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# 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. at the MOOSE AND FIRKIN, 7600 Weston Road (Unit 15) at Hwy 7, just west of Hwy 400 in Woodbridge ([www.mooseandfirkin.com](http://www.mooseandfirkin.com))...

## GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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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

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It's good to be back - on line!

It's amazing how a hard drive crash can leave you isolated. No email, no Facebook, no forums. Luckily, for \$100 I was able to replace my ailing 320GB laptop drive with a 750GB drive, and still pull most of the data from the old drive. Thanks to the Apple geniuses who recommended Tiger Direct instead of their own hardware team.

Now that summer is in full swing, the track schedule is getting busy. The Time Attack season kicked off with its intro school last month, and they ran their first event earlier this month at Mosport's Driver Development Track. They move to Shannonville, then back to Mosport, but at the big track. TAC is organizing the weekend, and will be putting on a one day school and one day of competition. We are looking for volunteers to help out, so if you have time on the July 9/10 weekend, please let me know!

As you may have noticed, Petrocan has absorbed most Sunoco gas stations, and is now selling their Ultra 94 high octane fuel. As part of their promotions, they are sponsoring a number of autosport clubs, including TAC. We have a banner, and have cross linked our Facebook pages. We will be giving out a number of gas cards, good for a discount of \$0.20 per litre at various TAC events. Enjoy!

One of these TAC events is the Mosport Grand Prix. This is the biggest race weekend at Mosport, with the ALMS cars, the Castrol Canadian Touring Car Championship, GT3s, Star Mazda, and F2000s. This is a 4 day weekend, and we will be back with our TAC Corral and barbecue! This is our most popular social event, with a first class meal, prizes, and a great spot to watch the race from. Thanks to Mosport for hosting us once again. Details and RSVP info is forthcoming, but please block the July 21-24 weekend for the TAC ALMS weekend.

Speaking of Mosport, owners Panoz have sold the track to a conglomerate that includes Ron Fellows. Ron is perhaps Canada's most successful touring car driver, and it will be great to hear what plans they have for the track. Panoz stepped in a few years ago and revitalized the track with ALMS and other events. Now let's see the new owners take it to a new level!

On the rally front, TAC's Discover Ontario Rally will be underway on June 18th. Mitch and Brook do a great job on this rally, and this year participants will see some crazy roads along the Niagara escarpment region. I'm hoping to help out checkpointing, and expect to use my new Ham Radio rig that I installed in the truck. Good luck to all participants.

Finally, again on the rally front, I received a lovely thank you note from a rally organizer in Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands, part of Micronesia in the South Pacific. She wanted to organize a rally for the island residents and guests, but didn't know where to start. Google connected her with Gail Walker's Rally Master's Notes on our web site. From there, she corresponded with Brooke Jacobs, and has been holding the rally very successfully for the past 5 years. She has extended a welcome to any TAC member that happens to be in the area. Unfortunately, this year, it conflicts with Brooke's own DOCR rally! Their flyer can be seen in the local magazine: [www.glimpses2011.blogspot.com](http://www.glimpses2011.blogspot.com)

Let's enjoy the summer, and spend every weekend in our cars on the road or at the track!

*Rob McAuley*



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# TAC EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

<u>DATES</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT/LOCATION</u>	<u>ORGANIZING CLUB</u>
<b>June 2011</b>			
11	INDY	Twin 275s, Texas Motor Speedway	
12	F1	CANADIAN Grand Prix , Montreal	
15	Meeting	<b>TAC Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	 TAC
17-19	Vintage	VARAC Vintage Racing Festival - Mosport	VARAC
18	ORRC	<b>Discover Ontario Car Rally, Ste Catharines</b>	 TAC
18	TimeAttack	<b>Event #3 ; Shannonville Nelson Circuit</b>	 TAC
19	INDY	Milwaukee 225, West Allis, WI.	
19	TimeAttack	Event #4 ; Shannonville Pro Circuit	HADA
25	INDY	Indy 250, Iowa Speedway	
25-26	School	CASC-OR Race School - Shannonville	CASC-OR
26	F1	EUROPEAN Grand Prix, Valencia	
<b>July 2011</b>			
1-2	CRC	Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec	CRAB
2	Regional Race	BARC Grand Prix of Ontario Mosport	BARC-OC
9	TimeAttack	<b>Time Attack School #2; Mosport</b>	 TAC
10	club	MLRC RallyCross, Bancroft	MLRC
10	F1	BRITISH Grand Prix , Silverstone	
10	INDY	Honda Indy TORONTO	
10	TimeAttack	<b>Event #5; Mosport</b>	 TAC
16-17	Regional Race	DAC Trillium Trophy Races, Shannonville	DAC
17	club	KWRC SNATR #3, tbd	KWRC
20	Meeting	<b>TAC Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	 TAC
24	ALMS	<b>TAC at MOSPORT ALMS with BBQ (see flyer Ad)</b>	 TAC
24	F1	Grand Prix of GERMANY Nurburgring	
24	INDY	Edmonton Indy, City Centre Airport	
31	F1	HUNGARIAN Grand Prix, Budapest	
<b>August 2011</b>			
6-7	Regional Race	BARC Canadian Touring Trophy Races, Mosport	BARC-OC
6	Rally-ORRC	<b>TAC AUGUST CHALLENGE RALLY, Mississauga</b>	 TAC
7	INDY	Indy 200, Mid-Oho Sports Car Course	
14	INDY	New Hampshire Motor Speedway	
14	Fun-Rally	<b>TAC August Fun Rally - TBA</b>	 TAC
20	club	KWRC SNATR #4, tbd	KWRC
26	TimeAttack	Time Attack Lapping ; Mosport	SPDA
27	TimeAttack	Event #6; Mosport	SPDA
28	F1	BELGIAN Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps	
28	INDY	GP of Sonoma, Infineon Raceway	
28	TimeAttack	Event #7 ; Mosport	SPDA
<b>September 2011</b>			
3-4	Regional Race	BARC Labour Day Grand Prix, Mosport	BARC-OC

