. KW's events are completely booked the day they open registration on MotorsportReg.com. All the competitors were very excited to see us, and would definitely be up for running at our event. KW are willing to work along side us, so we will be looking to see if we can fit an event into the schedule later this fall. It will take about 10 volunteers to pull it off - about the same as organizing a Navigational Rally!

Of course, it would be a blast to compete, so start prepping that car now. There are no special

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requirements as long as the car is street legal in Ontario (ie. no studs). Cages are not required, but current Snell rated helmets are. Just like in Ice Racing, Auto Slalom or Time Attack. Wear and tear on the car is non-existent. Most people drove their cars home, but there were a few trailer-queens that showed up. This is a small step up from Navigational Rallying, and I know our TAC members would have a blast doing it. I hope to see people out at our event in the fall. Stay tuned for more details!

The Discover Ontario Rally should have been run by the time you read this. This year, Brooke, Kim, and Claire had the rally run from the 401 rest stop near Woodstock. Not much to say about because it hasn't happened at the time of writing, but check back in our next issue for results.

One of our premier social events goes in a couple of weeks. The Mosport IMSA Barbecue will happen on July 7th. For tickets and information, please email me:
president@torontoautosportclub.ca

There is a flyer in this issue of Fifth Gear with the details. For those that have never been, we get seriously discounted tickets from Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, a reserved seating area in the in-field above Turn 2, and a great barbecue. This is the best place to see the race and hang with your TAC buddies (or just come and eat the food). Tickets are good for the whole weekend, so you can take in the Michelin Pilot Challenge Touring Car race on Saturday, or the Porsche Cup Canada event, or the big mixed class prototype endurance race on Sunday. Guests are welcome.

Vice President Paul was contacted by 20th Century to see if we were interested in seeing a free movie ahead of its general release! This comes up every so often, and the club has been to Speed Sisters, Mad Max, and The Need for Speed.

All have been fun racing related shows, that those attending have really enjoyed.

This time, the show is about an Uber driver who gets taken for a ride by a cop chasing after a terrorist. Check your email from earlier this month for more info, or just sign up at <http://www.gofobo.com/RJwOI91301>

There are a limited number of passes, so grab a pair now. The show is July 10th at the Young-Dundas Cineplex at 7pm.

Finally, for now, Wife-Sue, Daughter-Sarah, and I will be heading to the UK for Sarah's Graduation Ceremony. It has been perfectly timed to go a week after the British Grand Prix F1 race at Silverstone! We will be heading over just prior to the race, then killing the week before Grad with a quick drive up to north Scotland (due to rave road reviews by the Grand Tour guys). Watch for a report and some photos in the August issue of Fifth Gear.

I know this has been a long article, so let me summarize the important bits and help you prioritize:

1. Grab your movie pass to see the free showing of Stuber at:
<http://www.gofobo.com/RJwOI91301>
2. [Email president@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:president@torontoautosportclub.ca) to confirm your attendance at Mosport's IMSA weekend.
3. Figure out which car you are going to run at TAC's RallyCross event in the fall.

And enjoy your summer. It's here!

Rob McAuley
TAC President



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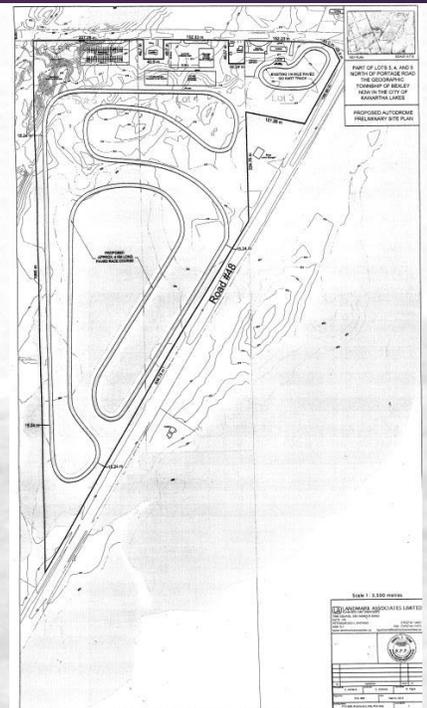
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Starting off the OTA season with the driving school at the Driver Development Track at CTMP



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Team Constipation Racing: Stan, Dan, Graham, and Earl.
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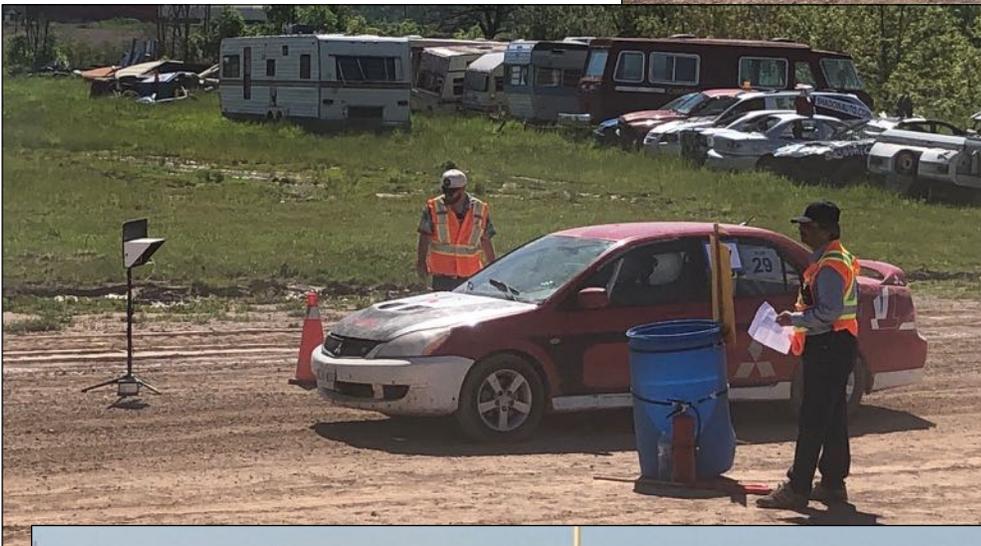


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Running the Oval, but about to turn into the Infield



Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of May 2019 General Meeting

Meeting date: may 15, 2019

Meeting opened: 8:01 pm

Attendees: 9

- 1) President's report:
 - a. Nothing to report
- 2) VP Report :
 - a. Total membership currently 88 = 7 life + 45 primary + 36 family
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Account balances - \$15,050.88 savings; \$5,364.84 Chequing; \$497.74 PayPal
- 4) Competition Report:
 - a. DOCR next TAC ORRC event – June 15
 - b. OTA :
 - i. Instructor school held May 4
 - ii. Rob M organizing School #1 at DDT May 11 - 27 students & 11 lappers
 - c. Lucky dog endurance series debut at Calabogie a success with about 28 entries
 - d. Rallycross – will check out club event June 8 at dirt oval/track
- 5) Social:
 - a. Bowling night May 29 – Splitsville at 191 Marycroft
 - b. Possible Drive-In movie night this summer in Newmarket area to investigate
 - c. Mosport BBQ -July 7, 2019
- 6) Items wanted / for sale : Nick Beck has a 2000 Jetta TDI sedan with seized transmission for \$600 or best offer
- 7) Old Business: none
- 8) New Business:
 - a. Links to Rally Masters notes on website is broken
- 9) Loonies in the bus: Rob McAuley pocketed the proceeds

Adjournment: 8:47 p.m.

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.



Membership Application

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

- 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.

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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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