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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 the Fox and Fiddle: 1285 Finch Avenue West, one block east of Keele...

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.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

So Summer has arrived. Now it is almost too hot to work on a car. I guess air conditioning is the next thing for the garage. Hard to remember that heating was the concern six months ago. That reminds me, it is only six months to ice racing. Now where did that list go, the one about what to do to the car for next year. More important, what was needed at the end of last season.

Speaking of upcoming events, the Infinite Monkeys Rally is coming up on August 16. Rita and Paul will be looking for help, I am sure. There are the usual Novice, Intermediate and Expert instructions as well as a Touring Class. The instructions for this will be distance to turn, no navigation headaches. You will follow the same route and speeds as the regular competitors. You do not get any points for the regional championship but you get to drive the same roads and can take passengers for the ride. Contact Rita for more information.

TAC has another event in the Ralliette series on July 23. Start as usual is from the Tim Hortons at Derry and Mississauga, registration at 7:00 pm. As I have mentioned in previous articles this is a good way to try out rallying, especially if you have no previous experience. To check out different types of instructions, go to the rallymaster section on our website.

We also have a contract rally for the Guru Nanak organization that will take place on August 10. This event is open to TAC members. It is more of a fun type event that runs for about 2 hours in the afternoon. Interested parties contact me for more information.

On Solosprint side, a ways off still, TAC and HADA are organizing the event on September 20, 21 at Shannonville. TAC is on Saturday. Still further off, is the TAC event at Mosport on October 4 and 5. Saturday is for open runs and testing, Sunday is the last Solosprint event of the season. Contact Serge Gushin for more information and to offer help.

Just about the time I think that everything is quiet, there are lots of things to do.

Dietmar

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TAC EVENTS CALENDAR 2008

<u>DATES</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT/LOCATION</u>	<u>ORGANIZING CLUB</u>
July 2008			
5	SoloSprint	SoloSprint School #3; Mosport Big Track	SPDA
6	FI	BRITISH Grand Prix Silverstone	
6	IRL	Watkins Glen International	
6	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Event #5; Mosport Big Track	SPDA
7	Mini Rally	Mini Rally, Service Centre #400-North	MLRC
12	IRL	Nashville Superspeedway	
12	Rally-Club Level	SNATR (Saturday Night at the Rallies)	KWRC
16	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Fox & Fiddle Rest. (Finch W)	 TAC
20	FI	Grand Prix of GERMANY Hockenheim	
20	IRL	Mid-Oho Sports Car Course	
23	Ralliette	Ralliette Series Event 4, Tim Hortons: Mississauga Rd/Derry	 TAC
27	Rallycross	RSO-FOURSTAR Rallycross Championship	MLRC
August 2008			
3	FI	HUNGARIAN Grand Prix, Hungaroring	
9	IRL	Kentucky Speedway	
9	Rally-OPRC	Galway-Cavendish Rally	PMSC
10	Contract	GURU NANAK Rally (Contract ;Charity)	 TAC
11	Mini Rally	Mini Rally, Service Centre #400-North	MLRC
16	ORRC	Infinite Monkeys Rally, Superburger, Primrose	 TAC
17	Rally-Club Level	SNATR (Saturday Night at the Rallies) & BBQ	KWRC
24	FI	EUROPEAN Grand Prix, Valencia	
24	IRL	Infineon Raceway	
27	Ralliette	Ralliette Series Event 5, Tim Hortons: Mississauga Rd/Derry	 TAC
29	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Open Runs/Testing; Calabogie Motorsports Park	CADL/MCO
30	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Event #6 ; Calabogie Motorsports Park	CADL/MCO
31	IRL	Raceway at Belle Isle	
31	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Event #7 ; Calabogie Motorsports Park	CADL/MCO
31	Rallycross	RSO-FOURSTAR Rallycross Championship	MLRC
September 2008			
5-6	Rally-CRC/OPRC	Rallye Defi	CASDI
7	FI	BELGIAN Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps	
7	IRL	Chicagoland Speedway	
8	Mini Rally	Mini Rally, Service Centre #400-North	MLRC
13-20	Rally	Targa Newfoundland	TNMC
13	Rally-Club Level	SNATR (Saturday Night at the Rallies)	KWRC
14	FI	ITALIAN Grand Prix, Monza	
17	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Fox & Fiddle Rest. (Finch W)	 TAC
20	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Event #8 ; Shannonville Fabi Track	 TAC
21	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Event #9 ; Shannonville Pro Track	HADA
24	Ralliette	Ralliette Series Event 6, Tim Hortons: Mississauga Rd/Derry	 TAC
28	FI	Singapore Grand Prix	

