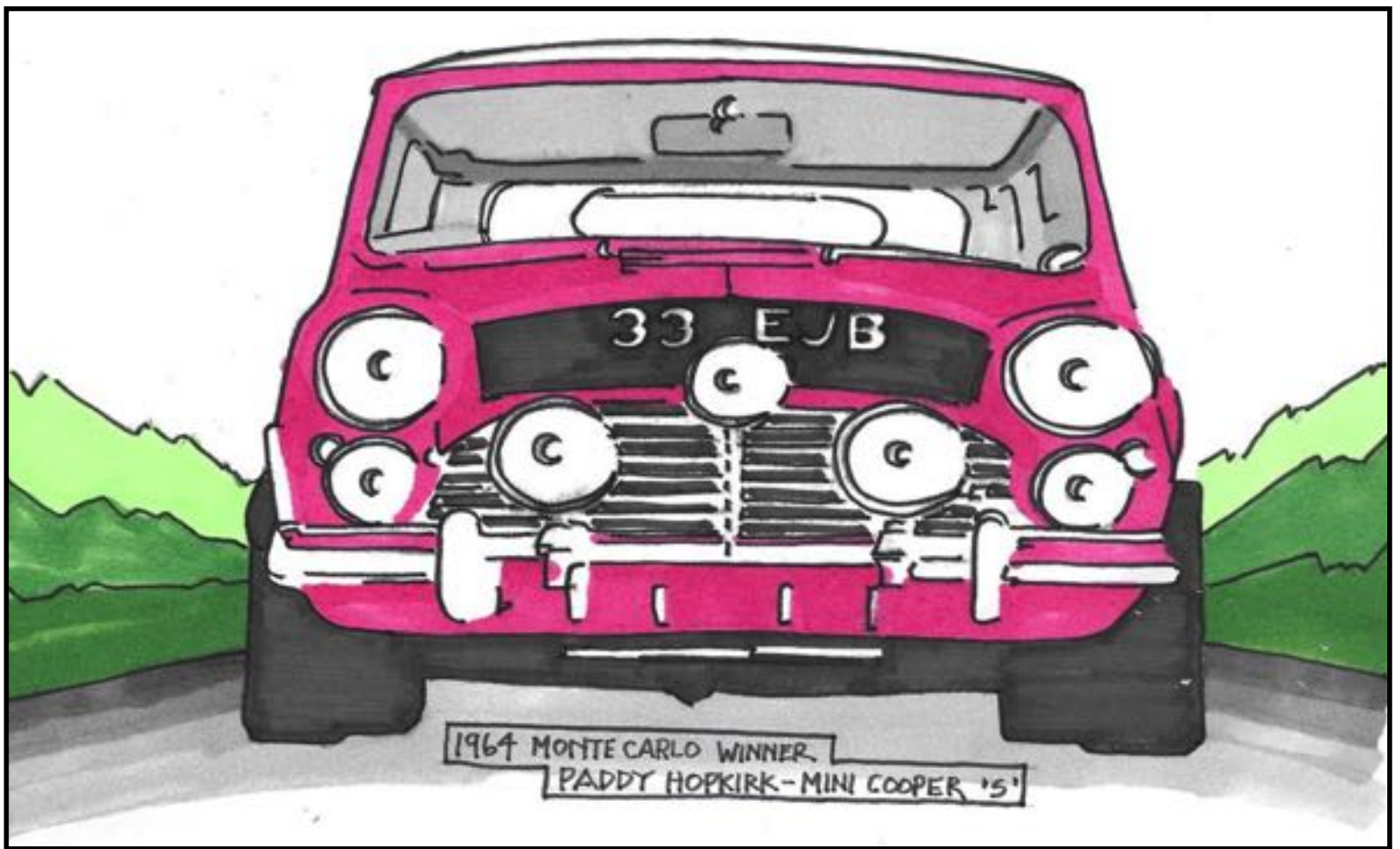




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*January 2022*



# Toronto Autosport Club

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# From The President's Desk

I hope everyone got what they wanted for Christmas. I really was hoping that COVID would go away, but I didn't get my wish.

Omicron seems to be a minor inconvenience, unless you are unvaccinated. I've heard from a few people that tested positive (when they could still get tests), and they had minor symptoms for a couple of days, then quickly recovered. If only everyone were vaccinated.

