



Fifth Gear

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Toronto Autosport Club

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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 "Turtle Jacks Muskoka Grill", 925 Dixon Road (at Carlingview), Etobicoke . **-NOTE- In-Person Meetings Suspended due to COVID-19 limits.**

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

FIFTH GEAR is the monthly publication of the Toronto Autosport Club. Articles concerning Club members' activities are of special interest and members are encouraged to submit their writings to any member of the Executive or send them to the Editorial Offices. Past issues of FIFTH GEAR are posted for viewing on the club website.

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From The President's Desk

Hey Folks,

I hope everyone is isolating to the best of their abilities. I remember back in March, when we locked down for 2 weeks. That was how long people would be contagious, so if we all stayed apart for those 2 weeks, the virus would die out. Sounds good on paper.

I believe that I speculated here that we'd be back meeting at Turtle Jack's in a month or 2. Well, it looks like it will be another month or 2 before everyone's vaccinated, and we stop the spread that way. Or maybe in 2022.

I see that the record setting F1 season, with 23 events, will be starting late - as Australia will not permit the circus into their country.

Instead we start in Bahrain, and Melbourne will now run at the end of the year. Amazing that they can fit in so many events.

Of course, our Ice Race will not be running.

The last thing I'd want to do to Minden is to have dozens of people from Toronto crowding into their community for a weekend. I feel bad for all the hospitality workers, and I'm sure that my weekly take-away meals don't make up for the lost revenue of dining in.

My retirement activity of helping contact trace has been interesting. People are notified that they have come into contact with a positive case, and they have to isolate for 14 days. Most people are pleased to help out, and will do whatever is necessary.

Sometimes people are upset - not that they have to isolate - but because someone was contagious out in public. I've heard of too many stories where someone felt sick, stayed home for a day, then went to work or school because they felt better. And infected everyone around them. At least I get to talk to lots of interesting people.

Everyone has a good story.

Our January Jaunt has gone virtual this year. Kurt turned the 1963 rally into a table-top event. Wife Sue and I are running it as

beginners. It is quite a challenge. We keep saying that it would be easier to jump in the car and drive the route instead of trying to figure out where to turn on the maps. I tried plotting one segment with Google Maps, but the farmland is now covered in suburban streets, Costcos and Walmarts. We get excited when we find a landmark in the same place. The rally starts at the Mercedes dealership on Eglinton Ave East, near Leslie. You immediately turn north and cross the 401 into farmland. The DVP only went as far north as Eglinton! The 1963 results showed close to 50 competitors, including some familiar faces - or at least the parents of some familiar faces.

Your results need to be in by Wednesday, so you still have time to sign up. Please email Kurt at kurt.seelenmayer@gmail.com or Nick at nicolas.parry1967@gmail.com to get the instructions. We are having a blast following the old instructions on the provided maps and Air Survey photos.

We recently had our first Board call of the year, and it was great to see Brooke in as our new Treasurer, and daughter Claire as registrar. I know they'll make a great team, handling the bulk of the club's admin. I did registration a while back (Yikes! 20 years ago?), and I enjoyed talking to all our members. So if you have a chance, please to drop a line to registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca and thank Claire for your free 2021 membership!

Finally, drop Rita a line if you'd like to virtually attend our monthly membership meeting via Zoom. She can email you the virtual meeting address. It's great seeing what our members are up to these days. It only gives me hope.

See you on-line!

Rob McAuley
TAC President

TAC 2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

Most Schedules have been modified / Verify with organizing group

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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January 2021

20	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
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February 2021

17	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
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March 2021

17	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
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28	F1	BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	
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April 2021

11	INDY	Barber Motorsports Park - Birmingham, AL	
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18	F1	GRAN PREMIO D'ITALIA (Imola)	
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21	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
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25	INDY	Streets of St. Petersburg	
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May 2021

1-2	INDY	Texas Motor Speedway -2 Days - Fort Worth	
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7-9	Regional Race	TEST DAY & RACES, CTMP	BEMC
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9	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Barcelona)	
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15	INDY	IMS Road Course, Indianapolis	
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15-16	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race CTMP	LDC
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19	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
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23	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
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30	INDY	INDY 500, Indianapolis Motor Speedway	
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June 2021

4-6	Regional Race	TEST DAY & RACES , Shannonville	
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More events to appear as 2021 Schedules are released.

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Toronto Autosport Club Executive Conference Call Meeting Minutes January 6, 2021

Call time: 8:02 pm via ZOOM

Participants: Rob, Paul, Graham, Brooke, Claire & Ingrid

President

CASC AGM Sat virtual, looking for someone to join in the meeting.
CARS AGM is also Sat afternoon, starting at 1pm. Graham will attend one of these meetings, most likely the CASC meeting.

