



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. (currently via ZOOM online).

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

Hey Folks. Good News and Bad News and more Good News!

First the Good News. TAC was lucky to get our Ice Race Weekend in while the weather was cooperating. 4 of the 6 clubs were able to hold events this year.

Now the Bad News. All the clubs lost a tonne of money, with the number of entrants lower than it's been in years. While we would have been better off financially if our event was cancelled, we still had some of happy racers - and that's what it's all about - right? Seeing the smiles on their faces.

Now more Good News. The numbers were down for a couple of reasons. The group of Lexus runners did not participate this year. The studded tires that they ran in previous years were banned, as they wore the track down and made it hard to maintain in the weather we've been getting. There were a few other people that had purchased legal studded tires in 2023 that were no longer permitted in 2024. Instead of buying another set of tires, many of these people took the year off. We quickly discovered why we were getting all the Bad News. So, the Minden Kin have relaxed the rules for next year, and will allow the Lexus folks to run their spec tire, and others to run any DOT studded tire that is legal to purchase in Ontario!

Ice Racing over the years has been profitable for the club, it has been a blast for members to participate in, and it has been fun to work the events. Having said that, we could not see the club continuing to lose the funds we lost this year. Here's

hoping that we can rebound next year so we can at least break even.

Next up on the calendar is Ontario Time Attack. This year, they have expanded the schedule, adding a couple of lapping days on the school weekends. We will have 6 events, just as we have for the past few years, and we will be having 2 Saturday schools - one at CTMP's Driver Development Track and one at CTMP's Grand Prix Track. But instead of having competitions on the Sunday after the school, those will be lapping days to get in some additional track time. Then on the Grand Prix Track event weekend, Saturday will be a lapping day, with the competition on Sunday. Thanks to the folks at CTMP to recognize what a great series the OTA clubs put on, and give us a second weekend at The Big Track!

For 2024, TAC will be co-organizing the first school and lapping day at the Driver Development Track on the weekend of May 11 & 12, then the Shannonville weekend on July 27 & 28, and finally, the closing event at Toronto Motorsport Park in Cayuga on September 21. Many thanks to TAC Rep Gary Vernon for helping to sort this out. I know we will have quite a few members that are keyed up to participate!

Watch for our other events coming up towards the summer with the Discover Ontario Rally and our IMSA race weekend picnic. Take advantage of that TAC membership!

See you at the track,
Rob McAuley
TAC President

TAC 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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March 2024

20	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
22-24	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	

April 2024

5-7	F1	JAPANESE GRAND PRIX (Suzuka)	
6	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Shannonville Stages	PMSC
13	Rally	KWRC SNATR #2	KWRC
17	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
19-21	F1	CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai)	
20	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally	PMSC

May 2024

3-5	F1	CRYPTO.COM MIAMI GRAND PRIX (Miami)	
4	Rally-ORRC	ORRC & SNATR - Blossom Rally	KWRC
4-5	Regional Race	Spring Trophy Races CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
11	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack School #1	
12	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Lapping Day #1	
15	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
17-19	F1	GRAN PREMIO DELL'EMILIA-ROMAGNA (Imola)	
18	RallyCross	KWRC Rallycross	KWRC
24-26	F1	Grand Prix de Monaco	
25	RallyCross	PMSC Rallycross	PMSC

June 2024

1-2	Regional Race	SMP CUP; at SMP	
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More events to appear as 2024 Schedules are released.

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



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-  Restrooms
-  Showers
-  Playground
-  Accessible Restroom
-  Victory Podium
-  Merchandise
-  Fuel Station



Attention Proud TAC Members!

Now you can buy clothes and more with the TAC logo on it, through the Toronto Autosport Club's online store (a partnership with Café Press.com).

Choose from a large selection of shirts, jackets, mugs, bags, even games and toys! Almost anything that Café Press sells, they will sell with the TAC logo on.

Visit the store at

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





NOTICE OF 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF RALLYSPORT ONTARIO

Notice is hereby given of the 2023 Annual General Meeting of RallySport Ontario to be held virtually on Saturday March 23, 2024, at 4pm, or shortly thereafter.

Elections to be held at this meeting:

- Secretary– 2yr term (currently Kelly Mathew)
- Vice President, Navigational – 2yr term (currently Louis Cabardos)
- Trustee – 3yr term (currently Bruce Leonard)

Discussion Items:

1. Financial statements for 2023
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
5. 2 Motions to be presented:

Motion #1: To amend the RSO Bylaws concerning the election of the Regional Rally Director by removing the governance of the procedure from RSO & allowing the CARS procedure to become the sole method to nominate and elect the RSO Regional Rally Director.

