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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).

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.

FIFTH GEAR is normally published on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday of each month. Certain scheduling changes will be made to accommodate major motorsport events which are of interest to the members.

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From The President's Desk

Ready for track season? I hope your vehicles are! Things will get busy very soon.

But first, looking back at our Ice Race fiasco, where attendance was down close to 50% and it looked like we were going to face a loss of about \$2,000, things are not as bad as expected. CASC-OR has somewhat made it up to the organizing clubs. They have refunded the clubs track fees, and split some extra donations amongst the clubs, giving a bit extra to those that took the biggest losses. In the end, we will only lose about \$300.

And with the Kin relaxing the studded tire regulations next year, we hope that attendance will be back to normal. Now we just have to hope for wintery weather for our Ice Race weekend!

The first event that our members will be looking forward to is the Ontario Time Attack series. It opens with a school at CTMP's Driver Development Track on Saturday May 11, with the Raptor Racing Appreciation lapping day on May 12. This will become the standard format for schools this year, with our Mosport International Raceway (MIR) school running on June 1, followed by a lapping day on June 2.

Event 1 will run at MIR on Sunday June 30, but a Test & Tune day is available on Saturday June 29. This is a big jump for OTA, with 3 full weekends at CTMP. We've never done more than 2, but the demand has always been there. We

finally managed to squeeze an extra weekend out of the CTMP folks.

The Ontario Time Attack season runs all the way to a final 6th event at the Toronto Motorsport Park (in Cayuga) on September 21. Make sure you have tires and brake pads for the whole season!

Brooke, Kim & Claire did a great job putting the January Jaunt together, and are at it again with the Discover Ontario Rally coming up in June. We had a great time including our event in with the Kitchener/Waterloo Rally Club's events, and had lots of their members come out to sample our wares. Some of the KWRC folks complained about the level of difficulty, but our TAC members took it all in stride. Perhaps we need a separate set of Pre-Beginner instructions for them.

Finally, keep the weekend of July 13/14 open for CTMP's Chevrolet Grand Prix. This is our big social event of the season where CTMP give us a corral at the top of Turn 2 for their IMSA Weathertech SportsCar Championship endurance race. In addition to the prototypes racing, the weekend will include the VP Sportscar Challenge, and the Idemitsu Mazda MX-5 Cup. We will have our famous barbecue and discounted tickets!

I'll see you at the track!

Rob McAuley
TAC President

ON THE COVER

PORSCHE GT3RS
UNVEILED AT THE
TORONTO AUTO SHOW

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MCAULEY

TAC 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
<hr/> April 2024 <hr/>			
17	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
19-21	F1	CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai)	
20	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally	PMSC
<hr/> May 2024 <hr/>			
3-5	F1	CRYPTO.COM MIAMI GRAND PRIX (Miami)	
4	Rally-ORRC	ORRC & SNATR - Blossom Rally	KWRC
4-5	Regional Race	Spring Trophy Races CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
11	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack School #1	
12	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Lapping Day #1	
15	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
17-19	F1	GRAN PREMIO DELL'EMILIA-ROMAGNA (Imola)	
18	RallyCross	KWRC Rallycross	KWRC
24-26	F1	Grand Prix de Monaco	
25	RallyCross	PMSC Rallycross	PMSC
<hr/> June 2024 <hr/>			
1-2	Regional Race	SMP CUP; at SMP	
1	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack School #2, CTMP/Mosport GP Track	
2	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Lapping Day #2, CTMP-GP	
7-9	F1	CANADIAN GP (Montreal)	
13-16	Vintage	VARAC Vintage Grand Prix, CTMP (Mosport)	VARAC
15	Rally-ORRC	Discover Ontario Car Rally - See Flyer-	TAC
15	Rallycross	PMSC Rallycross	PMSC

More events to appear as 2024 Schedules are released.

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Visit the store at

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





2024 CASC-OR Spring News

Happy Easter everyone! With the long weekend just ahead, I thought we'd send out an update of everything that is going on at CASC-OR right now...

Safety Warning:

It appears that Princess Auto is selling 5 point safety harnesses that are NOT SFI Certified. So that there is no confusion, all safety harnesses in use at CASC-OR sanctioned activities MUST have the manufacturers certification label on the belts. If the label is not present the belts will be rejected - there is no leeway in this rule.

Karting Division:

First and foremost, at the February Karting Organizers meeting the decision was made to wind-up the Karting Division and remove CASC-OR from karting activities. [GDS - ASN Canada](#) has agreed to provide track inspections and all of the statutory requirements for Arrive and Drive programs pursuant to the TSSA regs.

Any karting club that would like to still affiliate with CASC-OR to take advantage of our insurance program may do so. Please contact [Jennifer](#) in the office if your club would like to do so.

Autoslalom Division:

An all clubs [MEETING](#) for the Autoslalom Division will be held April 10 at 7:30pm by Zoom. The meeting is open to anyone that would like to attend - it is important that each of the Autoslalom clubs have a representative to co-ordinate this summers activities.

Ice Racing Division:

The season may be over, but there is still time to register to attend the [2024 Ice Racing Awards Banquet](#) being held on April 11. Show your support for Ice Racing - register today.

Time Attack Division:

Ontario Time Attack has published their [2024 Schedule](#). Registration opens on April 13.

Registration is already open for the [2024 OTA Club Challenge Team](#). Put together your best team and compete for the Cup!

Race Division: There is a lot happening right now!

[Miata Canada Cup](#) - new for 2024 is the single marque Miata Canada Cup Series. Designed to offer a low cost introduction to road racing, for 2024 the series will run at 4 events. We are asking all competitors to [REGISTER](#) in advance for the series.

The series specific car prep rules are on the CASC-OR website: [2024 Miata Rules](#). We have kept them as close to the SCCA Spec Miata rules as possible. No spec tire in 2024 - just a 180 treadwear requirement. Remember, all cars competing in a CASC-OR sanctioned road racing event must meet all published CASC-OR requirements.

[Pirelli Tires GT Sprints Championships](#) - we are please to announce that Pireli Tires is once again providing cash prizes for both the Pirelli Super Touring (GT1-2) and Pirelli Grand Touring (GT3-4-5) run groups for 2024. You must [PRE-REGISTER](#) before May1, 2024 and meet all of the requirements to be eligible for any cash at the end of the season.

[Brack Driving Concepts Rookie of the Year](#) - thanks to Brack Drivign Concepts ofr once again sponsoring Race Divisions' Rookie of the Year competition. To be considered, competitors must [PRE-REGISTER](#). No points may be awarded for any events that occur before you register for the competition.

[Annual Tech Inspections](#) - the Regional Chief Scrutineer, Mike Nilson, has set up a system to have your car(s) inspected at your home before the 2024 season starts. To take advantage please [PRE-REGISTER](#). Mike has already arranged a number of large pre-season tech meetings, but he'll be pleased to try and have a scrutineer come to your home to tech your car(s).

2010 Helmets have expired. Make sure your helmet is dated 2015 or newer before you get of the track. 2015 helmets do not expire until Dec 31, 2025.

[BEMC Spring Trophy Races](#) - registration is open for the May 4-5 races at CTMP.

There's lots more going on, but this message is too long already... Stay tuned for more announcements in the next few weeks...

See you at the track! T



Membership Application

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

Email: 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 _____

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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.

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