



Fifth Gear

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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 "Turtle Jacks Muskoka Grill", 925 Dixon Road (at Carlingview), Etobicoke .

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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TAC 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

CAUTION: Assume MOST Listed Events are Cancelled . Verify with Organising Group.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Club</u>
June 2020			
26-28	Rally-CRC	Rallye Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec	CRAB
26-28	F1	FRENCH GRAND PRIX (Paul Ricard)	
27	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Lapping/Test/Tune, CTMP/Mosport GP	
27	INDY	Indy Richmond 300, Richmond Raceway - Richmond, VA	
28	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #2, CTMP/Mosport GP	
July 2020			
3-5	F1	AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX (Spielberg)	
11	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Raw Time Challenge, CTMP/Mosport GP	
12	INDY	Honda Indy, Streets of TORONTO	
15	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
17-19	F1	BRITISH GRAND PRIX (Silverstone)	
18	INDY	Iowa 300, Iowa Speedway - Newton, IA	
25	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #3, Toronto Motorsport Park, Cayuga	
31-02	F1	FORMULA 1 MAGYAR NAGYDIJ (Budapest)	
August 2020			
16	INDY	Honda Indy 200, Mid-Ohio (Lexington OH)	
22	INDY	Bommarito Automotive Group 500, Gateway - Madison, IL	
28-30	F1	BELGIAN GRAND PRIX (Spa-Francorchamps)	
29	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #4, Shannonville Motorsport Park	
30	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #5 Shannonville Motorsport Park	
September 2020			
4-6	F1	GRAN PREMIO D'ITALIA (Monza)	
6	INDY	GP of Portland, Portland International Raceway	
10-12	Rally-CRC	Rallye Défi , Montpellier, Quebec	CASDI

More events to appear as 2020 Schedules are released.

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

From The President's Desk

Drivers! Start your engines. Racing is underway!

While we are still waiting for Toronto to reopen, racetracks have been given the green light. No in-car instruction, but some driving school events are letting solo drivers out on the track.

Ontario Time Attack changed their first event from a driving school to a competition at CTMP's Driver Development Track. I think people were getting worried that they'd never get out this year, as it quickly sold out. TAC members Brad Coleman and Andrew Vernon both won their classes, so are off to a great start to the season!

What an exciting day, as Brad beat out the second place driver by less than a third of a second. Andrew had it a bit easier, winning by almost 2 seconds.

OTA's next event runs at CTMP's Big Track the weekend of June 27/28. They will be holding a lapping day on Saturday, and will be signing off "students" by having them running with instructors in separate cars. They will communicate through phones, so students will always have that little voice in their ear helping them around the track.

Sunday is Event #2 in the championship - a great opportunity for those high horsepower cars to show off!

Register at www.time-attack.ca. The last event sold out, so be sure to register early.

Normally, we would be running our Discover Ontario Rally this month, but it would definitely be a problem putting a driver & navigator in the same car (unless they were still married and living together). So no DOCR this month.

While Formula 1 will be hitting the track in Austria the first weekend in July, there will be no spectators. I just couldn't image a Mosport weekend without spectators, and neither could they, so the big IMSA race weekend is cancelled.

Wife Sue and I will be sitting at home, watching the F1 race over breakfast, wondering if we will ever get to another race again.

Now for the latest update on Canada's connection to the FIA and the world of international racing... The new ASN Canada has just opened up their website: www.asncanada.ca (a bit redundant, but the old ASN were not about to let them use www.asncanada.com, and perhaps someone had already grabbed www.asn.ca). The site has a few great photos, and a place to get on their mailing list. You can email the organization at info@asncanada.ca.

No other news, but they have been talking to the regional organizing bodies (like CASC-OR). It looks like one of the first things they have to sort out is funding. They would love to run some programs for up-and-coming drivers, but sponsors are required to make that happen. We primarily used them for insurance, and we are covered this year through CARS. I don't expect to see too many changes, but there are opportunities with a new organization to get some new ideas out there.

Now that things are opening up in the province, hopefully we will be able to hold a meeting or two before the year is done. Restaurants are opening up this weekend in many parts of the province, but not in Toronto. As we are the Toronto Autosport Club, we will sit tight until Turtle Jacks is ready for us. Watch this space for more info!

See you at the track,

Rob
TAC President

This Month in FIFTH GEAR:

More classic content from Fiat Auto Club "FACETS" newsletter 1967. Rally Calendar and report, Editor's column by Bob Allan and a bio of the late Alex Ling, well known by current TAC members

On The Cover

Brad Coleman at Ontario Time Attack.

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PROFILE

Club Treasurer Par Excellence



If you should ever meet a frustrated racing driver who should have been a Minister but isn't, then that person's name is Alex Ling.

Born in Australia in 1933, Alex returned with the Ling family to China where both his Great Grandfather and his Grandfather had been Presbyterian Ministers.

