



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 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 and happy holidays everyone!

2015 is coming to an end, and we are now preparing for a busy 2016. Here's my list of TAC To-Do's:

- January 30/31 - TAC's Ice Race Weekend
- May 14 - Ontario Time Attack Performance Driving School at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park Driver Development Track organized by TAC (tentative)
- Mid June - Discover Ontario Rally (tentative)
- July 9 - TAC Coral at CTMP (Mosport) for the IMSA Races
- July 23 - Ontario Time Attack at Toronto Motorsport Park (Cayuga) organized by TAC (tentative)
- Mid Fall - Guru Nanak Contract Rally
- Mid Fall - Zonta Contract Rally
- Late November - Annual Awards Banquet

As dates get finalized, please add these to your calendar. If you're not participating, please come out and volunteer. I guarantee you'll have just as much fun!

This past season has been a tough one for regional motorsport. Costs are up for track rental and insurance, so costs to the drivers are up, and attendance is down. Ice Race, Time Attack, and Race all lost money this year.

The Ice Racer organizer's committee has renegotiated with the Minden Kinsmen to come up with a new pricing model for the track. In it, the Kin will be paid based on the number of competitors instead of the flat fee that used to be charged. This should help the clubs if numbers drop, and may make the

difference between breaking even and suffering a (another) major loss.

Time Attack has dropped a couple of its money losing venues, so there will be no events at Calabogie or Grand Bend. The series will drop from 10 events to just 6. The school in early May will move from 2 days to just 1. We expect to get more people out for each date, so our profitable events should be even more so!

Our next event is the Ice Race in Minden on January 30/31. This is a great way to spend your weekend. I have volunteered here for many years, and am really looking forward to doing it again. TAC will put you up in a hotel, and provide meals. In exchange, we need help with registration, tracking cars out racing, gridding cars, teching cars, and generally helping to keep things running smoothly. If you are free, please let VP Paul Moore know, and he'll get you on the list!

Please have a great holiday season. Remember, no TAC meeting this month, but we'll be back at the Moose & Firkin on the third Wednesday in January!

Rob McAuley
TAC President

ON THE COVER

Craig Daley and brother Jeff Daley shared driving their 92 Nissan NX2000 in GT sprints (GT5 #183) this past season

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MOTORSPORTS SEPT 26 / 27

TAC 2016 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
January 2016			
16-17	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race PRE-TECH weekend, Minden	
20	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
23-24	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	TLMC
30-31	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	TAC
February 2016			
5-6	Rally-CRC	Perce Neige, Maniwaki Quebec	CPRN
6-7	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	PMSC
13-14	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	DAC
17	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
20-21	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	BEMC
27-28	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	BARC
March 2016			
5-6	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, RAIN-DATE Minden	
12-13	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, RAIN-DATE Minden	
16	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
April 2016			
20	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
May 2016			
18	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
28-29	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, Invermere BC	CSCC

More events to appear as 2016 Schedules are released.

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

Time to shake off the snow!!



Toronto Autosport Club - Magnum Ice Racing

January 30/31, 2016

Minden Fair Grounds

Be part of the hottest racing on ice this winter! Volunteers are needed to help TAC host round one 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. Most 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 modestly priced 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 allowing 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

