



Fifth Gear

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Toronto Autosport Club

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From The President's Desk...

TAC Goes to the Movies!

Earlier this month, wife-Sue and I managed to take in 3 car-themed movies over a 5 day period.

Speed Sisters

Things started off with a great documentary called Speed Sisters. The producers had reached out to the club a while back, and sent some promotional info on the movie. It was about a girls race team that competed in a series in Palestine! The trailer showed racing that looked very much like our Autoslalom, with a bit of drifting thrown in. It caught my interest, so I "liked" the movie on Facebook, and quickly forgot about it.

A few weeks later, I saw a Facebook post saying that some of the female drivers, Noor and Marah, had arrived in Toronto for screenings at the Hot Docs festival. A quick check of the schedule showed that the film was having its world premier here, and would be showing through the same weekend as our Time Attack school. I fired off a quick note to the producers that had emailed earlier, offering the girls a visit to the track, and a chance for the team to show a trailer to the students and instructors.

The producers were thrilled, and invited Sue and I to the premier, and a small get together to meet the girls. The movie was a blast. The show was sold out, as the movie had been getting great press. It documented the girls over a couple of seasons. Race events take place in town squares in Palestine, very much in the shadow of Israel. It covers how they manage in a man's sport, in a state with conservative values. There are sponsorship opportunities for the top female driver, so the racing is quite competitive. One of the winners was featured on Anthony Bourdain's TV show. Another is shot at when she tries to practice in an empty lot too close to the wall that separates Israel from Palestine. The movie is quite engaging, and the audience was right into it.

The week was a whirlwind of TV appearances and promotional gigs for the director, producer, and documentary subjects. By Saturday, they were preparing to fly home, but had agreed to come out to our school. They arrived at lunch time, and showed a clip. The director took

questions. For the first time, the audience was more interested in the racing than how the documentary was made. The girls were definitely more into the discussions with the racers than they had been at some of the other promo events that I'd seen.

After lunch, we took the girls to our basic skid-pad exercise. One of the girls jumped in Sue's BMW, and the other was able to drive instructor Mike Wolf's Porsche! I showed them the route around the skid-pad first, driving Sue's car. Marah swapped places with me, and gave me a lesson on driving around pylons.

We were ready to hit the track at CTMP's Driver Development Track. The producer had assured me that the girls had been on the track at Limerock and Silverstone, doing some promo work and fundraising. Mike and I drove our cars around with the girls in the passenger seats. We traded seats, and I was impressed by Marah's speed - except she was purposely upsetting the car at the corner apex to get it to rotate! Afterwards we talked about being smooth, and she explained that they'd never driven on a track before. Apparently they'd been to Limerock in the winter, and only drove karts at the much smaller Silverstone karting track! I was blown away by how fast they were with so little experience.

Afterwards, we hit Mosport International Raceway, and they checked out Braiden Tire, and watched Formula Libre (F2000s and Radicals) on the big track. They begged to stay longer as the producer tried to get them back to Toronto for the final show at Hot Docs.

It was great to see them enjoying themselves. I hope that they can get out to other tracks and autosport clubs as they continue to promote Speed Sisters!

Fast & Furious 7

Okay, so Sue loves a brainless action movie, so long as no blood is shown. She suggested that FF7 would be some good escapist fun. I'd heard that the scene where the cars are dropped from a plane was worth the price of admission, so agreed to go. It wasn't worth it.

...From The President's Desk

I had only seen the first movie in the franchise, so wasn't aware that the team of street racers had been transformed to international crime fighters who drive fast cars. It seemed like during nearly every scene, I was saying to myself: "They'd be dead if they really did that." The stunts were so over-the-top, they were distracting. At one point, there were 4 different chases going on, all intercut. One of the chases involved Paul Walker's character, but Paul Walker had died in the middle of filming. It became a game of spot the CGI Paul Walker (easy to win).

It's time to throw down some speed bumps on this franchise!

Mad Max: Fury Road

This was another free preview, available to TAC members. Sue and I saw the preview ahead of FF7, and the only reason she came was because it was free, and playing on my birthday.

If you've seen the preview, you know this movie is just one 2 hour chase. It has less plot than FF7, but it is much more stylish. The vehicles are works of art, and the means of attacking one from another are unique. I'm glad I saw it, and I'm glad I didn't have to pay!

In other news...

The Time Attack school was a huge success, with great feedback from attendees. Thanks to all the instructors and volunteers who came out to help!

We have 2 TAC events on June 20. The Discover Ontario Rally is once again being organized by Brooke Jacobs. Look for the flyer in this issue. Also, Time Attack event number 3 will run at TMP-Cayuga, organized by Director Kelly Ball. Please consider coming out for either event. You will have a great time with some fun people.

And finally, please keep the July 10-12 weekend free. This is our traditional CTMP/ Mosport race weekend, and we expect to be up on the top of the hill, between turns 2 & 3, in the TAC Corral. Expect a great barbecue, and discounted tickets for some great racing!