Continuing the tradition, Mr. Ling, Senior, is now a Minister in Victoria, B.C. and Alex devotes a large amount of time to church work, being a former treasurer of the Chinese Presbyterian Church and now serving on the Board of Trustees and Finance Committee of Coke's Church in downtown Toronto.

Few people know of Alex's fine singing voice, his passion for choir work and his long association with the Male Voice Praise of Toronto, an organisation of those dedicated to sacred music.

The Lings came to Canada in 1950 which meant an education in Toronto with graduation in Orangeville, where Alex spent some years on a 100 acre farm becoming fully conversant with all the work such an establishment entails.

Joining the business, of which he is now sole proprietor, in 1954 and successfully building an import and retail organisation of Oriental linen, jewelry and objets d'art situated at 103 Bloor Street West, Alex has found his niche.

Married ten years ago and with three fine sons, eight, six and three years old, he is a family man who considers himself a strict parent, something to which the boys will attest.

Of slim athletic build, with a liking for skating, bowling, being a veritable tiger on the badminton court with a knowledge of soccer from his youth in Shanghai and while indoors a keen bridge player and a fiend for slot car racing, Alex still gets most pleasure and relaxation from driving. To him, a trip to New York with an additional 300 miles in that area, is a pleasant weekend occupation.

Those who have been with him on his occasional rallies can attest to his skill at the wheel. That he likes to motor quickly has been accepted by his wife, Helen, but she has no regrets that his parents were against his gaining a racing licence when he was younger.

Introduced to D.K.W.s and the D.K.W. Club in 1957, Alex was immediately elected to serve as treasurer the following year. This post he has filled devotedly and with integrity every year since as well as helping on every committee dealing with social events.

In 1965 the Club Executive thought it fitting that his services in these and other capacities be recognised and this was done by granting him Life Membership.

With a keen wit and a merry sense of humour and held in high regard by all, Alex Ling is indeed a clubman and a treasurer par excellence. The Executive and Members of the new F.A.C. look forward to his having a long association with the Club.

R.A.

F.A.C. RALLY CALENDAR FOR 1967

January 9	FAC	January Jaunt
February 5	SCMC	South of the Border Rally
February 19	HMSC	No Tenths Rally
March 12	DAC	G. Hackenberg Rally
March 26	RCAC	Mad Hatter Rally
April 8	WOSCA	Excalibur Rally
April 30	BARCoc	Mad Cap Rally
May 7	BMSC	Spring Safari Rally
May 28	NTMC	Anniversary Rally
June 4	SCAC	5th Annual SCAC - CNIB Braille Rally
June 25	VWOC	Novice Rally
July 11	SCC	Nescient Novice Night Navex
July 22-23	TVSCC	Confusion #3 Rally
August 11-12	TSOA	Renown Night Navex
August 20	QASC	Pyjama Rally
September 10	TLMC	Fall Scenic Rally
September 17	MGCCT	Quiz Rally
October 7-8	SCAC	8th Annual Rally à la Devil
October 22	TUCMSE	Trent River Rally
November 11-12	FAC	November Night Rally
November 26	TSOA	Vitesse Rally

It is hoped that out of town members will find one of the rallies listed starting in their locality.

JUST ALLANIZING

The above heading was used over the Editor's Column during the last years of DEEK DIARY, - the magazine of the D.K.W. Owners Club.

It has been dusted off in the hope that it will become a regular feature of this new creation, "Facets".

For a fellow who drove Deeks for years (and still has one), who was all 'genned-up' on Vergassers, Kupplungsscheibes and the like, who believed that three lung two-strokes were ideal and that Front Wheel Drive was the only way to go, it has been quite confusing to be told that a common washer is now a Rosetta Piana and a gasket is a Guarnizione.

The logical thing to do it seemed, was to rush out and buy a B-i-k, with something called cubic inches, power brakes, power steering, comfort, HEAT, and an inclination to make its new owner seasick.

However all this confusion is sure to settle down and an interest in cars in general will return. A car club is a car club, no matter what its name, and the Magazine Editor's job is to glean all the little bits of information he can, to interest as many readers as possible.

The nucleus of Fiat Auto Club are Rally oriented. They have marshalled at Mosport, etc. and there are ice racers and Autocross friends among us. It will be obvious then, that this journal will have a fairly high content of Ontario Motorsport items with increasing contributions from across the country as the club grows.

Not everyone of course, has the inclination to go 'con brio' during every spell at the wheel, yet a car club and a car club magazine has an appeal and a place for those who are not entirely 'sport' minded. Every club I have belonged to has had a few 'quiet ones' who were always appealed to, when arguments seemed to be beyond resolve and logic had flown out the window. A car is not just for the morning and evening rush hours but is one of the most pleasure giving acquisitions we can ever have and anyone who realises this should belong to a club. To this type of reader, be they members or not, we send the appeal for sanity in these columns.

