



# Fifth Gear

*July 2022*



# Toronto Autosport Club

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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). - **NOTE- In-Person Meetings Suspended due to COVID-19 limits.**

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## 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.

FIFTH GEAR is normally published on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday of each month. Certain scheduling changes will be made to accommodate major motorsport events which are of interest to the members.

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# From The President's Desk

Welcome to summer!

You know it has arrived, when Brooke runs his Discover Ontario rally on the Saturday closest to the solstice. This year, he had a great route running on the east side of the city. It marked the first time that daughter (and TAC Registrar) wrote the instructions. Brooke and Claire have been competing (and winning) navi rallies for a while now, and it is great to see Claire move up to the next step. Thanks to all who ran, and to all who worked checkpoints!

A week later, TAC held their biggest social event of the year, with our famous IMSA barbecue at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. Once again, we had great chefs Dan & Cecilia grilling all kinds of items. Almost 30 people came out, and brought some great salads & deserts. The TAC canopies provided some well needed shade - until all 3 blew over in a strong gust of wind. We need to work on our anchoring techniques.

Thanks to Social Director Nick, Competition Director Graham, and the chefs for going above and beyond to get us fed. The race was great to watch. We have the perfect spot to watch from, at the top of turn 2, and with 4 classes of cars, all running at different speeds, there is always lots of action on the track.

One thing that became clear, the TAC canopies, at 10 years old, have seen better days. While the struts are sound, the tops were on their last legs. So watch for the new, colourful TAC canopies at our next event. That will likely be the next Ontario Time Attack session on August 13, at Toronto Motorsport Park in Cayuga.

Please enjoy your summer, whether it be racing, picnicking, or out driving. Just watch out for the racoons.

Rob McAuley  
TAC President



Thanks to Rob Jones for this Panorama

# TAC 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
<b>July 2022</b>			
16	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack School #2, CTMP/Mosport GP Track	
16	Rallycross	PMSC Rallycross Free-Flow MX Park, Belleville	PMSC
17	INDY	Streets of TORONTO	
17	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #3, CTMP-GP	
20	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
23-24	INDY	Iowa Speedway (2 races) - Newton, IA	
23-24	Regional Race	Canadian Touring Trophy Races, CTMP (Mosport)	BARC-OC
24	F1	FRENCH GRAND PRIX (Le Castellet)	
29-31	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Lapping & Endurance Race Shannonville	LDC
30	INDY	IMS Road Course, Indianapolis	
31	F1	HUNGARIAN GP (Budapest)	

## **August 2022**

6	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Black Bear Rally, Buckhorn ON	MLRC
7	INDY	Streets of Nashville	
12-14	Bike	Superbike Double-Header Weekend, CTMP	
13	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #4, TMP - Toronto Motorsport Park	
13	Rallycross	PMSC Rallycross Free-Flow MX Park, Belleville	PMSC
20-21	Regional Race	Calabogie Summer Classic Races, CMP-Calabogie	
20	INDY	WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY RACEWAY (Gateway) - Madison IL	
28	F1	BELGIAN GRAND PRIX (Spa-Francorchamps)	

## **September 2022**

4	INDY	GRAND PRIX of PORTLAND - Portland International Raceway	
4	F1	NETHERLANDS GP (Zandvoort)	
8-9	Rally-CRC	Rallye Défi Petite Nation, Montpellier, Quebec	CASDI
10	RallyCross	KWRC Rallycross, Eaglesnest Motorsport Park, Ohsweken	KWRC
11	INDY	Weathertech Raceway Laguna Seca	
11	F1	ITALIAN GRAND PRIX (Monza)	
17-18	Regional Race	Late Summer Trophy Races, CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
17	Rallycross	PMSC Rallycross Free-Flow MX Park, Belleville	PMSC

*More events to appear as 2022 Schedules are released.*

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



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Chef Dan working hard with Competition Director Graham supervising



Good thing Mary & Tony Trevor's Subaru BRZ and Gary Vernon's Toyota GR 86 are different colours!



President Rob & Social Director Nick watching the Aerial Display from Turn 5



Winner of the TAC Face Painting Award



A Citroen 2CV graces the TAC Corral

ON THE COVER:  
CHEFS CECILIA & DAN  
COOKING TO PERFECTION!

*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).

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# Discover Ontario Car Rally

June 25<sup>th</sup> saw the return of the DOCR to the Ontario Road Rally Championship. The last time TAC held the event was in 2019 so I feel like I almost forgot how to write a rally!

For the last several years the DOCR was held in the Kitchener area and since it is traditionally moved around the province we decided on the area between Oshawa and Port Perry. This has a great advantage of being easily accessible from the 401 and has entertaining roads.

