



# Fifth Gear

*March 2015*



[www.torontoautosportclub.ca](http://www.torontoautosportclub.ca)

# Toronto Autosport Club

---

## 2015 EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT	Rob McAuley	(905) 335-3141	rob@rmcauley.ca
VICE-PRESIDENT	Paul Moore		vicepresident@torontoautosportclub.ca
TREASURER	Rita Moore		treasurer@torontoautosportclub.ca
SECRETARY	Graham Tulett	(905) 828-0245	secretary@torontoautosportclub.ca
COMPETITION DIRECTOR	Dietmar Seelenmayer		dietmar.s@gmail.com
SOCIAL DIRECTOR	(position vacant)		

## 2015 COMPETITION COORDINATORS

TIMEATTACK /SOLO-I	Carsten Gieschen	(416) 792-2804	<a href="mailto:cgieschen@dynamic.ca">cgieschen@dynamic.ca</a>
AUTOSLALOM /SOLO-II	(position vacant)		

## 2015 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

RALLYSPORT ONTARIO	(position vacant)		
MEMBERSHIP	Paul Moore		registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca
WEBMASTER	Brooke Jacobs	(905) 764-1833	brooke@brooke.net

**Club Mailing Address: 18759 Kennedy Road, RR1, Sharon, On, L0G 1V0**

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 at Hwy 7 (SW corner), just west of Hwy 400 in Woodbridge ([www.mooseandfirkin.com](http://www.mooseandfirkin.com))...

## 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.

### **DISCLAIMER**

*Opinions and views expressed in this newsletter are for entertainment purposes, are those of the individual writers and do not necessarily reflect the opinions and views of the TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB OF TORONTO, its Executive members, or affiliated governing bodies such as CASC-OR, CARS, RSO, or the ASN (Canada) FIA.*

**FIFTH GEAR Editors:** Nick & Ingrid Beck  
280 Ridgefield Cres., Maple, Ontario L6A 1J6  
Editorial: phone: (905) 832-8012  
Email: [fifthgear@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:fifthgear@torontoautosportclub.ca)

Please contact the Executive member(s) directly or through the Club Address listed above, for matters not pertaining to FIFTH GEAR.

**Advertising rates (per year) :** \$150/full page; \$75/half page; \$25/business card size

---

Toronto Autosport Club is proud to be affiliated with the following sanctioning bodies:



# From The President's Desk

---

Well folks, the Ice Race season is winding down, and our warm weather autosport activities are gearing up!

First off, the Rallysport Ontario AGM is taking place on March 21st. Info on the meet is posted on their website:

[www.rallysport.on.ca](http://www.rallysport.on.ca)

I don't expect too many contentious issues, but I would be happy to carry proxies for any members.

The following weekend, we have the Time Attack and Autoslalom Open House. As in the past few years, the event will be hosted by JRP Automotive. The event will be held on Saturday March 28th, at 11am. JRP is just off the QEW, on the South Service Road in Oakville, between Erin Mills Parkway and Winston Churchill Drive.

The Open House is a great way to renew your club membership and license. Though, if you haven't already renewed your club membership, you won't be receiving this issue! Thanks for renewing already!!

April brings the OTA Instructor's School, where we hope to certify a new crop of fools, willing to jump into novice driver's cars and ride for a few hot laps.

May brings the OTA School, where students will be trying to get a head-start on the season, and learn Canadian Tire

Motorsports Park's Driver Development Track. TAC will be presenting the school, so if any members are available to help out, I'd be glad to talk to you about how we run the school. We'll provide food and drink for any volunteers!

Please set aside Saturday June 20th for our annual Discover Ontario Rally. Brooke & Kim come up with some great roads up and down the escarpment. This is our only RSO event this year, so come out and help make it successful!

Then over the July 11/12 weekend, our annual Mosport (sorry - CTMP) social weekend will run. This is the best racing of the season, and we're planning another amazing barbecue!

Time to get those summer vehicles out and warmed up now that the weather is above freezing!

