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From The President's Desk

So winter is here. That means a few things. To some, they work on their Autoslalom/Time Attack/Race cars to prep for the new season. To others, it's time to finalize their Ice Races.

To my mother, it means getting down to her mobile home in Florida. She came back early in 2020, didn't go in 2021, and couldn't wait to return for the winter. Normally, she and I would fly down in late October. I'd help her settle in, then fly home. This year, she wanted to bring our 9 year old Jack Russell terrier. She would not consider putting him in a cage on a plane - it would be too upsetting for him. When travel restrictions were lifted in November, I said I would drive her down. 2 days driving, 2 days getting her place opened and her car prepped, and 2 days to drive home. I would beat the US Thanksgiving rush.

The drive down was relatively easy. No rush hour traffic, cars doing 140-150 kms/hr, no speed traps anywhere. I actually had a blast, and by the second day, my mother was spotting openings in traffic, encouraging me to pass the slow guys cruising in the left lane.

When we arrived, we picked up her Internet gear from Xfinity, and it only took 5 hours on the phone trying to get things working.

Mother has no cell phone, and they assume that everyone does. Any conversation starts with a confirmation code sent to your phone that you have to read back. No Phone? No Problem. We can send it to MY phone.

Whoops won't work with a Canadian area code. How about an email address?

Doesn't seem to be going through. "Are you sure she doesn't have a cell phone?"
Finally working by the end of Day 1.

Day 2 was sorting out the car. The insurance company purged her after she didn't renew for 2020/21. This was going to take more than the day I had remaining. At least the car was working mechanically, and could be driven after some tire and battery care. She would have to sort out

how she was going to get her license sticker once her insurance was in place.

Day 3 was my departure. Everyone always talks about "The Tail of the Dragon" on the border of Tennessee and North Carolina. I had never looked it up, and was shocked to find that it is just north of Atlanta! Instead of heading north-west from Atlanta to Chattanooga, then back north-east to Knoxville on I75, you could just go straight north from Atlanta to Knoxville, via Deal's Gap and drive the Dragon! It only takes 1-2 hours more, depending on how fast you drive.

I booked a hotel just north of Atlanta, and headed out for my first of two 12 hour days.

Well, after 10 hours, traffic heading into Atlanta had come to a standstill. The mix of construction & rush hour slowed everything down. Not to fear! Google Maps proposed a new, faster route. I jumped off the interstate, and started running up a road parallel to the highway, when I noticed that the route traffic indicator showed things slowing. But the road was clear! The road entered some forest, then the pavement stopped. Not a problem. I like gravel as much as any rally driver. As we left the pavement, there was a BANG! And I could hardly keep the car on the road. The back end was fish-tailing all over. I slowed down, and made sure the problem wasn't due to the car tram-lining in the washed out road.

When I pulled over and checked, the rear driver's side wheel was showing some serious camber. Time to find a BMW dealer. Luckily, there was one about a 20 minute limp away, and I would get there before they closed.

The service guys came out, and went into a huddle. They were backed up, rushing to get people's cars serviced before the Thanksgiving long weekend. The service manager said that this looks like more than a missing bolt, and there are no parts

TAC 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

Some Schedules are Tentative / Verify with organizing group

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
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January 2022

15-16	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race PRE-TECH weekend, Minden	
15	Rally-ORRC	January Jaunt , Peters Corners Ont. (See Flyer)	TAC
19	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
22-23	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	TAC
29-30	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	PMSC

February 2022

5-6	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	DAC
12-13	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	BEMC
16	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
19-20	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	BARC-OC
26-27	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	TLMC
27	INDY	Streets of St. Petersburg	

March 2022

5-6	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds, RAIN-DATE	
12-13	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds, RAIN-DATE	
16	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
20	F1	BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	
20	INDY	Texas Motor Speedway -2 Days - Fort Worth	
27	F1	SAUDI ARABIA GRAND PRIX (Jeddah)	

April 2022

10	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	
10	INDY	Streets of Long Beach	
20	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
24	F1	Emilia Romagna GP (Imola)	

May 2022

1	INDY	Barber Motorsports Park - Birmingham, AL	
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More events to appear as 2022 Schedules are released.

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shipments coming in the next week. He offered to get it up on a hoist the next day, and let me know how it looked. Quick call to the hotel company, and my pre-paid hotel room was swapped from a spot north of Atlanta to one south of Atlanta. The next day was a write-off. It was late by the time the car made it onto the hoist, and from the list of control arms, a shock, and a ride levelling air bag suspension, this was not going to run the Dragon this week.

