



# 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 DUB LINN GATE IRISH PUB, 50 Interchange Way, near Hwys 7 and 400 (SE corner) in Vaughan ([www.dublinngate.ca](http://www.dublinngate.ca)).

## GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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# From The President's Desk

April. Welcome to Spring. Time for some Spring Cleaning!

As Wife Sue and I are empty nesters, and the housing market is blowing up, we are beginning to clean house in preparation for a sale in the near future. Our plan is to stage our junk from the basement and girl's bedrooms to the garage, then find some way to dispose of it.

The only problem is that the garage is full of wheels, tires, and other car parts that have been stripped off of various BMW E36 race car builds. One hates to part with a perfectly good gas tank, or instrument cluster. At one point, I was going through turn signal lights monthly, so I bought some extras. They've been sitting untouched for over 5 years now.

If anyone wants some parts from a 1993-1999 BMW 3-series, let me know, and I'd be happy to help you haul them away.

Earlier in the month, the Mobile 1 Ontario Time Attack and Autoslalom Open House was held at JRP in Mississauga. It was great to see everyone back for another season.

We had a couple of members join. Hopefully next year they will renew in December, and qualify for discounts at our events! Thanks to JRP for hosting. Please check out their well stocked store for all your racing needs.

The Time Attack season starts with the school at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park DDT on May 13. The first competition event goes June 10th at the Toronto Motorsport Park in Cayuga (presented by TAC). The second school is set for Mosport's big track on Saturday June 24, with a competition at the same track on Sunday the 25th. That weekend will also feature regional racing and Autoslalom events. Then back to the DDT for July 28/29, and finally at

Shannonville for August 26/27. A perfectly spaced summer of competition!

Although TAC does not organize an Autoslalom event, I would encourage anyone to get out and enjoy this simplest form of racing. The CASC Regional Series kicks off with a 2 day event on May 27/28 at the Pickton Mountain View Airport. This is a great series to learn (and show off) driving skills and car control. There are a total of 8 events running through the summer.

Also, this year's Discover Ontario Car Rally will run on June 17. Brooke always puts together a beginner-friendly (but tricky) course that takes you through some very scenic Ontario roads. For once, the DOCR will not conflict with any OTA or Autoslalom events!

The other big TAC summer event is our annual trip to the top of turn 2 for the Mobile 1 Sportscar Grand Prix. This is Canada's biggest sports car race of the year, and features the IMSA prototypes, the Continental sportscars, and the IMSA prototypes. Besides the racing, our barbecue is second to none! I hope to see you, your family, and your friends July 7-9.

Now, just bring on the good weather, and help me clean out my garage!

Rob McAuley  
TAC President

## ON THE COVER

PRESIDENT ROB GETS THE COVER  
THIS MONTH WITH THE STREET BMW  
335XI AT GRAND BEND

# TAC 2017 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<b>April 2017</b>			
19	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Dub Linn Gate Pub, 7 &amp; 400</b>	TAC
23	INDY	Alabama, Barber Motorsports Park (Birmingham)	
28-30	F1	RUSSIAN GRAND PRIX (Sochi)	
29	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally	PMSC
29	INDY	Phoenix International Raceway (Avondale Az)	
<b>May 2017</b>			
12-14	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Catalunya)	
12	School	CASC-OR Race School - CTMP	CASC-OR
13-14	Regional Race	Spring Trophy Races CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
13	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack School #1, CTMP/Mosport DDT	
13	INDY	Grand Prix of Indianapolis	
17	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Dub Linn Gate Pub, 7 &amp; 400</b>	TAC
25-28	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
26-28	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, Invermere BC	CSCC
28	INDY	Indianapolis 500	
<b>June 2017</b>			
3	INDY	Race #1 / Belle Isle (Detroit)	
4	INDY	The Raceway at Belle Isle #2 (Detroit)	
9-11	F1	CANADIAN GRAND PRIX (Montréal)	
10	INDY	Texas Motor Speedway, Ft Worth	
10	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #1 , TMP	
15-18	Vintage	Canadian Vintage Grand Prix, CTMP (Mosport)	VARAC
17/24	Rally	<b>Discover Ontario Car Rally</b>	TAC
21	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Dub Linn Gate Pub, 7 &amp; 400</b>	TAC
23-25	F1	AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX (Baku City, Azerbaijan)	

More events to appear as 2017 Schedules are released.

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### CASC-OR 2017 Regional Race Schedule

- May 12** CASC Racing School at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP)
- May 13-14** Spring Trophy Races at CTMP  
GT Sprints, GT Challenge (3 hr), F1600, FL/F4/F1200, Vintage Historic, Classic  
Guest: Challenge Cup Series (F1200s)
- Jun 15-18** VARAC's Vintage Grand Prix at CTMP  
Vintage Historic, Classic, Monoposto, F1600  
Guest: Formula Junior World Tour
- June 24-25** CASC Motorsport Showcase – multi-disciplinary event with Time Attack,  
Auto Slalom, and Race Division (GT Sprints and FL/F4/F1200 grids only)
- Jul 7-9** Peter Jackson Trophy Races at Shannonville Motorsport Park  
GT Sprints, GT Challenge (2 hr), F1600, FL/F4/F1200, Vintage Historic, Classic
- Jul 29-30** Canadian Touring Trophy Races at CTMP  
GT Sprints, GT Challenge (2 hr), F1600, FL/F4/F1200, Classic  
Guest: Challenge Car Racing (Ferraris)
- Aug 25-27** Ted Powell Races at Calabogie Motorsports Park  
GT Sprints, GT Challenge (1 hr), F1600, FL/F4, Vintage-Historic, Classic, Radical  
Guest: Super Production Series
- Sep 16-17** Indian Summer Trophy Races at CTMP  
GT Sprints, GT Challenge (3 hr), F1600, FL/F4/F1200, Vintage-Historic, Classic, Radical
- Sep 30-1** Celebration of Motorsport at CTMP  
GT Sprints, GT Challenge (3 hr), FL/F4/F1200, Vintage-Historic, Classic, Radical

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# Membership Application

**Mail:** 18759 Kennedy Road,  
RR#1 Sharon, Ontario, L0G 1V0  
**Email:** [registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 within 2 months. Please let us know if you don't.

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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