



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. **-NOTE- In-Person Meetings Suspended due to COVID-19 limits.**

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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From The President's Desk

GentlePeople: Start your engines!

Case numbers are dropping. Restrictions are lifting. Motorsports are proceeding.

The first TAC event - the Time Attack School & Event 1 - will run on the June 26/27 weekend at the Toronto Motorsport Park in Cayuga. VP Gary is the organizer, and like most Ontario Time Attack events, it is well organized. They'll be doing lead/follow instructing on Saturday, then with a host of new rookies, running the competition on Sunday.

Cayuga's a great track, with both long straights and some tricky twisty bits. There is only 1 corner with a wall involved, so it is a safe track for your car!

Now spectators are still not permitted, but drivers, crew, and support staff are all welcome. Make sure you say the right thing when you arrive at the gates.

The club has been approached by ASN Canada FIA, asking what our women members are up to. We have about 30 female members, and will be reporting our numbers to our sanctioning body. If anyone would like to provide more details about their involvement, whether it be racing, crewing, or sponsoring, please let me know!

COVID levels are dropping quickly, and we are now at levels we haven't seen since the start of the outbreak. Of course, these are similar to the numbers at the start of the summer - just prior to the second wave. Our daughter and

one-in-law arrived a week ago from Denver. They had their second vax dose a month ago, but still have another week to isolate. They tell us about how things have opened in and around their place. It sure looks like the vaccine is doing its job. Let's just hope that no variants of concern get a toe-hold before most people get their second shots. From my contact tracing work, I see people still testing positive after 1 shot, but they don't seem to be as sick as if they had no shots. Here's to a return to normal by the fall!

Is anyone doing any iRacing? There are a couple of groups running events, including Ontario Time Attack. I'd love to hear from people about it. Did you have to invest in some beefier gear? Which events are you running? Any recommendations on how to get into it? Drop me a line. Please!

Autoslalom looks like it will be up and running soon. Some clubs have events scheduled, and the CASC championship kicks off with Twin Lakes hosting the first 2 events on June 19 (yes, both on the same day). There are more details on the CASC-OR Autoslalom Facebook page.

So, things are slowly reopening. Stay safe, wash your hands after you touch your face, get that second shot, and remember: When you get to the track, tell them that you are not a **spectator**. You are a **participant**!

Rob
TAC President

TAC 2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

Most Schedules are Tentative / Verify with organizing group

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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June 2021

12	INDY	Detroit Race 1, The Raceway at Belle Isle Park	
12-13	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race Calabogie	LDC
13	F1	Turkish Grand Prix	
13	INDY	Detroit Race 2, The Raceway at Belle Isle Park	
16	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
17-20	Vintage	Canadian Vintage Grand Prix, CTMP (Mosport)	VARAC
19	Autoslalom	TBA, near Barrie Ontario Regional Event #1	TLMC
19	Autoslalom	TBA, near Barrie Ontario Regional Event #2	TLMC
20	INDY	Road America	
26	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #2, TMP	
27	F1	FRENCH GRAND PRIX (Le Castellet)	
30-1	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race Shannonville	LDC

July 2021

2-4	Social	TAC at CTMP Sports Car GP Weekend with BBQ SORRY - Not This Year !	TAC
4	F1	AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX (Spielberg)	
4	INDY	Honda Indy 200, Mid Ohio	
11	INDY	Honda Indy, Streets of TORONTO	
17	Autoslalom	Ontario Regional Event #3 , Centralia Airport	WOSCA
17-18	Regional Race	Canadian Touring Trophy Races, CTMP (Mosport)	BARC-OC
18	F1	UNITED KINGDOM GRAND PRIX (Silverstone)	
18	Autoslalom	Ontario Regional Event #4 , Centralia Airport	WOSCA
21	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
24	School	Ontario Time Attack School , Test & Tune CTMP-GP	
25	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #3, CTMP-GP	

August 2021

1	F1	FORMULA 1 MAGYAR NAGYDÍJ (Budapest)	
8	INDY	Streets of Nashville	
14	Autoslalom	Ontario Regional Event #5, Picton Airfield	St LAC

More events to appear as 2021 Schedules are released.

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



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Visit the store at

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



Hello again ;

I recently came across something that amused and bemused me. Since it involves a high performance automobile, I thought others in the club might also be amused, or possibly even be able to solve the mystery, so...

I'm in a Canadian Tire parking lot, standing outside my car waiting for my "curbside" order to come out of the store, and in pulls a bright orange McLaren. (It wasn't very close to me, and I didn't get much time to look at it, but I think it's a 570S?). Anyway, since I was just standing there with my phone already in my hand, and since it's a fairly rare and reasonably exciting car, I took the chance to grab a quick video of it. Then my order came out, and I got on with my day.

Later, while reviewing the video on the much bigger screen of my computer, I noticed some odd looking non-stock additions on the roof. So I paused the video, took a screen shot, and zoomed in on the car. If you look carefully, you should be able to see things that look like horns (cow horns, not signalling device horns) sticking up at the front of the roof, just behind the top of the windshield.



