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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

Last month, we had Jo Demarco as a guest at the meeting. His presentation on engine management system was enjoyed by all. The evening eventually ended when people started to realize that next morning was a work day. Jo offered his premises for a meeting site or possibly a Saturday to get some time on the Dyno. I would like to hear from members as to who would be interested in this. Based on the response I would

then make arrangements with Jo.

On a different vein, we have now run 2 Ralliettes this season. All the competitors have enjoyed the events. Our entry is still a little low. I invite everyone to come out and give this form of motorsport a try. I have mentioned before, this is an excellent way to get other members of the family to come and compete in a motorsport event. You can bring the children. You

can have extra passengers, not just the driver and navigator. If you wish to help out on an event by manning a checkpoint, let me know.

Now that I am speaking about rallies, the club runs a couple of events each year for other organizations. The money we raise this way helps bolster the club coffers and offset the costs of club events such as the annual banquet. We are looking for organizers for these events. You do not need to have experience, instruction and training will be provided. If you wish to help with these events, please let me know.

I tend to spend most of my time, in the summer, talking about rallying because that is what I am familiar with. For a change in topic I ask those participating in Solo or Racing to share their experiences with the other members of TAC by writing them down and sending them to Fifth Gear. I am sure that other club members, not just myself, would like to hear what others are doing.

Remember the next meeting is on June 18, next Ralliette is on June 25.



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TAC EVENTS CALENDAR 2008

<u>DATES</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT/LOCATION</u>	<u>ORGANIZING CLUB</u>
June 2008			
14	Rally-OPRC	Black Bear Rally	MLRC
14	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Event #3 ; Shannonville Fabi Track	HADA
15	SoloSprint	SoloSprint Event #4 ; Shannonville Pro Track	HADA
18	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Fox & Fiddle Rest. (Finch W)	 TAC
22	FI	FRENCH Grand Prix	
22	IRL	Iowa Speedway	
25	Ralliette	Ralliette Series Event 3, Tim Hortons: Mississauga Rd/Derry	 TAC
27-28	Rally-CRC/OPRC	Rallie Baie des Chaleurs	CRAB
28	IRL	Richmond International Raceway	
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
August 2008			
3	FI	HUNGARIAN Grand Prix, Hungaroring	
9	IRL	Kentucky Speedway	
9	Rally-OPRC	Galway-Cavendish Rally	PMSC
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
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

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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2008 Discover Ontario Car Rally

The 2008 version of the Discover Ontario Car Rally, held May 31st, was this year co-ordinated by TACcies Tim and Steven Laye. We decided early on in the planning process that we wanted to hold this rally in an area that would provide competitors with new roads, never before used in road rallies, and provide a change in scenery. The beauty of the DOCR is that it has no traditional starting area, so we could put it anywhere we pleased. Our original plan was to use the roads in the area north of Huntsville, but with the price of fuel and length of travel, we decided that this may not generate enough entries to make it all worth while. We decided instead to start and finish the rally in Brechin, which is on the east coast of Lake Simcoe. The Wild Wing Saloon was recommended as the best place to hold the event and they did not disappoint. Many thanks to Blair and staff from the Wild Wing for their hospitality, great wings.

The real challenge for us in laying out the route was that the Kawartha Lakes region had a late winter, with deep snow still blocking some of the roads until late April, and then followed by devastating flooding afterwards. This made it difficult to accurately put together mileages until just a few weeks before the event. In fact, part of the route was actually scouted on my dualsport motorcycle.

We managed to get it all together, and with some fabulous help from Brooke Jacobs and his timing expertise and also to our green crew, Alisdair Robertson, who provided a very thorough report with a lot of useful information. Thanks for all your help.

The weatherman cooperated completely. The night before the rally, the entire region suffered an intense thunderstorm. This helped us out in many ways. First of all, it kept the dust down over the entire route and also kept many of the tourists away, so we would not interfere with as much local traffic. Second it provided us with a great number of puddles to splash through, which was terrific for our photographer, Ed Mercer who managed to take some exciting action photos. See www.edmercerphoto.com for pics.

