



Fifth Gear

December 2013



Toronto Autosport Club

2013 EXECUTIVE:

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2013 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

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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 !

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

Merry Christmas!

December is here, and that means we can put 2013 behind us.

CASC held their Annual General Meeting in November, and it was fairly routine. The only change on the board was the position of Autoslalom Director. Andrew Ross has completed his 2 year term, and did not run again. Barry Greenaway (of SPDA) was acclaimed into the role. I know Barry from Time Attack, and he is a nice guy that will work hard to grow the sport. I encourage anyone reading this (or their children, nieces, and nephews) to give it a try. It is the least expensive of the disciplines available to CASC club members.

One other item that arose at the meeting was some discussion about why Rally-Only clubs have to affiliate with CASC. There has been an (apparently unwritten) rule that any club affiliating with RSO and CARS would also have to affiliate with their regional race organization. The club could then declare which members would affiliate with RSO for rally, and CASC for racing. TAC has always treated the organizations equally, registering all members in both groups.

At this year's CASC AGM, some members from the rally-only clubs asked why they had to affiliate with both groups, when their membership never participated in any CASC events. CASC President Perry Iannuzzi speculated that it had to do with ASN's insurance, but otherwise saw no need for it. They can affiliate with RSO, who affiliate with ASN through CARS. Perry committed to follow up with CARS, and if there was no need for CASC affiliation, would no block them from leaving. I expect this to be resolved prior to the March 31 deadline for affiliations.

TAC held our Annual General Meeting at last month's meeting, and I was thrilled to see our current board returned. At that meeting, we confirmed that Paul Moore will

stay on as Vice President and Graham Tulett remains our Secretary. Social Director Jane Worobess was looking to step down half-way through her term, but I think she enjoyed working on the Awards Banquet so much that she decided to stay on.

Dietmar had stepped down as Competition Director earlier in the year, but mentioned after the AGM that he would like to return to that position.

We will be holding a Special General Meeting in January to formalize the Competition Directorship, so feel free to come out and be part of the quorum. If anyone is interested in the role, I would be happy to go over the duties, and describe what is involved. In the mean-time, thank you Dietmar for re-upping.

And thank you all for your on-going efforts!

Shortly after our AGM, TAC wrapped up the season with our annual Awards Banquet. This was the best attended party since our 50th anniversary at the Royal York

Congrats to our winners:

Ice Race: Tammy Douglas

Time Attack: Carsten Gieschen

Auto Slalom: Keith Hui

Navigational Rally Driver: Felipe de Souza

Navigational Rally Navigator: Isaac de Souza

Most Active Member: Brooke Jacobs

All were well deserved, and it was great to see most of the winners get their awards in person. Once again, Santorini did a great job. While we were in a larger room, their service was excellent, and the food was fabulous! Thanks to Social Director Jane for organizing, and Ingrid Beck for coming up with all the place settings.

Now on to 2014!

Ice Race season will soon be upon us, with tech weekends going in mid-January, and our TAC weekend on February 22/23. Paul Moore has stepped up as our organizer, and he will be accompanied by our great TAC team. I am disappointed that I can't make it this year.

In the past, daughter Sarah skated synchro in the winters, and we were busy with competitions all over the place. She gave that up when she went off to university, and I've had fun getting to Minden ever since. Now this year, she is back into it, but she is living in Vancouver. It turns out that Skate Canada's Synchro Nationals are in Vancouver this year, and her team will be competing. Wife Sue is using this as an excuse to fly out and visit her, but the date conflicts with our TAC Ice Race weekend. Guess who gets to decide which event we attend?

I am sorry I won't be going, as it is a fun time. The cars are a blast to watch, and TAC will put you up for the weekend and feed you if you are interested in helping out. Just let VP Paul know you are available, and he can fill you in on the details.

Finally, I had reported that Sue had hit a curb with her car just before our last Time Attack event of the season. She seriously bent the wheel, but it was holding air, and otherwise working well.

I had noticed some vibration coming from the front corner - even after I'd moved the wheel to the back, and sure enough, when I took it into the shop, the shock was blown. The bad news is that BMW shocks are not cheap, and BMW will only sell them in pairs. The good news is that a new set of performance shocks and springs (for all 4 corners) will cost about the same. Merry Christmas Rob! Hopefully she won't read this far to discover my plans.

Rob

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TAC 2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<i>JANUARY 2014</i>			
10-11	Meeting	CARS AGM	CARS
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15	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
18-19	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	PMSC
18	School	RSO First-Aid Course, Newmarket	RSO
25-26	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	DAC
<i>FEBRUARY 2014</i>			
1-2	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	BEMC
1	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Frostbite Rally, location tbd	
7/9/20	Rally-CRC/OPRC	Perce Neige, Maniwaki Quebec	CPRN
8-9	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	BARC
15-16	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	TLMC
15-16	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Polar Bear Rally, Bancroft	
19	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
22-23	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	TAC
<i>MARCH 2014</i>			
1-2	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, RAIN-DATE Minden	
8-9	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, RAIN-DATE Minden	
13-16	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	
19	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
22	Meeting	RSO Annual General Meeting, Peterborough	RSO
28-30	F1	PETRONAS MALAYSIAN GRAND PRIX (Kuala Lumpur)	
30	INDY	Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg	

More events to appear as 2014 Schedules are released.

