



# Fifth Gear

*December 2019*



# Toronto Autosport Club

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## 2019 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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## GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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# From The President's Desk

Here comes Christmas!

Has everyone mailed their lists to Santa - and been good girls and boys?

Personally, I have been mostly good. I did take Wife Sue's 7-series BMW on the track at the Ontario Time Attack driving school last May after she specifically bought that car because it was not trackable. I also got a speeding ticket, but the policeman reduced the reported speed because he said I looked like a good boy.

I did take Wife Sue and Daughter Sarah to the British Grand Prix F1 race, so that was pretty nice too.

So what's on my list?

Firstly, I really want a new Social Director. Long time SD, Fred, stepped down after putting together our fabulous awards banquet. We always appreciated his connections to great restaurants in the area, and his canopies at our July Mosport IMSA weekend. He has been in the role for years, but will be spending more time in the warm sunshine - likely with some classic cars nearby.

Next up, I want everyone reading this to get in their membership renewals right away! And tell their friends all about our club. If you renew before December 31st, we'll give you a \$20 voucher good for any TAC event or meal at our monthly meetings. I'm sure Santa will be stuffing many stockings with new TAC membership cards for the whole family!

Immediately into the new year, we are hosting the January Jaunt. So I want to see a great turnout for the event, which runs Saturday January 4th. It starts at Peter's Corners this year, but have no fear, it will finish at the traditional pub, the Royal Coachman, in Waterdown. So I am really

wishing for lots of beginners to show up and try out this first rally of RSO's Navigational Rally season. Kurt & Nick do a great beginner's school, and the route goes up and down the escarpment, so it is a very enjoyable drive.

Next on my list are lots of volunteers and participants at our Ice Race weekend on February 22/23. This weekend is always a blast. Vice President Paul organizes, and we need people out to scrutineer the cars, sort out running orders and race results, and other duties. In exchange, we will put you up for Saturday night, and feed you! Bring your helmet, and you can go for the ride of a lifetime, too.

Was I good enough to get all these things? I hope so!

Finally, I would like to wish your TAC Board a Happy New Year. This includes VP Paul, Treasurer Rita, Competition Director Graham, and brand new Secretary Ingrid. And also thanks and best wishes to Nick Beck, who puts FIFTH GEAR together every month.

I hope all our members get everything they want, and have a happy and healthy new year race season!

Rob  
TAC President

## ON THE COVER

SOME OF THE DOOR  
PRIZES AT THE TAC  
AWARDS DINNER

# TAC 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Club</u>
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## January 2020

4	Rally-ORRC	<b>January Jaunt , Peters Corners Ont. (See Flyer this issue)</b>	<b>TAC</b>
15	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road</b>	<b>TAC</b>
18/19	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	PMSC
25-26	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	DAC
31-1	Rally-CRC	Perce Neige, Maniwaki Quebec	CRN

## February 2020

1/2	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	BEMC
8/9	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	BARC
15/16	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	TLMC
15-16	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Polar Bear Rally, Bancroft	MLRC
19	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road</b>	<b>TAC</b>
22/23	Ice Race-Minden	<b>Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds</b>	<b>TAC</b>
29/1	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds, RAIN-DATE	
29	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Frostbite Rally, Kitchener Area	KWRC

## March 2020

7/8	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds, RAIN-DATE	
18	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road</b>	<b>TAC</b>

## April 2020

15	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road</b>	<b>TAC</b>
25	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally	PMSC

## May 2020

2	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, McDonalds Corners	MCO
9	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Blossom Rally, (Kitchener)	KWRC
20	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road</b>	<b>TAC</b>
22-24	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, Invermere BC	CSCC

