



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 the MOOSE AND FIRKIN, 7600 Weston Road at Hwy 7 (SW corner), just west of Hwy 400 in Woodbridge (www.mooseandfirkin.com)...

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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From The President's Desk

April: Too warm to ice race, too cold for on-track competition. The perfect time for some schools!

In years past, I have been scrambling this time of year to find my summer track tires and get them mounted for the season. This year, all my normal tire suppliers were out of my favourite Hankook R-S3's. No supply until into May. Too late for me to tune the alignment with my new camber plates.

Well, Braiden Tire have been at Mosport for a few years, and when I gave them a call, owner Brad said he had 2 pairs of the tires I was looking for, but they were rear tires for a couple of staggered sets he was holding on to. After hearing my tale of woe, and knowing that I was on the track teaching for CASC's instructor school, he gave me all 4 tires. I've got my square setup, with the same size tire on both the front and back, and they are wider than last years set!

Now if I only had time to get that alignment done.

Later this month, I'll be instructing at the BMW Race School, then the first weekend in May, Ontario Time Attack offers their school at CTMP's Driver Development Track. I love that twisty course, and I know that with these new tire - and a good alignment - my car will too.

Competition Director Dietmar joined me last month at RSO's AGM. It was a low key affair, with all board members being returned. There was some discussion on how the RSO rep to CARS would be selected, but the only decision was to strike a committee to report back.

The CASC President's meeting is coming up later this month. One club is questioning the value & purpose of a C Licence, but they don't seem to understand that most of the fees go right back to the sport! Those licences pay for our instructor's school and our shoot out at the end of the season. And it gives CASC the ability to revoke the licence to suspend the driver (not that anyone has).

I'm very interested to see how this plays out.

I hope everyone gets their cars and paperwork together in time for their first event, and I'll see you at the track!

Rob

Rob McAuley
TAC President

TAC 2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
April 2015			
10-12	F1	UBS CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai)	
12	TimeAttack	Time Attack Instructor School, CTMP/Mosport DDT	CASC
12	INDY	NOLA Motorsports Park (New Orleans)	
15	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
17-19	F1	GULF AIR BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	
18-19	Race	The Inaugural ChumpCar Canada Event CTMP (Mosport)	
19	INDY	Streets of Long Beach	
24-25	Regional Race	Spring Fling, (Test & Tune) Shannonville	
25-26	School	CASC-OR Race School - Shannonville	
25-26	Autoslalom	Autoslalom School, CASC-OR, Powerade Centre	SPDA
26	INDY	GP of Alabama, Barber Motorsports Park (Birmingham)	
May 2015			
1-3	F1	KOREAN GRAND PRIX (tba)	
2-3	Regional Race	Spring Trophy Races CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
2-3	TimeAttack	School 2 Days, #1, CTMP/Mosport DDT	OMSC/TAC
8-10	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Catalunya)	
9	INDY	Grand Prix of Indianapolis	
10	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series, & Blossom Rally, Kitchener	KWRC
10	Rally	50th Anniversary Blossom Rally& SNATR, Kitchener	KWRC
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

More events to appear as 2015 Schedules are released.

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

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Toronto Autosport Club – March 2015 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: March 4, 2015

Call time: 8:07 pm

Present: Paul, Rita, Dietmar & Graham

- President's Report:
 - o Not available
- Vice President:
 - o 2015 membership year to date: 93 = 6 life + 44 primary + 43 family
- Treasurer:
 - o balances \$13,691.90 savings; \$629.00 PAY PAL; \$610.12 chequing
 - o Proceeds of ice race about \$523.
- Competition:
 - o Ice race organizing clubs will hold meeting March 7, 2015 to discuss future
 - o ORRC – TAC event will be the DOCR – June 20, 2015
 - o Ontario Time Attack
 - Open House at JRP Saturday March 28
 - May 2 & 3 – OTA school at Mosport DDT
 - June 20th – 1 day event at Toronto Motorsports Park (Cayuga)
 - August 29/30 – TAC weekend at Grand Bend Road course.
- Social:
 - o Start follow up for TAC BBQ at Mosport
- Old business: nil
- New business: nil

Call adjourned: 8:32 pm - Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB - MINUTES OF MARCH 2015 GENERAL MEETING

Meeting date: March 18, 2015

Meeting opened: 8:03 pm

Attendees: 11

- 1) President's report:
 - a. RSO AGM to be held March 21, 2015 in Peterborough; Rob & Dietmar to attend.
- 2) VP Report :
 - a. Total membership very strong - currently 101 = 6 life + 48 primary +47 Family
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Account balances - \$13,691.90 savings; \$588.60 Chequing; \$677.25 PayPal
- 4) Competition Report:
 - a. 5 of 6 Ice race organizer clubs met; 2015 results ranged from \$1300 loss to \$1200 profit.
\$5 levy to be dropped in 2016; no increase in entry fees planned
Entries ranged from 136 to 166
Use of MotorsportReg.com adds about \$300 in additional expense
Analysis of discounted second entry reviewed and not economically feasible
New rate structure to be discussed with Kin Club.
More race officials like Clerk of the Course required.
 - b. TAC ORRC event Discover Ontario Car Rally planned for June 20, 2015 same day as Time Attack event; no news so far on Guru Nanak contract rally.
 - c. Ontario Time Attack: Director Kelly Ball discussed the upcoming season including:
School May 2/3 – volunteers/ helpers would be appreciated
Toronto Motorsports Park (Cayuga) June 20
Grand Bend Road Course August 29/30
- 5) Social:
 - a. TAC 60th annual banquet tentatively set for Saturday November 21, 2015; venue TBD
 - b. Annual Mosport racing weekend / BBQ in July11/12, 2015 – TUDOR series replaces ALMS.
- 6) Fifth Gear: hardcopy price too high with postage increase – electronic distribution to promote
- 7) Old Business: nil
- 8) New Business: nil
- 9) Items for Sale: Rob McAuley's E36 BMW M3 race car & enclosed trailer for sale - \$16,00
- 10) Loonies in the bus: Rob M won \$11 in the bus; Rita & Nick won gas cards; Fred provided additional prizes for Rod, Kelly, Graham, Dietmar & Keith

Adjournment: about 9:30 pm

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.

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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.

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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 _____

3rd Family Member _____ [#] email _____

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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FIFTH GEAR is also available on the website. Check here if you do NOT 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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