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

ICE RACE ADVISORY #'s 416-667-9500 877-667-9505		Jan 18/19	Jan 25/26	Feb 1/2	Feb 9/9	Feb 15/16	Feb 22/23	Mar 1st and 2nd	
		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Mar 8 th and 9 th	
		PMSC	DAC	BEMC	BARC	TLMC	TAC	RAIN	
Saturday		Registration & Scrutineering open at 8:00am		DRIVERS' MEETING 8:30AM SHARP – BE THERE!!					
Practice	5 laps Canadian Tire SSC 9:00am								
Practice	5 Laps for all rubber classes								
Practice	5 laps for Menard Stud class								
Race # 1	10 Laps	1,4	11,14	SS11,12,14	SS2	1,4	SS11,12,14	RUBBER CLASSES	
2	10 Laps	2	12	2	SS1,4	2	2		
3	10 Laps	SS11,12,14	SS1,4	1,4	12	SS11,12,14	1,4		Class 1 – RWD
4	10 Laps	11,14	SS2	SS 2	11,14	11,14	SS2		Class 2 – FWD
5	10 Laps	STUD	1,4	SS1,4	SS11,12,14	STUD	SS1,4		Class 4 – 4WD
6	10 Laps	12	STUD	12	2	12	12		2 nd Driver Classes
7	10 Laps	SS1,4	2	STUD	STUD	SS1,4	STUD		Class 11 – RWD
8	10 Laps	SS2	SS11,12,14	11,14	1,4	SS2	11,14		Class 12 – FWD
9	10 Laps								Class 14 – 4WD
LUNCH: start time for race 10 to be posted on the registration window									
10	12 Laps	1,4	11,14	SS11,12,14	SS2	1,4	SS11,12,14		
11	12 Laps	2	12	2	SS1,4	2	2		
12	12 Laps	SS11,12,14	SS1,4	1,4	12	SS11,12,14	1,4		
13	12 Laps	11,14	SS2	SS2	11,14	11,14	SS2		
14	12 Laps	STUD	1,4	SS1,4	SS11,12,14	STUD	SS1,4		
15	12 Laps	12	STUD	12	2	12	12		
16	12 Laps	SS1,4	2	STUD	STUD	SS1,4	STUD		
17	12 Laps	SS2	SS11,12,14	11,14	1,4	SS2	11,14		
18	12 Laps	1,4	11,14	SS11,12,14	SS2	1,4	SS11,12,14		
19	12 Laps	STUD	STUD	2	SS1,4	STUD	2		
20	12 Laps	2	12	STUD	12	2	STUD		
21	12 Laps	SS11,12,14	SS1,4	1,4	STUD	SS11,12,14	1,4		
22	12 Laps	11,14	SS2	SS2	11,14	11,14	SS2		
23	12 Laps	12	1,4	SS1,4	SS11,12,14	12	SS1,4		
24	12 Laps	SS1,4	2	12	2	SS1,4	12		
25	12 Laps	SS2	SS11,12,14	11,14	1,4	SS2	11,14		
26	12 Laps								
27	12 Laps								
Sunday		Registration & Scrutineering open at 11:00am		DRIVERS' MEETING 11:30AM SHARP!!!					
Practice	5 laps Canadian Tire SSC								
Practice	*****5 LAPS***** for all rubber classes								
Practice	5 laps Menard Stud Class								
Race # 1	12 Laps	SS2	SS11,12,14	11,14	1,4	SS11,12,14	1,4		
2	12 Laps	SS1,4	2	12	2	2	2		
3	12 Laps	12	1,4	SS1,4	SS11,12,14	1,4	SS11,12,14		
4	12 Laps	11,14	SS2	SS2	11,14	SS2	11,14		
5	12 Laps	SS11,12,14	SS1,4	1,4	STUD	SS1,4	STUD		
6	12 Laps	2	12	STUD	12	12	12		
7	12 Laps	STUD	STUD	2	SS1,4	STUD	SS1,4		
8	12 Laps	1,4	11,14	SS11,12,14	SS2	11,14	SS2		
9	12 Laps								
10 MINUTE BREAK to be confirmed/announced at morning drivers' meeting ☺									
10	12 Laps	SS2	SS11,12,14	11,14	1,4	SS11,12,14	1,4		
11	12 Laps	SS1,4	2	STUD	STUD	2	STUD		
12	12 Laps	12	STUD	12	2	STUD	2		
13	12 Laps	STUD	1,4	SS1,4	SS11,12,14	1,4	SS11,12,14		
14	12 Laps	11,14	SS2	SS2	11,14	SS2	11,14		
15	12 Laps	SS11,12,14	SS1,4	1,4	12	SS1,4	12		
16	12 Laps	2	12	2	SS1,4	12	SS1,4		
17	12 Laps	1,4	11,14	SS11,12,14	SS2	11,14	SS2		
18	12 Laps								

This Schedule is subject to change...

