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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 !

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From The President's Desk

Yikes! Summer is flying by.

We just had our world famous IMSA Picnic at CTMP this past weekend, and it was a blast! Over 30 people came out. We had TAC flags flying, and our bright new canopy tops looked amazing. Dan & Cecilia worked the barbecues, and everyone brought some very nice side dishes. Best of all (besides the racing) was seeing old friends again.

We did see the big ALMS race with some very cool prototypes. Watching 4 classes race at the same time is always exciting. With each car running at the limits down turn 2, they have to time their passes perfectly, or someone is going to be in the same spot at the same time as another car.

Some people explored the circuit, but I was busy chatting with people I hadn't seen in a while. Next year, I have to come Saturday, just to get to the paddock and chat with a few old racing buddies.

Ontario Time Attack just had their second school at CTMP, and have 4 events left.

Shannonville on July 22/23 will be a blast. The Pro circuit is fast and flowing, but the Long track is tight and technical.

They wrap up their season at the end of August at the Driver Development Track, where champions will be crowned! Make sure you introduce yourself to TAC Rep (and club VP) Gary Vernon. He is always looking to help a fellow TAC member.

A month ago, in June, I was visiting daughters Katie & Sarah. Sarah had found some nice routes up into the

mountains, and we were able to check out Park City and some pretty sweet ski areas. Man there is a lot of money in them thar hills! We saw some very nice ski chalets. We worked with Google Maps to find some interesting routes, but were surprised to find some that not more than cart tracks. Daughter Katie says they are for Jeeps only (they have one), and our rental mini-SUV wouldn't cut it. BUT IT'S A RENTAL! I was not allowed to try them out.

Still, we explored a few passes, and had a great time in the rockies.

We have lots of photos in this issue.

Thanks to everyone for contributing. Feel free to add any of your own stories to Fifth Gear! I look forward to hearing about your adventures.

Rob McAuley
TAC President

ON THE COVER

THE TAC TEAM TAKING IN THE IMSA RACING AT
CTMP IN JULY.
A GREAT VANTAGE POINT FOR TURN 2.

TAC 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
July 2023			
16	INDY	Streets of TORONTO	
19	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
22-23	INDY	Iowa Speedway (2 races) - Newton, IA	
22	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #3, SMP PRO	
23	F1	HUNGARIAN GP (Budapest)	
23	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #4 Shannonville Motorsport Park-Long	
29-30	Regional Race	Canadian Touring Trophy Races, CTMP (Mosport)	BARC-OC
29-30	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race Shannonville Motorsports Park	LDC
30	F1	BELGIAN GRAND PRIX (Spa-Francorchamps)	

August 2023

6	INDY	Streets of Nashville	
12	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Black Bear Rally	MLRC
12	INDY	IMS Road Course #2, Indianapolis	
18-20	Regional Race	Calabogie Summer Classic Races, CMP-Calabogie	
26	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #5 CTMP DDT2 Kink	
27	INDY	WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY RACEWAY (Gateway) - Madison IL	
27	F1	NETHERLANDS GP (Zandvoort)	
27	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #5 CTMP DDT1 Kink	

September 2023

3	INDY	PORTLAND - Portland International Raceway	
3	F1	GRAN PREMIO D'ITALIA	
8-10	Rally-CRC	CRC/OPRC Rallye Défi Petite Nation, Quebec	CASDI
10	INDY	WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca	
16-17	Regional Race	Late Summer Trophy Races, CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
17	F1	SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX (Singapore)	
20	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
24	F1	JAPANESE GRAND PRIX (Suzuka)	
28-30	Rally-CRC	Pacific Forest Rally, Merritt BC	WCRA
30	Rally-ORRC	ORRC / Automapic Rally	KWRC

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TAC BBQ at CTMP - IMSA





Thanks go to the BBQ team.



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NICK BECK



2023 Discover Ontario Car Rally

The something'th annual Discover Ontario Car Rally was held on Saturday, June 17th. Something'th, because I'm not really certain how long it's been running, but for several decades, anyway. So many, in fact, that we've officially run out of space on the trophy to put the names of the 2023 winners' shield. It looks like we'll need to add another level to the mount!