*More events to appear as 2020 Schedules are released.*

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



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# TAC AWARDS DINNER

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# THE JANUARY JAUNT



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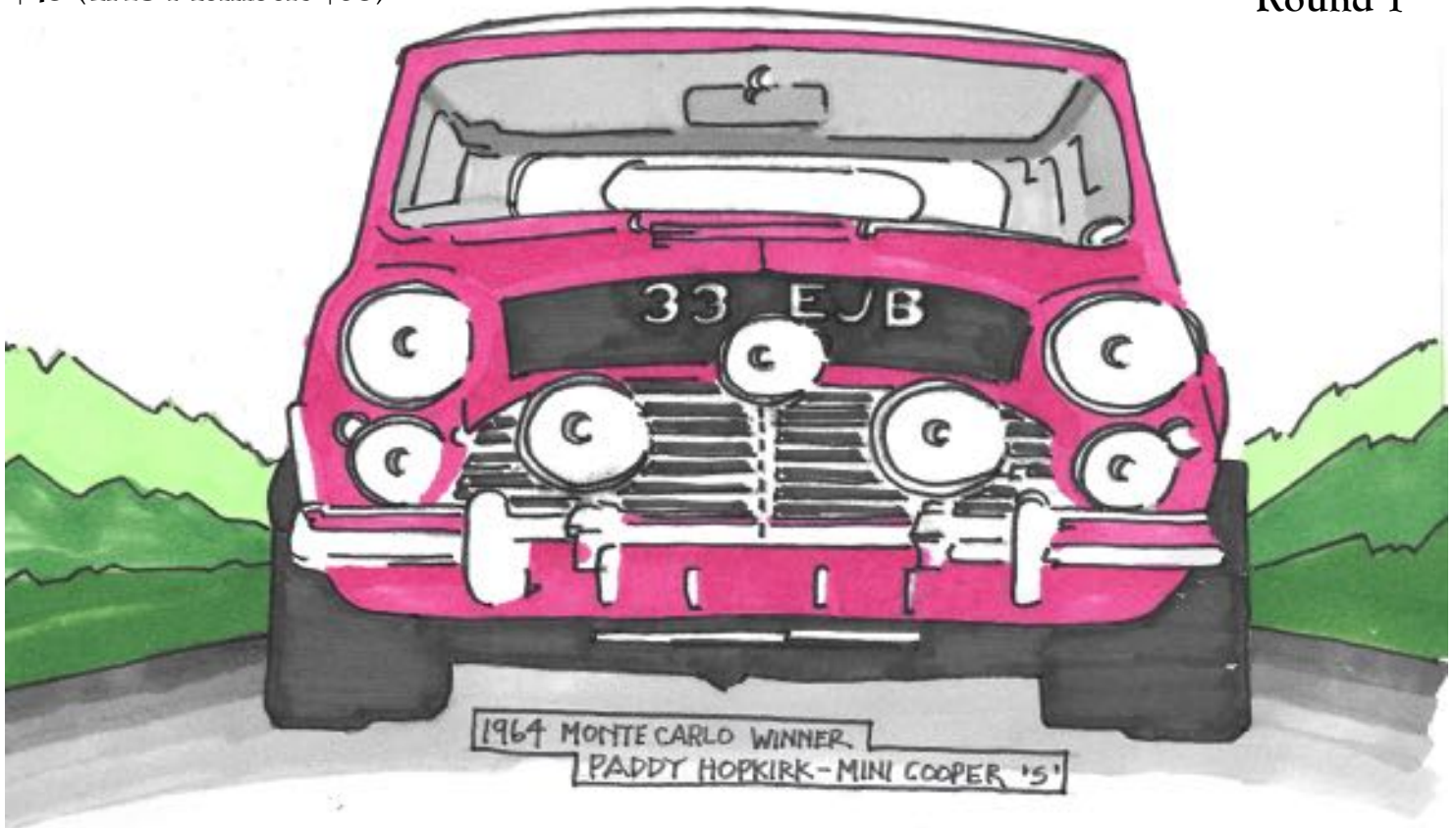
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Finish: The Royal Coachman—1 Main ST N, Waterdown, On

\$45 (TAC Members \$35)

Winter Navigational Car Rally  
for Novices and Experts

2020 Ontario Road Rally  
Championship  
Round 1



Registration	10:30 am
Beginners School	10:50 am
Drivers Meeting	11:10 am
Car 'O' Start	11:30 am
Car 'O' Finish	4:30 pm