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  
 RA : Rally America



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# DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY



Saturday, June 18th, 2011

The Discover Ontario is the sixth round of the Ontario Road Rally Cup. This is a **beginner-friendly** event that is a great introduction to the sport of rallying. Any licensed car can compete and there are no car-breaker roads. All you need is a clipboard and pens, and a settable clock. Straightforward, easy-to-follow route book instructions are specifically designed to introduce newcomers to the fun of navigational rallying.

Approximately 200 km of entertaining back roads.

There are three classes of competition: Novice, Intermediate and Expert.

## **Never rallied before?**

No problem. There are many resources available to help you get started:

- [Rallysport Ontario](#) is holding a beginner's school in March.
- [Maple Leaf Rally Club](#) has a [Mini Rally](#) series
- Gail Walker has made a [collection of articles](#) about some of the types of instructions you may encounter. These also include many types that the more experienced classes could see as well, so don't be afraid!
- You can even see some of the instructions from previous runnings of the Discover Ontario

## **Registration Information**

Start location: [Boston Pizza - 333 Ontario Street, St. Catharines](#)

Registration opens at 11:45, Car zero is out at 1:30

Entry fee is \$45 per car, \$35 for TAC members

Pre-registration is available on the RSO web site : <http://www.olderallysport.on.ca/orrcentry.html>



## **Beginner's School**

A Beginner's School will be held at 12:45. If you have never rallied before, this is a chance to understand some of the basic rules to get you started in rallying.

For latest information, please see [www.brooke.net/DOCR](http://www.brooke.net/DOCR)

or contact Brooke: [brooke@brooke.net](mailto:brooke@brooke.net) or 905 764-1833

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**Mosport ALMS Weekend  
and Lunch**

**Sunday July 24**

**An opportunity to see the ALMS racers and  
have a lunch party with other TAC members**

**TAC will have an area on the infield between turns 2 and 3**

**Look for TAC flags.**

**BBQ and a pot luck for lunch on Sunday July 24  
Yes this is a month earlier than last year**

**The theme is Croatian as last year**

**We are looking for some pot luck items  
Contact me with your item of interest**

**TAC members pay the entry of \$40 - this includes the BBQ  
The ticket is also good for Saturday**

**Contact Dietmar Seelenmayer to let me know that you are coming  
and what you are planning to bring at**

**dietmar.s@gmail.com or 647-221-7082**

**We want to be sure that there will be enough food**

# Import Car Show – Carlisle Pennsylvania

*Graham Tulett*

This past Victoria Day long weekend we decided to forgo any racing at Mosport and departed for a warm weekend in the US of A. taking a rather lengthy detour from Mississauga via Napanee to pick up another pal, we crossed at the Thousand Island bridge (nice to see the toll \$ is at par) and continued for about 900 easy kilometers.

The Comfort Inn was easily found just off the interstate just where the Nav system suggested. We knew we were in the right place when we spotted 15 Opel GT's lined up in the parking lot of the motel across the street. The condition of these buggies was pretty good for their age and a couple looked like daily drivers. No not the V8 conversion that didn't want to start.

They were relieved when we checked in as their storage area was looking pretty full with the motorcycle tires, tubes, Hawk blue brake pads, and other misc. parts I had mail ordered. Love that free shipping in the US with no taxes.

We made our way to the fairgrounds Friday night which were conveniently unguarded (i.e. we got in without paying). It wasn't too hard to find the German section, conveniently located across from the car washing station which was our next destination after purchasing sponges & pails at Wal-Mart.

Saturday morning we headed out to Mechanicsburg Audi not too far down the road for a gathering (read free high end breakfast) organized by the Fortitude website.