I wasn't going to camp in a hotel over the US holiday weekend, nor could I rent a car to drive back to Canada. I ended up on a flight to Toronto, and was able to use the COVID test I had planned to present at the border when I drove back. The flight was cheap compared to the cost of the repairs.

The following week, I got the good news. Parts had come in, and the car would be ready early the following week. My return flight was booked, I could get in to Atlanta by 11:30am, grab the car, and get home that night. But now I was starting 2 hours further south than planned. But I was so close to the Dragon I just had to do it.

It turns out, that the fun part of the Tail of the Dragon is really short. 15 miles, but hundreds of sharp, banked, extra twisty corners. There was almost no traffic in either direction. I ran some of it behind a fire truck heading for a bush fire. He slowed me down somewhat, but I could take in the view.



With its newly restored suspension, Wife Sue's BMW worked well on the Dragon. Stopped here to smell the brakes.

I wish I had a dash-cam with video. it was fun to drive, and when I stopped for some photos, you could smell the brakes. I needed my racing pads! At least the new suspension held up.

Like when you're racing, you shouldn't keep your insurance driving monitor app running while you are driving the Tail of the Dragon.



The extra hour (or so) added to the trip was definitely worth it. The river that ran below the road was dammed in at least 3 places, and the lakes were lined with cabins. It was a beautiful, fun drive.

I hadn't planned on telling Wife-Sue, but when I got home at 2:30am I had to give her the blow-by-blow. She figured it was worth it if I was going to drive 1,200 kms to bring her car home.