I hope you enjoy your next autosport event!

Rob



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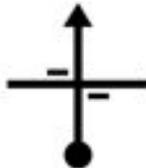
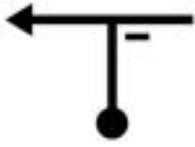
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DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY

Saturday, June 20, 2015

Could you follow these directions? Then you could rally!

			
1.92 km Mill Road	3.17 km Canal Street	4.50 km 4th Line	6.02 km Ridge Road

Discover Ontario is a beginner-friendly car rally held on interesting roads at brisk speeds. Any licensed car is suitable and absolutely no special vehicle preparation is required. Just bring your license, ownership, and insurance documents; other than that, all you'll need is a clipboard, a digital watch, and pens or pencils. Straightforward, easy-to-follow route book instructions are specifically designed to introduce newcomers to the fun of navigational rallying.

The rally will start at the ONroute Service Centre
Northbound on Highway 400
12 km North of Highway 401

Registration opens at 11:45, Car zero at 1:30

Beginner's School at 12:45

Entry fee is \$50 per car, \$40 for TAC members

For more information, please contact
Brooke Jacobs at 905 764-1833 or brooke@brooke.net

Discover Ontario Car Rally is the fifth event in the 2015 Ontario Road Rally Cup
and is presented by the Toronto Autosport Club.
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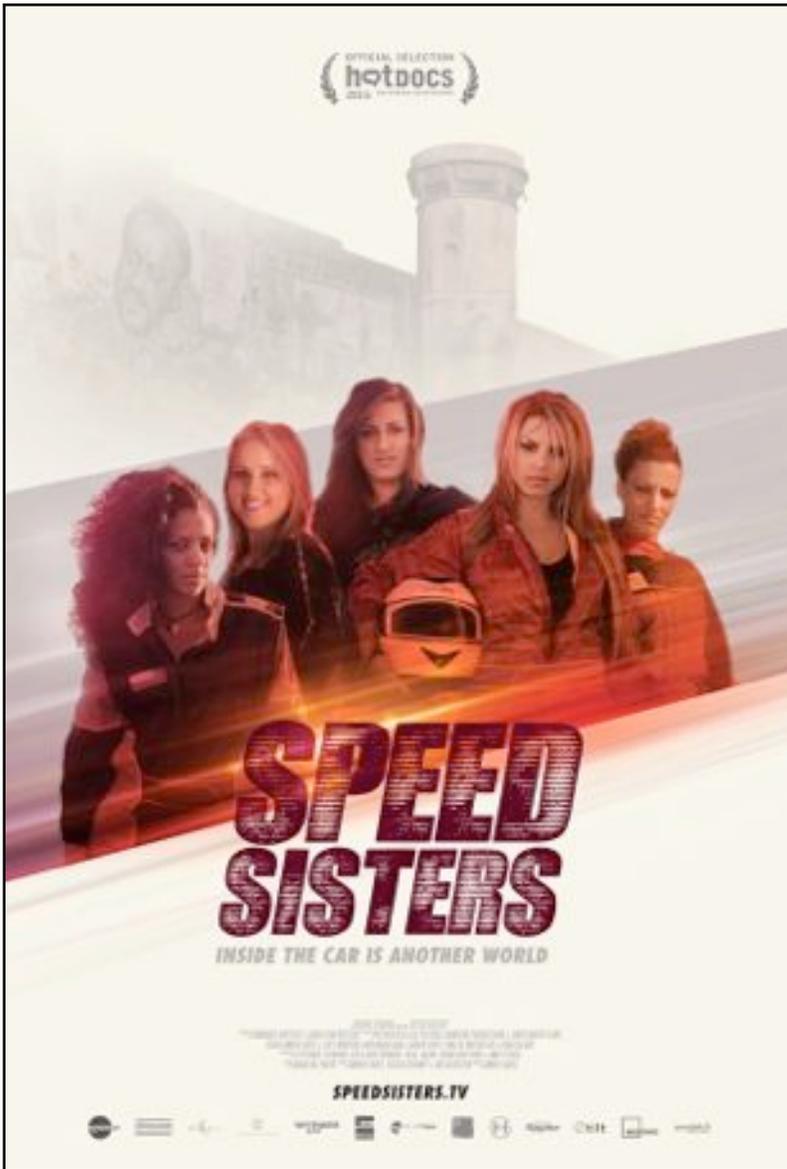
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TAC 2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
May 2015			
20	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
22-24	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
24	INDY	Indianapolis 500	
30	INDY	The Raceway at Belle Isle (Detroit)	
30-31	Regional Race	Regional Races, Calabogie	MCO
31	INDY	The Raceway at Belle Isle (Detroit)	
June 2015			
5-7	F1	CANADIAN GRAND PRIX (Montréal)	
6	INDY	Texas Motor Speedway, Ft Worth	
6-7	TimeAttack	Event #1 & 2; CTMP/Mosport DDT	OMSC
13-14	Autoslalom	Ontario Regional Event #1 & 2, Picton Airfield	St LAC/MCO
14	INDY	Streets of TORONTO	
17	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
19-21	Vintage	Canadian Historic Grand Prix, CTMP (Mosport)	
19-21	F1	AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX (Spielberg)	
20	TimeAttack	Event #3 TMP	TAC
20-21	Race	Chumpcar - "Calabogie-boogie-bash"	
27	INDY	Auto Club Speedway, Fontana CA	
27	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series, Woodstock	KWRC
27-28	Regional Race	Grand Prix of Ontario, CTMP (Mosport)	BARC-OC
27-28	Rally-CRC	Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec	CRAB
July 2015			
2-5	School	CASC-OR & OTA Race School - CTMP (Mosport)	
3-5	F1	BRITISH GRAND PRIX (Silverstone)	
4	TimeAttack	School Day #2, MIR / CTMP	SPDA
5	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series, Simcoe	KWRC
5	TimeAttack	Event #4, MIR / CTMP	SPDA
11-12	Social	TAC AT CTMP / BBQ 1!	TAC
12	INDY	The Milwaukee Mile	