Preamble:

This is the current CARS procedure for nominating and electing the RSO Regional Rally Director.

1. CARS opens up nominations for RSO CARS Regional Rally Director 60 days prior to the CARS AGM date - anyone can put their name forward (nominee bios are appreciated)
2. Deadline for the receipt of nominations is 30 days prior to the CARS AGM - therefore this will be dependent on the CARS AGM date (i.e. not the same every year)

3. Once the deadline has passed, CARS will then send out the list of candidates that it received for the position, to the RSO Clubs (maybe directly/maybe through RSO Secretary)
4. Clubs will have the 30 days prior to the CARS AGM to poll their members for the Club overall vote.
5. **RSO Clubs (only)** will then vote at the CARS AGM -using their polled results- for the RSO CARS Regional Rally Director

This is a duplicate of the RSO procedure and therefore it is proposed that we remove the RSO procedure from the Bylaws.

There is no benefit from RSO replicating this procedure prior to CARS requesting nominations - the results will be the same. Only RSO Clubs have the final vote at the CARS AGM after polling their members. Currently Clubs essentially have to do this member polling twice.

Proposed Bylaw amendments:

4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4.1 The property and business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of six Directors of whom four shall constitute a quorum. Directors must be members, individuals, at least 18 years of age.

4.2. ~~4~~ Directors shall be elected for a term of two years by the members at an Annual Meeting of the Membership, with the exception of the Region Rally Director who will be elected by the RSO clubs only **at a CARS AGM.**

4.2.1 The election for the Region Rally Director will take place **at the CARS AGM normally in odd numbered years. The nomination and election process is governed by CARS bylaws. Candidates for the Region Rally Director can self-nominate or be nominated by others by the deadlines established by CARS,**

~~via a write-in (email) vote no later than November 30 of even numbered years. The Director elected by the clubs shall be the Official nominee of RSO to be presented to the CARS AGM in the January following election and supported by RSO clubs for election.~~

~~4.2.3 Candidates for Region Rally Director can self nominate or be nominated. All nominations must be submitted by November 1 of even numbered years.~~

~~4.2.4 The Scrutineering committee for 4.2.2. shall consist of the Secretary and the Treasurer of RSO.~~

~~4.2.5~~ **4.2.2** No individual shall have more than one vote. The person carrying the vote shall be either the club President or the Official club representative. **Being a member of multiple RSO clubs does not entitle an individual to vote more than once on a motion. An individual RSO member can carry duly assigned and verified proxies.**

4.2. ~~6~~3 Beginning in 1994 three of the Directors shall be elected to a one year-term and two of the Directors shall be elected to a two-year term. Subsequently, three Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years, three in even-numbered years. Each Director's term in office shall be no more than two years

Motion #2: To amend the RSO Bylaws concerning RSO AGM proxies to include online forms for individual member proxies.

Preamble:

Currently the RSO Bylaws require individual proxies to be submitted as 'written proxies'. If there is a way to introduce the use of google forms to create something similar and allow for electronic submission, we may increase the number of members that vote at the AGM by

simplifying the process of submitting proxies - especially as we have moved towards a virtual AGM becoming the norm.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment:

11.6 Each member in good standing, present at a meeting, shall have the right to exercise one vote. A member in good standing may, by means of a written or electronically submitted proxy (in a manner approved by RallySport Ontario), appoint a proxy holder to attend and act at a specific meeting of members in the manner and to the extent authorized by the proxy. A proxy holder must be a member in good standing of the Corporation.

Announcement



N° 2024-05

Subject: CRC National Series Manager

Issue Date: February 28, 2024

Yannick Lefebvre, National Series Manager for the 2023 and early 2024 season has unexpectedly stepped down with immediate effect.

I would like to thank Yannick Lefebvre for his hard work, dedication and enthusiasm that he's put into the role over the last 15 months. He did an excellent job in the role and brought many new ideas to the championship. Thank you, Yannick, for all the work you have put into this challenging position.

This leaves CARS with an opportunity to work with a new, interested party and continue to define and adapt the role as we move into 2024. If you are interested in discussing this position with CARS, please reach out.

