



Fifth Gear

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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. (currently via ZOOM online).

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

I hope everyone got what they wanted for Christmas! A new (to you) Ice Racer? An IOU for some sticky tires? A trip to a track day at Spa? Here's hoping that wife-Sue reads this and gets some ideas for next year.

It's the middle of winter, and things are never busier!

Ice Racing kicks off January 20/21. After a warm December, here's hoping that Minden gets a good dumping of snow before that. TAC's weekend is February 17/18 - Family Day Weekend.

Unfortunately, the Ice Race Director and his #2 have both been sidetracked, and have stepped down. We welcome back CASC President Ted Micalos, who will run things this year. Any Ice Race weekend is always a blast. Great fun to watch, to assist with the running, and to get rides. Just bring your helmet and check it out!

The Saturday after the Ice Racing commences, January 27, TAC will be running the January Jaunt. This event was planned out by the usual organizers, Kurt & Nick. This year, however, Kurt is dealing with some family issues, so our Discover Ontario organizers, Brooke and Claire will be running the day. Last year's event was one of our best attended in many years, and hopes are high for a similar turn-out this year. This is the first event in the RallySport Ontario navigational rally series, and conveniently runs from Waterdown ON.

For more information, go to <http://www.januaryjaunt.com/>.

Another big rally event is currently underway in Saudi Arabia. The 2023 Dakar! Similar to last year, most of the stages are in sand dunes, and the pictures and videos are stunning. Between the bikes, ATVs, cars, trucks, and classic vehicles, there are hundreds of competitors. You will recognize names like Carlos Sainz (Sr.) and Sebastien Loeb from WRC championships. Check out <https://www.dakar.com/en/> for photos, videos and results.

Finally, the Canadian International Autoshow (CIAS) will run at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre from February 16th to the 25th. I will be there for the press day to check out the AJAC awards and any new announcements.

Unfortunately, it appears that no German manufacturers will be attending! Watch for photos on our Facebook page.

See you in Minden!

Rob McAuley
TAC President

TAC 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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January 2024

17	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
20-21	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	BEMC
27-28	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	BARC
27	Rally-ORRC	January Jaunt Rally, Waterdown - See Flyer this issue	TAC

February 2024

3-4	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	PMSC
3	Rally-OPRC	Perce Neige, Maniwaki Quebec	CRN
3-4	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	
10-11	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Polar Bear Rally, Bancroft	MLRC
10-11	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	TLMC
17-18	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	TAC
21	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
24-25	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	DAC
24	Rally	KWRC SNATR #1	KWRC
29-02	F1	BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	

March 2024

2-3	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds, RAIN-DATE	
7-9	F1	SAUDI ARABIA GRAND PRIX (Jeddah)	
20	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
22-24	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	

April 2024

5-7	F1	JAPANESE GRAND PRIX (Suzuka)	
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More events to appear as 2024 Schedules are released.

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

THE JANUARY JAUNT



Saturday, 27 January, 2024

**Winter Navigational Car Rally
for Novices and Experts**

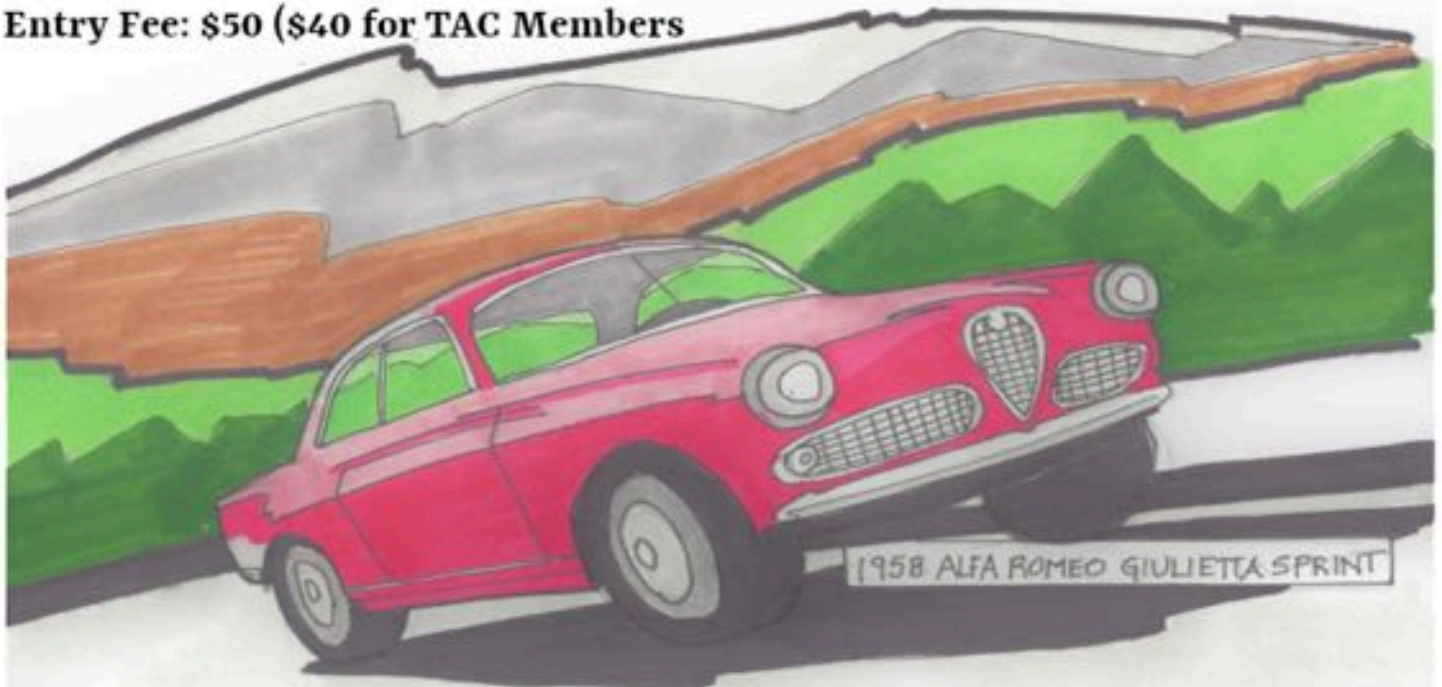
Start:

**Tim Hortons
145 Hamilton St N, Waterdown, ON
GPS 43.3350417,-79.9041773**

Finish:

**The Royal Coachman
1 Main ST N
Waterdown, On**

Entry Fee: \$50 (\$40 for TAC Members)



**Round 1 of the 2024
Ontario Road Rally Championship**

Registration	10:30
Beginners' Meeting	11:00
Comptitors' Briefing	11:15
Car '0' Starts	11:30
Car '0' Finishes	16:30

**Leg B is a SNATR!
See <https://www.kwrc.on.ca> for information**

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CASC-OR 2024 ICE RACE SEASON SCHEDULES

	Jan 20/21 Round 1	Jan 27/28 Round 2	Feb 3/4 Round 3	Feb 10/11 Round 4	Feb 17/18 Round 5	Feb 24/25 Round 5	Mar 2/3 Mar 9/10
	BEMC	BARC	PMSC	TLMC	TAC	DAC	RAIN Dates

SATURDAY							
Registration & Scrutineering open at 7:00am DRIVERS' MEETING 8:30AM SHARP – BE THERE!!							
Practice	5 laps STREET STUDS classes						
Practice	5 laps Rubber to Ice classes						
Race #	Laps	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14
2	10 Laps	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14
3	10 Laps	SS 11,12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS 11, 12,14	SS2
4	10 Laps	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2
5	10 Laps	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1
6	10 Laps	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4
7	10 Laps	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4
LUNCH: start time for race 10 to be posted on the registration window							
8	14 Laps	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14
9	14 Laps	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14
10	14 Laps	SS 11,12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS 11, 12,14	SS2
11	14 Laps	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2
12	14 Laps	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1
13	14 Laps	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4
14	14 Laps	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4
15	14 Laps	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14
16	14 Laps	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14
17	14 Laps	SS 11,12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS 11, 12,14	SS2
18	14 Laps	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2
19	14 Laps	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1
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RUBBER CLASSES

Class 1 – RWD

Class 2 – FWD

Class 4 – 4WD

2nd Driver Classes

Class 11 – RWD

Class 12 – FWD

Class 14 – 4WD

STREET STUD CLASSES

SS1 – RWD

SS2 – FWD

SS4 – 4WD

2nd Driver Classes

SS11 – RWD

SS12 – FWD

SS14 – 4WD

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*** 10 MINUTE BREAK *** to be confirmed/announced at morning drivers' meeting							
8	14 Laps	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14
9	14 Laps	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14
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12	14 Laps	SS2	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1
13	14 Laps	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4	11, 12, 14	2	1, 4
14	14 Laps	SS1	SS4	SS11, 12, 14	SS2	SS1	SS4

This Schedule is subject to change...

Competitors should check the registration window for updates and cancellations when you attend the Drivers meeting.



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2024 CASC-OR Regional Racing Important Dates

- *Motorama Show* *Mar 8 - 10*
- *Spring Fling (and school) at SMP* *Apr 25-27*
- BEMC Spring Trophy Races at CTMP *May 4 - 5*
- SMP Cup at SMP *June 1 - 2*
- *VARAC Vintage Grand Prix at CTMP* *Jun 13 – 16*
- *VARAC Peter Jackson Races SMP* *Jul 13*
- BARC Canadian Touring Trophy Races CTMP *Jul 27 – 28*
- OSCC Calabogie Summer Classic at CMP *Aug 16 – 18*
- *Drive Fest* *Sep 6 - 8*
- BEMC Late Summer Trophy Races at CTMP *Sep 21 - 22*
- Celebration of Motorsport at CTMP *Oct 5 - 6*

Attention Proud TAC Members!

Now you can buy clothes and more with the TAC logo on it, through the Toronto Autosport Club's online store (a partnership with Café Press.com).

Choose from a large selection of shirts, jackets, mugs, bags, even games and toys! Almost anything that Café Press sells, they will sell with the TAC logo on.

Visit the store at

<http://www.cafepress.com/torontoautosportclubgear>



Toronto Autosport Club - Executive Zoom Call Meeting Minutes January 3, 2024

Call time: 8:30 pm via ZOOM

Participants: Graham, Rob, Nick & Ingrid; regrets Claire, Gary, Brooke

President:

Following up with some membership issues.
CARS AGM coming up

We have 613 followers on Facebook.

Membership:

40 members

Treasurer:

Account Balances:
\$25,106 total in all three accounts

Competition:

Ice race environment is changing. Ice race director has quit. Ted M. has taken over as interim director. Amendment to street stud tires. Issue with the lights but should be sorted out soon. First event will most likely be delayed because it is not cold enough to make ice. Financial results for Time Attack are out. January Jaunt scheduled for Jan. 27/24. Looking for volunteers.

Social - planning on doing quarterly events, possibly a fun rally, go-kart night

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjourned at 9:30 pm

Minutes by I. Beck



Membership Application

Mail: 148 Tamarack Drive,
Thornhill, Ontario, L3T 4X4

Email: registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca

- 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 _____

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.

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