More events to appear as 2015 Schedules are released.

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



Speed Sister Marah Zahalka and TAC President Rob ready to head to the track

Learn more about the film at www.speedsisters.tv or follow at www.facebook.com/speedsistersthefilm and www.twitter.com/speedsisterfilm



Speed Sisters Director Amber Fares conducts a Q&A session with Noor, Marah, and the Ontario Time Attack students and instructors



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Noor, Rob and Marah at the Time Attack School



Marah, Noor, Director Amber, Rob, and Producer Avi Goldstein at Mosport's Turn 2

On The Cover

David Harris in his 2010 RX-8 R3 at Moss Corner, CTMP.
May 8, 2015, day organized by Frank Ewald.
Photo credit: Richard Wintle

Toronto Autosport Club – April 2015 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: April 1, 2015 Call time: 8:04pm

Present: Rob, Paul, Rita, Dietmar & Graham

- President's Report:
 - o RSO AGM held with few issues; committee to be set up to review CARS rep.
 - o CASC-OR Presidents meeting set for April 19
 - o OTA Open House not as busy as last year

- Vice President:
 - o 2015 membership year to date: 103 = 6 life + 50 primary + 47 family

- Treasurer:
 - o balances \$13,700.62 savings; \$225.50 PAY PAL; \$602.70 chequing

- Competition:
 - o Ice race organizing club meeting with Ice Race Director not yet scheduled
 - o ORRC – TAC event will be the DOCR – June 20, 2015
 - o Ontario Time Attack
 - May 2 & 3 – OTA school at Mosport DDT

- Social:
 - o Start planning for TAC BBQ at Mosport – BBQ Chief will be out of the country

- Old business: nil

- New business: nil

Call adjourned: 8:30 pm - Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of April 2015 General Meeting

Meeting date: April 15, 2015

Meeting opened: 8:01 pm

Attendees: 12

1) President's report:

- a. CASC-Or Presidents meeting to be held Sunday April 19 but unable to attend
- b. Possible ASN Time attack event for other regions being considered.

2) VP Report :

- a. Total membership very strong - currently 108 = 6 life + 52 primary +50 Family

3) Treasurer's Report:

- a. Account balances - \$13,700.62 savings; \$562.65 Chequing; \$225.50 PayPal

4) Competition Report:

- a. Spring Ice race organizing club meeting with Director not yet scheduled
- b. TAC ORRC event Discover Ontario Car Rally planned for June 20, 2015 same day as Time Attack event;
- c. Ontario Time Attack: School May 2/3 – about half sold presently. Instructor school being held to prepare.
- d. Canadian Chumpcar seasons starts April 18/19 with double 7 hour enduro at Mosport
- e. Auto slalom: school sold out – first event in about 2 months at Picton

5) Social:

- a. Winemaking scheduled for April 22 – contact Ingrid Beck; Dietmar has bottles
- b. Annual Mosport racing weekend / BBQ in July/12, 2015 – similar to last year but Chief Dan Z out of country
- c. Possible fun rally prepared by the Moore's – date to be proposed

6) Fifth Gear: nil

7) Old Business: nil

8) New Business: nil

9) Items for Sale: Dietmar has an Audi 4000 windshield – best offer

10) Loonies in the bus: Rob J & Fred won gas cards; Dietmar won the loonies in the bus

Adjournment: about 8:34 pm

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.



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 _____

Address _____ Home Phone (____) _____
 _____ Bus. Phone (____) _____

Province _____ Postal Code _____

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

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4th Family Member _____ [#] email _____

5th Family Member _____ [#] email _____

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This Application Form must also be filled out and submitted so we have your information.

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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

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