



Fifth Gear

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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

As I write this, I am sitting at Daughter Sarah (and bf Aaron)'s house in Labrador City, Newfoundland. Sarah & Aaron had flown in for a visit in August, flying with their 2 puppies. However, in a too long, drawn out story dealing with the UK allowing visitors & overseas weddings, Wife-Sue and I ended up driving the pups back to Lab City, arriving just before Sarah returned.

Labrador City is a mining town that was developed at the same time as a local iron mine was opened. Everything in the 10,000 person town is here for the mine. Almost all the houses were built in the mid-60s, and look identical. There is a Canadian Tire, Walmart, IGA, a Tim Hortons, and a McDonalds. Everyone here is from somewhere else.

How do you get to the town of Labrador City? Most people fly. You take the Pal Airlines shuttle that runs from Montreal, with stops at Quebec City, Mont-Joli, Sept Iles, then into Wabush just next door.

To drive, you go 13 hours from Toronto to Baie Comeau, then turn north and go 600 kms on a road that is paved for the first third (maintained by Hydro Quebec up to their dam site), then gravel for 100 kms, then paved for another 200 kms up to the railway line that runs from Lab City to Sept Iles, then 100 kms of gravel wash-board road that zigzags over and along the tracks. I have no idea why the middle section is paved.

We had a great drive to Quebec City, where we spent the night, and did some grocery shopping for some supplies that you just can't get in the far north. The drive along the St Lawrence is very pretty, with a ferry



across the Saguenay River. Coming into Baie Comeau is the last chance to fill up with gas. Our car takes Premium, and there are only 2 stations along the way - but only sell Regular & Diesel. We filled up, and headed for Rte 389.

Continued ... From The President's Desk

I have never before seen a sign that says "Twisty Road for 211 kms".

The first 211 kms were a blast. Nicely paved, and we hit it at about 5:30pm, so there was still plenty of daylight. We only had to pass 4 trucks, and most pulled over when they saw our BMW 7 series coming up behind them. I told Wife-Sue to Google Rte 389 fastest drives. She reminded me that there is no cell service along the road.

We had 800 km range when we left Baie Comeau, but we seemed to be using gas faster than the car computer had forecast.

We blew past the station and utilitarian hotel at the big damn at 211 kms, and kept on going. The road immediately turned to gravel. It was nice and wide, and in good shape. But we weren't going to set any records. It was not fun to take on run-flat tires and grooves made by logging trucks.

After another 100 kms, we saw the only other gas station along the route. Again, it just had Regular & Diesel. It was pretty dark, and the cars coming towards us were getting fewer and fewer. It makes sense, as no commercial vehicle was going to be driving this road after dark, and nobody was going to be heading out of Labrador City in the evening for a 600km night drive. In total, we passed a total of 4 trucks & 2 cars, and saw maybe 15 vehicles coming towards us.

We were relieved when the pavement started again, but it was in rough shape. Hydro Quebec needs another dam further along to incent them to get some good asphalt down. However, any pavement would have been welcomed when we hit the last gravel stretch. It was so much worse than "washboard".

The ruts were huge and jarring, and the road criss-crossed the train tracks every few kilometres. When it did, the car would bottom out unless you carefully drove one wheel at a time over the tracks, avoiding the huge piles of gravel that had built up along the way.

By this time, we had been on the road for close to 12 hours, and the last bit was just a knock-out punch to the head. No fun at all.

But we made it. We had 100 kms of range left in the gas tank. As we crossed the border into Labrador, the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary pulled us over and asked if we had completed our COVID declaration of being fully vaccinated. We said yes, and went to show them the email.

The officer told us not to worry. There was no cell coverage, so he couldn't confirm our "visa", and he sent us on our way.

Our clocks jumped forward an hour, and we safely arrived at Sarah's house. The dogs were very excited to be home.

Next month, I'll report on our visit to Cornerbrook and Gros Morne, and maybe some club happenings.

Have a great fall!

Rob

TAC President



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OTA GROUP BUY for SA2020 HELMETS

The good news just keeps on coming: introducing our first ever OTA Insider Group Buy event!

As this season is the very last year we will be accepting SA2010 helmets, if you haven't upgraded already, you're in luck. Ontario Time Attack is partnering up with our sponsor JRP-Online to bring you some amazing prices on hot off the press SA2020 HJC and Sparco motorsports helmets.

How does it work?

If you are interested in participating, please put your order down in the form below and send us a \$200 deposit (EMT only at otatransury@hotmail.ca). At the group buy order deadline, we will confirm with you once again on your selections and colour options.

Selections:

1. HJC H10 and HJC10 Carbon - an entry level helmet and a carbon fiber version of it!
2. Sparco RJ3 - an open face helmet premounted with HANS posts
3. Sparco RF-5W - a mid tier level helmet that will work in all motorsports and ready mounted HANS posts
4. HJC H70 - a mid tier helmet

FOR PRICING - SEE ORDER FORM BELOW. The more we get, the better the pricing!!!

ALL ARE SA2020.

TEST FITMENT AVAILABLE AT JRP (2344 South Sheridan Way, Mississauga, Ontario).

