



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 the DUB LINN GATE IRISH PUB, 50 Interchange Way, near Hwys 7 and 400 (SE corner) in Vaughan (www.dublinngate.ca).

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From The President's Desk

Welcome to March. Spring is in the air, which means people's thoughts turn from ice to asphalt. For the Ice Racers, this really sucks. As things stand, we were lucky that our TAC weekend was in the first half of the schedule, as all subsequent race weekends were affected by the warm weather. The weekend after ours just ran on Saturday, and the last 2 weekends were completely cancelled. Welcome to global warming.

Hopefully the series can return to its earlier mid-January start date for 2018, and we get lucky for the later dates.

Speaking of the TAC weekend, we had a great time! There were an abundance of volunteers out to help, and both days ran very smoothly. Thanks to the A Team for keeping the day moving well, as well as wife Sue for heading up Registration, the Walker/Vernon results team, and especially Heather for taking on the Organizer role. Also, thanks for all the offers to let me share a car. I will definitely be taking people up on these as soon as Sue lets me.

There are a few sanctioning body events coming up soon. RSO will hold their AGM in Peterborough on March 18th. I will be attending, but don't expect any major issues. There are elections, but the board is currently functioning well, and I hope to see many of the current members return. If anyone wishes to attend (or run), feel free to drop me a line. I'd look forward to a large TAC contingent!

The CASC-OR President's Meeting goes April 22. They will present the finalized 2016 books, and we will get to hear from the new board. With any transition to a new president, it will be interesting to hear how they will approach the next season, and facilitate all the areas in which we race!

But up next is the 2017 F1 season. As usual, members Mitch and Brooke will be running their free F1 Pool. With no entry

fee, the prizes are limited, but the glory of a good finish is worth more than any dollars. For those who complain about the same drivers and teams winning all the races, the pool makes you watch the lower placed racers, and pick the best finishers from all the ranks. Please check out <http://www.fantasyautoracers.com> and get your picks in before the March 26 Melbourne GP.

April 1st is the date for the Ontario Time Attack Open House. As always, it will be held at JRP in Oakville. While you can register for events on line at the same time, going in person will give you access to some great discounts at JRP. TAC will be there signing up new members - but if you're reading this in your Fifth Gear subscription, you're already a member - so just come out to sign up for some (or all) of the dates!

The season will be similar to last year's, with 6 points events and 2 schools. TAC is organizing the Toronto Motorsport Park event in Cayuga on June 10th, and 1 of the Shannonville dates the weekend of August 26/27. The season kicks off with the school at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park's Driver Development Track on Saturday May 13. There is also a school at CTMP's Mosport International Raceway GP track on June 24. They are great places to learn performance driving!

And of course, Brooke will be putting on the Discover Ontario rally the weekend of the June solstice, and we will be having our TAC Picnic at the CTMP IMSA Sports Car weekend, July 7-9. This is the best barbecue you will ever attend at a major race weekend! Watch for details as the dates draw nearer.

Robert McAuley

TAC 2017 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
March 2017			
11-12	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, RAIN-DATE Minden	
12	INDY	Streets of St. Petersburg	
15	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Dub Linn Gate Pub, 7 & 400	TAC
18-19	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Subaru Series, RAIN-DATE Minden	
18	Meeting	RSO Annual General Meeting, Peterborough ON	RSO
24-26	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	
April 2017			
1	TA/Autoslalom	OPEN HOUSE - Time Attack/Autoslalom at JRP, Oakville	CASC
7-9	F1	CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai)	
9	INDY	Streets of Long Beach	
14-16	F1	Gulf Air BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	
19	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Dub Linn Gate Pub, 7 & 400	TAC
23	INDY	Alabama, Barber Motorsports Park (Birmingham)	
28-30	F1	RUSSIAN GRAND PRIX (Sochi)	
29	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally	PMSC
29	INDY	Phoenix International Raceway (Avondale Az)	
May 2017			
12-14	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Catalunya)	
12	School	CASC-OR Race School - CTMP	CASC-OR
13-14	Regional Race	Spring Trophy Races CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
13	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack School #1, CTMP/Mosport DDT	
13	INDY	Grand Prix of Indianapolis	
17	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Dub Linn Gate Pub, 7 & 400	TAC
25-28	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
26-28	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, Invermere BC	CSCC

More events to appear as 2017 Schedules are released.