I'll see you at the track,

Rob

Rob McAuley  
TAC President

This Month's cover photo from Minden  
is also by President Rob. Thanks!

# TAC 2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<b>March 2015</b>			
13-15	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	
14-15	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, RAIN-DATE Minden	
18	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston &amp; 7</b>	TAC
21	Meeting	RSO Annual General Meeting, Bridgenorth ON	RSO
27-29	F1	PETRONAS MALAYSIAN GRAND PRIX (Kuala Lumpur)	
28	TA/Autoslalom	OPEN HOUSE - Time Attack/Autoslalom at JRP, Oakville 11am	CASC
29	INDY	Streets of St. Petersburg	
<b>April 2015</b>			
5	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series, Woodstock	KWRC
10-12	F1	UBS CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai)	
12	TimeAttack	Time Attack Instructor School, CTMP/Mosport DDT	CASC
12	INDY	NOLA Motorsports Park (New Orleans)	
15	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston &amp; 7</b>	TAC
17-19	F1	GULF AIR BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	
19	INDY	Streets of Long Beach	
24-25	Regional Race	Spring Fling, (Test & Tune) Shannonville	
25-26	School	CASC-OR Race School - Shannonville	
25-26	Autoslalom	Autoslalom School, CASC-OR, Powerade Centre	SPDA
26	INDY	GP of Alabama, Barber Motorsports Park (Birmingham)	
<b>May 2015</b>			
1-3	F1	KOREAN GRAND PRIX (tba)	
2-3	Regional Race	Spring Trophy Races CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
2-3	TimeAttack	School 2 Days, #1, CTMP/Mosport DDT	OMSC/TAC
8-10	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Catalunya)	
9	INDY	Grand Prix of Indianapolis	
10	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series, & Blossom Rally, Kitchener	KWRC
10	Rally	50th Anniversary Blossom Rally& SNATR, Kitchener	KWRC
20	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston &amp; 7</b>	TAC
22-24	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	

More events to appear as 2015 Schedules are released.

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



**check us out!**  
**600 suppliers**  
**800,000**  
**ITEMS**  
**super low**  
**pricing**  
**delivery in 2 to 10 days**  
**coast to coast**

<http://csc racing.ecatviewer.com>  
secure online shopping [www.csc racing.com](http://www.csc racing.com)

retail & fabrication facility located at

**1251 Gorham St. #4**

**Newmarket, Ontario**

**1-888-489-3880**

[emailus@csc racing.com](mailto:emailus@csc racing.com)

it's easy!

to see the entire line of  
products we have access to  
go to

[www.csc racing.ecatviewer.com](http://www.csc racing.ecatviewer.com)

select from the 8 catalogs  
available, you can  
search by keyword,  
manufacturer, product or  
part number.

Scan to the right  
for pricing by part number.

Click on the price to see  
product details.

call us to order  
1-888-489-3880

or

[emailus@csc racing.com](mailto:emailus@csc racing.com)

Product that is in-stock will ship  
within 2-10 business days for  
the price quoted.

pricing is in Canadian Funds  
FOB our facility in Newmarket

some restrictions may apply

*Attention Proud TAC Members!*

Now you can buy clothes and more with the TAC logo on it, through the Toronto Autosport Club's online store (a partnership with Café Press.com).

Choose from a large selection of shirts, jackets, mugs, bags, even games and toys! Almost anything that Café Press sells, they will sell with the TAC logo on.

Visit the store at

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



## The Limits of Grip - March 2015

Time Attack is taking off! It seems to me that I see time-attack competition referred to more and more in performance driving and racing circles. As the Director for Ontario Time-Attack I am quite happy about that!

