



# Fifth Gear

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Mark Boyd's Radical at TMP, 2022



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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).

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## 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

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Welcome to May! Almost summer, and we are ready for some on-track action.

The Time Attack School is running as I type this. Numbers were great, with lots of new competitors signed up and getting the track time they need to do battle at our events. It is so much fun to watch your lap times drop each time you go out. Don't be afraid to have different folks ride along with you so you can get their input. Combine that with your own experience, and squeeze those extra tenths off your lap time. Make sure you ride along with others to see what they are doing, and practice, practice, practice!

Next month, Brooke will be holding the Discover Ontario Rally on Saturday June 17. It will run from Waterdown. The routes are always very entertaining, with runs up and down the escarpment.

In July, the TAC Picnic will go on the Sunday of the IMSA ALMS race on the 9th. Details to follow.

You may have heard that BlackBerry - a film about the Waterloo company - is now out. It turns out that much of the post-production work was done in Goderich, where Wife-Sue and I have been living since COVID shut down most of the Toronto office buildings. I have been working as the manager at the local movie theatre. In that role, I've gone on the local cable channel to talk about upcoming films and special presentations that we do from time-to-time.

In doing these chats, I have crossed paths with a team of film editors that work in town. They called me up the other day, asking if we could do a special presentation

of a film they had just finished cutting: BlackBerry. The director, Matt Johnson, is in town and would be happy to come out and do a Q&A with the audience. Ever since, I have been so excited! The film has been getting rave reviews at various festivals around the world, and was now opening wide across North America.

Watching the film brought back so many memories - not just from owning a BlackBerry in the mid-90's, but from knowing some of the people that worked there.

I ran into current TAC member Allan Lewis at our first BMW school in 2000, driving identical E36 BMW 328is. He was at Research In Motion as the company was taking off, and I was at IBM/Lotus as our products were just past their prime. Allan built very fast race cars over the next few years, while I built a slower one.

Needless to say, I was amazed to see that Allan Lewis was in the film - or at least his character was. He has some of the best lines in the film, but I will leave it to you to see what they are. Of course, when I reached out to Allan, he denied these things ever happening. The film-maker had taken some liberties with the real story.

But still, RIM co-CEO Jim Balsillie drives an E36 BMW in the film, so they must have gotten some of the details right.

It is a great film, definitely worth the watch.

Enjoy your track time!

Rob McAuley  
TAC President

# TAC 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
<b>May 2023</b>			
17	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
21	F1	GRAN PREMIO DEL MADE IN ITALY E DELL'EMILIA-ROMAGNA (Imola)	
27	F1	MIAMI GRAND PRIX (Miami GP)	
28	INDY	INDY 500, Indianapolis Motor Speedway	
28	F1	Grand Prix de Monaco	
<b>June 2023</b>			
2-4	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, Kananaskis AB	CSCC
3-4	Regional Race	SMP CUP; at SMP	
4	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Barcelona)	
4	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #1 , TMP	
4	INDY	Streets of Detroit	
15-18	Vintage	VARAC Vintage Grand Prix, CTMP (Mosport)	VARAC
17	Rally-ORRC	<b>Discover Ontario Car Rally, Waterdown - See Flyer-</b>	TAC
18	INDY	Road America	
18	F1	CANADIAN GP (Montreal)	
21	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
24-25	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race Calabogie	LDC
30-2	Rally-CRC	Rallye Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec	CRAB
<b>July 2023</b>			
1	School	Ontario Time Attack HDPE School #2 CTMP-DDT	
2	F1	AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX	
2	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #2, CTMP-GP	
2	INDY	Mid Ohio	
9	F1	BRITISH GRAND PRIX (Silverstone)	
9	Social	<b>TAC at CTMP Chevrolet GP Weekend ; IMSA GTP; FAMOUS TAC BBQ</b>	TAC
16	INDY	Streets of TORONTO	
19	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
22-23	INDY	Iowa Speedway (2 races) - Newton, IA	
22	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #3, SMP PRO	

*More events to appear as 2023 Schedules are released.*

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



# DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY

Saturday, June 17th, 2023

The results for the 2022 rally are [here](#)

The Discover Ontario is the fifth round of the Ontario Road Rally Cup. This is a **beginner-friendly** event that is a great introduction to the sport of rallying. Any licensed car can compete and there are no car-breaker roads. All you need is a clipboard and pens, and a settable clock. Straightforward, easy-to-follow route book instructions are specifically designed to introduce newcomers to the fun of navigational rallying. Approximately 180 km of entertaining back roads.

There are two classes of competition: Novice and Expert.

## **Never rallied before?**

No problem. There are many resources available to help you get started:

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## **Registration Information**

At registration you will need to show proof of ownership of the vehicle, or have a letter from the owner specifically stating that you have permission to enter this rally. If a minor is participating in the rally, the legal guardian must sign a release form or you must have a letter of permission from the legal guardian.

## **Start Location:**

Waterdown, ON

Precise location to be announced

Car zero is out at 1:30

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## **Beginner's School**

A Beginner's School will be held prior to the rally. If you have never rallied before, this is a chance to understand some of the basic rules to get you started in rallying.

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Pre-registration is available on the RSO web site [here](#).

For information, please contact Brooke: [brooke@brooke.net](mailto:brooke@brooke.net) or 905 764-1833.

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**Email:** [registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca)

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

(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 \_\_\_\_\_

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To pay by PAYPAL/Credit Card, please visit the Club website at: [www.torontoautosportclub.ca](http://www.torontoautosportclub.ca).

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