



Fifth Gear

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Toronto Autosport Club

2016 EXECUTIVE

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2016 COMPETITION COORDINATORS

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| TIMEATTACK /SOLO-I | Ron Billings |
| AUTOSLALOM /SOLO-II | (position vacant) |

2016 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

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|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
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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 !

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From The President's Desk

February. Ice racing in Ontario. Spring in Vancouver. As I type this, I'm in Daughter Sarah's Vancouver apartment, looking over English Bay. There's a beautiful sunset, some clouds to reflect it, a few ocean freighters with lights coming on, and 15 degrees out. The daffodils are up, and spring flowers are everywhere. If only there was a good local track! In the mean time, I'm driving Sarah's peppy Volkswagen Golf TDI (Diesel). It runs great, and I hope any mandated re-tuning doesn't affect its get-up-and-go!

Ontario Time Attack

It looks like I spoke too soon on OTA plans for the coming year. Ontario Time Attack lost a substantial amount in 2015, and the organizing clubs suggested to CASC that we would run the events as a club series to save on participant licenses and track permits. When CASC heard that, they offered a substantial discount on licenses and permits. This would save the series enough to let us run in the black. This means that we will once again have a CASC-OR championship series, with a regional championship running through the season. Details are being worked out as I type this, but we will announce the season's plans via the CASC forums and email to all previous competitors.

Minden Subaru Ice Racing Series

Thanks to VP Paul Moore and his assistant/wife Rita for running a first class Ice Race event! Registration went very smooth for people that used motorsportreg.com, and that sped things up for those that didn't. We were on the track at 9am sharp, and the races turned over quickly thanks to the grid and starter crew. We truly have the A Team running our events! It's too bad things warmed up on Sunday, but everyone got at least one race on the track. I took hundreds of photos, and they are all up on our Facebook page. You can search for "Toronto Autosport Club", or follow the link in the CASC forums. Please like our page. We just passed 100 likes, so our web presence is

growing! Here's to the last few weekends being uncomfortably cold.

Speed Sisters

People may remember me talking about a film playing at Toronto's Hot Docs festival: Speed Sisters <http://speedsisters.tv/>. The movie was about an all-girls racing team in Palestine. It was interesting for most people to see how girls coped in a Muslim environment, and how Palestinians coped in their occupied territories. TAC got involved, inviting the girls to our Mosport School while they were in town promoting the movie. They had a blast, and didn't want to leave - even as the time approached for their flight to return them home.

Now the movie is about to go wide, and I've been talking to the promoter about it's North American release. This is scheduled for some time in March, and the producers are looking to do special free screenings for TAC members! Watch for emails announcing the event, and more info on how to sign up. This is an amazing documentary on so many levels.

Time to Renew!

If you haven't renewed yet, please do. For those 2015 members, this is the last Fifth Gear you will receive. Please sign up to participate in all our activities. In addition to our competition events mentioned above, we'll be hitting the LeMans race at CTMP (Mosport) in July, and are planning fun rallies and other activities. Don't forget to include family members. They can join for free!

Here's to a fast winter, and the hot, dry track days of summer!

Rob McAuley
TAC President

TAC 2016 EVENTS CALENDAR

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>CATEGORY</u> | <u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>CLUB</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|-------------|
| February 2016 | | | |
| 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 |
| 20-21 | Rally-ORRC | ORRC - Polar Bear Rally, Bancroft | MLRC |
| 27-28 | Ice Race-Magnum | Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden | BARC |

March 2016

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| 5-6 | Ice Race-Magnum | Ice Race, Magnum Series, RAIN-DATE Minden | |
| 12-13 | Ice Race-Magnum | Ice Race, Magnum Series, RAIN-DATE Minden | |
| 13 | INDY | Streets of St. Petersburg | |
| 16 | Meeting | TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7 | TAC |
| 18-20 | F1 | AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne) | |
| 19 | Meeting | RSO Annual General Meeting, Peterborough ON | RSO |

April 2016

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| 1-3 | F1 | BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir) | |
| 2 | INDY | Phoenix International Raceway (Avondale Az) | |
| 15-17 | F1 | CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai) | |
| 16 | Rally | "Saturday Night at the Rallies" series, #1 Woodstock | KWRC |
| 17 | INDY | Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach | |
| 20 | Meeting | TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7 | TAC |
| 23 | Rally-ORRC | ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally | PMSC |
| 24 | INDY | Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama (Birmingham) | |
| 29-01 | F1 | RUSSIAN GRAND PRIX (Sochi) | |

May 2016

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| 7 | Rally-OPRC | OPRC - Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, McDonalds Corners | MCO |
| 13-15 | F1 | GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Catalunya) | |
| 14 | Rally-ORRC | ORRC - Blossom & SNATR Rally, (Kitchener) | KWRC |
| 14 | INDY | Angie's List Grand Prix of Indianapolis, Indianapolis IN | |

More events to appear as 2016 Schedules are released.