We at OTA are well on our way to the start of another great season that promises to be interesting and exciting. We have recently introduced “double points” for our last event which takes place at Grand Bend Motorplex at the end of August. (I know – Formula One did it first....) That way a competitor who does well at the last event can count those event points twice and drop one of his lower scoring events. And this event is being hosted by the Toronto Autosport Club! A competitor’s points in a minimum of six events out of nine will count toward the final season tally and gain the competitor eligibility to take part in the season finale Championship Shootout, which takes place at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park Driver Development Centre track in September. I recently mentioned that we are also holding a noon to evening event at Toronto Motorsports Park this year and that seems to be garnering some interest among competitors as well. This is another event being hosted by TAC. That, along with our new venture at Calabogie Motorsports Park this season, where there will be a lapping day hosted by the Ottawa Motorsport Club on the Saturday and an Ontario Time-Attack competition event on the Sunday, along with our usual tracks that we visit, adds excitement and variety to this year’s schedule.

I also have to wear “two hats” this year. Well actually I guess it’s one hat and one helmet! Our previous director was a “non-competing director” whereas I fulfil the duties of director and I compete as well. This has been an interesting experience for me so far, in that I have to not only bear in mind my own interests but, perhaps more importantly, the interests of the participants in Ontario Time-Attack at large. So far it hasn’t been a problem and I have a great team on the committees I am involved with to rely on wherever I need them. It should be fun at the track I would think, when I do what I must to get the day started, monitor what happens throughout the day, and focus on my own driving and competition when in the driver’s seat of my own car.

And that leads me to the thing we racers love to do in the winter. Unless we’re one of those hearty souls involved in ice-racing, the rest of us can only wait it out and plan for the next season. The constant search for those extra ‘10ths of a second at the track consume us as we rethink what car we have, what mods we have, the class we want to compete in and where we can improve as a driver. And that is really what it is all about – we learn the fundamentals at one of our schools and then practise them on the track. Gradually we see improvement as we edge closer to the limits of our vehicle and our skill. It’s a rush. And it’s all done as safely as possible and with a great group of individuals who share our interests. My experience at Ontario Time-Attack has been great and it is what made me want to give something back. I had a great deal to learn when I started five years ago and the instructors in the classroom, the instructors in the car and fellow competitors in the paddock were excellent at sharing their knowledge and advice.

I’ll repeat what I have said before - if you have been considering Ontario Time-Attack, by all means give it a try. I warn you though – it’s addictive, but in a very good way.

You can learn all you need to about getting started at our Open House, which takes place Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at JRP, 2344 South Sheridan Way in Mississauga. Yet another event hosted by TAC! I’ll be there so come by and say hello!

See you at the track....

Kelly Ball

Director

CASC-OR Ontario Time-Attack

# 2015 TAC ICE RACE

organizer's report by Rita Moore

The first event in the 2015 Ice Race season has now been held, and I think we can say it lived up to all the fun that autosports fans have come to expect from this sport. Although we could have wished for more competitors, we did get 71 people over the weekend register for a total of 136 class-entries. That's just a wee bit more racers than last year's 68, although in 2014 there were 152 class-entries. We have to be pragmatic here too, and admit that on the first weekend, entry is traditionally a bit lower than the season average – ice racers are procrastinators and don't always have their cars ready to race on time! (Although with only 6 weeks making up the season, you'd think there was incentive not to miss one!)

We anticipated the first-weekend rush and were lucky to have 3 TAC members licensed as scrutineers to get everyone through

tech in a timely manner. Even better, we were fortunate to have some eager youths volunteer at this year's ice race, with an eye to becoming competitors in 2016. Thanks to Rob McAuley, Dietmar Seelenmayer, and Graham Tulett, and their assistants



Ethan Adler and Jake Arnold, there was never the overwhelming line-up of cars that we have seen awaiting tech in other years.

We were also very lucky with our other license-requiring positions of Steward and Clerk: TAC's own Gary Vernon had obtained licenses for both those positions last year and we were able to have him as our Steward, while Len Arminio from PMSC graciously came to our aid and took on the Clerk's duties for the weekend. The ice race series was also able to employ Rob Luke as track medic once again, who is a fantastic addition to the track 'staff'.