ORRC : Ontario Road Rally Cup
 RSO : Rally Sport Ontario
 IRL : Indy Racing League

CLUB : Non-Status Club Event
 CARS : Canadian Association of Rally Sport
 CRQ : Championnat de Rallye Du Quebec
 CRC : Canadian Rally Championship

OPRC : Ontario Performance Rally Championship
 CASC : Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs
 ALMS : American LeMans Series
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Can-Am Thunder

I woke up Saturday morning from a restless sleep. The night before my mind raced through the many articles and pictures I had seen and read of the Can-Am cars of the mid sixties and early seventies. While sipping my morning coffee, I began to daydream about what I was about to see and experience. I was heading to Mosport to legitimate the claims made by my peers who lived through the Can-Am days. Were these cars as special as many had insinuated?



I arrived at Mosport just in time to watch the 2nd run of the Can-Am cars. I grabbed my camera and began my trek to



trackside. I could hear the cars in all their glory. My heart began to race as I became anxious to get a glimpse of these famous racecars. It was incredible. My ears were in ecstasy. Watching four winged warriors at full song, coming to the corner, hard on the brakes and then thundering back up to speed was awesome! Every accolade ever written and or spoken about these cars was true. The only way to truly understand the Can-Am era is to see the warriors do what they



were constructed to do – that is run wide open on the track.

After the heat, I walked over to the paddock area to get a closer look at all the cars participating in the VRAC event. Although some of these cars were more than thirty-five years old, it was still very interesting to see them up close and personal. Looking at the tuned exhaust systems, the stacks on the Webbers, and the famous tall spoilers was a treat. My camera was getting the workout of its life. The owners spoke about the history of their cars very passionately. Each had a special ‘story’ to share regarding the specific history of their machine.

Besides the Can-Am cars, there were many other vintage racecars running that weekend. There were even two BMW M1^{rs}: cars mere mortals like myself have only read about. Seeing these cars and their owners’ dual it out on the track was impressive. I could write at length regarding the various classes of cars participating that weekend, but instead, feel that sharing photographs would better illustrate what went on that weekend. If there is one suggestion that I can leave every motor sport enthusiasts



with, it is to get out to a VRAC



event. Seeing the racecars of the past will make you better appreciate the technology of the current racing machine.

Andrew Kinal
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Infinite Monkeys Rally

Saturday, August 16, 2008



--If an infinite number of monkeys drove an infinite number of cars, they may actually follow this route -- anon.

New this year! In addition to the usual ORRC classes of Novice, Intermediate, and Expert, the Infinite Monkeys Rally will have available another way to enter--the Touring Class! If you don't want to hurt your (or your navigator's) brain by working on the standard navigational routebook, you can enter Touring Class. These instructions will be straightforward, distance-to-turns type. You will follow the same rally roads and average speeds as the ORRC competitors, but you will be almost totally unconcerned about routefinding, and free to work on your timing and teamwork. This could come in handy if you are "breaking in" a new teammate, or a new timing system-- maybe for Targa?-- or to ease very slowly into navigational rallying! Maybe you have extra family members who would like to come along--this is also the class for a team of more than two crewmates. Maybe you just want to enjoy a beautiful day driving the little-known backroads in Grey County without the competition, yet finish by having burgers with a friendly crowd of rally people -- Touring Class is for you! No points will be awarded towards the Ontario Road Rally Cup series from this class, and although there will be no prizes for this class, winners and scores will still be calculated for your personal satisfaction. So, if you think that the regular ORRC classes are not your thing, consider coming out to the Infinite Monkeys Rally's new Touring Class, and give it a try!

