



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

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2025.

Of course that means that your memberships may have expired. If you are planning on Ice Racing or running any winter rallies, it is time to renew.

Renewals are \$40, but we have a crazy special to encourage new memberships! Please tell your friends that they can sign up for only \$5.

This will give them all the perks of membership. They can enter any CASC event and get member pricing on our social events, like the ALMS race at CTMP in July. They can't lose!

TAC's Ice Race weekend is March 1st & 2nd. I love working these weekends, and being able to get up close and watch the action (from either inside the timing room, or behind my camera. We provide a free night's stay in Minden and meals so you won't notice the cold.

If you would like to give Ice Racing a try, TAC is preparing a club Ice Racer. Lifetime members Gail & Malcolm Elston have donated the perfect car, Gail's Saabaru 9-2. Competition Director Graham has been prepping the car, and as he has reported in previous Fifth Gears, will have it ready to race for members who want to arrive and drive.

You just have to sign up for a weekend permit, and the car is yours for \$100/day.

This is the easiest and cheapest way to try out the sport and see if it is as addicting as others have found. Best to do this soon, as people are starting to book some weekends!

Please reach out to Competition Director Graham if you are interested in driving or helping out, or have any questions. And bring a helmet if you want a ride during the races! Let's pray for snow and cold temperatures.

If you are missing some warm weather events, then please check out the 2025 Dakar Rally. With over 400 entries running bikes, cars, dune buggies, and monster trucks, this is a blast to watch. It is on now until January 17th. They really know how to cover these guys & gals, with cameras placed at the best spots, helicopters and drones.

And for more door-to-door racing, check out the Bathurst 12 Hour race at Mount Panorama in Australia at the end of the month - January 31 to February 1. This track has the largest elevation change around the circuit over any track except Nurburgring's Nordschleife. And the Australian Supercars just seem to remind me of Mad Max.

Welcome back to the track (ice, sand, and tarmac)!

Rob McAuley,
TAC President

[Click Here for link to TAC ZOOM Meeting 3rd Wednesday Monthly 8pm](#)

TAC 2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
January 2025			
15	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
18-19	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race PRE-TECH weekend, Minden	
25-26	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	DAC
31-1	Rally-CRC/OPRC	Rallye Perce-Neige de Maniwaki	CRM
February 2025			
1-2	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	BEMC
8-9	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	BARC
8	Rally-SNATR	SNATR-Saturday Night at the Rallies	KWRC
15-16	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	PMSC
15	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Snowy Safari Rally, Kitchener Area	KWRC
19	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
22-23	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	TLMC
March 2025			
1-2	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	TAC
15	Meeting	RSO Annual General Meeting	RSO
19	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
22	Rally-SNATR	SNATR- #2 Saturday Night at the Rallies	KWRC
April 2025			
5	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Rally of the Voyageurs	OPRC
16	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
19	RallyCross	KWRC Rallycross Test Day	KWRC

More events to appear as 2025 Schedules are released.