CASC had decided that all organizing clubs would be required to participate in online registration this year. From what I can tell, this process will save racers from filling out a paper form, but will require them to check in at the event. During check in, the registration volunteers will then have to use a computer to access the third party online registration provider, verify the racer's personal information, and reconcile payment (either online or deferred to race-day). Naturally, the online provider takes a cut of the entry fee, plus adds an additional fee to the club for anyone paying by credit card. I fear that, with the fine line between paying for the event vs the event costing the club money, these additional fees will be the breaking point for organizing clubs.



# LANT INSURANCE BROKERS

(A Division of Wayfarer Insurance Brokers Limited)

*Canada's Leader In Classic Vehicle Insurance Since 1978*

**Offering**

**HAGERTY**  
CLASSIC CAR INSURANCE

**Antique, Classic, Special Interest  
and Modified/Street Rod  
Automobile Insurance™**

**37 Sandiford Drive, Suite 100, Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5**

**Tel: (905) 640-4111 • Fax: (905) 640-4450**

**[www.lant-ins.ca](http://www.lant-ins.ca)**

**1-800-461-4099**

Furthermore, the CASC expert on the system informed us that the procedure is quite cumbersome and cannot be learned 'on the fly' by registration volunteers but would require about 3 hours of training. Being the first weekend of the series, there wasn't an opportunity for this to happen, and we ended up doing registration the 'old fashioned' way, with everyone presenting a paper form. I am happy to say that with our wonderful and efficient volunteers, Christine Vernon, Keith Hui, Sue McAuley, and Ingrid Beck, all drivers were processed and registered in the space of one hour – a third the time training alone would have taken in the new system!!

Meanwhile, the track setup was taking place with a special group of volunteers which Andy Hughes used to refer to as his "A-Team": Rob Cole, Eli Edwards, Matt May, and Chris Hyland. These guys know just where to put the corner lights, and just how to do it. They are also highly experienced experts in the running of flags, lights, and starting the races. I heard a story that part of their magic comes from the use of a special Minden abacus which can be operated by nobody else but the A-Team: so that explains it!!

Over on the mock grid, Nick Beck, Rob Jones and Janet Tse-Jones were keeping the drivers in line and getting them out



onto the track exactly when they ought to. In a fine example of first-day glitches, the cars didn't even get through the first practice before one needed the services of Fred Walker and his big recovery pickup. It was a spectator sport in itself to see how easily Fred was able to clear the track! Of course this wasn't the only time during the weekend that he was called out, but every time was just as good to watch.

In the scoring trailer, William Sutherland, Jane Worobess, Keith, Christine, and Ingrid kept their eyes on the cars while Sue used her invaluable accounting skills to help balance the event finances. Keith had enthusiastically set up a video camera in the scoring booth, and this came in handy for more than making great footage: it was needed a couple of times to make the final call on some "photo finishes". Yes, some racers really were that close at the finish line! Talk about exciting racing!

When all was said and done on Saturday, we were wrapped up by just after 4pm. Time to find our motels and rest up for the big feast at Mark's Chinese Restaurant! Most of the volunteers came out, along with Ice Race Director (and TAC member) Heather Peckham-Hughes. A great time was had by all, and the youths came in handy once again by letting us force the leftovers on them – may as well use that in-room fridge!

Sunday saw a few more racers trickling in with their cars. At the Drivers' Meeting, we presented Andrew Vernon with the TAC Ice Racer trophy from the 2014 season. There were some lucky door prize winners, taking home anything from jugs of engine oil donated

by Minden Subaru, food coupons from new Minden restaurant The 50's Diner, and of course the 50-50 draw to benefit the Kinsmen.

With a few of our volunteers having different schedules, we now had William, Ethan, and Jake on Mock Grid with the guidance of Brian Maxwell; while Rob and Janet took over for Ingrid and William in the scoring booth. With scrutineering going quiet, we repurposed President Rob as the official photographer, and hopefully you will see some of his work elsewhere in this newsletter. Graham was able to turn more attention to the new racer in his family, Andrew, driving #20 as a rookie this year.



