



# Fifth Gear

*June 2023*



# Toronto Autosport Club

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## 2023 EXECUTIVE

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## 2023 COMPETITION COORDINATORS

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| TIMEATTACK /SOLO-I  | Gary Vernon |
| AUTOSLALOM /SOLO-II | Keith Hui   |

## 2023 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

|                    |               |   |
|--------------------|---------------|---|
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| MEMBERSHIP         | Claire Jacobs | registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca           |
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**Club Mailing Address: 148 Tamarack Drive, Thornhill ON, L3T 4X4**

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).

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## 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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# From The President's Desk

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I write this sitting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Wife-Sue and I are visiting the Daughter-Katie in Denver and Daughter-Sarah here. Katie actually lives in Granby, CO, just west of the Continental Divide. We flew into Denver, and spent some time driving a couple of passes in the Rockies, then headed through the mountains to Salt Lake. While I was expecting lots of twisty switch-backs to get here, the ride was quite tame. It turns out that western Colorado is mainly an alpine plain.

There are some great mountains to the west of Salt Lake, but we won't get to experience them until just before we head home. We will be checking out the roads to the dearth of ski areas, like Deer Lake, Park City, Alta, and others. Lucky for me, Sarah knows what her father loves to do, so she has found a route through some of the twistiest roads in Utah. It will be a great Father's Day!

In other news, TAC will be back at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park on July 9 for the IMSA endurance race. This fabulous barbecue is the highlight of our social calendar, and anyone interested can drop me a line at [president@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:president@torontoautosportclub.ca).

Please let me know if you are coming, and how many TAC members or guests you are bringing. We will provide drinks and items from the barbecue. We just ask you to bring a desert or appetizer. The cost is only \$30, and your ticket is good for the entire weekend.

In the mean-time, please get out there and kick some butt at the various Race, Time Attack, and Autoslalom events.

I look forward to hearing about your results!

Rob McAuley  
TAC President

## ON THE COVER

WINNERS OF THE DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY (DOCR)  
PRESENTATION BY ORGANIZER BROOKE JACOBS.

FULL DETAILS NEXT MONTH

# TAC 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

| DATE                         | CATEGORY  | EVENT DESCRIPTION                              | CLUB |
|------------------------------|-----------|--|------|
| <hr/> <b>June 2023</b> <hr/> |           |  |      |
| 18                           | INDY      | Road America                                   |      |
| 18                           | F1        | CANADIAN GP (Montreal)                         |      |
| 21                           | Meeting   | <b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>  | TAC  |
| 24-25                        | Race      | Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race Calabogie      | LDC  |
| 30-2                         | Rally-CRC | Rallye Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec | CRAB |

## **July 2023**

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|       |               |  |         |
|-------|---------------|--|---------|
| 1     | School        | Ontario Time Attack HDPE School #2 CTMP-DDT                        |         |
| 2     | F1            | AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX  |         |
| 2     | TimeAttack    | Ontario Time Attack Event #2, CTMP-GP                              |         |
| 2     | INDY          | Mid Ohio   |         |
| 9     | F1            | BRITISH GRAND PRIX (Silverstone)                                   |         |
| 9     | Social        | <b>TAC at CTMP Chevrolet GP Weekend ; IMSA GTP; FAMOUS TAC BBQ</b> | TAC     |
| 16    | INDY          | Streets of TORONTO   |         |
| 19    | Meeting       | <b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>                      | 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**

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|       |               |  |      |
|-------|---------------|--|------|
| 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)                           |      |

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*More events to appear as 2023 Schedules are released.*

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



Come see the **2023 Chevrolet Grand Prix** at CTMP!



This is Mosport's biggest weekend, and TAC will be back in their usual corral (infield, between turns 2-3) with another amazing barbecue (Sunday) – included in the price of admission!

Family & friends are invited.

Featured races include:

- IMSA Weathertech Sportscar Championship
- IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge
- IMSA VP Racing Sportscar Challenge
- Super Production Challenge
- And more



July 7-9 (TAC BBQ on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Only)  
Tickets - \$30 for members, \$40 for guests

Please RSVP to [president@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:president@torontoautosportclub.ca)

**Note:** only current TAC members with ID are able to pick up tickets for you and your friends, at main entrance/Registration building. Best to all arrive together.

## ANNOUNCEMENT



**2023-05**

Date June 14, 2023

Subject: National Organizer Representative

After a long and productive tenure, Ross Wood recently stepped down from his position of being the Organizer's representative to the CARS Board. The CARS Board and indeed the entire rally community would like to take this opportunity to thank Ross for his many years of dedication and work in this position.

After an election held with the National organizers, CARS is pleased to announce that the new representative is David Brassard.

David will hold this position until the 2023 AGM, which will be conducted in January 2024. An announcement of a general nomination and election will be held in the fall of 2023.

Thank you

Debbie Dyer  
CARS Office Manager



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Visit the store at

<http://www.cafepress.com/torontoautosportclubgear>







# Membership Application

**Mail:** 148 Tamarack Drive,  
Thornhill, Ontario, L3T 4X4

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

- New Members – Single or Family \$40  
 Renewal Members – Single or Family \$30 or \$25 Early

(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 \_\_\_\_\_

1st Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

2nd (Family) Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Family Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

4th Family Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

5th Family Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

Cash     Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_     PayPal     Other    TOTAL \$: \_\_\_\_\_

To pay by PAYPAL/Credit Card, please visit the Club website at: [www.torontoautosportclub.ca](http://www.torontoautosportclub.ca).

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



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