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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 LONDON PUB & GRILL, 9724 Yonge St, Richmond Hill (West side, South of Major Mackenzie Drive).

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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From The President's Desk

Welcome to 2018. I hope everyone got what they wanted for Christmas - or whatever pagan festival you support.

For some of us, the first 2018 will be behind us by the time you read this. The January Jaunt runs in mid-January, and is organized by long-time TAC member Kurt Seelenmayer. You'll see some results in the next issue, but you can bet that a good time was had by all!

Next up will be the TAC Ice Race, February 10 & 11. Organizer Paul is looking for people to help out, and it is a blast! The company is good and the racing is great. We'll put you up for a night at a hotel in Minden, and feed you through the weekend - including a nice dinner on Saturday with the whole TAC crew. Let Paul know if you can help. He is our Vice President, and his contact info is in the masthead of this newsletter.

This year, Wife Sue and I visited Daughter Sarah in Cornwall, England for Christmas & New Years. Sarah suggested that we look into a track day at Silverstone. Given that it rarely snows, and the weather seems to be constantly 10-12' and rainy, they run track days right through the winter. She even offered up her 2004 Mini Cooper Diesel as a track car. I thanked her, but said we'd be renting something else.

They happened to have a track day planned for December 23rd - perfect timing as it was shortly after we arrived. Checking a few car rental web sites, turned up a Thrifty's that rented a variety of BMWs. The M2 wasn't available, but a brand new M4 was. We picked it up the evening of the 22nd, and I noticed that it had under 100 miles on it. Apparently I was the first person to rent it, and the miles were put on the car

as it was delivered to the local agent. They didn't ask if I was taking it on the track, and I didn't tell. I did read the section in the manual about breaking it in. Up to 1,200 miles, you are not supposed to disable traction control, nor run with any of the aggressive settings for suspension, drive-by-wire (gas, brakes, steering), nor shifting. Well, you know what they say: "Drive it like you rented it!" And we did.

The day was basically just open lapping. Sarah and I shared the car, and took turns driving. Our only breaks came when we had to add fuel - which happened a lot. The tank is supposed to hold 60 litres, but when you are running at full throttle, it drains it very fast. We refilled it 3 times at the track.

Passing rules were explained at the driver's meeting. The car about to be passed will put on their right turn signal, move to the right, and let the faster car pass on the left. No passing in braking zones. Anyone passing without a signal would be black flagged, and receive a scolding. Those rules were immediately abandoned by almost all drivers.



SARAH TAKES THE M4 OUT
AT SILVERSTONE

It seems that most people attending were regulars, and while chatting with people at lunch, we found out that these track days are organized at various tracks around the UK

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pretty much every weekend. People are familiar with each other, and know who is faster.

The track was wet at the start of the day, but the rain held up. It was misty, so the track was slow to dry. We never ran the car in full manual mode, but we did up the aggressiveness settings, so by the end of the day, we were running with no traction control, sliding around a few corners, and remarking at how the car seemed to know when to down shift, and when not to upshift. The track was a blast, with a long enough straightaway to get up to 127 MPH, and some tricky corners that lead to some not-quite straight parts of the track that required careful feeding of the throttle. The heads-up display let you check on speed while watching out for slower cars ahead!

Given that we were running on one of the shortest days of the year, and England is further north than we are, the event was called at 3:30pm, when the marshals were having trouble seeing from station to station.

We gave the car a quick inspection, and all looked good. It was too dark to see if we'd left a coating of brake dust on the wheels, and though the car was carefully inspected when we returned it, the agency didn't say anything about breaking it in, or excessive wear and tear. We managed to rack up over 300 miles, but they didn't ask where we'd been. The agent did ask how fast we had it going. I sheepishly said 110 MPH.

Apparently, they had it up to 144 MPH on the motorway when they were picking it up! So I did admit that we saw 127. I didn't say it was lap after lap.

So Sarah and I had the time of our lives, and Sue also had a very relaxing day at the near-by spa. Everyone got just what they wanted.

Rob McAuley
TAC President



ROB AND DAUGHTER SARAH
AT SILVERSTONE

INTERESTING CARS AT THE
SILVERSTONE LAPPING DAY



ON THE COVER
TAC MEMBER
FRED ROBERTS

TAC 2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Category</u> | <u>Event Description</u> | <u>Club</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|-------------|
| January 2018 | | | |
| 13 | Rally-ORRC | January Jaunt , Waterdown Ont. (See Flyer this issue) | TAC |
| 17 | Meeting | TAC Monthly Club Meeting, London Pub, Richmond Hill | TAC |
| 20-21 | Ice Race-Minden | Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, Minden | |
| 27-28 | Ice Race-Minden | Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, Minden | |
| 27 | Rally-ORRC | ORRC - Frostbite Rally, Kitchener Area | KWRC |
| February 2018 | | | |
| 2-3 | Rally-CRC | Perce Neige, Maniwaki Quebec | CRPN |
| 3-4 | Ice Race-Minden | Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, Minden | |
| 10-11 | Ice Race-Minden | Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, Minden | TAC |
| 17-18 | Ice Race-Minden | Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, Minden | |
| 17-18 | Rally-ORRC | ORRC - Polar Bear Rally, Bancroft | MLRC |
| 21 | Meeting | TAC Monthly Club Meeting, London Pub, Richmond Hill | TAC |
| 24-25 | Ice Race-Minden | Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, Minden | |
| March 2018 | | | |
| 3-4 | Ice Race-Minden | Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, RAIN-DATE Minden | |
| 10-11 | Ice Race-Minden | Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, RAIN-DATE Minden | |
| 11 | INDY | Streets of St. Petersburg | |
| 17 | Meeting | RSO Annual General Meeting, Peterborough ON | RSO |
| 21 | Meeting | TAC Monthly Club Meeting, London Pub, Richmond Hill | TAC |
| April 2018 | | | |
| 7 | INDY | Phoenix International Raceway (Avondale Az) | |
| 15 | INDY | Streets of Long Beach | |
| 18 | Meeting | TAC Monthly Club Meeting, London Pub, Richmond Hill | TAC |
| 22 | INDY | Alabama, Barber Motorsports Park (Birmingham) | |

