



Fifth Gear

April 2021



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 "Turtle Jacks Muskoka Grill", 925 Dixon Road (at Carlingview), Etobicoke . **-NOTE- In-Person Meetings Suspended due to COVID-19 limits.**

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

Hey Folks

Getting ready for the track season? You may have to wait a bit longer. With Ontario shutdowns, April events are getting cancelled or postponed. The last thing we want is for a driving school or race weekend to get known as a Superspreader Event.

Last year, the Ontario Time Attack season was pushed back, but demand was very strong when things got back underway. OTA is hosting a 1 week virtual Open House this year. Prices are reduced 5% if you register between April 17 & 24 on MotorSportReg.com. They will be hosting Zoom sessions through the week to answer classification questions and talk about car prep. Also, watch for details on contingency prizes if you run Toyo tires or drive a Mazda! You can see details on the TAC or OTA Facebook page. Sounds like a good way to prep for the season COVID-Risk Free.

We are awaiting some Autoslalom announcements. They are hoping to get a season together. Some clubs are planning on putting on some events, but there aren't too many details out about a 2021 season. Fingers and mask straps crossed.

Our favourite social event of the season is officially cancelled once again. CTMP had planned on hosting the ALMS weekend on July 4th. While it looks like many of us will have 1 or 2 vaccine jabs by then, getting the US/Canada border open is still in doubt. Canadian drivers would do very well, but they may not have cars or crew to assist.

This is the first time I've felt lucky to be over 60. I got an early date at the drug store to get my shot, and wife-Sue got a call from her Hamilton doctor, so we both got jabbed the first week the Astra-Zeneca

vaccine was available. But so far, it hasn't helped. The third-wave is gaining momentum, and I just can't see things returning to the old normal for a while.

BBC's top Gear did a nice special on Sabine Schmitz. With Sabine's recent passing, the world has lost one of the most dynamic drivers in motorsports. The show presents some of her best drives: From instructing Clarkson on the Nurburgring to racing dirt-buggies in the USA, she was a blast to watch. The special is available on YouTube, and shouldn't be missed.

Finally, I would like to thank VP Paul Moore for many, many years of service to the club. Paul had earlier announced that he was stepping down as VP, and has just made it official. He had passed on his Registrar duties to Claire Jacobs, but unfortunately, official board members need to be at least 18 years old. Claire has a couple of years to go

Paul (and wife-Rita) ran the administrative side of the club for over 10 years. Everyone in the club has interacted with Paul, and I can vouch that he has been TAC's hardest working member.

Time Attack rep and Ice Racer Gary Vernon has agreed to take over - until the AGM in November. But Gary repeatedly says this is just temporary. He correctly points out that we really need younger members involved. So if you are too young to get the vaccine this month (but at least 18 years old), drop me a line and we can chat about life on the Board!

And keep your fingers crossed for racing in May!

Rob McAuley
TAC President

TAC 2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

Most Schedules are Tentative / Verify with organizing group

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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April 2021

18	F1	GRAN PREMIO D'ITALIA (Imola)	
21	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
25	INDY	Streets of St. Petersburg	

May 2021

1-2	INDY	Texas Motor Speedway -2 Days - Fort Worth	
8-9	Regional Race	Spring Trophy Races CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
9	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Barcelona)	
15	INDY	IMS Road Course, Indianapolis	
15	School	Ontario Time Attack School CTMP-DDT	
15-16	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race CTMP	LDC
16	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #1 , CTMP-DDT	
19	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
23	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
30	INDY	INDY 500, Indianapolis Motor Speedway	

June 2021

5-6	Regional Race	Summer Challenge at SMP	
6	F1	AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX (Baku City, Azerbaijan)	
12	INDY	Detroit Race 1, The Raceway at Belle Isle Park	
12-13	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race Calabogie	LDC
13	F1	CANADIAN GRAND PRIX (Montréal)	
13	INDY	Detroit Race 2, The Raceway at Belle Isle Park	
16	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
17-20	Vintage	Canadian Vintage Grand Prix, CTMP (Mosport)	VARAC
20	INDY	Road America	

More events to appear as 2021 Schedules are released.

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Visit the store at

<http://www.cafepress.com/torontoautosportclubgear>



TAC GM Minutes
March 17, 2021 via ZOOM

Called to order 8:02 pm

President

RSO AGM 4pm Saturday, Graham and Rob will be joining the meeting. Candidates for every position.

CASC time attack is planning on going again. Race tracks are still under restrictions. Tracks are hoping to be open in time for their series. Canadian wide solo sprint championship is cancelled Promoting Mitch and Brooke's formula one fantasy league. Thanks to them for organizing this once again.

Vice President

99 members: 6 life, 58 primary, 35 family, 2 waiting to be processed

Treasurer

Tangerine	\$24,311.92	
Chequing	\$ 0.00	RBC account has been set up
PayPal	\$374.99	

\$100 still waiting to be processed

Competition

Not too much competition slated for the month of April. Last snow cross event cancelled due to COVID, next event is scheduled for March 27 . Lucky dog lapping day is next event on the calendar. Waiting until May to see if any more events will happen . Rally cross planned for June, will depend on zoning restrictions due to COVID. Honda Indy Toronto (July 9-11) and The Formula One Grand Prix in Montreal (June 11-13) are on the calendar. Dates may change to a later date (September) after more people will have received the vaccine.

Social

Still waiting to here what will happen with Mosport .

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Items for Sale - none

Items Wanted - none

Loonies in the Bus - on hold until we meet again

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Minutes by Ingrid

Toronto Autosport Club
Executive Conference Call Meeting Minutes April 7, 2021

Call time: 8:05 pm via ZOOM

Participants: Rob, Graham, Brooke, Claire & Ingrid

President:

Paul has resigned as VP therefore leaving a vacancy. Gary Vernon has agreed to step up into this position until our next AGM. Board was in agreement to this. Discussion on who might be a long term candidate. Discussion as to other changes that will need to be made.

The TAC Facebook group has 526 followers.

Discussion on the Time Attack agreement.

Discussion on insurance situation. We have insurance until April 30, 2021.

Membership: 108 members: 6 life, 65 primary, 37 family

Treasurer:

Account Balances:

PayPal	\$	0.00
Savings	\$	24,692.24
Chequing	\$	1,541.25

Competition:

Recently announced "Stay at Home" order will most likely cause any events that were scheduled for April to be cancelled. Will see what happens after that.

Social - general meeting Wednesday, April 21, 2021, will again be virtual.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Minutes by I. Beck



Membership Application

Mail: 148 Tamarack Drive,
Thornhill, Ontario, L3T 4X4

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 (____) _____

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4th Family Member _____ [#] email _____

5th Family Member _____ [#] email _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Cheque # _____ PayPal Other TOTAL \$: _____

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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. 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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