This is an Ontario Road Rally Cup navigational car rally, presented by the Toronto Autosport Club and sanctioned by RallySport Ontario, with instructions suitable for all levels including beginners. Navigational car rallies take place on open public roads and respect all the laws of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act. Speeds on the route will never exceed 95% of the posted speed limits. The 200 km route is suitable for any street legal vehicle, however the route is predominately on rural gravel roads. You may encounter pot holes, water, loose gravel, ruts, wild turkeys, deer, horses, llamas, hikers, bikers, walkers and maybe even a monkey or two!

Start and Finish: **Superburger Restaurant**
North-west corner of Highways 10 and 89
Primrose, Ontario (east of Shelburne)

Registration Opens: 9:30am
Beginner's Tutorial: 10:00am
Crew Meeting: 10:30am
Car Zero Out: 11:00am

Entry Fee: \$50 per car.

Other things you'll need: vehicle ownership, valid insurance and plates, driver and navigator, notepaper, pencils, calculator, an accurate digital watch.

Organizers: **Paul and Rita Moore**
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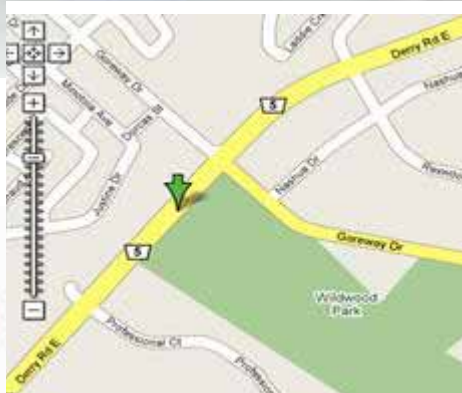
Rally Admission is \$25

The Guru Nanak Foundation is a Non-Profit Organization with its goal to reach \$100,000

AUGUST 10, 2008

**WILD WOOD PARK MISSISSAUGA
GOREWAY DR & DERRY RD**

- 9:30am Registration**
- 11am Flag off**
- 12pm Senior walk-a-thon**
- 12-5pm Lunch & Entertainment**
- 2pm Games for children & adults**



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The Guru Nanak Community Services Foundation, along with the support of the community and the Toronto Auto Sports Club oversees the 150 km car rally every year. The event is a great outing for rally enthusiasts or car buffs and can provide for some family fun as well.

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Andrew Kinal is looking for 5 wooden pallets.

Peter Clifford is looking for a Left-Front
caliper for an Hyundai Accent.

(to contact, refer to inside front-cover page)

2008 RSO FOURSTAR RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP



PRESENTED BY
MLRC

Dates

July 27th - August 31st - September 28th - October 19th

Location

Goltons Fields and services at the Fish & Game Club

Registration & Payment

Competitors are encouraged to register in advance for each event at
www.mlrc.ca/rallycross

Entry fee is \$60 (in cash) at the event, \$55 Pre-registered and \$199 for registration for all 4 events.

For further information contact:

James Drake, championship coordinator - rallycross@mlrc.ca
or visit the RallySport Ontario Website - www.rallysport.on.ca



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Toronto Autosport Club presents the **2008 Ralliette Series**

A six event navigational series specifically designed to introduce the sport of TSD Rallying (Time/Speed/Distance). Any street legal car or truck can be used - no special equipment or preparation is required. All you need are proof of vehicle ownership and insurance, pens, pencils, paper, clipboard, digital watch - and a light for the navigator to read the route book by.