Pickup and Shipping:

TBA - once order is finalized, we will advise.

Key dates:

Early Bird Deadline: September 15, 2021

Order Deadline: October 30, 2021

Expected Delivery: For the HJC H10, Sparcos - November-December, 2021 (subjected to shipping, exact date TBA).

For the HJC H70 and HJC H10 Carbon - March 2022.

ORDER FORM: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCBBHP9>

PLEASE NOTE: This is offered thru Ontario Time Attack, not TAC

For further information:

contact: Kevin Wong CASC-OR Time Attack Director timeattack@casc.on.ca

TAC 2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

Most Schedules are Tentative / Verify with organizing group

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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September 2021

12	INDY	GRAND PRIX of PORTLAND	
12	F1	ITALIAN GRAND PRIX (Monza)	
15	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
18	Rallycross	PMSC Rallycross #7	PMSC
19	INDY	WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca	
25	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #6, Toronto Motorsport Park, Cayuga	
25	ORSC	Ontario Rally-Sprint Event #2	
26	INDY	Streets of Long Beach	
26	F1	RUSSIAN GRAND PRIX (Sochi)	
26	RallyCross-Club	MLRC Rallycross, Free-Flow Gas Bar, Shannonville	MLRC

October 2021

1-2	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, BC	CSCC
2	Rally-ORRC	ORRC / Automapic Rally	KWRC
2-3	Regional Race	CASC Celebration of Motorsport, CTMP	CASC-OR
2-3	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race Calabogie	LDC
3	F1	SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX (Singapore)	
8-9	Rally-CRC	Pacific Forest Rally, Merritt BC	WCRA
9-10	Race	Champ Car Endurance Race CTMP	
9	RallyCross-Club	KWRC Rallycross	KWRC
10	F1	JAPANESE GRAND PRIX (Suzuka)	
20	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
23	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - President's Prize Rally	PMSC
24	F1	UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX (Austin Tx)	
30	ORSC	Ontario Rally-Sprint Event #3	
31	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE MEXICO (Mexico City)	

November 2021

7	F1	GRANDE PRÊMIO DO BRASIL (São Paulo)	
13	Rally-Club	KWRC SNATR	KWRC

More events to appear as 2021 Schedules are released.

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

Announcement



N° 2021-06

Subject: Pacific Forest Rally Cancelled

Issue Date: September 2, 2021

This summer has seen record wildfire activity in BC, and despite lowering fire danger ratings expected through September and October, two thirds of our stage distance is currently subject to an “Area Restriction Order” by forestry which prevents its use for the rally. It’s not just fire suppression for the currently active fires (which are still listed as out of control), but also fire rehabilitation and bridge replacements, as well as the risk from post-fire treefall on both stage and transit. We have been advised by Forestry that those roads will not become available to us until at least next summer.

In addition to that, the current COVID-19 restrictions in the Interior Health Region make it impossible to run the event safely without violating the outdoor gathering limits. The province’s modeling indicates that they are not expecting significant improvement before October, so it is unlikely that these restrictions would be lifted in time for the rally.

We feel that the only responsible course of action is to cancel this year's event and start planning for 2022.

I want to thank everyone who has worked hard trying to make this event happen, and all of the support from local businesses and the people at Tourism Nicola Valley, who were looking forward to us bringing lots of people into town for a fun weekend. We love Merritt, and we will be back!

Paul Westwick
Organizer, Pacific Forest Rally

TAC EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES September-1-2021

Convened at 8:03, Present were VP Gary, Treasurer Brooke & President Rob

Rob reports that the Guru Nanak rally is scheduled for Sunday Sept 26. It will go from Paul Coffee Park in Mississauga (Derry & Airport Rd). They like easy, short sight-spotting rallies. Rob can run the day, but we need someone to lay out the route & Green Crew.

The Zonta folks have set October 16 as their date. Rita will lay out the route. Rob says that he and wife-Sue can be there to run the rally.

Treasurer reports: Tangerine balance is \$22,918.53, Paypal is \$0 & RBC is \$179.75

Membership is 6 Life members, 71 Regular members & 37 family members for a total of 114.

Competition: OTA Events 4 & 5 at Shannonville were near sell-outs, with over 50 cars on Saturday and over 60 cars on Sunday. There is one final event that will run on Saturday September 25 at TMP in conjunction with a Subaru meet-up.

We have received a number of “Women In Motorsports” patches, and will be getting them out to all female members. This looks like a well meaning group that the Board was happy to support.

Social: We were hoping to have the next member's meeting back at Turtle Jack's. There was some discussion over whether or not we should be continuing with virtual meetings, as we may get more members joining that way instead of coming out to a restaurant. Watch this space for more discussion on the topic.

Minutes taken by Rob.

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Membership Application

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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.

Date _____

1st Member _____ [#] email _____

Address _____ Home Phone (____) _____

_____ Bus. 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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Cash Cheque # _____ PayPal Other TOTAL \$: _____

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

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FIFTH GEAR is also available on the website. Check here only if you need a mailed copy

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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