Because of the lockdowns, Minden has shuttered up the fairgrounds, so no ice can be made, and no snowbanks can be plowed. TAC was scheduled to host the first weekend, on January 22 & 23. That won't be happening now, and we are awaiting word on if the season will run at all. We are hopeful. The schedule may shift; we may get the rain date in March, or we may pick up another weekend if any clubs back out.

If the season runs, TAC will be there!

The January Jaunt is now going to run on March 26th. Nick & Kurt's routes are always fun, and they are ready with COVID protocols for registration, the driver's meeting, and checkpoints. Last year, Kurt ran a table-top rally, redoing a Jaunt from many years earlier. It was a blast - in a different way than a road rally, but still fun.

Also remember that the F1 season will start up again, with testing in 1 month!

Sharpen those pencils, and get ready for Mitch & Brook's Fantasy F1 League.

Speaking of F1, as I write this, people are speculating on Michael Masi's future.

Mercedes is protesting the result of the Abu Dhabi GP, where Verstappen won the race & F1 title over Hamilton after Masi brought the 2 contenders together for a 1 lap shootout. There is speculation that Hamilton will rip up his new 2 year contract, and retire early if the Mercedes protest does not go his way. And rumour has it that Mercedes will drop the protest if Masi is fired. Do Mercedes have a side-deal with Hamilton? Will he stay on if Masi is given the boot? One thing that we do know, is that Masi's name has been dropped from the F1 masthead.

We may have answers by the time we go to print. Regardless, the 2022 season will be interesting, with all the postponed rule changes now coming into effect. I can't wait to see some shake-ups!

Rob  
TAC President

## **NOTE LATEST ICE RACE SCHEDULE:**

The pre-tech weekend is moved to January 29/30 at the fairgrounds and you can leave your car at the entrance like usual.

PMSC - first event Feb 5/6

TBD / CASC – event 2 Feb 12/13

BARC event 3 – Feb 19/20 (family day weekend)

TLMC event 4 - Feb 26/27

**TAC event 5 - March 5/6**

Rain date – March 12/13

# 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

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19	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Jitsi</b>	TAC
29-30	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race PRE-TECH weekend, Minden - New Date	

## February 2022

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5-6	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	PMSC
12-13	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	tbd
16	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Jitsi</b>	TAC
19-20	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	BARC-OC
19-20	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Polar Bear Rally, Bancroft	MLRC
26-27	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	TLMC
27	INDY	Streets of St. Petersburg	

## March 2022

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5-6	Ice Race-Minden	<b>Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds NEW DATE</b>	TAC
12-13	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds, RAIN-DATE	
16	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Jitsi</b>	TAC
20	F1	BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	
20	INDY	Texas Motor Speedway -2 Days - Fort Worth	
26	Rally-ORRC	<b>January Jaunt , Peters Corners Ont. (See Flyer)-NEW DATE</b>	TAC
27	F1	SAUDI ARABIA GRAND PRIX (Jeddah)	

## April 2022

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10	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	
10	INDY	Streets of Long Beach	
20	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Jitsi</b>	TAC
23	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally; Port Hope/Cobourg	PMSC
24	F1	Emilia Romagna GP (Imola)	