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



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TAC ICE RACE



Tammy Douglas was presented with the TAC 2105 Ice Race Driver's Award (Belatedly) by Rob and Dietmar



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Toronto Autosport Club – January 2016 - Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: January 6, 2016

Call time: 8:07 pm

Present: Rob, Paul, Rita, Dietmar & Graham

- President's Report:
 - o CARS AGM to be held January 9, 2016 in Kamloops, BC.
 - o No direct participation this year.
- Vice President:
 - o 2016 membership now 50 = 6 life + 22 primary + 22 family
 - o If jail guard strike occurs, unlikely to be able to participate in ice race
- Treasurer:
 - o balances \$12,763.80 savings; \$337.75 PAY PAL; \$778.44 chequing
 - o ice race insurance and permit fees approx. \$1,600
- Competition:
 - o Condition of ice race track still in question
 - o Computer training for Motorsportreg.com check-in set for Jan 10, 2016 at 1 pm – CASC office at 1100 Finch West.
 - o Some additional volunteers may be required.
- Social:
 - o No repor
- Old business: nil
- New business: nil

Call adjourned: 9:03 pm - Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB – MINUTES OF JANUARY 20 2016 GENERAL MEETING

Meeting date: January 20, 2016

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

Attendees: 10

1) President's report:

- a. RSO AGM is coming in May, CASC Presidents meeting should be coming up, nothing else from other sanctioning bodies

2) VP Report :

- a. Total membership currently 67-70 as of tonight, 7 life + 32 primary +28 Family
- b. Peter Fenwick has been awarded a Life Membership. Rita sent him a furry hat as a memento.

3) Treasurer's Report:

- a. Account balances - \$12,763.80savings; \$934.90 Chequing; \$32.50 PayPal

4) Social:

- a. Fred inquired whether Newmarket would be too far for annual banquet/awards; consensus was not too far. He has a location in mind for this year.
- b. Rita inquired about possible bowling
- c. Paul also mentioned possibility of visiting Canadian Auto Museum in Oshawa

5) Competition Report:

- a. ICE RACING is GO with first event this weekend, TAC on following weekend; Tech was last weekend. There is minimum amount of snow but more coming for this weekend. Online registration is available on Mondays prior to each event. Have lost of volunteers for TAC event. New agreement in place with Minden Kinsmen.
- b. TIME ATTACK; There is a plan to move series from CASC- discipline to a club-level series, to reduce costs. Would eliminate need for sanction and license fees, etc. Will be a meeting with CASC next week. Also a new club agreement in place; MCO not part of series, now just 3 clubs. Change to monetary loss sharing among clubs. Presently no Director as Kelly resigned, but have a chair.
- c. Solo/Time Attack open house in April, school in May, now 2 school days, 6 events, TAC has 1 day Cayuga, 1 day Shannonville.
- d. SLALOM /Solo-II; quiet, no news
- e. RALLY: DOCR in summer

6) Old Business: nil

7) New Business: nil

8) Items for Sale: nil

9) Loonies in the bus: Rob McAuley won the loonies in the bus; Dietmar won Gas Card, everyone else got Reeses cups, thanks to Fred.

Adjournment: 8:53 pm

Minutes recorded by N. Beck.

Announcement



N° 2016-02

Subject: CARS Competitor's Representative

Issue Date: January 25, 2016

The CARS board would like to announce that the license holders have elected Jeremy Norris as the CARS Competitor Representative. Jeremy will be serving a two-year term that will run until January 2018.

We would also like to thank Justin Bayliff for putting his name forward for the position.

Thank you to all who voted.

Debbie Dyer
CARS Office Manager

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Membership Application

Mail: 18759 Kennedy Road,
RR#1 Sharon, Ontario, L0G 1V0
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