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# Toronto Autosport Club

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We are now officially into my Busy Season! Sue and I checkpointed at the DOCR event about a month ago, and Brooke and Kim did a great job. There were a couple of first-timers - one of which I'm sure was frustrated. We only saw them at one of our checkpoints. Attendance was down, with only about 6 entries, but the route was gorgeous, and it was a great day - running through Ontario's Niagara wine district. This is definitely a great way to see the escarpment, with roads running up and down the "mountain".

After the rally, we took Highway 3 for a few hundred kilometres to Wife Sue's parent's house in Essex. Any GPS will send you on the QEW, 403, and 401, but we've done that route too many times (flat-flat-boring). We'd never run along "Ontario's South Coast", and quite enjoyed the small towns, no traffic, and no radar traps!

The following Friday, I helped Dietmar at the North American Alfa meet. They contracted with us to do a rally for them. There were some great classic cars, and feedback from the runners was very positive. The TAC helpers - Paul & Rita, Fred & Jane, and the Becks - had a nice gathering after the rally as results came in. Congrats to the Alfa Club for hosting a great North American-wide meeting!

This past weekend, TAC hosted Event 5 of CASC's Ontario Time Attack series. We were running at Toronto Motorsport Park in Cayuga, and the day couldn't have gone better. Well - it could have - but the things that usually go wrong didn't, and the things that usually are seamless weren't.

There was a scramble for the CASC permits when they refused to issue them because we hadn't submitted a copy of our ASN insurance. That got sorted out when I pointed out that nowhere on the event application form does it state that they need to see it. That avoided an arbitrary CASC fine.

The TMP staffer that was supposed to meet us at the gate at 6:30AM in the morning had told someone else to let us in if she wasn't around. He held us outside until 7:30AM.

Fortunately, registration ran super smooth - even with 34 pre-registered and 14 walk-ins. Morning lapping with the new RFID tags gave us grid times on all competitors, so there were almost no white (formerly yellow) flags. We got our 3 runs in, and there was still 45 minutes left for open lapping.

Given the heat of the day (track temperature was 40'), people packed up the open lapping early, and we were through our driver's meeting by 5:30.

Uli was so thrilled to have us back, that he invited Sue and I to have a beer with him and watch the drags. One spectator exclaimed that he loved the smell of burning rubber. I told him I loved the smell of burning brake pads!

Thanks to Carsten, who did all the paper-work (my weakness), and Kelly who checked out the track the previous week. Congrats to all TAC members who are contributing to the OTA Club Challenge (currently in forth place, ahead of MCO - but way behind OMSC, HADA, and SPDA).

I am really looking forward to the last event of the season, when TAC organizes at Grand Bend - September 22/23.

Looking forward - we have TAC's biggest social event of the season, with the ALMS race at Mosport - from July 19th to 22nd. Members should email me ([president@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:president@torontoautosportclub.ca)) to let me know they are coming. We don't want to run out of food!

We have a corral provided by Mosport at the top of the hill between turns 2 and 3 - the best place to watch the action. There are plenty of support races, including the Canadian Touring Car Championship featuring many drivers we know.

Program the PVR to record the race, then come out for a great barbecue, visit the ALMS teams in the paddock, then enjoy the best racing of the year!

Simply go to the Will-Call desk in the Registration Building, and tell them you are with TAC. Mosport staff will record how many tickets you take, and we'll collect \$30 from you for each one. This is less than half the price that Mosport is charging the public - AND - you get our gourmet barbecue!

I hope to see everyone out there!!

You should also mark TAC's Fun Rally on your calendars. Paul and Rita are organizing this event for August 18th. Before you know it, summer will be over, and you'll wonder where all the events have gone!

See you at the track,

Rob McAuley  
TAC President

# TAC 2012 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<i>JULY 2012</i>			
13-14	OPRC	Black Bear Rally , MacArthur Mills	MLRC
18	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	<b>TAC</b>
19-22	Race	<b>TAC at the GRAND PRIX of MOSPORT, with Famous BBQ !</b>	TAC
20-22	F1	GROSSER PREIS SANTANDER VON DEUTSCHLAND (Hockenheim)	
22	INDY	Streets of Edmonton, City Centre Airport	
22	multi-club	All-Ontario Monte Carlo Rally, Ontario	
27-29	F1	ENI MAGYAR NAGYDÍJ (Budapest)	
28	TimeAttack	Time Attack School #2; Mosport Big Track	
29	TimeAttack	Time Attack Event #6 ; Mosport Big Track	
<i>AUGUST 2012</i>			
4-5	Regional Race	BARC Canadian Touring Trophy Races, Mosport	BARC-OC
5	INDY	Indy 200, Mid-Oho Sports Car Course	
11	OPRC	Galway-Cavendish Forest Rally , Catchacoma	PMSC
12	Mobil1 Autoslalom	Mobil 1/Toyo Autoslalom #6 Brampton Powerade	HADA
18	Club Rally	KWRC SNATR #4, Kitchener	KWRC
18	Rally-Fun	<b>Infinite Monkeys Rally, Markham/Oak Ridges</b>	TAC
19	INDY	Streets of Qingdao, China	
19	Mobil1 Autoslalom	Mobil 1/Toyo Autoslalom #7 Peterborough Kawartha Downs	PMSC
26	INDY	GP of Sonoma, Infineon Raceway	
31-02	F1	SHELL BELGIAN GRAND PRIX (Spa-Francorchamps)	
<i>SEPTEMBER 2012</i>			
1	TimeAttack	Time Attack Event #7 ; Mosport Big Track	
1-2	Race-Regional	Ted Powell Memorial Races, Calabogie	MCO
2	INDY	Baltimore GP, Streets of Baltimore	
2	TimeAttack	Time Attack Event #8 ; Mosport Big Track	
06-08	CRC/OPRC	Rallye Défi, Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, Quebec	CASDI
7-9	F1	GRAN PREMIO SANTANDER D'ITALIA (Monza)	
15-16	Regional Race	BEMC Indian Summer Trophy , Mosport	BEMC
15	INDY	Altona Club Speedway, Fontana CA	
15	Club Rally	KWRC SNATR #5, Woodstock	KWRC
19	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	<b>TAC</b>
21-23	F1	SINGTEL SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX (Singapore)	

