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# From The President's Desk

Welcome to Peak Season for summer track days!

We just completed events 1 & 2 with the **Ontario Time Attack** series, with OMSC's DDT June 6/7 dates. There were over 50 people out each day, so the season has started well. I was excited, as two of the three people who beat me last year were not running. I was hoping for a podium finish, and planning how I was going to skip out of my Pan Am Games responsibilities to get up to Calabogie or Mosport to get my 6 events in.

Practice confirmed that I had what it took - even missing the wheel-nut key so I couldn't put on my track pads. I was in a comfortable second place. But suddenly in competition, the guys who had been complaining about how bad their new suspension was, or how they just couldn't get those new tires to work, figured things out - and I was back in forth place once again.

I went to bed Saturday night with a tickle in my throat. I tossed and turned, dreaming of how I was going to grab another degree of camber on the front wheels - without removing the wheels. Unfortunately, by morning, I realized that my tossing and turning was caused by a nasty head cold. I couldn't breath, nor talk with a wicked sore throat. This is the first event I've missed due to illness, and it was one of the most frustrating days of my life!

The good news is that two of the people who beat me are TAC members. Congrats to Ron in his Audi S4 and Jeremy in his Honda S2000! Also a callout to Albert and his Mini Cooper for grabbing first place in his class.

Now event 3 is coming up on June 20, and it will be interesting. Ontario Time Attack's busy director, TAC's Kelly Ball, was scheduled to organize the date, but after a rough ride at Mosport's big track, will likely be unable to attend. We wish Kelly a speedy recovery, and hope to see him on the track soon! Long-time TAC Time Attack rep, Carsten, has stepped up to help organize, but to his credit, would rather compete on the track, and not take advantage of the organizer points available. So Carsten is doing all the work with few of the benefits. Kudos to him - and thanks to Kelly for getting all the paperwork in order!

The event will run at Cayuga's Toronto Motorsport Park, but instead of the usual 9am start, we will run from 1pm to sundown! On this,

the longest day of the year, we will definitely get our money's worth.

When I agreed to the OTA schedule, with Cayuga on the Saturday closest to the summer solstice, I should have realized that it would conflict with our **Discover Ontario Rally**. Every year, Brooke and Kim hold this event, showcasing Ontario's best roads, and I've really enjoyed either running or checkpointing at the event. I know they are always looking for helpers, and it is a really good time. If my daughters were still at home, I know my wife would be out running with one of them! As TAC's only RSO rally, it's a showcase for the club, and goes over very well with the rally community.

The next big event on our calendar is the **Mobile 1 Sports Car Grand Prix** at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. Once again, they will be giving us a corral at the top of turn 2 for the whole weekend. This event is spectacular. The paddock is wide open. Former F1 and LeMans drivers wander around. The pits and starting grid are open just before the races. And TAC does a spectacular barbecue! This is a four day event, and TAC is providing members with tickets at half of Mosport's price. Look for the flyer later in the issue, and please email me if you are interested in coming. Let me know how many members and friends you will be bringing!

Watch for updates on the TAC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Toronto-Autosport-Club/105957399469817>

We are 19 Likes short of 100. Please like us! As someone once said, "It's funny that every person that has Liked the Toronto Autosport Club's Facebook page is smart, good looking, and is an excellent driver." Join us. Help us reach that magical 100 Likes!

That's it for now. I've got to go and figure out how many fibre optic patch cables we'll need at the Milton Velodrome to support the #FreePublicWiFiPoweredByCisco. Just like in motorsports, sponsorship is everywhere!