This year, **Maple Leaf Rally Club** and **Toronto Autosport Club** are again presenting the combined **Mini-Rally & Ralliette Championship**. Competitors can count their best six events from either Series towards this Championship with at least two events from each series.

Start/Finish: Events will start at Tim Hortons, corner of Mississauga Rd and Derry Rd (N of 401). Finish is at the Drake and Firkin, next to the start location.

Dates/Times: All Ralliettes run on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month.

April 23 May 28 Jun 25 July 23 Aug 27 Sep 24

Registration: Starts at 7:00 PM. First car starts at 8:01 PM and finishes before 10:20 PM.

Distance: Ralliette distance is typically 100 – 125 km.

Classes: Beginner, Intermediate and Expert.

Trophies: Awarded to Driver and Navigator for 1st and 2nd place Beginner, 1st place Intermediate and 1st place Expert.

Total Events: Six events in the series
– your best four finishes count towards the year-end championship awards.

Registration Fee: \$30 per event per team, TAC and MLRC members pay \$25.00 per team.

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**Toronto Autosport Club
Monthly Members Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 18, 2008
8:20 PM**

Present:	8 members	
Regrets:	None	
Guests:	None	
Recorder:	Nick Beck	
Location:	Fox and Fiddle 1285 Finch Ave West. (@Keele St.)	
	Items/Discussion	Tasks/Deadline
1. Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minutes from the last membership meeting, Wednesday, May 25 2008, were discussed. One correction noted that minutes from April meeting DID pass on a vote. 	
2. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Account balance stands at \$16,567.33 ➤ Expenses- Fifth Gear bills, DOCR fees to RSO ➤ Receivables- CASC online memberships still due 	
3. Fifth Gear & Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Autophile is still owing ➤ WTZ said they would pay but have not yet ➤ Other club magazines are not arriving, address notices to be sent to other clubs. ➤ Address listed in FIFTH GEAR is actually incorrect unit number. 	
4. Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Had a Ralliette last month. There was a 25% increase in competitors. ➤ Next Ralliette is next week; Need checkpoint workers. ➤ DOCR was run May 30th. 9 Entries, was well done, only 1 minor timing glitch. Great roads & route ➤ Infinite Monkeys rally is in 2 months; need a Green Crew. ➤ Solosprint school is coming up July 5 , followed by event. ➤ TAC event is in October. ➤ Brian Sibbitt has had to resign as TAC Solo rep. ➤ Andrew may be able to help organize one event. ➤ RSO Rallycross July 27 starts summer series. 4 events, using new track. 	
5. Wanted or For Sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Andrew is looking for 5 pallets ➤ Peter Clifford is looking for a Left-Front caliper for Hyundai Accent (story to support it) 	
6. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Serge has created some possible T-Shirt designs, several were shown to those present. ➤ Rob Jones reminded all that a previous executive went thru the process of T-Shirt design and ordering before. 	
7. Loonies in the Bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Won by Nick Beck (\$8) 	
8. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 9pm approximately 	

Next scheduled TAC Members meeting is located at the Fox & Fiddle commencing at 8:00PM on Wednesday July 16, 2008



2008 Membership Application

Mail: 14 Princess Anne Crescent,
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Email: registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca

- New Members** – Single or Family \$50.00
 Renewal Members – Single or Family \$50.00

JOIN or RENEW ON-LINE :

JOIN-> www.casc.on.ca/joinAClub.php

RENEW-> www.casc.on.ca/welcome.php

- TAC Membership includes 2008 CASC-OR (Race, Solo) & RSO (Rally) affiliation
- Family rate limited to family members domiciled at the same mailing address.
- Renewals : Indicate membership number # (if known)
- 2007 membership numbers will be reserved until February 1st, 2008.
- All memberships expire December 31 2008. Date: _____

1st Member _____ [#] Home Phone (____) _____

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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 2008 autosport interests

- Solosprint (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 in 2008

- 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