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



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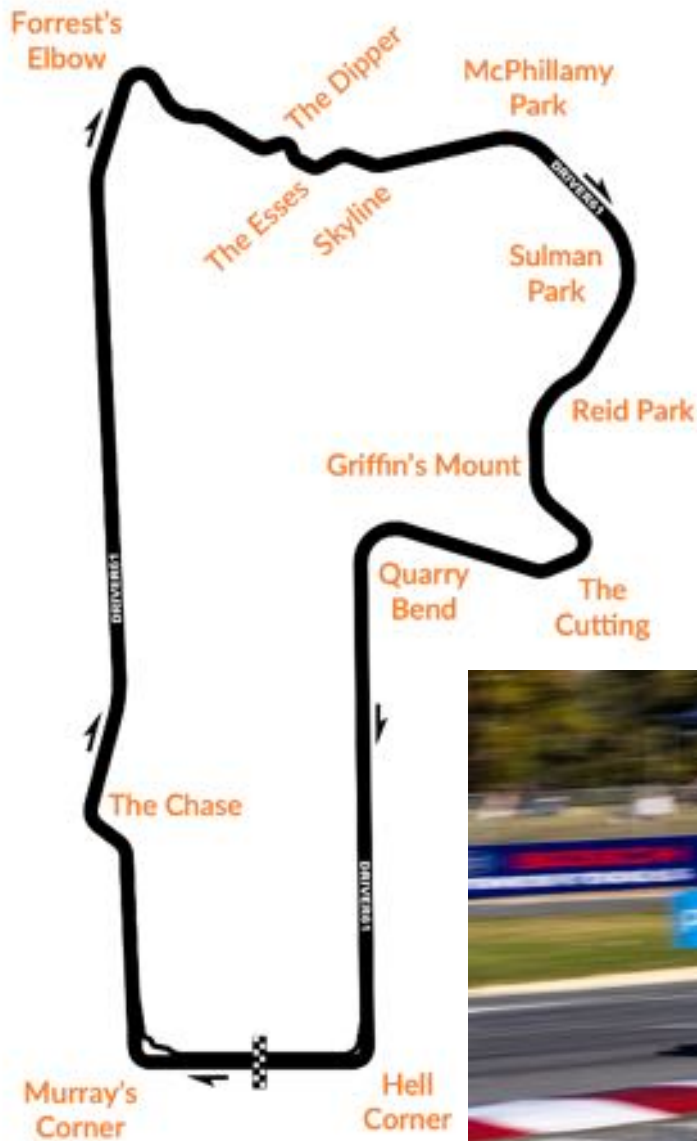
President's Choice for Racing (#1):

2025 Dakar Rally.
On now until January 17th



President's Choice for Racing (#2):

Bathurst 12 Hour race at Mount Panorama in Australia
January 31 to February 1



Looking for installation help

I want to install a skid plate on my Tesla. Apparently it's easy; just 5 bolts. But I have no way to lift the car, etc. Can anyone help me out?

-Brooke, brooke@brooke.net

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE ICE RACERS:

If you are a TAC member who wants to try ice racing but don't have a car, the 2025 ice racing season is an opportunity to get on track at the Minden Fairgrounds. This is a great chance to try wheel to wheel racing at the lowest cost.

Thanks to Gail Walker & Malcolm Elston, a SAABARU 92x has been donated to the club. The car is powered by a 2.0 litre turbo with an automatic transmission and all wheel drive.

Street stud tires have been purchased and the car can be entered in the two AWD street stud classes.

The car is being prepared for competition (Underway as in the photo) and will be delivered to/ remain at the Minden Fairgrounds for the 2025 season so you can 'arrive and drive' without having to tow.

The cost to use the car is a \$100 contribution to reimburse some of the expenses (which includes race fuel). Members are responsible to obtain their own temporary competition license which is \$25 for a first time competitor or \$50 if you have previously ice raced in the past.

Members using the TAC car must pay their own entry fees for Saturday and or Sunday. Registration and payment are on-line at MotorsportReg.com.

If you don't have your own helmet, most likely a loaner can be obtained with advance notice.

The use of the car is entirely at the drivers own risk and a release of liability is a condition of use.

The season should start Saturday January 25, 2025 and continue for six weekends, the final being the TAC weekend event March 1/2. Also refer to the calendar in Fifth Gear.

Scheduling can be an issue as the weather is uncertain so reservations are essential. Please advise what events you are interested in.

This is a new initiative by the club to encourage active participation. There are more details to work out!

Please contact your Competition Director Graham Tulett by email at ghtulett@hotmail.com if you are interested or have questions.



**Toronto Autosport Club -
Executive Zoom Call Meeting Minutes January 8, 2025**

Call time: 8:10 pm via ZOOM

Participants: Gary, Brook, Claire, Rob, Graham & Ingrid

President:

Rob will look into obtaining TAC gear.

We have 637 followers on Facebook.

Membership:

67 members; 8 life, 29 regular, 30 family

Treasurer:

Account Balances:

RBC	\$ 26,231.58
PayPal	\$ 47.94

Competition:

Time Attack - all the rules have been reviewed and approved, all sponsors have resigned for 2025.
Main challenge is to sell competition spots and spots at the school.

Ice Race webinar in December 2024 had about 25 people attend.

Graham updated us on the TAC ice racer. TAC weekend is March 1-2, 2025

Social - none

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjourned at 8:40 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

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