Or maybe you don't see them. They're fairly small, they're black, they're in silhouette against dark backgrounds, and they don't look like they belong where they are, all of which combine to make them non-obvious (at least in the still picture). So I zoomed in tight on the area and circled them in red to help make them obvious. Once you do see them, you can't un-see them, and from the video they're definitely real, but I don't understand what they are or why they're there.

They don't look like they'd serve any useful aerodynamic purpose, so presumably they're purely decorative. But why these projections as decoration?

I honestly don't know why anyone would do this to their multi-hundred-thousand-dollar sports car. If it was a Lamborghini I could accept some rational connection with the Charging Bull logo of that manufacturer. But as far as I know McLaren has no association with bovines, and the only other time I've seen anything at all related would be the stereotypical oil baron's Texas Longhorn sets on the front of 70's/80's Cadillacs and Lincolns.

Maybe some spoiled rich kid wanted a Lambo, but his Mommy got him the wrong car so he's acting out? Or maybe the owner just wanted to jazz up his "plain Jane" bright orange McLaren with something to make it stand out? Or maybe I'm just out of it, and this is the new hot trend in custom appearance accessories?

I'm at a complete loss, but hopefully someone in TAC will have a reasonable - or at least somewhat reasonable - explanation.

Rob Jones

TAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - May 19, 2021 via ZOOM

Called to order 8:05 pm

President

Insurance was renewed.

Vice President

Time attack and school one were to go this weekend. Told it can't be held due to ongoing lockdown. Downpayment will be transferred to July 25 event. Talked to TMP about moving the June event one day so that a school could be held. School will be June 26 and the event on June 27. This will be a TAC event. 183 paid registrations at open house. Collected about \$60,000 in payments. Fairly successful open house. CASC authorized a line of credit if needed. Next Lucky Dog will be June 12 & 13. Most people believe this event will be a go.

112 members: 6 life, 69 primary, 37 family

Treasurer

Tangerine	\$ 24,697.31
Chequing	\$ 274.91
PayPal	\$ 48.25

Competition

Events that were to be held after May 20 have been rescheduled. Regional races scheduled for May 29 were officially cancelled. First regional race will now be at Shannonville. Just waiting now to see what the Provincial announcement will be and see how the race tracks will be affected. Keeping our fingers crossed that some events will get off the ground in June.

TAC could use some volunteers to help at the June 26 & 27 Time Attack.

Virtual racing series - most popular and most respected is I-racing. Brooke will be looking into what would be involved in organizing some events. A TAC series would be fun.

Social

Looking into ordering more TAC gear.
Now have 546 followers on our FaceBook page

Old Business - discussion again about insurance coverage re rallies with CARS sanction.

New Business - none

Items for Sale - none

Items Wanted - none

Loonies in the Bus - on hold until we meet again

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

Minutes by Ingrid

Toronto Autosport Club - Executive Conference Call Meeting Minutes June 2, 2021

Call time: 8:02 pm via ZOOM

Participants: Rob, Gary, Graham, Claire, Brooke & Ingrid

President:

Discussion on D&O insurance. Rob is waiting to hear back for clarification.

We've got 559 people on Facebook.

Membership: 112 members: 6 life, 69 primary, 37 family

Treasurer:

Account Balances:

PayPal	\$	48.25
Savings	\$	24,055.55
Chequing	\$	273.91

TAC still has accounts payable of \$1,200 for reimbursement of expenses. No current receivables.

Competition:

In general terms it appears things are slowly starting to get going.

Events scheduled at Calabogie are to begin June 4.

A new Ice Race Director has appeared, Brad Elkins. This is an encouraging sign that something will be happening this season. Have yet to see any minutes from CASC annual meeting in Jan.

Time attack - we now have gone into full organization mode. Have applied for insurance and permits for June 26 & 27. Plan is to run school and lapping day Saturday and racing on Sunday. Instruction will be by YouTube which will be available before the event. The event will be limited to 18 students. Currently a bit short of instructors, need another five. Have lots of volunteers.

Waiting to see if January Jaunt will be a go for 2022.

Question was raised wondering if there has been any requests for contract rallies? So far, none.

Brook has looked further into Iracing - his current computer is not strong enough to run it. Each person would need an Irace membership before they could compete. Also may need upgrades to your computer as well as racing accessories. May turn out to be too cost prohibited to compete just for fun. He will continue to look into it.

Social - general meeting Wednesday, June 16, 2021, will again be virtual.

Old Business - Women in Motorsport has sent an email inquiring as to how many women are members of TAC and hoping to provide them all with WIM patches, looking for donation to help cover the cost.

New Business - Looking into the possibility of using Jitsi for the general meetings.

Adjourned at 8:58 pm

Minutes by I. Beck



Membership Application

Mail: 148 Tamarack Drive,
Thornhill, Ontario, L3T 4X4

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 _____

Address _____ Home Phone (____) _____

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2nd (Family) Member _____ [#] email _____

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4th Family Member _____ [#] email _____

5th Family Member _____ [#] email _____

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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