Rob
TAC President



The straight control arm



The bent control arm

THE JANUARY JAUNT



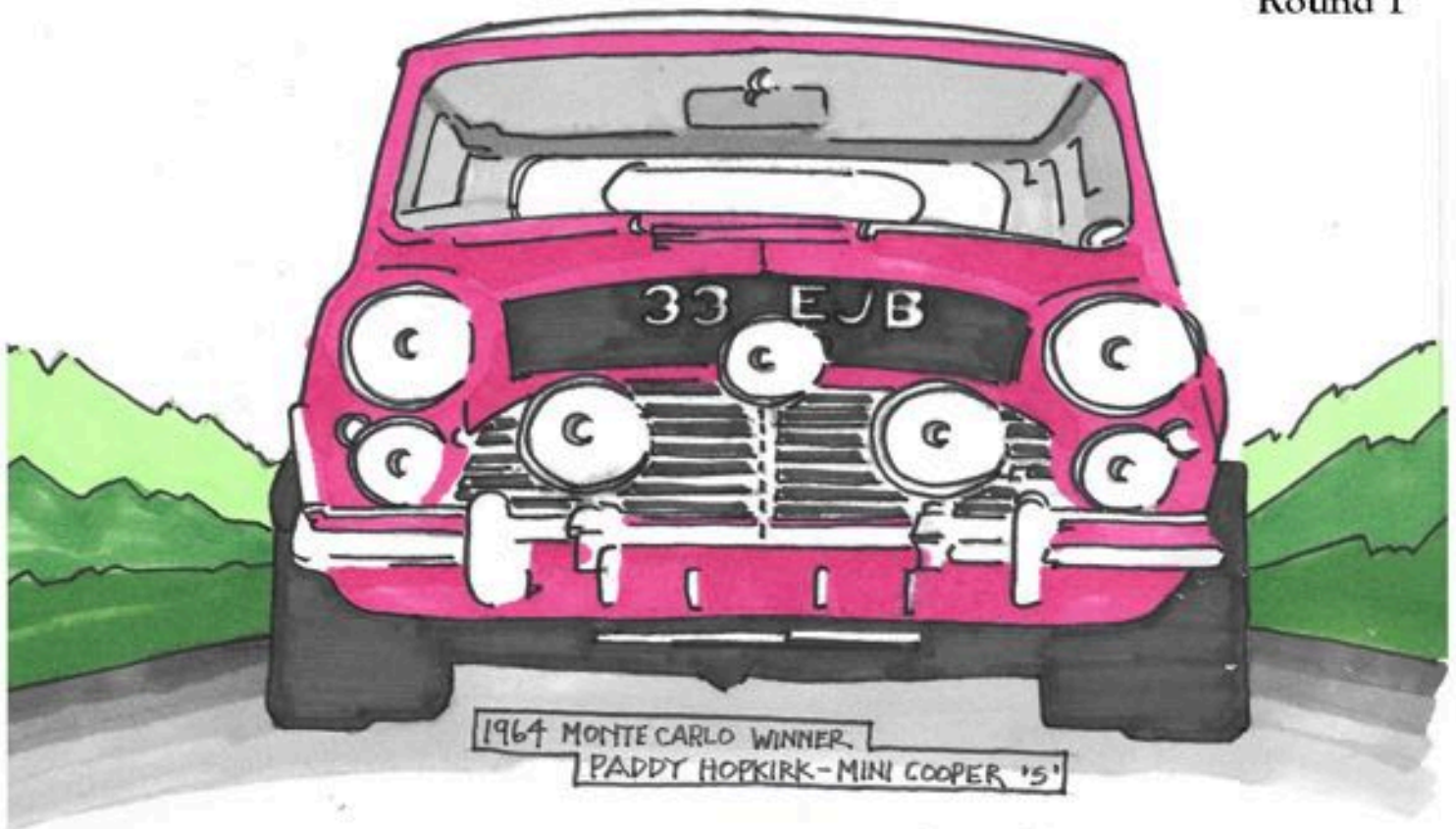
January 15, 2022

Winter Navigational Car Rally
for Novices and Experts

Start: Tim Hortons - Hwy 5 and Hwy 8, Peters Corners, On

\$50 (\$40 for TAC Members)

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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CASC-OR 2022 ICE RACE WEEKEND SCHEDULES

ICE RACE ADVISORY #'s 416-667-9500 877-667-9505	Jan 22/23 Round 1	Jan 29/30 Round 2	Feb 5/6 Round 3	Feb 12/13 Round 4	Feb 19/20 Round 5	Feb 26/27 Round 6	Mar 5/6 Mar 12/13
	TAC	PMSC	DAC	BEMC	BARC	TLMC	Rain Dates

Saturday Registration & Scrutineering open at 7:00am — DRIVERS' MEETING 8:30AM SHARP — BE THERE!!							
Practice	5 laps Street Studs – Cars on track: 9:00am						
Practice	5 Laps for all rubber classes						
Race #							
1	10 Laps	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14
2	10 Laps	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14
3	10 Laps	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS 11, 12, 14	SS2
4	10 Laps	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2
5	10 Laps	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1
6	10 Laps	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4
7	10 Laps	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4
LUNCH: start time for race 8 to be posted on the registration window							
8	14 Laps	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14
9	14 Laps	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14
10	14 Laps	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS 11, 12, 14	SS2
11	14 Laps	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2
12	14 Laps	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1
13	14 Laps	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4
14	14 Laps	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4
15	14 Laps	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14
16	14 Laps	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14
17	14 Laps	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS 11, 12, 14	SS2
18	14 Laps	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2
19	14 Laps	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1
20	14 Laps	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4
21	14 Laps	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4

CLASSES

RUBBER

Class 1 – RWD
Class 2 – FWD
Class 4 – 4WD

2ND DRIVER RUBBER

Class 11 – RWD
Class 12 – FWD
Class 14 – 4WD

Sunday Registration & Scrutineering open at 11:00am — DRIVERS' MEETING 11:30AM SHARP!!!!							
Practice	5 laps Street Studs – Cars on track: Noon						
Practice	5 Laps for all rubber classes						
Race #							
1	14 Laps	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14
2	14 Laps	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14
3	14 Laps	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS 11, 12, 14	SS2
4	14 Laps	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2
5	14 Laps	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1
6	14 Laps	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4
7	14 Laps	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4
10 MINUTE BREAK to be confirmed/announced at morning drivers' meeting ☺							
8	14 Laps	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14
9	14 Laps	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14
10	14 Laps	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS 11, 12, 14	SS2
11	14 Laps	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2
12	14 Laps	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1
13	14 Laps	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4
14	14 Laps	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4

STREET STUD

SS1 – RWD
SS2 – FWD
SS4 – 4WD

2ND DRIVER STREET STUD

SS11 – RWD
SS12 – FWD
SS14 – 4WD

This Schedule is subject to change...
Competitors should check the registration window for updates and cancellations when
you attend your Drivers meeting.



TAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES November 17, 2021 via Jitsi

Called to order 8:05 pm

President

565 FaceBook followers.

Vice President

114 members: 6 life, 71 primary, 37 family

Treasurer

Tangerine	\$ 22,928.11
RBC	\$ 899.24
PayPal	\$ 0.00

Competition

Ice race meeting at Mosport was a success; about 40-50 people there.