ICE RACE ADVISORY #'s 416-667-9500 877-667-9505	Jan 23/24 Round 1	Jan 30/31 Round 2	Feb 6/7 Round 3	Feb 13/14 Round 4	Feb 20/21 Round 5	Feb 27/28 Round 6	Mar 5th and 6th Mar 12th and 13th		
	TLMC	TAC	PMSC	DAC	BEMC	BARC	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								
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	12	1,4	SS1,4	SS11,12,14	12	SS1,4		
6	10 Laps	SS1,4	2	12	2	SS1,4	12		
7	10 Laps	SS2	SS11,12,14	11,14	1,4	SS2	11,14		
LUNCH: start time for race 10 to be posted on the registration window									
8	15 Laps	1,4	11,14	SS11,12,14	SS2	1,4	SS11,12,14		Class 4 – 4WD
9	15 Laps	2	12	2	SS1,4	2	2		
10	15 Laps	SS11,12,14	SS1,4	1,4	12	SS11,12,14	1,4		2nd Driver Classes
11	15 Laps	11,14	SS2	SS2	11,14	11,14	SS2		
12	15 Laps	12	1,4	SS1,4	SS11,12,14	12	SS1,4		
13	15 Laps	SS1,4	2	12	2	SS1,4	12		Class 11 – RWD
14	15 Laps	SS2	SS11,12,14	11,14	1,4	SS2	11,14		Class 12 – FWD
OPTIONAL	*****	MID DAY	10 MIN BREAK	To be announced	at morning	meeting *****	OPTIONAL		
15	15 Laps	1,4	11,14	SS11,12,14	SS2	1,4	SS11,12,14		
16	15 Laps	2	12	2	SS1,4	2	2		
17	15 Laps	SS11,12,14	SS1,4	1,4	12	SS11,12,14	1,4		Class 14 – 4WD
18	15 Laps	11,14	SS2	SS2	11,14	11,14	SS2		
19	15 Laps	12	1,4	SS1,4	SS11,12,14	12	SS1,4		STREET STUD
20	15 Laps	SS1,4	2	12	2	SS1,4	12		
21	15 Laps	SS2	SS11,12,14	11,14	1,4	SS2	11,14		
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								
Race # 1	15 Laps	SS2	SS11,12,14	11,14	1,4	SS11,12,14	1,4	SS1 – RWD	
2	15 Laps	SS1,4	2	12	2	2	2	SS2 – FWD	
3	15 Laps	12	1,4	SS1,4	SS11,12,14	1,4	SS11,12,14	SS4 – 4WD	
4	15 Laps	11,14	SS2	SS2	11,14	SS2	11,14	2nd Driver Classes	
5	15 Laps	SS11,12,14	SS1,4	1,4	12	SS1,4	12		
6	15 Laps	2	12	2	SS1,4	12	SS1,4	SS11 – RWD	
7	15 Laps	1,4	11,14	SS11,12,14	SS2	11,14	SS2		
10 MINUTE BREAK to be confirmed/announced at morning drivers' meeting J									
8	15 Laps	SS2	SS11,12,14	11,14	1,4	SS11,12,14	1,4	SS12 – FWD	
9	15 Laps	SS1,4	2	12	2	2	2		
10	15 Laps	12	1,4	SS1,4	SS11,12,14	1,4	SS11,12,14	SS14 – 4WD	
11	15 Laps	11,14	SS2	SS2	11,14	SS2	11,14		
12	15 Laps	SS11,12,14	SS1,4	1,4	12	SS1,4	12		
13	15 Laps	2	12	2	SS1,4	12	SS1,4		
14	15 Laps	1,4	11,14	SS11,12,14	SS2	11,14	SS2		

This Schedule is subject to change...

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

TAC 2015 AWARDS AND DINNER



THE AWARDS AWAIT

ROB AND PAUL
DRAWING FOR
ANOTHER DOOR
PRIZE



ALEX LING, WITH ROB MCAULEY,
ADDRESSED THE GROUP



SOME OF THE GROUP;
REFLECTING ON A
GREAT MEAL



ABOVE; KEITH HUI WAS
PRESENTED WITH THE
AUTOSLALOM TROPHY

RIGHT; FATHER-
DAUGHTER TEAM,
BROOKE & CLAIRE
JACOBS WON THE
NAVIGATIONAL RALLY
DRIVER AND CO-DRIVER
AWARDS RESPECTIVELY



NICK BECK RECEIVED THE 'MOST ACTIVE MEMBER' AWARD;
WITH DIETMAR SEELENMAYER & ROB MCAULEY



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In Rear, the Daley 92 Nissan NX2000

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THE 7TH EAST AFRICAN SAFARI CLASSIC RALLY

-Photos from Yusuf Pasta-

Since its inception in 1953, the Safari Rally's reputation as one of the toughest events on the international rally circuit gave it great kudos, until governance woes removed it in 2003 from the World Rally Championship roster.