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ONTARIO TIME ATTACK



2017 Schedule

May 13

School #1 - CTMP DDT

June 10

Event #1 - TMP

June 24

School #2 - CTMP GP

June 25

Event #2 - CTMP GP

July 29

Event #3 - CTMP DDT

July 30

Event #4 - CTMP DDT

August 26

Event #5 - SMP

August 27

Event #6 - SMP

Mobil 1

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Toronto Autosport Club – February 2017 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: February 1, 2017

Call time: 8:02 pm

Present: Rob, Paul, Dietmar & Graham

- President's Report:
 - RSO AGM scheduled for March 18, 2017
 - Ontario Time Attack license request response expected
 - CASC overhead allocation request also awaiting response.

- Vice President:
 - 2017 membership now 92 = 7 life + 44 primary + 41 family
 - Up from 83 this time last year

- Treasurer:
 - N/A (in Vegas) previous values \$12,829.82 savings; \$693.09 chequing; \$679.00 PayPal

- Competition:
 - Ice racing – February 11/12 TAC Event –volunteers looking good. Lots of street stud action at first weekend event.
 - OTA calendar confirmed.
 - Next TAC ORRC event is the DOCR in June 2017.
 - Chumpcar schedule 2017 not final but July 2/3 at Mosport and September 30 / Oct 1 Calabogie.

- Social:
 - TAC annual BBQ at the Mosport GP track July 6-9

- Old business: nil

- New business: nil

- Call adjourned: 8:40 pm - Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of February 2017 General Meeting

Meeting date: February 15, 2017

Meeting opened: 8:00pm

Attendees: 12

- 1) President's report:
 - a. RSO AGM set for March 18, 2017. Rob & Dietmar to attend. Proxies and membership list required.
 - b. CASC-OR affiliation fee (\$500+tax) now due
- 2) VP Report :
 - a. Total membership currently 96 = 7 life + 47 primary + 42 family.
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Account balances - \$12,830.xx savings; \$217.03 Chequing; \$920.25 PayPal
 - b. Annual insurance invoice now due
- 4) Competition Report:
 - a. TAC Ice race last weekend well run. Thanks to all participants
 - i. Minor medical incident during Saturday rookie school – no complications
 - ii. Entry level approx. 125 and typical
 - iii. Expenses reduced over 2016 and most likely a profitable event
 - b. Any inquiry has been made regarding a new contract rally which may be feasible
 - c. Ontario Time Attack
 - i. Annual school to be held May 13 at Mosport DDT – OMSC organizing
 - ii. Schedule includes TAC events at Cayuga and SMP
 - iii. Special CASC license continued - \$25
 - iv. Permit fee reduced to \$100 instead of \$500
 - v. RACE / OTA joint weekend planned
 - vi. Open house at JRP April 1, 2017.
 - d. Chumpcar Canada – no event at Le Circuit Mont Tremblant in 2017. Likely four events in Canada – Mosport, Edmonton, Atlantic Motorsport Park and Calabogie Chumpship
- 5) Social:
 - a. Annual BBQ at Mosport – July 8/9 weekend
- 6) Items for sale: nil
- 7) Old Business: nil
- 8) New Business: nil
- 9) Fifth Gear: nil
- 10) Loonies in the bus: Bruce got the \$12 and Nick & Fred went home with cookies

Adjournment: 8:50 pm

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.



Membership Application

Mail: 18759 Kennedy Road,
RR#1 Sharon, Ontario, L0G 1V0
Email: 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 _____

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This Application Form must also be filled out and submitted so we have your information.

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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