



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 "Turtle Jacks Muskoka Grill", 925 Dixon Road (at Carlingview), Etobicoke .

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

Hard to believe that we are more than half-way through summer. I remember thinking that we would certainly be through the COVID issues, and things would be back to normal.

Ha!

Now it looks like most things won't return to normal until we get everyone vaccinated. At least Time Attack is holding their events.

Congrats to TAC's Brad Coleman, who has been having a great season. At the most recent event at Toronto Motorsport Park in Cayuga, he won his class and had the 2nd fastest time of all competitors!

The next event is at Shannonville, August 29/30. This will be a blast, running the very fast Pro track on Saturday and the very technical Full track on Sunday. For more info, check out the Ontario Time Attack Facebook page, or <http://forums.casc.on.ca/forum/casc-or-divisions/time-attack-specific-forum>

The latest Formula 1 race at Barcelona was a good one. Canadian Lance Stroll managed a 4th place finish in his super-hot Racing Point Mercedes knock-off. Poor Nick Latifi in his Williams could only manage 18th, 2 laps off the leaders. It's time he started pushing George Russell a bit more. It's also time he was included in the pre- and post-race interviews. We don't hear from him at all!

We are hearing a bit more from our new ASN Canada FIA folks, the Sports Development Group (Not sure how they picked that name. It is way too general).

CASC-OR and CARS both participated in conference calls with the group, and a business model was presented at a very high level. Both groups were asked to affiliate with them. CASC-OR has agreed to do so, maintaining the affiliation structure under the previous ASN Canada FIA group. CARS are

wondering how this group will help Rallysports in Canada, and has decided to continue discussions before agreeing to affiliate. They are unsure of the benefits, as these were not clear after the presentation.

The group's primary interest will always be the Canadian GP, with other international races (such as the CTMP Lemans and Trois Rivieres Formula Atlantic events), as well as karting and other Canada-wide series. There is potential for a World Rally Championship event in Canada, the ownership of which could be CARS, ASN Canada, or both.

CARS have asked to remain a participant with other affiliated organizations, and see if the business model fits with their goals once more details are available. They will then decide if they want to affiliate.

Hopefully, with the Sport Development Group's international connections, they will be able to get some top Canadian events on the world calendar.

Finally, we are hoping to have an actual TAC meeting - the first one since February.

We do not meet in August, but we will meet in September. If Turtle Jack's is not open for dine-in, then the meeting will be virtual. We tend to get around 15 people out, so we should be within the COVID regulations. We should be able to spread out in our private room at Turtle Jack's, but they have been only offering take-out. So watch for details in September on how we will facilitate our meetup!

Please enjoy the rest of your summer!

Rob McAuley
TAC President

ON THE COVER

AT THE LUCKY DOG RACING CANADA EVENT,
AUGUST 1, 2.
VERNON'S WINNING B-CLASS ON SUNDAY AFTER AN 8
HOUR MOSTLY WET RACE.
2ND PLACE SATURDAY IN B-CLASS WHEN DRY 7 HOURS

TAC 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

Most Schedules have been modified / Verify with organizing group

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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August 2020

14-15	F1	RESCHEDULED: GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Catalunya)	
23	INDY	RESCHEDULED: Indianapolis 500	
28-30	F1	SCHEDULED: BELGIAN GRAND PRIX (Spa-Francorchamps)	
29-30	INDY	RESCHEDULED: 2 Races; Bommarito Automotive Group 500, Madison, IL	
29	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #4, Shannonville Motorsport Park	
30	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #5 Shannonville Motorsport Park	

September 2020

4-6	F1	SCHEDULED: GRAN PREMIO D'ITALIA (Monza)	
10-12	Rally-CRC	Rallye Défi , Montpellier, Quebec	CASDI
11-13	F1	NEW: Pirelli Gran Premio Dell Toscana Ferrari 1000 (Italy)	
12	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #6, Toronto Motorsport Park, Cayuga	
16	Meeting	TENTATIVE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
25-27	F1	RESCHEDULED: VTB Russian Grand Prix	
26	Rally-ORRC	ORRC & SNATR / Automapic Rally, Ingersoll	KWRC

October 2020

1-3	Rally-CRC	Pacific Forest Rally, Merritt BC	WCRA
02-03	INDY	NEW: Indycar Harvest 500/ 2 races/ Indianapolis	
9-11	F1	NEW: German Grand Prix	
21	Meeting	TENTATIVE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting,	TAC
22-24	Rally-CRC	Rallye de Charelvoix, La Malbaie, QC	CRDC
23-25	F1	NEW: Heineken Grande Premio De Portugal	
24	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - President's Prize Rally	PMSC
25	INDY	RESCHEDULED: Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg	

More events to appear as 2020 Schedules are released.