Enjoy your summer,  
Rob McAuley  
TAC President

# TAC 2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<b>June 2015</b>			
13-14	Autoslalom	Ontario Regional Event #1 & 2, Picton Airfield	St LAC/MCO
14	INDY	Streets of TORONTO	
17	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston &amp; 7</b>	TAC
19-21	Vintage	Canadian Historic Grand Prix, CTMP (Mosport)	
19-21	F1	AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX (Spielberg)	
20	Rally-ORRC	<b>Discover Ontario Car Rally /Hwy 400N ONroute / See Flyer</b>	TAC
20	TimeAttack	<b>Event #3 TMP</b>	TAC
20-21	Race	Chumpcar - "Calabogie-boogie-bash"	
27	INDY	Auto Club Speedway, Fontana CA	
27	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series, Woodstock	KWRC
27-28	Regional Race	Grand Prix of Ontario, CTMP (Mosport)	BARC-OC
27-28	Rally-CRC	Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec	CRAB

## **July 2015**

2-5	School	CASC-OR & OTA Race School - CTMP (Mosport)	
3-5	F1	BRITISH GRAND PRIX (Silverstone)	
4	TimeAttack	School Day #2, MIR / CTMP	SPDA
5	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series, Simcoe	KWRC
5	TimeAttack	Event #4, MIR / CTMP	SPDA
11-12	Social	<b>"Annual" TAC at CTMP (Mosport) with BBQ !</b>	TAC
12	INDY	The Milwaukee Mile	
15	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston &amp; 7</b>	TAC
17-19	F1	GROSSER PREIS VON DEUTSCHLAND (tba)	
18	INDY	Iowa Speedway	
18-19	Regional Race	Trillium Trophy Races, Shannonville	DAC
24-26	F1	MAGYAR NAGYDÍJ (Budapest)	
26	Autoslalom	Ontario Regional Event #3, Centralia Airport (London)	WOSCA
27	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series, "Mini-Monte" & BBQ, Caledon	KWRC

## **August 2015**

1-2	Regional Race	Canadian Touring Trophy Races, Mosport	BARC-OC
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More events to appear as 2015 Schedules are released.

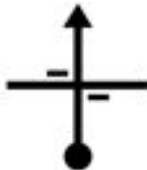
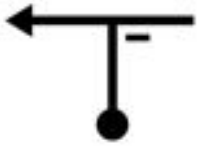


For more information on any event, please contact the organizing club or sanctioning body directly.



# DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY

Saturday, June 20, 2015

Could you follow these directions? Then you could rally!

			
1.92 km Mill Road	3.17 km Canal Street	4.50 km 4th Line	6.02 km Ridge Road

Discover Ontario is a beginner-friendly car rally held on interesting roads at brisk speeds. Any licensed car is suitable and absolutely no special vehicle preparation is required. Just bring your license, ownership, and insurance documents; other than that, all you'll need is a clipboard, a digital watch, and pens or pencils. Straightforward, easy-to-follow route book instructions are specifically designed to introduce newcomers to the fun of navigational rallying.

The rally will start at the ONroute Service Centre  
Northbound on Highway 400  
12 km North of Highway 401



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

Beginner's School at 12:45

Entry fee is \$50 per car, \$40 for TAC members

For more information, please contact  
Brooke Jacobs at 905 764-1833 or [brooke@brooke.net](mailto:brooke@brooke.net)

Discover Ontario Car Rally is the fifth event in the 2015 Ontario Road Rally Cup  
and is presented by the Toronto Autosport Club.  
This event is sanctioned by RallySport Ontario and CASC.



# 2015 OTA Event #3

June 20th, TMP (Cayuga) - Hosted by TAC



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## TAC is BACK!

**Come and join your favourite track rats at the top of turn 2 for another spectacular day of racing, and a fabulous barbecue!**

Come and join the excitement with the Toronto Autosport Club. We are hosting a club event at the ***Mobile 1 Sportscar Grand Prix – Sunday, July 12, 2015.***

TAC will be back in our private corral with a great viewing point, standing on a hill, overlooking turn 2 which is regarded as one of the most challenging corners in motorsports. In past years, this has proven to be the best vantage point to catch drivers pushing too hard through 2, or braking too late into 3!

Your tickets are good for the entire weekend, plus the amazing TAC barbeque – included in the price of admission! Tickets are still only \$30 for members & \$40 for guests – about half the price that the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park is selling them for. You can pick up your tickets starting on Race Weekend Thursday. Any member can pick up tickets at the will-call counter, but please RSVP so we know how much food to cook. Please bring a salad or desert on Sunday to share with your friends.