Rod Lentino, #92, takes to the straight in Class 4  
(4 wheel drive, rubber tires)

All in all, I'd say a good time was had by all. We received several compliments afterwards on how smoothly the weekend ran – ahead of schedule both days, and not a single complaint was filed with the Clerk or Steward. Without our wonderful group of volunteers, this would definitely not have been possible, and I can only say “thank you” to everyone, even though those words don't seem strong enough to cover it.

Thank You Very Much, TAC Volunteers!!!!



### **CageKits & RollBars**



**ChumpCar®**



**IceRace Car**



**RoadRace Car**

### **Any Car**

*...all custom fit  
to the body style you  
are working with.  
CSC is the largest  
manufacturer of roll cage  
kits in NA and has been for  
over 40 years.*

**1-888-489-3880**  
**www.cscracing.com**

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

Call date: February 4, 2015

Call time: 8:02 pm

Present: Rob, Paul, Rita, Dietmar & Graham

- President's Report:
  - RSO AGM scheduled for Sunday March 22, 2015 in Peterborough
  - A big thank you to the Moore's and the volunteers at the TAC ice race
- Vice President:
  - 2015 membership year to date: 88 = 6 life + 41 primary + 41 family
- Treasurer:
  - balances \$10,684.93 savings; \$484.25 PAY PAL; \$4,213.11 chequing
  - TAC ice race entries down about 12% over 2014 level at 136 total for weekend.
- Competition:
  - TAC ice race more successful than 2014 event and did not lose money again in 2015
    - Many financial issues – increased cost of Motorsportreg.com & pricing
    - A club ice race organizers only meeting will be held at end of the season
  - ORRC – TAC event will be the DOCR – June 20, 2015
  - TAC ice race weekend set for January 24/25
    - Volunteers are looking fairly good
    - Thanks to Rita & Paul for changing their plans in order to organize the event.
  - Ontario Time Attack – TAC event will be at Grand Bend on August 29/30 and also Cayuga June 20 and the driving school may 1 at Mosport DDT.
- Social:
  - Alex Ling has advised this is the clubs' 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. A more modest celebration relative to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be considered. Members' suggestions on activities and venues are welcomed.
- Old business: nil
- New business: Fifth Gear printing & mailing costs for hardcopies are excessive with postal increases. Distribution in 2016 needs to change to electronic or annual membership must be increased for mailing out hardcopies.

Call adjourned: 9:03 pm

- Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

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

Meeting date: February 18, 2015

Meeting opened: 8:12 pm

Attendees: 9

- 1) President's report:
  - a. CASC-OR has completed the move to a new office on Finch Avenue West.
  - b. ASN-FIA Canada has also moved offices to Oakville.
  - c. CASC-OR will have some modest fee increases
  - d. RSO AGM to be held March 21, 2015 in Peterborough
- 2) VP Report :
  - a. Total membership still strong - currently 93 = 6 life + 44 primary +43 Family
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Account balances - \$13,684.93 savings; \$1,395.66 Chequing; \$629.00 PayPal
  - b. TAC ice race expected to make a profit of about \$500 once all bills are paid.
- 4) Competition Report:
  - a. Ice race clubs to hold organizer only meeting after seasons ends; many issues, mostly financial; Kinsmen \$5 levy to be dropped in 2016 due to size of reserve fund.
  - b. TAC ORRC event Discover Ontario Car Rally planned for June 20, 2015; Polar Bear Rally this weekend;
  - c. Ontario Time Attack schedule set but prices still not finalized;
- 5) Social:
  - a. TAC 60<sup>th</sup> annual banquet tentatively set for Saturday November 21, 2015; venue TBD
  - b. Annual Mosport racing weekend / BBQ in July11/12, 2015 – TUDOR series replaces ALMS.
- 6) Fifth Gear: slight delay in mailing this month; increased postage cost for hardcopies not sustainable. 2016 renewal rate may require extra cost for non-electronic distribution option.
- 7) Old Business: nil
- 8) Items for Sale: Fred has sold his TV
- 9) Loonies in the bus: Jane won \$9 in the bus; Graham & Rob J won gas cards;

Adjournment: about 9:15 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 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