After the dismal competitor turnout in 2022 we had a much more respectable showing this year. Last year we had only four teams compete and had more volunteers than participants. In order to try to regain some people this year, we partnered with the Kitchener Waterloo Rally Club to make it a dual event. The DOCR was part of the ORRC provincial championship, but we made the second half eligible for the KWRC SNATR series, as well. This helped our numbers and we had 11 cars competing.

Although there were no rally-breaking mistakes, one error slipped through our fingers. My daughter, Claire, and I had planned to make a simple section for the experts more difficult by literally cutting the page up into little squares that would require the teams to reassemble to solve. Once the pieces were assembled the instructions would be straightforward, but keeping track of all the pieces would be a challenge. Unfortunately, we forgot to actually cut the pages up. This meant that the experts were given a section that was even easier than the same one given to the beginners. I didn't realize the oversight until half way through the rally and I had hoped that the teams would overthink the problem and look for tricks that were not there. Perhaps they did?

Thanks so much to the volunteers who helped make this a smooth event: Claire, Kim, Nick, Ingrid, Martin, Theresa, Ted, Brian, Tristan, and Christina.

In all, we had three expert teams, seven novice teams and one team of beginners for the SNATR portion. The final results are on the next page.

If you've never experienced navigational rally come give it a try. It's beginner friendly, easy on the car and great fun. Sample instructions can be found at www.brooke.net/docr

Brooke & Claire Jacobs

Car	Driver	Navigator	Class	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	Sub Total
8	Parry	Seelenmayer	E	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	1.3
3	Hido	Spinner	E	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.3	-0.4	0.0	2.0
5	Leonard	Leonard	E	1.9	-1.0	2.0	0.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.9	-3.1	0.0	9.9
9	Linton	Linton	N	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.0	1.6
6	Delise	Godin	N	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	-1.3	0.0	2.2
2	Hickey	Hickey	N	-0.5	-0.8	-0.1	-0.6	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	2.9
4	Vanderwall	Jensen	N	-0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	-2.4	0.2	-0.4	0.0	3.6
1	SonHing	SonHing	N	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.7	1.9	1.3	0.7	-0.1	0.0	7.3
7	Bachand	Bachand	N	7.0	1.4	-0.7	-1.4	1.4	1.8	1.2	-1.3	0.0	16.2
10	Oreskovich	Oreskovich	N	0.2	-1.2	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	121.4

Car	Driver	Navigator	Class	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	SubT	TA Pen	B Total
11	Hellyer	Gair	B	0.4	1.1	0.7	0.8	1.6	0.1	0.0	4.7	0.0	4.7
8	Parry	Seelenmayer	E	0.0	0.5	0.2	-0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.0	1.5	0.0	1.5
3	Hido	Spinner	E	-0.2	0.3	0.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	1.3	0.5	1.8
5	Leonard	Leonard	E	-0.5	3.0	-4.0	-0.4	-2.0	0.8	-2.0	12.7	0.0	12.7
6	Delise	Godin	N	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.8
2	Hickey	Hickey	N	0.0	0.1	1.0	1.7	0.1	0.2	0.0	3.1	0.0	3.1
4	Vanderwall	Jensen	N	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-1.6	-0.1	0.0	2.3	0.0	2.3
1	SonHing	SonHing	N	-2.4	0.7	0.4	0.1	-1.4	-0.1	0.0	5.1	0.0	5.1
7	Bachand	Bachand	N	0.9	0.5	-0.2	-1.0	-1.6	0.9	0.0	5.1	0.0	5.1
9	Linton	Linton	N	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	120.0	0.0	120.0
10	Oreskovich	Oreskovich	N	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	120.0	0.0	120.0

DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY 2023



Kurt Seelenmayer and Nick Parry -
1st Expert



Barry Spinner and John Hido -
2nd Expert



Bruce Leonard -
3rd Expert



Audrey Godin and Jean-Sebastien Delisle -
1st Novice



David Hickey and Zachary Hickey -
2nd Novice



Eric Vanderwal and Zach Jansen -
3rd Novice

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 Renewal Members – Single or Family \$30 or \$25 Early

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- 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.
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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