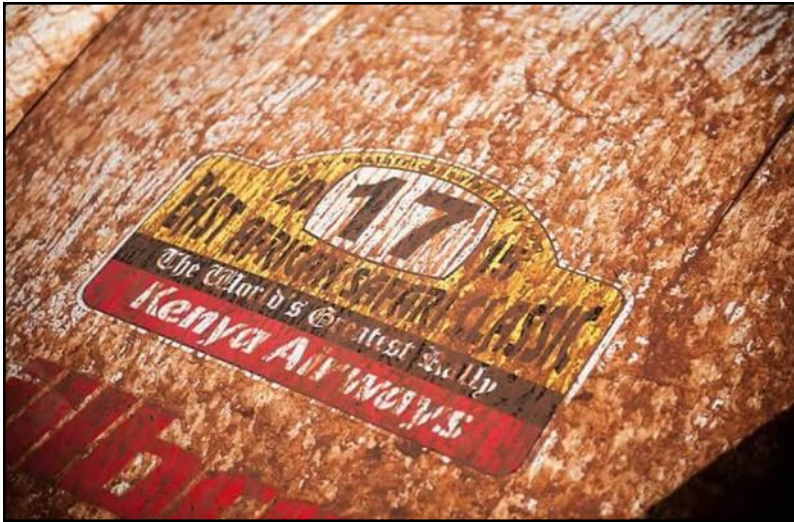
The East African Safari Classic rally, set up that same year, has taken its place as the wildest, most gruelling rally around. Almost double the number of days and eschewing technological advances of later years, the Classic allows only cars built before 1978 to enter, and returns to the harder conditions and purer driving spirit contained in the early years of the original Safari Rally. It is, however, longer at nine days rather than the original five (the modern rally stops for night halts). Cars have limited back up during their tough journey.

This year's rally introduces the 'screamer". Never before used on the EASC, this Proximity Warning Device is particularly useful in dusty conditions. Installed in each car, it flashes a green light when two cars come within 200m of each other. If the front car doesn't yield to the faster car behind, a button can be pressed which changes the light to a flashing red and emits a high pitched siren compelling the slower car to yield with safety.



This is after half day of a 10 day rally. It's called the "toughest rally in world" for a reason. It's just 01:00 p.m. here, cars started at 7:00 a.m. ending around 5:00 p.m. -Y.P.







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2016 CANADIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP (CRC)

*Diamond Jubilee of the CRC – 60th year: be part of the legend
Jubilé de diamant du CRC – 60^e année : faites partie de la légende*

Feb.	5-6	RALLYE PERCE-NEIGE MANIWAKI www.rallyeperceneige.com or www.rallyperceneige.com Patrick Rainville	Club - CRPN Maniwaki, Québec 819-663-5546 info@rallyeperceneige.com
May	28-29	ROCKY MOUNTAIN RALLY www.rockymountainrally.com Keith Morison	Club – CSCC Invermere, BC 403-510-5689 chair@rockymountainrally.com
July	1-3	RALLYE BAIE DES CHALEURS www.rallyebdc.com Jean-François Guité	Club - CRAB New Richmond, Québec 418-392-3544 info@rallyebdc.com
Sept.	8-10	RALLYE DEFI www.rallyedefi.com BGilles Lacroix	Club - CASDI Ste-Agathe, Québec 514-947-7597 info@rallyedefi.com
Sept.30-Oct.1		PACIFIC FOREST RALLY www.pacificforestrally.com Paul Westwick	Club – WCRA Merritt, British Columbia 604-617-4132 paul@rallybc.com
Nov.	25-26	RALLY OF THE TALL PINES www.tallpinesrally.com Ian Wright	Club - MLRC Bancroft, Ontario 416-606-5141 ian@tallpinesrally.com
TBC-Dec.	3-4	BIG WHITE WINTER RALLY www.bigwhiterally.com Keith Morison	Club – WCRA Kelowna, British Columbia 403-510-5689 Keith@morison.ca

TBC-date of Big White is not yet final as the organizers are looking to move the event's date to Dec. 10-11. Note: the event's national status to be confirmed by observation of the 2015 event.

This schedule is subject to change – November 20, 2015

TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB - NOVEMBER 2015 EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL NOTES

Call date: November 4, 2015

Call time: 8:02 pm

Present: Rob, Paul, Rita, Dietmar & Graham

- President's Report:
 - o Will attend CASC-OR AGM this upcoming Sunday morning
 - o No major issues anticipated

- Vice President:
 - o 2015 membership year to date: 133 = 6 life + 67 primary + 60 family

- Treasurer:
 - o balances \$13,752.32 savings; \$575.00 PAY PAL; \$2474.46 chequing
 - o Year end results approximately \$106 surplus of revenue over expense

- Competition:
 - o OTA suffered big financial loss now approaching \$15,000
 - o Club reps for meet Nov 24 to review next season's plans
 - o Annual award winners discussed

- Social:
 - o Banquet November 21, 2015 in Unionville.

- Old business: nil

- New business: nil

Call adjourned: 8:31 pm - Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

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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 \$: _____

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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 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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