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|--|---|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| | BEMC | BARC | TLMC | TAC | PMSC | DAC | RAIN | | |
| Saturday | Registration & Scrutineering open at 8:00am DRIVERS' MEETING 8:30AM SHARP - BE THERE!! | | | | | | | | |
| Practice | 5 laps Street Studs 9:00am | | | | | | | | |
| Practice | 5 Laps for all rubber classes | | | | | | | | |
| Race # 1 | 10 Laps | SS 4 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | 11, 12, 14 | 1, 4 | 2 | RUBBER CLASSES | |
| 2 | 10 Laps | 2 | 1, 4 | 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 4 | | Class 1 - RWD |
| 3 | 10 Laps | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | SS 4 | 1, 4 | 2 | 11, 12, 14 | | Class 2 - FWD |
| 4 | 10 Laps | 1, 4 | 11, 12, 14 | 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 4 | SS 1, 2 | | Class 4 - 4WD |
| 5 | 10 Laps | SS 1, 2 | SS 4 | SS 11, 12, 14 | 2 | 11, 12, 14 | 1, 4 | | |
| 6 | 10 Laps | 11, 12, 14 | 2 | 1, 4 | SS 4 | SS 1, 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | | |
| LUNCH: start time for race 10 to be posted on the registration window | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 14 Laps | SS 4 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | 11, 12, 14 | 1, 4 | 2 | 2nd Driver Classes | |
| 8 | 14 Laps | 2 | 1, 4 | 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 4 | | Class 11 - RWD |
| 9 | 14 Laps | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | SS 4 | 1, 4 | 2 | 11, 12, 14 | Class 12 - FWD | |
| 10 | 14 Laps | 1, 4 | 11, 12, 14 | 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 4 | SS 1, 2 | Class 14 - 4WD | |
| 11 | 14 Laps | SS 1, 2 | SS 4 | SS 11, 12, 14 | 2 | 11, 12, 14 | 1, 4 | | |
| 12 | 14 Laps | 11, 12, 14 | 2 | 1, 4 | SS 4 | SS 1, 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | | |
| 13 | 14 Laps | SS 4 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | 11, 12, 14 | 1, 4 | 2 | STREET STUD | |
| 14 | 14 Laps | 2 | 1, 4 | 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 4 | | SS1 - RWD |
| 15 | 14 Laps | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | SS 4 | 1, 4 | 2 | 11, 12, 14 | SS2 - FWD | |
| 16 | 14 Laps | 1, 4 | 11, 12, 14 | 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 4 | SS 1, 2 | SS4 - 4WD | |
| 17 | 14 Laps | SS 1, 2 | SS 4 | SS 11, 12, 14 | 2 | 11, 12, 14 | 1, 4 | 2nd Driver Classes | |
| 18 | 14 Laps | 11, 12, 14 | 2 | 1, 4 | SS 4 | SS 1, 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | | SS11 - RWD |
| Sunday Registration & Scrutineering open at 11:00am DRIVERS' MEETING 11:30AM SHARP!!!! | | | | | | | | SS12 - FWD | |
| Practice | 5 laps Street Studs | | | | | | | | |
| Practice | *****5 LAPS***** for all rubber classes | | | | | | | | |
| Race # 1 | 14 Laps | 11, 12, 14 | 2 | 1, 4 | SS 4 | SS 1, 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS14 - 4WD | |
| 2 | 14 Laps | SS 1, 2 | SS 4 | SS 11, 12, 14 | 2 | 11, 12, 14 | 1, 4 | | |
| 3 | 14 Laps | 1, 4 | 11, 12, 14 | 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 4 | SS 1, 2 | | |
| 4 | 14 Laps | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | SS 4 | 1, 4 | 2 | 11, 12, 14 | | |
| 5 | 14 Laps | 2 | 1, 4 | 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 4 | | |
| 6 | 14 Laps | SS4 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | 11, 12, 14 | 1, 4 | 2 | | |
| ***10 MINUTE BREAK*** to be confirmed/announced at morning drivers' meeting ☺ | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 14 Laps | 11, 12, 14 | 2 | 1, 4 | SS 4 | SS 1, 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | | |
| 8 | 14 Laps | SS 1, 2 | SS4 | SS 11, 12, 14 | 2 | 11, 12, 14 | 1, 4 | | |
| 9 | 14 Laps | 1, 4 | 11, 12, 14 | 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 4 | SS 1, 2 | | |
| 10 | 14 Laps | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | SS 4 | 1, 4 | 2 | 11, 12, 14 | | |
| 11 | 14 Laps | 2 | 1, 4 | 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 4 | | |
| 12 | 14 Laps | SS4 | SS 11, 12, 14 | SS 1, 2 | 11, 12, 14 | 1, 4 | 2 | | |

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



Volunteers Needed!



*Don't worry, there is no "Tanker Semi" class! You don't have to help push.

Round 4 of the 2018 Ice Race Season

February 10 and 11, 2018

Minden

TAC is looking for members to volunteer their time this winter to help us host round 4. One night's accommodation, food at the track, and a "thank you" dinner is covered by the club. No experience is necessary and most of the jobs are in the heated trailer! Bring the whole family! This even counts for your high school "volunteer hours"!

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Membership Application

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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
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