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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 DUB LINN GATE IRISH PUB, 50 Interchange Way, near Hwys 7 and 400 (SE corner) in Vaughan (www.dublinngate.ca).

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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From The President's Desk

So last month's column was written just prior to Trump's Inauguration, and so much has happened since then!

The Ice Race season has begun, with TAC's weekend up next. The Ontario Time Attack schedule is out, and our summer schedule is coming together.

This weekend, February 11/12, TAC will be hosting our Ice Race weekend in Minden. VP Paul has been emailing, looking for volunteers. This is the best deal going. For a few hours help on the weekend, you get put up in a hotel, meals during the day, and a nice dinner on Saturday.

And you get to watch (or ride with) some crazy racers. These folks have more fun sliding around than just about any other race series. Wife Sue and I will be doing registration, and I'll be running around with the camera capturing the action. If you can come out, drop Paul and email - and bring your helmet!

The Ontario Time Attack series is set for another season. The Open House is not confirmed yet, but expect it to be on or near April 1st. Our first school will run at Mosport's Driver Development Track on May 13. The other events can be seen in the series flyer later in this issue.

The 2017 Formula 1 season is also unfolding. The teams have their unveilings scheduled for the last week in February, followed by testing at Catalunya from February 27 to March 10. The Australian GP kicks off the season on March 26. The best way to enjoy the series is to join TAC members Mitch and Brooke, and their Fantasy F1 league: http://www.fantasyautoracers.com/f1_01/index.php

You'll need to pick the top drivers from different groups. Don't worry if you pick wrong, because you'll have a chance to update your team throughout the season. It's amazing how the teams shift around as they adapt to the rules.

While the June solstice rally and barbecue for the July IMSA race at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park GP track are months away, I am hopeful that the world will not yet be annihilated. All nationalities are welcome, but it helps if you are a TAC member.

And if anyone is doing a Trump Impeachment Pool, please put me down for an early date.

Rob McAuley
TAC President

TAC 2017 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
February 2017			
11-12	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, Minden	TAC
15	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Dub Linn Gate Pub, 7 & 400	TAC
18-19	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, Minden	PMSC
18-19	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Polar Bear Rally, Bancroft	MLRC
25-26	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, Minden	DAC
March 2017			
4-5	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, Minden	BEMC
11-12	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, RAIN-DATE Minden	
12	INDY	Streets of St. Petersburg	
15	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Dub Linn Gate Pub, 7 & 400	TAC
18-19	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, RAIN-DATE Minden	
18	Meeting	RSO Annual General Meeting, Peterborough ON	RSO
24-26	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	
April 2017			
7-9	F1	CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai)	
9	INDY	Streets of Long Beach	
14-16	F1	Gulf Air BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	
19	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Dub Linn Gate Pub, 7 & 400	TAC
23	INDY	Alabama, Barber Motorsports Park (Birmingham)	
28-30	F1	RUSSIAN GRAND PRIX (Sochi)	
29	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally	PMSC
29	INDY	Phoenix International Raceway (Avondale Az)	
May 2017			
12-14	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Catalunya)	
12	School	CASC-OR Race School - CTMP	CASC-OR

More events to appear as 2017 Schedules are released.

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2017 Series Schedule

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Date	Event	Track	Open House	Pre-event	At Event
TBD	Instructor school	TBD	TBD	-	-
May 13	OTA Driver School #1	CTMP - DDT	\$295	\$320	-
June 10	OTA Event #1	TMP	\$235	\$265	\$280
June 24	OTA Driver School #2	CTMP - GP	\$350	\$380	-
June 25	OTA Event #2	CTMP - GP	\$325	\$355	\$370
July 29	OTA Event #3	CTMP - DDT	\$235	\$265	\$280
July 30	OTA Event #4	CTMP - DDT	\$235	\$265	\$280
Aug. 26	OTA Event #5	SMP	\$235	\$265	\$280
Aug. 27	OTA Event #6	SMP	\$235	\$265	\$280
TBD	OTA Awards	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD



Open House: Stay tuned for new options this year.

Pre-Event: Sign up 14 days prior to the event.

At Event: Sign up at the event.

Lapping: Pricing and availability to be determined

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Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of November 2016 General Meeting

Meeting date: January 18, 2017

Meeting opened: 8:00pm

Attendees: 11

- 1) President's report:
 - a. N/A
- 2) VP Report :
 - a. Total membership currently 75 = 7 life + 65 subject to confirmation
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Account balances - \$12,829.02 savings; \$528.14 Chequing; \$679.00 PayPal
 - b. Some ice racing expenses processed
- 4) Competition Report:
 - a. Autoslalom – Bruce Grey OMSC has been appointed interim Director
 - b. ORRC – January Jaunt had 16 entries – 7 expert and 9 novice
 - c. Ice Race – track conditions unknown but season start approaching
 - i. TAC event Feb 11 /12 ok for volunteers so far
 - ii. OMSC has initiative for rookies – club bought an ice racer
 - d. Chumpcar Canada – very quiet on Canadian region. No confirmation of Mont Tremblant event. Plan on some eastern and central US races.
- 5) Social:
 - a. First meeting at new venue
 - b. Positive feedback from Annual banquet in December
- 6) Items for sale: nil
- 7) Old Business: nil
- 8) New Business: nil
- 9) Fifth Gear: nil
- 10) Loonies in the bus: Rita was the big winner

Adjournment: 8:44 pm

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.

Toronto Autosport Club – January 2017 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: January 4, 2017

Call time: 8:02 pm

Present: Rob (joined in progress), Paul, Rita, Dietmar & Graham

- President's Report:
 - o N/A

- Vice President:
 - o 2017 membership now 42 = 7 life + 20 primary + 15 family
 - o Numbers subject to change as CASC system still being adjusted

- Treasurer:
 - o \$12,829.82 savings; \$693.09 chequing; \$679.00 PayPal
 - o Website / domain fees have been paid
 - o CARS affiliation fee has been paid

- Competition:
 - o January Jaunt 2017 entries slow for January 7th, 2017. Checkpoints ok
 - o Ice racing – February 11/12 TAC Event - Heather B will be at track organizer for TAC event; volunteers required
 - o Chumpcar schedule 2017 not published but likely July 2/3 at Mosport and September Calabogie.

- Social:
 - o Annual awards banquet Saturday December 10, 2016 was good food and good time

- Old business: nil

- New business: next meeting location Dublin Gate Pub – January 18, 2017.

Call adjourned: 8:34 pm - Notes recorded by G. Tulett.



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 (____) _____

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2nd (Family) Member _____ [#] email _____

3rd Family Member _____ [#] email _____

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5th Family Member _____ [#] email _____

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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