There are currently 41 cars entered in the Grand Prix event, which will be televised on Fox Sports 1. Other series include the Continental Tire Sportscar Challenge, the Cooper Tire Prototype Lites, the US Porsche GT3 Cup, and Lamborghini Super Trofeos.

Members and Guests - get out your social calendar, mark this date, come out and enjoy the day.

Please RSVP to Rob at: [President@TorontoAutosportClub.ca](mailto:President@TorontoAutosportClub.ca)



# 2015 FIA Alternative Energies Cup

Hello to all TAC members.

I would like to share with you a bit of info about our 2015 FIA Alternative Energies Cup. As you know from last year we are competing in the FIA cup which is held in Europe and are proudly representing TAC as well as ASN Canada FIA. Our team: Lukasz Nytko / Piotr Nytko, is running the same car as last year; our eco-rally Toyota Yaris Hybrid.

First event of the year was 2015 Eco Snow Trophy in Italy; a very nice event held in the Alps with fantastic roads and snow. It was a joint rally with a historic event giving us a chance to admire some WRC cars from when we were kids. The final result of this event for us was 6th overall and 2nd in Hybrids class, also we received the "Over Sea" award for the longest traveled team to the rally.

The second rally in Cup was Rallye Monte Carlo EN in Monaco. Personally we were very disappointed with this year's rally, mainly due to the unfair treatment of some competitors by the organizer/governing body. From our experience not everybody was treated equally. This year the organizer included speed controls in villages and on day 2 almost 80% of the teams received a 3600 point penalty due to a questionable speed control. The following day a hand full of teams got the points removed including a team who the day before was clocked at 101km/h....which regardless of location broke the rules.

Additional problems included an unattended passage control point where official not being there to provide us with a check stamp and chaos at the gas station with quantity of gas going in our tank left us with a bitter feeling. Final results for 2015 RMC EN, combined regularity and consumption 56th out of 84,

regularity 60th out of 84, consumption 15th out of 84, driver performance 36th out of 84 and as a part of Toyota Poland Team for this event 1st out of 9 in the team category.

The third rally of the season was 10th Ecorally San Marino - Città del Vaticano. This fantastic rally starts in San Marino and finishes in Vatican City, the best event in my books. For this round my brother Piotr couldn't come because of the racing season in Canada, so we had a co-pilot from Poland (Artur Najder) fill the spot. I was very happy with a podium finish - 3rd in FIA Cup, 2nd in Hybrid and 7th overall in the rally. Also, we as Nytko Motorsport received a special award for the longest travelled team to the rally. At this point in FIA Cup I moved to 5th place in the championship.



The fourth rally for us and fifth as part of the championship (as we didn't go to Spain for the 4th event) was 4 Ecorally della Mendola. Held on 6-7 of June in Bolzano, Italy (Italian Dolomites). Great surroundings, difficult mountain roads with whole series of "pan " an Italian term used to describe local lanes where it becomes troublesome to pass the cars driving in the opposite direction.

Adding to the challenges was variable weather. Maintaining a designated average in

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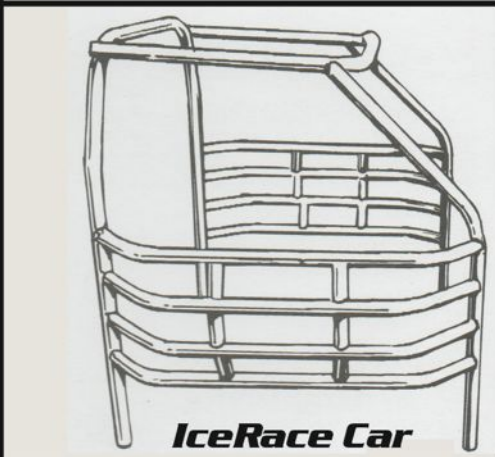


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such conditions is a great challenge for the driver but after day one of competition Nytko Motorsport team was in the lead. Unfortunately day two proved not as good; due to an error by the stand-in co-pilot, we finished the rally in 5th place overall. However disappointing not to take 1st place, the great atmosphere and good organization made it a nice event to attend.