Rule book is supposed to be posted shortly.

Delay in shipment of street stud tires.

Everything seems to be on track for the upcoming ice racing season.

TAC is organizing the first weekend; Jan. 22-23, 2022. **Looking for volunteers.**

Time Attack Banquet was last Sunday.

January Jaunt will be on Jan. 15, 2022. **Looking for volunteers.**

Social

Still virtual meeting for the time being.

Hope to have our annual BBQ at Mosport this year.

Old Business - none

New Business - Early renewal rates have been set. \$40 for New Members, \$30 for renewals (\$25 for early renewal before De. 31, 2021)

Items for Sale - none

Items Wanted - none

Loonies in the Bus - on hold until we meet again

Meeting adjourned 8:38 pm

Minutes by Ingrid

TAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Nov. 17, 2021 via Jitsi

Called to order 8:39 pm

We have a quorum, 4 members present, 12 proxies.

Last years minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Reports:

President Report - read as published plus talked to Gunther president of CASC talked about Ice Race concerned that there was going to be competition for the track. Other organizations may contact the Kin directly to rent the track. CASC is now responsible for Karting. The CASC office has moved again, now located near Jane and the 407.

AGM is Jan. 15, 2022

AutoSlalom had an incident this year that caused their insurance claim to be denied.
CRA changes coming to non profit organizations.

Vice President Report - as published in Fifth Gear

114 members, 6 life, 71 primary, 37 family

Treasurer - reviewed and accepted the report which will be printed in the next Fifth Gear.

Competition Report - summarized the published report.

Nick made a motion to ratify, sanction, approve and confirm the actions of the TAC executive for 2021. Seconded by Graham. All in favour passed unopposed.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Elections: Nick Beck volunteered to be returning officer.

Open positions, Vice President, Competition, Secretary.

Position of Vice President: Nominating Committee nominates Gary Vernon. No other nominations. Gary Vernon is declared by acclamation as vice president for another 2 year term.

Position of Competition: Nominating Committee nominates Graham Tulett. No other nominations. Graham Tulett is declared by acclamation as Competition Director for a 2 year term.

Position of Secretary: Nominating Committee nominates Ingrid Beck. No other nominations. Ingrid Beck is declared by acclamation as Secretary for a 2 year term.

Position of Social Director: Nick Beck was appointed to this position by the board for the remaining year of the two year term.

Motion to close the AGM by Nick, 2nd by Rob, All in favour.

Meeting adjourned 9:18 pm

Minutes by Ingrid

Toronto Autosport Club - Executive Conference Call Meeting minutes Dec 1, 2021

Started at 8:07pm. In attendance were Gary (Chair), Graham, and Rob (taking these minutes).

President's Report

Rob welcomed the new board and thanked everyone that participated. For the first time since pre-COVID, we have a Social Director! Welcome Nick. Let's hope that we can find venues to socialize at.

Gary asked for a review of the accident that took place at a Miata Club event at the CNE, where a competitor hit a parked vehicle, ruptured a gas tank, and required a hazmat cleanup and associated bill. According to Autoslalom rules, a buffer zone must be enforced around the competition surface. Due to space constraints, an inadequate buffer zone was laid out, and vehicles were parked too close to the track. A competitor lost control of their car, and hit a parked truck, causing a fuel tank to rupture, and dump gasoline on the parking lot surface. Toronto fire trucks were called in to contain the spill. When the Miata Club tried to claim the costs through their CASC insurance, the claim was denied, as they did not follow CASC's published Autoslalom rules.

Rob asked Graham for a list of award winners. The club will reach out to them to see if they want the loaner & keeper trophies and plaques.

The CASC-OR AGM will be run on Saturday January 15.

We want to remind our membership of our new lower renewal rates. If you renew by the end of the year, the cost is only \$25 - that's half the usual amount.

Competition Director

Graham noted that he cannot make the CASC AGM, as it is also a Tech Weekend at the Ice Race Track in Minden.

There is talk of an Ice Race Tech Day in Toronto, saving racers a trip to Minden prior to the first event. Details to follow.

From Gary: The 2022 OTA season is set, with a schedule similar to the planned events for 2021. Details will be announced when dates and prices are finalized.

Vice President

Gary passed on reports from the Treasurer and Registrar:

RBC \$939.24
Tangerine \$22,932.82

72 members
6 life members
39 family members
117 total

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Rob

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- 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 (____) _____

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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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