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Time Attack



Brad Coleman at TMP, #98



Three TAC members competed

PHOTOS

THANKS TO GRAHAM TULETT AND MICHAEL TAN @tanner1974



Standing water in turn1 made for exciting racing



Barrel rolled six times Saturday night at SMP during open lapping



Not your usual time attack wheel failure

Attention Proud TAC Members!

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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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Competition Directors Report

– August 2020 –

2020 started off with a full ice racing season but motorsport competition was immediately put on hold before the summer season began. Pretty much every sanctioning body repeated the mantra of safety protocols like washing hands and keeping two meters apart as the risk of covid 19 attacking through a helmet must be greater than running into a concrete barrier at 200 kph.

Since then I have been looking for the return motorsport activities close to home and I am pleased to say I have found some!

Lucky Dog Racing Canada had the first race of the season at Shannonville Motorsport Park in July. This was followed with a second LDRC race weekend in August. Both events were rather hot and cool suits were a treat. The ShouldahadaV8 racing Nissan Sentra with TACCIES Gary & Andrew Vernon had a great weekend with a second in class on Saturday and a first in class on Sunday with lots of torrential rain.

The fields were relatively small (10-15 teams) but the driving was clean and some close races.

It was nice to see some ice racers mixing it up and going fast, especially a couple of white Honda civics.

Next LDRC event is at CTMP (Mosport) on Labour Day weekend taking the usual big truck race spot due to the cancellation.

Ontario Time Attack is continuing after the driving school and Mosport events. Thanks to Gary Vernon for organizing the TMP event at Cayuga. TAC member Brad Coleman is having a strong season in his Acura.

Next two events are at Shannonville August 29 and 30th with the season ender in mid September.

Non-virtual ORRC events are still on hold for the time being. Hopefully the January Jaunt will return in 2021.

Get out and participate!

Toronto Autosport Club - Executive Conference Call Meeting minutes August 5, 2020

Call time: 8:08 pm

Participants: Rob, Paul, Rita, Graham & Ingrid

President

Nothing to report.

Membership

81 members: 6 life, 45 primary, 30 family

Treasurer

Account Balances:

PayPal	\$ 230.24
Savings	\$ 18,176.19
Chequing	\$ 5,441.62

Getting low on patches, decided not to order anymore.

Competition

Driving schools are going on. Still no rallies. Time attack at Cayuga two weeks ago. Lucky Dog event last weekend, Gary and Andrew Vernon participated. They did very well winning their class on Sunday. Next Lucky Dog event at Mosport Labour Day weekend.

Social

Discussion on whether or not to start holding monthly meetings again.

Old Business - nil

New Business - nil

Adjourned at 8:34 pm

Minutes by I. Beck

Announcement 2020-06



Subject: CARS By-Law change to allow Virtual AGM

Issue Date: July 23, 2020

Rationale:

The federal government has issued guidance for not-for-profit corporations holding Annual General Meetings during the COVID-19 outbreak, see link.

<https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cd-dgc.nsf/eng/cs08611.html>

The guidelines allow us to choose one of three approaches:

1. Hold a virtual meeting;
2. Sign a resolution in lieu of a meeting;
3. Delay calling the meeting.

These guidelines discuss situations like ours where Virtual/Electronic AGM's are not permitted in the by-laws. The Federal government will allow the board of directors to change the by-laws to allow virtual meetings, with the change effective until the next meeting of the members (when the change can be confirmed or rejected).

Decision:

At the July 22nd CARS board meeting the board of directors discussed the options and put forth a motion to change the CARS By-Laws clause 4.07.4.4 as follows;

4.07.4.4 *Attendance by a Member at a meeting by electronic means, in part or entirely, is ~~not~~ permitted*

Beyond the obvious health concerns of holding a face to face meeting for the CARS AGM in January 2021, other considerations included the financial impact on CARS, our member clubs and the CRC events that would be reduced significantly by approving a virtual AGM. A vote was held and the board voted unanimously to adopt the motion. The 2020 AGM will be held virtually.

Follow-up:

Some of items we will work on to make sure that a Virtual 2020 AGM runs smoothly are as follows:

1. The CARS office will follow the same meeting prep and communication process;
2. CARS will arrange for the video conference;

3. We will review and determine how we can establish voting protocols;
4. Other CARS board meetings that typically take place on the AGM weekend will simply be conducted as normal business in a lead-up conference call;
5. Opportunities for the organizers and competitors to meet with the board can still occur using multiple video conferences.