Social news or Gossip? No matter what you call it, when some eligible bachelor takes the *same* girl on all his checkpoint duties - we will know!! And we should therefore be the first to announce the engagement! Similarly, all new offspring must be reported to the Editor that they may be recorded as future members of the club. When the fair lady who has been responsible for such glamorous happenings in the past gives us another dinner-dance, picnic or like get together, the eagle eyes of the editorial staff will be on hand so that such events are well reported. Nominate yourself as a spy - then read it first in "Facets".

Quite apart from our Patron Company's dealers who would dearly like the plugs, there are people within the club owning fine cars. Frank Nagy's B.M.W. (not forgetting the change at 10,000 revs Honda), Brian Footes' Camaro with *all* the goodies, or would you believe a Bellet with 'Twinkle

Kit' and 95 horses, disc stoppers et al? These and more are surely meat for Road Tests and we hope that during the coming months we will get the stop watches wound, the seat belts fastened, and be able to put a few of these machines through their paces for your agreement or contradiction on their qualities. All compared with a Fiat Spyder of course!!

For vintage types we hope to do, through the auspices of Fiat Publicity Dept., a series on early racing history, to prove that the much talked of Ford effort to win at Le Mans in 1966 did not by any means surpass some of the great attempts of the past,

where the glory was not always in the winners circle but in the struggle to get there. Not all information is readily available but there are many who will put their knowledge at your disposal. I must mention in particular, our authority on the Venerable Three Wheel Morgans and Yes Ma'am! — we do have a member with a steam car!!

No matter what they contain, be it praise or criticism, it is hoped that your letters will be the sparkling feature of our future issues. Address them to 12 Oak Ave., Thornhill, Ontario.

Bob Allan.

'TRAIL OF THE CONESTOGA' CAR RALLY,

Organised by Grand Valley Car Club

This year's rally was held in January, a Saturday night event that carried over into Sunday and covered a total of some 400 miles.

The route started in Brantford and wound up in Paris, Ontario. Although not the most difficult route it was complicated in the second half by dense fog.

Thirty-six cars were listed as starting the event and some twenty or more finished, although only about six managed to reach all the controls.

Almost all the cars made it to the Lunch stop. The route took us south from Brantford, past Lake Erie, looped around and led us north into the Hawkley Valley, taking in a lot of the scenery along the tight and twisting roads for which that area is famous.

Ecker and myself in the 850 Sedan had no real difficulties, especially in the first half. We ran into some trouble after lunch

with the fog but here the use of typographical maps paid off. We strayed slightly with a rather ambiguous instruction (instead of going left we went right) and consequently lost a fair amount of time, and of course, first place. We finished second!!

After a sumptuous Breakfast Stop, the final results were posted showing Klaus Ross and Paul Manson in a Datsun first, with Klaus Bartels and Bruce Simpson in a Volkswagen, third.

'The Trail' was a relatively good rally with few mistakes, well run, well organised and warranting our entry next year.

Dave Foote.

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Toronto Autosport Club - Executive Conference Call Meeting minutes June 3, 2020

Call time: 8:15 pm

Participants: Rob, Paul, Rita, & Ingrid

President

New ASN insurance - still in talks with them and waiting to see what they'll offer us. We probably don't need them as we are getting our insurance through CARS (navigational rallies, performance rallies and rally sprints). Ice race insurance thru CASC. RSO will be issuing permits for fun rallies as if they were ORRC events. This will give us legal exemption from street racing law. Will still wait and see what ASN has to offer.

Membership

75 members: 6 life, 39 primary, 30 family

Treasurer

Account Balances:

PayPal	\$133.74
Savings	\$15,168.48
Chequing	\$8,133.99

Contacted by Entripy re shirt order, they are having a sale but some of their suppliers are not currently supplying so they will get back to us.

Competition

Time Attack held first event, it sold out but was limited to 50 people. Physical distancing was practiced.

CHUMP Car - getting notifications of races in the States. No one will be crossing the border.

Social - Mosport weekend has been cancelled. Not sure when our next social event will happen. 298 Friends on our Facebook group.

Old Business - nil

New Business - nil

Adjourned at 8:40 pm

Minutes by I. Beck

Announcement 2020-05



Subject: Canadian Rally Championship Status Update for 2020

Issue Date: June 8, 2020

The 2020 edition of Rallye Défi has been cancelled by the organizer.

The plans as they currently stand, subject to Provincial Regulations, are that the five remaining CRC events will run as scheduled, enabling a full 6 event 2020 championship to be completed.

Rallye Perce Neige was completed in February and the remainder of the championship will re-start with the Pacific Forest Rally on October 1st.

Revised 2020 Season

Rallye Perce-Neige de Maniwaki	Jan 31 st – Feb 1 st
Pacific Forest Rally	Oct 1 st – Oct 3 rd
Rallye de Charlevoix	Oct 22 nd – Oct 24 th
Rocky Mountain Rally	Nov 6 th – Nov 7 th
Lincoln Electric Tall Pines Rally	Nov 20 th – Nov 21 st
Big White Winter Rally	Dec 4 th – Dec 6 th



Membership Application

Mail: 18759 Kennedy Road,
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- New Members – Single or Family \$50.00
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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.
- 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.

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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