Chris Kremer
President
Canadian Association of Rallysport

BULLETIN 2024-01



Subject: Helmet, Tow Eye & Tow Rope rule changes

Issue Date: February 20, 2024

Implementation: Immediate

Helmet Change Rationale:

Removing expired helmets from list and adding newer models. By FIA technical list 25 8860-2010 allowed until Dec 2028

11.1.6 Only helmets meeting one of the following standards will be accepted for competition in any performance rally and must be worn by all competitors when travelling in special stages:

- a) FIA Homologation
 - FIA 8860-2010 (expires 2028-12-31)
 - FIA 8859-2015
 - FIA 8860-2018
 - FIA 8859-2024
- b) Snell Foundation
 - ~~-SAH 2010~~ (expires 2023-12-31)
 - ~~-SA 2010~~ (expires 2023-12-31)
 - SA 2015 (expires 2025-12-31)
 - SA 2020

Tow Eye change Rationale:

There was a recent near miss when a towing point failed during vehicle recovery.

This change is also making it clear that by specifying “metal tow eyes” that fabric tow points are not acceptable.

12.3.13 Towing eyes.

~~Towing eyes shall be attached to the front and rear of the vehicle and painted in yellow, red or orange.~~

- a) Competition vehicles must be equipped with a metal tow eye on the front and rear of the vehicle
- b) The tow eyes must be identified by a "TOW" sticker, and be painted yellow, red or orange.
- c) The tow eyes must have a minimum internal diameter of 3/4"
- d) The tow eye must be of sufficient strength to support the weight of the vehicle during a recovery operation, and must be in good condition.

Tow Rope change rationale:

Tow ropes or straps are intended for towing a vehicle on a relatively level surface. Recovery straps on the other hand are designed to recover a vehicle that is off road and are safer.

NOTE: A regular tow rope or strap can be used to flat tow the vehicle off an inactive stage.

12.3.16 ~~Tow Rope~~ Strap.

All vehicles must carry a recovery strap ~~tow rope or winch with cable~~. All parts of the recovery strap ~~tow rope~~ must be within the competition vehicle at all times while the recovery strap ~~tow rope~~ is not in use.

TAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Feb 21, 2024 via Zoom

Called to order 8:35 pm

Present: Rob M., Rob J., Ingrid B., Graham T., Brooke J.

President

Discussion about Ice Racing; attendance, tires, etc.

Vice President

66 members: 6 life, 31 members, 29 family

Treasurer

Tangerine	\$ 23,188.97
RBC	\$ 1,112.08
PayPal	\$ 761.07
Total -	\$ 25,062.12

Competition

January Jaunt was a fun event. Lots of good feedback.

Time Attack schedule is out. There will be an extra event on the big track.

Attendance was up slightly for the Ice Race weekend. Still ran the weekend at a loss.

Social

July 12-14 Chevrolet GP - TAC BBQ

perhaps fun rally weekend after.

Spring event & fall event to consider too

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Items for Sale - none

Items Wanted - none

Loonies in the Bus - on hold until we meet again

Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Minutes by Ingrid

Toronto Autosport Club - Executive Meeting Minutes Zoom Call March 6, 2024

Call time: 8:00 pm via ZOOM

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

President:

Discussion of taking inventory of club owned items.

We have 613 followers on Facebook.

Membership:

75 members; 6 life, 37 regular, 32 family

Treasurer:

Account Balances:

RBC	\$	28.57
Tangerine	\$	23,232.15
PayPal	\$	761.07

Competition:

Open house for Time Attack will be April 13. The first weekend will have the school on Saturday and lapping on Sunday at DDT. In early June there will be a school and lapping day on the GP track. First event weekend will have a lapping day and event #1. In July will be Event #2&3. TAC will be hosting the last event in September. Have already sold a sponsorship for May 12 lapping day which essentially covers the track rent. Need to update the car classification data base. This will be a major expense.

Changes to ice race tire rules are under consideration. Things are beginning to look a little more positive. Still looking for a new Ice Race Director.

Discover Ontario Car Rally scheduled for

Social - planning on doing quarterly events, possibly a fun rally, go-kart night

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjourned at 9:00 pm

Minutes by I. Beck



Membership Application

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

Email: registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca

- New Members – Single or Family \$40
 Renewal Members – Single or Family \$30 or \$25 Early

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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.

Date _____

1st Member _____ [#] email _____

Address _____ Home Phone (____) _____

_____ Bus. Phone (____) _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____

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

3rd Family Member _____ [#] email _____

4th Family Member _____ [#] email _____

5th Family 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 by email within 2 months.

FIFTH GEAR is also available on the website.

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