Competitors should check the registration window for updates and cancellations when you attend your Drivers meeting.

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Sitting around with nothing to do this winter??



(photo shamelessly stolen from the internet!)

Toronto Autosport Club - Magnum Ice Racing

February 22/23, 2014

Minden Fair Grounds

Be part of the hottest racing on ice this winter! Volunteers are needed to help TAC host round six of the Magnum Ice Racing series. NO experience is needed and there are many jobs to suit anyone in the family! Why volunteer?

*You will be supporting the club and its **major fund** raising effort for the year!

*There are many jobs for the motorsport neophyte which require no previous experience! Bring the entire family!

***Free** accommodation! TAC will reimburse all volunteers for the reasonable cost of their accommodation for the Saturday night in Minden. There are many B+B's, motels, hotels, and cottage rentals in the Minden area.

***Free** banquet on Saturday night! All TAC volunteers at the event and their partners are invited to a dinner at a local restaurant on TAC.

***Free** food. TAC pays for all food at the track which in turn supports the Minden Kinsmen.

*Have you ever wanted to **ride in an ice racer** during a race? Ice racing is one of the few closed course forms of motorsport which allows for organic ballast (aka a passenger) during the racing! Volunteer and then take some "time off" to really experience the racing. Screaming not required, but allowed.

***Spend the weekend with a great bunch of people!** But you already knew that!

*Here is the best way to find out about your next **motorsport addiction!**

*Chance to **win** the prestigious new trophy, the Andy Hughes Memorial Cup, for volunteering!

Contact: Paul Moore -- vicepresident@torontoautosportclub.ca

TAC AWARDS PRESENTATIONS



Isaac de Souza receives the Road Rally Navigator award



Rob and Paul present Filipe de Souza with the Navigational Rally Driver award



Dietmar finally gets his award for Most Active Member for 2012, and a President's Award of a custom TAC license plate!



Brooke Jacobs was TAC's Most Active Member for 2013, as Rob is pointing out!

ON THE COVER

Rob presents Keith Hui with the Autoslalom trophy

Toronto Autosport Club – November 2013 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: November 4, 2013

Call time: 8:05 pm

Present: Rob, Paul, Rita, Graham

- President's Report:
 - o At this time it appears TAC will not be hosting the January Jaunt in 2014.
 - o Annual Banquet appears under control.
- Vice President:
 - o New membership year Final 108 = 6 life + 61 primary + 41 family
- Treasurer:
 - o Investment: \$14,524.40; PayPal, \$769.84; Chequing, \$3,631.76
 - o Zontas expenses closed out.
- Competition:
 - o TAC Ice scheduled for Feb. 22/23, 2014
 - o Graham will attend ice race organizers meeting on November 16.
- Social:
 - o Year-end banquet a go for Saturday November 23 – expecting a larger turnout.
- Old business: Last month's minutes to be corrected to show treasurer position not up for election.
- New business: Early renewal bonus was discussed - \$20 off TAC event or supper at a club meeting.
 - o Annual General Meeting of the club and election of officers at the next meeting Nov 20, 2013.

Call adjourned: 8:30 pm

Notes recorded by G. Tulett.



Membership Application

Mail: 49 Monkswood Crescent,
Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 2J9

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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Cash Cheque # _____ PayPal Other TOTAL \$: _____

To pay by PAYPAL/Credit Card, please visit the Club website at: 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

**TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC.
(TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB)
SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING**

**FOR THE
POSITION OF COMPETITION DIRECTOR**

Notice is hereby served that
a Candidate for the unfilled Club Officer position of
COMPETITION DIRECTOR
has volunteered to run for election
a SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING

will take place following the regular business meeting (which commences at 8 pm.)

on **Wednesday January 18, 2014**

at the MOOSE AND FIRKIN, 7600 Weston Road (Unit 15) at Hwy 7 (SW Corner),
just west of Hwy 400 in Woodbridge Ontario

**It is important that members attend (either in person or by proxy)
so that you can have your say to vote on this executive position up for election**

Additional candidates may run for this position, by responding to the call for
candidates prior to any vote being held at the meeting.

This Executive position commences immediately after the conclusion of the elections
and runs through until November 2015 .

If you know that you will be unable to attend, please fill out the notice of proxy below and
submit it to the Club Secretary before the elections take place (in person by proxy-holder or
mail to club address : 49 Monkswood Crescent, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 2J9)

**NOTICE OF PROXY – TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC.
January 18 2014 SPECIAL ELECTION MEETING**

I , _____ , being a member in good
standing of the Toronto Autosport Club, do hereby assign my voting rights at the January 18 2014 TAC
Motorsport Club Inc. Special Election Meeting, to be held January 18 2014.

to _____ , who is also a member in good standing.

Signed: _____ Date: _____