## May 2022

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

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

# THE JANUARY JAUNT



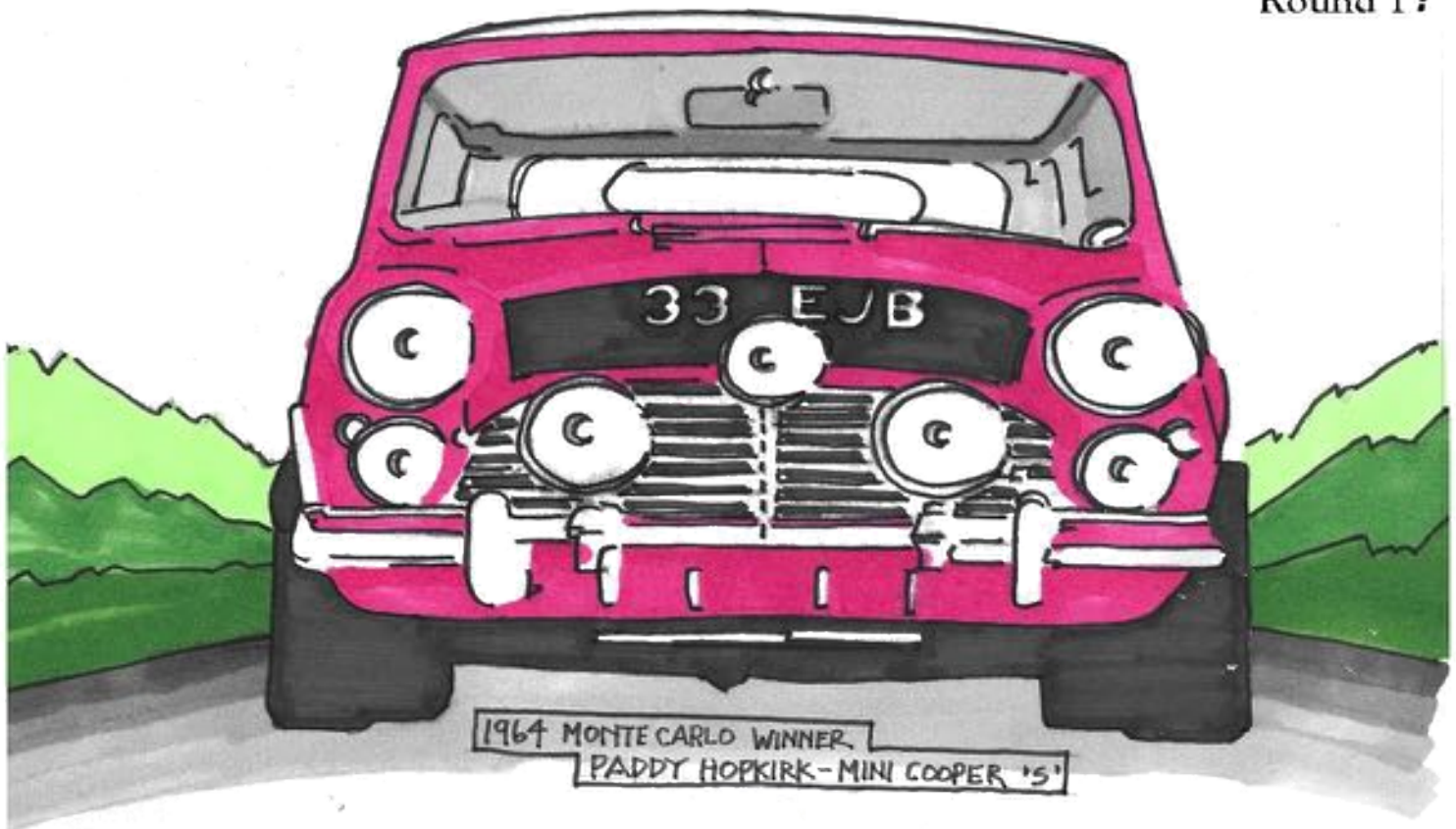
January 15, 2022 **March 26, 2022**

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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# Navigational Rallying: 2021 ORRC in COVID Times

Kurt Seelenmayer

It was an interesting time for navigational rallying in 2021, as it has been for autosport in general and, well, pretty much the rest of life. In the middle of December I postponed the 2022 January Jaunt due to the upsurge in cases and restrictions that came into effect – the new date is March 26. But between the Delta and Omicron variants we had a short rally season.

As with most sports, Ontario rallying went into lockdown mode for most of 2020 (for about 6 months) and the first nine months of 2021. The Ontario Road Rally Championship (ORRC) typically sees nine to eleven events concentrated in the winter/spring and finishing up in the autumn. Last year the winter/spring events were all cancelled or postponed. There were virtual alternatives that satisfied the map-reading and puzzle-solving urges of rally addicts – people like me – but that is a story for another time. The positive was the recovery of the 2021 provincial rally season.

In the summer there was hope that the three scheduled fall events might actually run, but could that be called a series? Louis Cabardos, RallySport Ontario (RSO) Vice President, Navigational Rally, proposed some alternatives for squeezing in more rallies and landed on holding double-header events on the three dates. This provided the minimum six events necessary for 2021 to have a championship series, which is scored on the best four scores. My driver, Nick Parry, and I were in!

Rallying in COVID times is a little different than it was before. Everyone is masked when in-person, of course. Efforts were made to reduce points of contact – registration was moved online using fill-in forms and electronic declarations instead of filling in paperwork at the start. Start/finish activities were moved outside. Instead of getting checkpoint stickers at controls, the drivers had to write down the information themselves – it's a good idea to try to write neatly while running between the checkpoint vehicle and the rally car. The only real contact points were competitors taking a set of printed instructions, and the organizers taking a route card back from competitors at the end of the events. It felt safe and was safe – and was a great way to get back into the world!