*More events to appear as 2012 Schedules are released.*

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

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Saturday August 18th, 2012 at 12:00 noon  
Start: Markham Community Center & Arena  
6031 Hwy 7 (SE corner at Hwy 48/Markham Road)  
Enter from the east off Cosburn Road

**What's new?** This is a **fun car rally** for TAC members and their family only. This is **NOT** a RallySport Ontario event. You do **NOT** need to know how to time checkpoints to the tenth of a second nor how to decipher cryptic instructions. All you will need is a street legal vehicle, a pen or pencil, and your team members. You can bring your whole family along!

**What's not changed?** Fantastic roads to drive through, fun and interesting sights to see. More importantly, you still get the chance to compete for prize monkeys. Who wouldn't want to win a rally monkey? (Don't worry, they're only plush. The live monkeys escaped long ago!). So mark your calendars! Plan to come out for the drive! Feel free to contact Rita Moore with any questions, at [treasurer@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:treasurer@torontoautosportclub.ca) or 905-898-7483.



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# COME SEE THE GRAND PRIX OF MOSPORT!

Come and see the new Mosport! The track facilities have been substantially updated, with huge paved paddocks – all accessible to spectators.



This is Mosport's biggest weekend, and TAC will be back in their usual corral with another amazing barbecue – included in the price of admission!

## FEATURED RACES INCLUDE:

- ALMS
- CANADIAN TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP
- PORSCHE GT-3 CUP
- IMSA GT-3 CUP
- AND MORE



**JULY 19-22**

**TICKETS - \$30 FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

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## ALFA'S READY TO RALLY



### ON THE COVER (AND ABOVE)

TAC set up a rally for visiting Alfa Romeo owners recently (thanks Dietmar!) Here are a few of the cars at the start.

### JULY MEETING CORRECTION

The TAC July-18 Meeting was to be at "Cruisin' the 'Dub" (A&W) however experience has found that not even the A&W locations know anything about this and no cars show up, so we are NOT attending and instead reverting to our regular meeting location at Fox & Firkin.

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## Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of June 2012 General Meeting

Meeting date: June 20, 2012

Meeting opened: 8:04 pm

Attendees: 8

There was no motion to accept the minutes of the May 2012 general meeting as it wasn't a regular business meeting.

- 1) President's report:
  - a. CASC-OR situation the same with no change to license increases expected.
  - b. There is no news on increases in Club affiliation fees – might not happen this year.
  - c. Rob is organizing the Time Attack one day event July 7 at Cayuga.
  
- 2) VP Report :
  - a. 108 total members now – 6 life, 54 primary and 39 family plus another 9 members that the CASC-OR database won't let members add if they are already registered.
  
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Chequing account balance \$3,850.41
  - b. PayPal balance \$213.77
  - c. Investment account balance \$16,306.38
  - d. ULTRA 94 gas cards received and will be distributed at club events.
  - e. One off merchandise suppliers being investigated.
  
- 4) Competition Report:
  - a. TAC's DOCR event very lightly attended.
  - b. Alfa Contract rally this Friday – 30 cars
  - c. Guru Nanak contract rally set for July 1.
  - d. ORRC DOCR Rally by TAC to be held on June 16.
  
- 5) Social:
  - a. July 16 club meeting to be held at A&W cruise night in Mississauga
  - b. ALMS racing weekend July 22 – ideally need 30 participants. Mosport holds rates!
  
- 6) Old Business: nil
  
- 7) New Business: nil
  
- 8) Items for sale: nil / Items wanted:
  
- 9) Loonies in the bus: Paul M won the \$8 in loonies with Fred taking home the gas card. Dietmar did not win anything for a change.

Adjournment: about 8:50 pm –Bench racing ensued. Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.



# Membership Application

**Mail:** 275 Court Street,  
Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 3S6

**Email:** [registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto: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:**

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

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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
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