Membership

93 members: 6 life, 53 primary, 34 family

Everyone in system has been processed for another year. Packages have been sent out in the mail. Getting all the stuff ready to hand off to Claire

Treasurer

Account Balances:

PayPal \$ 374.99

Savings \$ 24,302.10

Chequing Account closed - Brooke will be looking into opening up a new account near him.

Competition

Province is under a no motor sport lockdown until Jan. 28. Most motor sport groups have a full slate of events pencilled in for 2021.

PMSC is having a snow cross event Feb. 27, 2021 at Free Flow MX Park, Belleville

Calabogie is holding 5 ice race events, Sundays starting January 31, 2021 at Capital City Speedway, near Ottawa

Virtual January Jaunt rally.

Discover Ontario is tentatively on the ORRC calendar

Social - general meeting Wednesday, February 20, 2021 will again be virtual

Old Business -

New Business - Rob welcomed Claire to our executive group.

Adjourned at 8:31 pm

Minutes by I. Beck

Enduro Race Report - Peter Nytko

Our only race this year and the only endurance race in the 2020 CASC calendar was the 3h Late Summer Enduro, held on September 19. Weather cooperated, we had a decent field of 15 cars and BEMC did a good job of running a race weekend in these challenging times. Running our Golf in GT5, I quite enjoy the longer races and the involved strategy. Car held up well to the 2 hours mark and we were running strong. The last hour was less favorable as I had to reduce the pace and preserve the car due to a developing vibration from a CV joint. All in

all, a fun race finishing 3rd in GT5 and a big thank you to my crew. The new transport rig with living quarters really made the experience more enjoyable especially the post race hot pot.



ON TRACK PHOTOS BY
ALEX SMALLEY

BULLETIN 2020-07



Subject: Clarification and modernization of Definition wording. Competition license clarifications

Issue Date: December 14, 2020

Effective Date: Immediate

NON-SPEED EVENT

An event in which speed is not the determining factor, although timing of the vehicles is usually can be a consideration as in a ~~driving skill test, navigational or TSD rally, econcourse, gymkhana, slalom, etc.~~ Other non-speed events could include, classroom training, car shows, etc.

RALLYSPRINT

A short form type of performance rally, run at lower speeds, used for driver development.

~~A form of rallysport where e-C~~ompetitors compete one vehicle at a time against the clock ~~on unpaved surfaces. Rallycross events, run on temporary courses at one venue, are a form of Rallysprint.~~

RALLYCROSS

A form of rallysport where the focus is on driver skill development and where competitors compete one vehicle at a time, against the clock on unpaved surfaces, run on a temporary course at one venue.

11.4.1 Requirements, types and grades of rally competition licences.

Residents of Canada must hold a licence issued by CARS to compete in CARS sanctioned events (see 5.6.(f)).

All licence applicants must be a member of a CARS affiliated club and be a minimum of 16 years of age. For a licence other than ~~Media or Basic~~ Rally to be issued, applicants must have a valid first aid certificate per 11.1.9 and must supply a completed CARS medical form.

11.4.1.1 DRIVER-RALLY

(a) Basic Rally Licence

Valid for various specific CARS sanctioned events below regional performance rally status. These licences may be required for competition are issued by a CARS region and shall be valid for the rally activity designated (i.e.: Rallysprint/Rallycross, navigational/TSD, test days, etc.) Costs and terms of use (~~beyond those listed above~~) shall be the responsibility of the CARS region.

(b) Regional Performance Rally Licence:

Valid for any level of CARS sanctioned event below national status within Canada. This licence is issued by CARS. To be eligible to obtain a Regional Performance Rally licence, the applicant must first have participated in two (2) events, in any combination, from the list below:

- Rally Sprint
- Rally Cross
- Approved Rally School
- TDS/Navigational Rally
- Test days

A regional licence may also be issued at the discretion of the CARS Regional Director.

(c) National Performance Rally Licence:

Valid for all CARS sanctioned rallies held in Canada, except those that are internationally listed. This license is issued by CARS. In order to upgrade from a regional to a national licence, the applicant must have entered and satisfactorily competed in a minimum of two regional performance rallies.

Attendance at a Rally School recognized by CARS may count for one of the required rallies. A national licence may also be issued at the discretion of the CARS Regional Director with input from the National Series Manager based upon his assessment of previous experience. (~~particularly in the case of the issuance of a co-driver licence~~).

(d) International:

International Rally and International Rally Historic. These licences are issued by ASN Canada FIA and when accompanied by a letter of authorisation, are valid for internationally listed rallies.

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Membership Application

Mail: 148 Tamarack Drive,
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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 _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Cheque # _____ PayPal Other TOTAL \$: _____

To pay by PAYPAL/Credit Card, please visit the Club website at: www.torontoautosportclub.ca.

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

You should begin receiving the FIFTH GEAR newsletter by email within 2 months.

FIFTH GEAR is also available on the website. Check here only if you 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



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