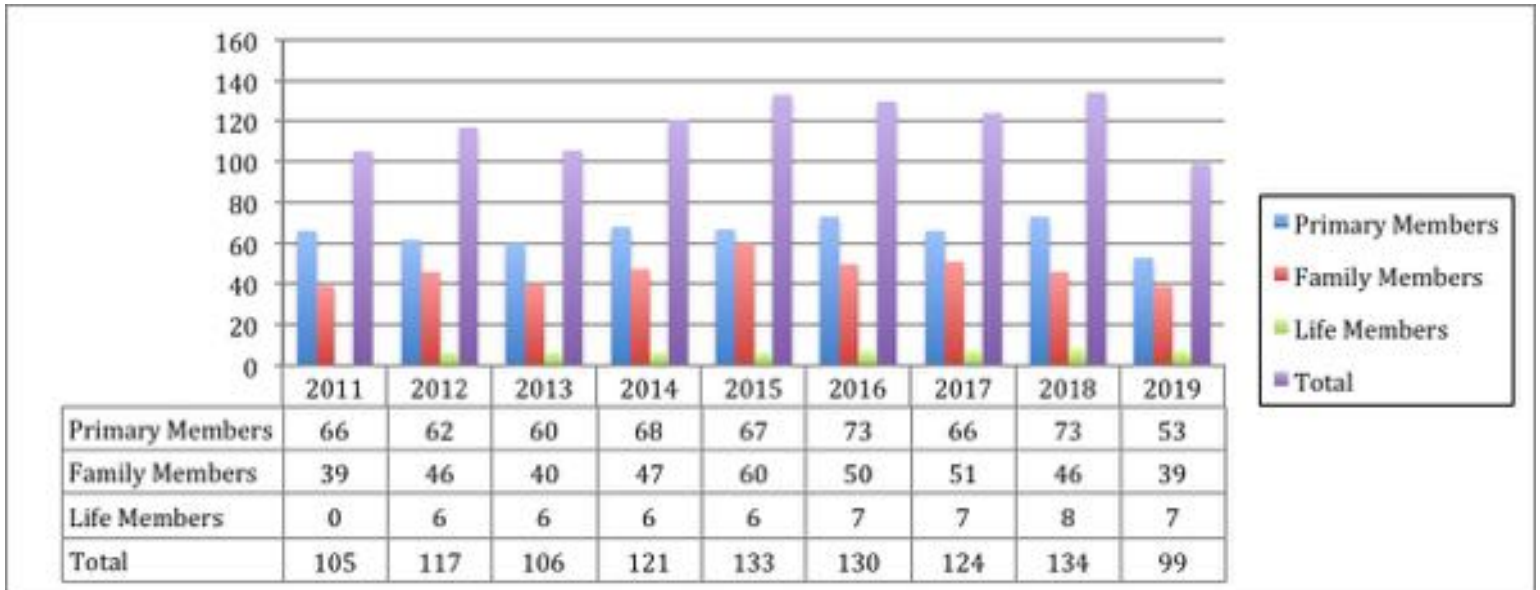


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## Vice President's Annual Report: 2019

This will be my ninth Annual Report and hopefully with your continued support, I will be continuing in this role for another two years.

The membership numbers in the club ebb and flow every few years with 2019 being one of low tide. Total membership was down 26% this year to 99 active members. This is the smallest membership in the last decade.



Also of note, of the 46 people who did not continue their membership in 2019, many were reasonably long serving members. It is not unusual for us to have a number of “transient” members who join TAC for convenience or low cost then change clubs after meeting more people in their motorsport discipline. However, this last year, almost three quarters of those who did not renew their membership had been with the club two years or more. Obviously, some yearly clustering of the data is a result of familial memberships: the primary member doesn’t renew and other members also drop from the roster as well.

Member since	2007	2008	2011	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
# Departing Members in 2019	1	5	7	3	5	7	7	5	12

While not heralding the end of the club as some might believe, it does point to the possible fact that TAC may not be meeting the needs of all our members. I will be pursuing departed members to solicit their reasons for not renewing their memberships in 2019 and report back to the Board and membership. In the interim, if you have any ideas, feel free to let me know.