The route of the rally started out in Brechin and weaved south along the shores of Lake Simcoe. Then we headed east along twisty farm roads and some unassumed, summer only roads to the Balsam Lake area. From here it weaved its way north to the most entertaining road on the rally, Alvar Road. We headed west on Alvar towards the Lake Dalrymple area and then north through Sebright. From here it was north again, this time we did a loop of over 65 kilometres without a checkpoint and drove along the scenic Black River Road and went through Coopers Falls. To return to the finish, the competitors headed mostly straight south with a few extra turns to go through the water crossing and deep puddles along Cranberry Lake Road. We crossed the Trent Canal a number of times and even met a group of bird watchers, who were out having their own kind of competition. They were fascinated with our rally and were very cooperative at not blocking the tight roads. Some wanted to join in the fun of puddle jumping.

The biggest challenge in the instructions was a section done in Morse code, which the competitors had to translate into distances and instructions. We introduced the experts to a new method of the simple clock-face instructions which proved to be challenging. We managed to find only one small error in any of the instructions, but since only one team actually discovered the problem, it was a simple timing fix and we were on our way. We also found a way to confuse a few teams with run-on instructions and final time-in requirements that consisted of counting bridges and railway crossing.

We had only nine entries, which was very disappointing for an ORRC event of this magnitude. All I can say is that those who did not show, missed out on some great fun. Thanks to all the teams who did compete, I believe everyone had a great time and enjoyed playing on new rally roads. For over ninety per cent of the rally, we never used the same roads twice, always something different and always new scenery. The landscape of the Kawartha Lakes region and especially the Carden Plain is very unique and stunningly beautiful. I believe most of the teams appreciated this new outlook of a rally route. And no one got caught at a swing bridge over the canal.

Novice class winners, for the second year in a row, where Jane and Bruce Leonard. They also won the right to hold onto the large and impressive Discover Ontario Trophy for another year. Next year they may have to try another class.

Intermediate class winners , where long time rallyists Gary Neil and Don Ramsay. It has been many years since these fellows tried a road rally and they ended up going home with a class win, well done.

Winners in the expert class, and first place overall, where TACcies Paul and Rita Moore. They continue their quest for another ORRC Championship and look good to repeat. Great Job.

Thanks to all those who helped out with checkpoints and scoring -- the Fenwicks, the Emmersons, the Mercers, Dave Laye, Michael Murphy, Paul Henshall, Brooke Jacobs, Alisdair Robertson, and the staff at the Wild Wing Saloon.

Hopefully next season we can muster up a few more entries. I am sure the cost of fuel had something to do with dwindling entries as did the fact that the Black Bear Rally had a roadwork day scheduled for the same time. Entries have been down in all road rallies this year, we as organizers must look at new ways to introduce this sport to more participants. I am sure that RSO is searching for answers as well.

Next up on the schedule for the ORRC events is the Infinite Monkeys Rally, also a TAC event, to be held August 16th, in Shelburne.

Thanks again to all,

Tim and Steven Laye

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DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY

Expert winners, and TAC members Paul and Rita Moore receiving their trophies from co-organizer Steven Laye.

ON THE COVER:
Paul and Rita Moore in the "car wash" section.

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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.

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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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, May 21, 2008
8:00 PM**

Present:	Dietmar Seelenmayer, Peter Clifford, Sergei Gushin, Andrew Kinal, Nelson Raposo, Ingrid Beck, Nick Beck, Paul Moore, Rita Moore, Rob Jones, Janet Tse-Jones, Peter Fenwick, Margaret Fenwick, Malcolm Elston	
Regrets:	None	
Guests:	Brian Scoles	
Recorder:	Nelson Raposo	
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, April 16 2008, were available but not voted on. 	
2. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Account balance stands at \$17,246.70 ➤ Expenses- Ralliette trophies ➤ Receivables- CASC online memberships 	
3. Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SoloSprint School was a success. ➤ 1st SoloSprint event May 24th and 25th ➤ Ralliette event Wednesday May 28th ➤ Discover Car Rally May 31st. TAC is looking for workers ➤ SoloSprint Nationals at Calabogie 	
4. Wanted or For Sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sergei is selling his VW ➤ Paul looking for 12 inch wheels and tires 	
5. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Malcolm is on record asking if TAC has taken the steps for proper representation on Max's behavior. ➤ Response – Unaware and inactive 	
6. Loonies in the Bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nelson Raposo 	
7. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 8:55pm 	

Next scheduled TAC Members meeting is located at the Fox & Fiddle commencing at 8:00PM on Wednesday June 18, 2008



2008 Membership Application

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- 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: _____

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- 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