Announcement 2020-07



Subject: Pacific Forest Rally

Issue Date: July 27 2020

The PFR organizing committee worked very hard on adjusting our plans in the context of covid-19. We planned numerous changes in order to minimize the risk of transmission and exposure, and to comply with current restrictions. Those included shortening the schedule to reduce the duration of contact, reducing the amount of shared volunteer accommodation, moving all meetings to online, limiting access to the service park, limiting numbers at each spectator point or possibly eliminating them entirely, eliminating the finish party/awards banquet, and other measures.

We consulted with past volunteers to gauge the practicality of running the event under those conditions, and consulted with past competitors to gauge the likely entry level. Those consultations suggested that it would be a stretch, but we could probably get sufficient volunteers to run the event safely, and that the likely entry level would leave us significantly short on budget. Both of those consultations were done prior to the recent up-tick in case numbers in BC, so are probably on the optimistic side.

Based on the event being maybe almost just possible, and following the "press on regardless" spirit of rally, we consulted with the office of the provincial health officer, to gauge whether the proposed changes would be sufficient to get an exemption to the 50-person mass gathering limit. Based on that consultation and our own assessment of the situation, we have determined that there is no way to proceed with this year's event while complying with the letter or the spirit of the current restrictions, and no realistic expectation of those restrictions being loosened between now and the scheduled date of the rally. We feel that the only responsible course of action is to cancel this year's event and start planning for 2021.

We are looking into the possibility of doing a much smaller event, such as a single-stage test day for local teams only, and will post information if and when that becomes possible.

Paul Westwick
Organizer, Pacific Forest Rally



Announcement 2020-08



Subject: CARS COVID19 transmission prevention requirements

Issue Date: July 29 2020

This guideline is intended to help organizers with setting the minimum requirements for personal protective equipment in order to reduce the risk of transmission during the COVID-19 pandemic and will remain in effect for the balance of the 2020 season.

Local, Provincial and Federal regulatory requirements must be followed. Specific to the rally events sanctioned by CARS the following additional items are requirements and recommendations for events to follow;

Requirements

1. All team members, officials and volunteers shall wear face masks in the service park, at Rally HQ, at controls and anywhere else on the event site where social distancing cannot be respected.
2. Face mask exceptions are for the driver and co-driver while wearing a helmet, or working in the car together.
3. Have all competitors, officials, volunteers sign a COVID 19 health status release.
4. Spectators are not allowed in the service park.
5. Limit of 6 team members per car, this includes drivers and co-drivers.
6. Do not hold a Parc Exposé
7. Do not set up spectator areas or encourage spectators to gather.
8. Do not hold post event functions such as banquets or parties.
9. A podium ceremony, if conducted should be structured to maintain the 2M distancing and be restricted to crews, required officials, the CRC TV media crew and up to 6 accredited photographers

Recommendations

1. Post signs encouraging social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing.
2. Avoid gatherings through the use of virtual technology for registration, driver briefings and other gatherings.
3. Minimize contact between crews and volunteers through use of virtual notice board, email/text communication to crews, electronic inquiries, etc.
4. Consider allowing the co-driver to enter times onto the time card from times displayed on a white board outside the car at ATC, Start, FTC and MTC. (this was done at SOFR successfully)

Announcement 2020-09



Subject: Canadian Rally Championship 2020

Issue Date: August 5, 2020

The 2020 season has been very difficult with the ever-changing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CARS board wanted to wait until we had a good idea of what would likely happen through the fall, before making any decisions with respect to the championships.

With the loss of Rallye Baie des Chaleurs, Rallye Defi and now the Pacific Forest Rally we have 4 remaining events. If the four remaining events run, the season will have consisted 5 events, being the 4 still to happen plus Rallye Perce Neige which ran in February.

In order to give competitors, the best scenario with which to make decisions about competing in these unpredictable times, and the most incentive to compete in as many of the remaining events as possible, the CARS board are making the following changes for the balance of the 2020 season.

1. The Canadian Rally Championships will be awarded providing we have at least two events run. Rallye Perce Neige is one of those events. This means that as long as we run at least one more event this season the Championships will be awarded.
2. All events will count for points and the competitors with the maximum points win the championships.

Remaining 2020 event schedule.

October 22nd – 24th Rallye de Charlevoix
November 6th – 7th Rocky Mountain Rally
November 20th – 21st Lincoln Electric Rally of the Tall Pines
December 4th – 6th Big White Winter Rally



Membership Application

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- 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.

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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