This owner also has the Porsche, BMW and Mercedes Benz dealerships in the same auto mall. I don't know what people do for a living in Mechanicsburg, but their \$172,000 R8's were sold and they didn't want to give me a test drive.

We did however get to see the new Audi A1 which had been driven up from the Virginia corporate office:



I'll bet the power to weight ratio is pretty sweet but there wasn't much room on the hood. Don't expect to see this on the streets of Toronto.

I don't think you are likely to see this DKW running down the 401 either although it was driven to the show:





On to the show itself at the fairgrounds. We decided to enter as a show vehicle because the parking was better for about the same money. Despite Andrew's best polishing job somehow we didn't win.



There were some pretty unusual street cars:







After a number of hours in almost perfect weather under the sun, being gouged food at the show etc. we managed to find the obligatory all you can eat buffet for an early supper. Owing to the junior road racer with us (12 year old Andrew), we managed to stay out of the seedier bars and had a restful night.

Sunday as we head back home we stopped in Scranton Pa at the Quaker Lube chicken wing place as seen on the Man vs. Food TV show, contemplating an encounter with the Atomic strength chicken wings. Alas they had up the ante with TRIPLE atomic wings coming in about 400,000 on the hotness scale and we chickened out fearing for a rather uncomfortable seven hours in the car with digestive distress.

No grilling by Canada Customs, a reasonable allowance after 48 hours and we were back home in no time with our credit cards relatively undamaged. It's a pleasure to fill your gas tank with Ultra 93 in the USA. We can't wait to go back, and it might be a vintage motorcycle festival next, all prior to the 25 hour and 25 minute endurance race at Nelson Ledges in October. I have marked by calendar already!

### **To all Ontario Region Clubs & Members**

The new and improved CARS website is now online.

The site is now at [www.CARSRally.ca](http://www.CARSRally.ca).

The launch is just the start of what is to come, we still have a lot of development planned but this is a great start.



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## **Toronto Autosport Club April 2011 Executive Conference Call Notes**

Call date: May 4, 2011

Call time: 8:06pm

Present: Andrew Kinal, Rita Moore, Dietmar Seelenmayer, Graham Tulett

- Treasurer's report: ING Direct account balance of \$17,090.95. The chequing account balance is \$4,135.21.
- 2011 Membership currently at 98 family with 60 primary members.
- Ultra 94 gas promotional material has been received including discount vouchers and will be distributed at various events.
- The new Racer's Guild organized by Nick Majors and now incorporated was discussed.
- Follow up on the new member signed up at the open house under the license & club membership package is required prior to Time Attack event #1.
- Dietmar will act as TAC's RSO rep at the upcoming conference call. The DOCR is lined up for June 18 and Kurt & Dietmar will organize an August event.
- Summer club merchandise was discussed. Hats and golf shirts will be ordered.

Meeting adjourned: about 9:10 pm

Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

## Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of May 2011 General Meeting

Meeting date: May 18, 2011      Meeting opened: 8:05 pm      Attendees: 10

Minutes of the April 21, 2011 meeting as published in Fifth Gear were moved for acceptance by Rita M and seconded by Dietmar S.

- 1) President's report:
    - a. Rob mentioned the Ontario Horseless Carriage Club
    - b. RSO is working on a committee to steady the voting process seemingly to give small clubs with few members more control over large clubs with many members. Rob McA is TAC's rep.
  
  - 2) VP Report :
    - a. 98 total members so far with 60 primary.
  
  - 3) Treasurer's Report:
    - a. Chequing account balance \$3,117.57
    - b. Investment account balance \$17,090.95
    - c. Order has been placed for golf shirts and sun visors
  
  - 4) Competition:
    - a. TAC's DOCR event set for June 18.
    - b. TAC's new ORRC August Challenge is being organized for August 6.
    - c. Time Attack school was held at Mosport DDT May 14/15.
    - d. Ultra 94 promotional vouchers received and will be distributed during various events.
    - e. Guru Nanak contract rally is upcoming.
  
  - 5) Social:
    - a. Rob McA will follow up with Mosport re tickets for the July 24 ALMS race & BBQ.
    - b. August fun rally is being planned for August 14.
    - c. DKW showing may be in September.
    - d. Andrea Tulett will organize a kayak outing if there is any interest.
  
  - 6) Old Business: nil
  - 7) New Business: nil.
  - 8) Items for sale: Dietmar had old Audi 4000 parts but they have been picked up.
  - 9) Items wanted: Paul Moore is still looking for another AWD ice racer.
  - 10) Loonies in the bus: Dietmar must have figured out how to beat the system and won yet again and scooped up the \$10.
- Adjournment: about 8:45 pm

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.





# Membership Application

**Mail:** 14 Princess Anne Crescent,  
Etobicoke, Ontario, M9A 2P1

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

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

(You may also JOIN or RENEW ON-LINE; 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 is shared with CASC-OR

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1st Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Cash  Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount:  \$50  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$: \_\_\_\_\_

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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