On a good note after this rally I moved to 4th place in the FIA Championship and at the same time finished 5th in the Italian Eco Rally Championship. A few more events to go so I will make sure to keep my fellow TAC members updated.

Cheers,  
Lukasz Nytko



Thanks to Lukasz for providing these photos and our cover this month.

## Toronto Autosport Club – May 2015 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: May 6, 2015

Call time: 8:04pm

Present: Rob, Paul, Rita, Dietmar & Graham

- President's Report:
  - Speed Sisters guest director, producer and two cast from HotDocs attended OTA school
  - Initiating contact with CTMP about TAC compound for Tudor weekend BBQ
  - SPDA concerned about 'C' license fee
  
- Vice President:
  - 2015 membership year to date: 111 = 6 life + 54 primary + 51 family
  
- Treasurer:
  - balances \$13,709.07 savings; \$225.50 PAY PAL; \$752.65 chequing
  
- Competition:
  - ORRC – TAC event will be the DOCR – June 20, 2015; Dietmar to f/u
  - Ice Racing – a conference call between Director & clubs being set up
  - Ontario Time Attack – entry price increase a concern to entry levels; school undersubscribed at 23 students this year down from about 36.
  
- Social:
  - Fun rally scheduling may be a problem with Pan Am games; date to be proposed
  - Annual Awards banquet – consider inviting most active members from years gone by for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala.
  
- Old business: nil
  
- New business: nil

Call adjourned: 8:27 pm - Notes recorded by G. Tulett.



## Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of May 2015 General Meeting

Meeting date: May 20, 2015

Meeting opened: 8:40 pm

Attendees: 13

Note discussion with guests on performance rallying preceded the start of the regular meeting.

1) President's report:

- a. Speed Sisters documentary on women's car racing in Palestine was aired at the HotDocs festival. The director, producer and two of the main cast visited the driver's school at Mosport DDT OTA School and aired a trailer and questions & answers.
- b. The Mad Max movie premier with the director held at Dundas Square – more TACCIEs could have attended this freebie.

2) VP Report :

- a. Total membership very strong - currently 111 = 6 life + 54 primary +51 Family

3) Treasurer's Report:

- a. Account balances - \$13,709.07 savings; \$884.67 Chequing; \$225.50 PayPal

4) Competition Report:

- a. TAC ORRC event Discover Ontario Car Rally planned for June 20, 2015 same day as Time Attack event; start will be from 400 north service centre. Check point volunteers would help.
- b. Ontario Time Attack: Kelly Ball will organize event #3 from TMP (Cayuga) June 20
- c. Chumpcar event at Watkins Glen May 22/23/24
- d. Auto slalom: first event at Picton June 13/14
- e. Ice racing organizing club/director spring meeting – conference call dates proposed. Costs to clubs are becoming a major issue and something needs to change.

5) Social:

- a. Annual Mosport racing weekend / BBQ July 11/12, 2015 – similar to last year but Chef Dan Z will be out of country. Any help would be appreciated. Rob M to f/u w/Mosport.
- b. Possible fun rally prepared by the Moore's – date to be proposed

6) Fifth Gear: nil

7) Old Business: nil

8) New Business: nil

9) Items for Sale: Dietmar still has an Audi 4000 windshield

10) Loonies in the bus: Rob M & Paul won gas cards; Rob J won the loonies in the bus; Dietmar, Keith and Ingrid won donated prizes from Fred.

Adjournment: about 9:07 pm

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.



# Membership Application

**Mail:** 18759 Kennedy Road,  
RR#1 Sharon, Ontario, L0G 1V0  
**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 within 2 months. Please let us know if you don't.

FIFTH GEAR is also available on the website. Check here if you do NOT need a mailed copy

**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

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