On a more exciting note, the temperature was -2 C this morning and we had a slight dusting of snow overnight. A brine truck just rolled down the concession. That means that the 2020 ice racing season is just around the corner. As always, I will be looking for volunteers to work at the event on February 22nd and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, in Minden. It is a fun weekend and as the last weekend of the season, the weather tends to be mild for those dreaming of an early spring!





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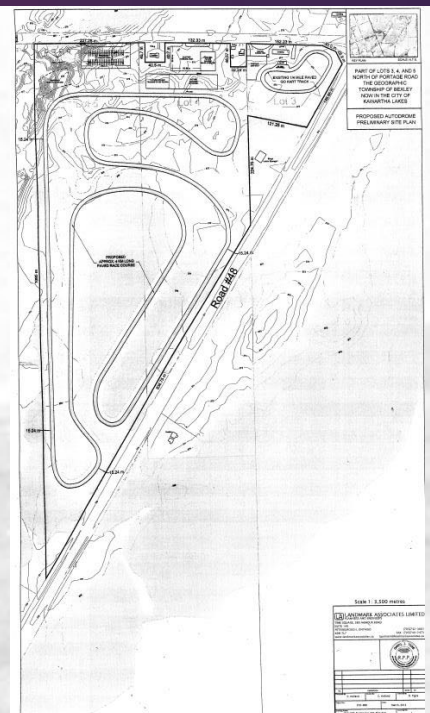
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## BULLETIN 2019-06



### **Subject: Rule Changes – Novice and Ladies’ Championship Eligibility**

**Issue Date: November 27, 2019**

**Effective Date: January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020**

#### Rationale

Under 24.1.4 six events are counted for the various championships except for the marque, novice and ladies where all 8 events are counted.

Under 24.1.11 we currently require 50% of counted events to be entered and started to be eligible for the championship. This means that 3 events entered and started allows the competitor to be eligible for all of our championships except Marque, Novice and Ladies where, because they count all 8 events, need to have entered & started 4 events.

This an issue for the Novice and Ladies as it has two fairly significant negative impacts on Novice and Lady competitors.

1. For the groups that we need to be encouraging, to help grow the sport, we impose stiffer requirements on them than everyone else. This occurred inadvertently over time as we increased the total events from 6 to 8
2. With 5 events in Eastern Canada and 3 in Western Canada it puts an extra burden on Western teams to even make eligibility.

This will reduce the likelihood of having a novice or ladies’ championship not be awarded at the end of a season.

This has no impact on the Marque championship

The rule change words are as follows:

#### 24.1.11 Eligibility:

The Canadian Rally Championship is an open championship and all CRC competitors are eligible to score points with the exception of competitors who are excluded from scoring in the CRC by 12.4.7, ~~and 12.5.1.1 (d)~~ and 12.6.1.1 (c) In the case of scoring exclusion, any championship points that would be earned will be awarded to the next eligible competitor and so on until all points are awarded. In order for a championship to be awarded, the winner must have entered and started a minimum of 3 ~~50% of the counted events (as per 24.1.4)~~ in the championship (~~rounded up if an uneven number of events in the championship year~~).







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## Toronto Autosport Club – November 2019 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: November 6, 2019

Call time: 8:01 pm

Participants: Rob, Dietmar, Graham

### President

CASC-OR AGM November 23 – new location this year

TAC AGM upcoming Nov 20 – 3 positions; annual reports due

### Vice President

Membership 99 = 7 Life + 53 Primary + 39 family

This represents a drop of about 26% over last year

### Treasurer:

Account balances: chequing \$5,250.68; savings \$15,115.11; PayPal \$497.74

### Competition:

100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Zontas rally held; route constrained to suburban roads by required finish.

Discussion regarding annual award winners.

### Social:

Old business – nil

New business – nil

Adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Notes by G. Tulett

*Attention Proud TAC Members!*

Now you can buy clothes and more with the TAC logo on it, through the Toronto Autosport Club's online store (a partnership with Café Press.com).

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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# Membership Application

**Mail:** 18759 Kennedy Road,  
RR#1 Sharon, Ontario, L0G 1V0  
**Email:** [registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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2nd (Family) Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

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This Application Form must also be filled out and submitted so we have your information.

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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