The 2021 ORRC series was great as well. The series started with the Kitchener-Waterloo Rally Club's Automapic Rally, organized by Murray Dammeier and done as two separately scored legs. The Automapic focuses on topographic and other maps for describing the route, and has long been a favourite of mine. Aside from the usual blind maps, straight-line maps and typical Expert instructions, there were some interesting twists in some sections. For example, there was a kind of mind-twisting section where the map was split into four parts where each was rotated and mirrored in a different way,

and you had to plot between waypoints back and forth on different pieces of the section. Very interesting!

The next event pair was a Peterborough Motor Sports Club double-header, the Spring Run-Off (resurrected from the original April date) and the President's Prize, organized by Louis Cabardos. Louis always puts together challenging events, and with a total of 16 sections over the two legs/events we had to keep changing our mindset as the Expert instruction types varied widely from section to section, going from maps to math to do's and don't's and the requisite "do what you did in section x". It really was great fun!

The final event pair was the KWRC Northern Lights and Aurora Borealis rallies organized by Doug Green and Roger Sanderson. The temperature turned cold by the end of November, but the outdoor start and finish gatherings were still fun. (And warmer than ice racing!) This rally had another fun set of challenging instructions, including one of my favourite timing instructions where we had to convert furlongs per fortnight to kilometers per hour. The competition was in full swing this time, and the event shifted to precision timing to determine the standings, with first and second Experts in the Aurora Borealis separated by 0.1 points!

Overall Nick and I won the ORRC championship – Nick's first win and my first in over 15 years since I ran with my dad, Dietmar. Fellow TACCies Elgin and Connie Dewar were second ORRC Novices for the year. There is also a provincial club competition: TAC finished third, behind KWRC and PMSC – if we could get a few more TAC teams out next year we could maybe bump up that position.

Although compressed, the series was enjoyable and we are looking forward to 2022!

It's not clear when the championship will start this year – we'll have to see if the Maple Leaf Rally Club's overnight Polar Bear rally still runs on its February date. This will be the Toronto Autosport Club's 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary running of the January Jaunt (although probably the first time in March), organized by Nick and me for the past few years.

While I've talked a lot about our experiences in the Expert class, ORRC events have a Novice class as well, set up for both beginners and teams building their experience. The January Jaunt is no exception, and will be beginner-friendly this year, as it has been in past years. Check out the flyer in this issue, and feel free to reach out to us ([info@januaryjaunt.com](mailto:info@januaryjaunt.com)) if you have any questions about the Jaunt or rallying in general. Oh, and we're always looking for volunteers to help out with the event, so pencil in March 26 to come out and have some fun, either as a competitor or a helper!

## Toronto Autosport Club - Executive Conference Call Meeting minutes January 5, 2022

Call time: 8:00 pm via Jitsi

Participants: Gary, Graham, Rob, Nick & Ingrid

### President:

CASC-OR AMM Jan 15/22  
CARS AGM Saturday, Jan 8/22  
discussion about ordering plaques/trophies

We've got 564 followers on Facebook.

Membership: 57 members: 6 life, 25 primary, 26 family

### Treasurer:

#### Account Balances:

PayPal	\$	23.97
Tangerine	\$	22,937.69
RBC	\$	1,305.99

### Competition:

Ice Racing - Town has declared the fair grounds closed, Ice race organizers conference call tomorrow night at 8pm will discuss plans for this season  
DAC has cancelled completely for 2022  
TAC's weekend in January will be cancelled, hoping to pick up a weekend in February.  
Plans for DOCR on June 25/22, probably in Kitchener area  
January Jaunt tentatively scheduled for March 26/22  
discussion was held about insurance coverage for events  
Gary will have more info on Time Attack after next week's meeting  
Lucky Dog has announced their dates for 22, have added on more event to the calendar

Social - nothing much happening in the way of social

Old Business -

New Business - TAC website needs to be updated

Adjourned at 8:55 pm

Minutes by I. Beck





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- New Members – Single or Family \$40  
 Renewal Members – Single or Family \$30 or \$25 Early

(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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 by email within 2 months.

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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
- Performance Rally organizer