This year the rally was co-written by my daughter, Claire. Claire is 14 years old but has been competing in rally since kindergarten. Over the last several years we've competed mainly in the Kitchener-Waterloo Rally Club's SNATR series. That's Saturday Night at the Rallies. This is one of the only club-level series that are still around these days. With the combination of urban sprawl and high gas prices, navigational rally has really taken a hit over the last few years. If you've never tried navigational rally, or TSD (Time/Speed/Distance as it's also known) the SNATR series is a really good place to start. It's beginner-friendly and very welcoming.

Claire and I have won so many rallies over the years that she told me that she was ready to help me write some instructions for the DOCR. I was happy to hand over half of the work to her and we decided that she would create the beginner instructions while I did the expert ones.

Things did not start out well. We had planned a route on Google maps and our next step was to drive the roads to measure them, confirm intersections and find checkpoint locations. Claire had Victoria Day off from school so we ventured out on that Monday to do that. Unfortunately, the previous day was the big wind storm that took down so many trees and power lines across eastern Ontario. Within 3 kilometers of our start point we were faced with lines across the road that made it impassable. We wound our way through another route and continued only to find all sorts of roads blocked with downed lines or trees. We even stopped and tried to move a tree by hand so we could

continue. No luck. We abandoned the measurements for the day and I had to return a couple of weeks later to finish the job.

Once that was completed we were able to get down to the work of writing the route books. This type of rally makes the instructions into a kind of puzzle for the competitors to figure out. We spent some time deciding on the different types of puzzles to offer the teams and got down to creating.

Now, I'm a different generation and I've always created these using Microsoft Word and Excel. Claire has always used Google office suite in school and she convinced me to change to that for this project. I have to say that the workflow really went well for us. The real-time collaboration was a huge benefit as I was able to work on my desktop computer while she was simultaneously working on her laptop. Instant updates to the files were a real boon to the collaboration.

The event itself was on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. I'm sorry to say that we only had four teams come out to the event; two Novice and two Expert. In fact we had more volunteers than competitors which was quite demoralizing. However, the event was great; there were no mistakes in the instructions and the teams had fun on the roads and with the instructions.

The Novice class was won by Elgin and Connie Dewar and Ross Elliott and Kerri Mills were second. In Expert, Alain Cabardos and Brandon Pace won and Barry Spinner and John Hido were second.

While the turnout was a disappointment I think the event was well-received. I'd like to thank Claire Jacobs for her extensive work on the rally as well as the following people for volunteering their time: Kim Sparks, Frank de Kat, Nick Beck, Ingrid Beck, Martin Loveridge, Ted Doig, Brian Maxwell, Graham Tulett and Darin & Amy Mayes.

-Brooke Jacobs





Brooke, Claire, Connie & Elgin



Brooke, Ross & Kerri with their nephew



Claire, Brooke, Brandon & Alain



Claire, Brooke, Ross & John

## Toronto Autosport Club - Executive Conference Call Meeting Minutes July 6, 2022

Call time: 8:00 pm via ZOOM

Participants: Graham, Brooke, Nick, Rob, Gary & Ingrid  
Regrets: Claire

### President:

Discussion was held on replacement tops for the TAC canopies.  
Reviewed the success of the BBQ at Mosport.  
Dan once again was a spectacular chef. The skewers were absolutely delicious as was all the meat.  
Thank you to all who contributed the wonderful salads and desserts.

We've got 593 followers on Facebook.

Membership: 102 members: 6 life, 58 primary, 38 family

### Treasurer:

Account Balances:  
PayPal \$ 183.29  
Tangerine \$20,594.55  
RBC \$ 2,715.05

### Competition:

Ice Race meeting is rescheduled to July 21. All clubs are expected to be participating this year. Expect to be discussing the stud rules again. A call for more thorough scrutineering. Prices are expected to go up again.

DOCR on the 25th was poorly attended, only 4 cars. Successful in the sense that there were no errors in the instructions, no one got lost, etc. Probably incurred a loss of about \$300. Will attempt to market it better in the future. Shout out to Claire for the great job she did on the beginner instructions.

Next Time Attack CTMP - GP track, HPDE School on July 16/22  
Event #3 at CTMP - GP track on Sunday, July 17/22  
Event #4 at Toronto Motorsport Park, Cayuga - August 13/22. This is a TAC event.  
Event #5 at Shannonville Motorsports Park on Sept. 24/22  
Event #6 at Shannonville Motorsports Park on Sept. 25/22

Discussed the OTA financial statements.

Lucky Dog at Shannonville at July 29-31.

Social - discussed the TAC end of year awards banquet. Tentative date Saturday Dec. 3/22.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjourned at 9:18 pm

Minutes by I. Beck



# Membership Application

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

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

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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