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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 LONDON PUB & GRILL, 9724 Yonge St, Richmond Hill (West side, South of Major Mackenzie Drive).

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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From The President's Desk

Welcome to spring!

The Ice Racers have packed up, and everyone else is frantically working on their track cars. I shouldn't say everyone *else*, as most Ice Racers do other forms of racing too.

Immediately after the TAC Ice Race, I hit the press day at the Canadian International Autoshow. It was a well choreographed event that started with the Car of the Year awards at 7am. Yes. I missed them. I did hook on to the train of press people as we were ushered from one announcement to another at each manufacturers booth. Along the way, we were given breakfast and lunch. By noon, the crowds were so large that one had to plan ahead, skipping some announcements to get a good seat at others.

Most were rehashes of the Detroit announcements, but a few were tuned to the Canadian audiences. Highlights for me were the Porsches (\$300,000 for some custom models) and Subaru (with the BRZ tS and WRX Sti RA - only 75 units coming to Canada).

Honourable mention goes to Mercedes, BMW, and Audi. They had great cars on display, and although their press announcements were ho-hum, they did have lots of flash.

My photos are up on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TorontoAutosportClub/>), along with some snarky comments. I'll have to do better if I want to get invited back. What I really want is an invite to the VIP event that follows. Wife Sue and I went many years ago, when Solo 1 had a booth.

People dress up, and the manufacturers offer drinks and hors d'oeuvres. We had a blast, and I know I'd write a much more appealing column if I got to go again.

As I mentioned, the Ice Race season wrapped up with most weekends running smoothly.

Unfortunately, the last weekend was shut down after the Saturday morning practice. In these warmer times, it may be worth coming up with some kind of insurance fund to help clubs that are stuck with little or no revenue, but all the expenses of a last-minute cancellation. Something to consider at the Organizer's Meeting.

Coming up April 7th, is the Time Attack & Autoslalom Open House at JRP in Oakville. This is always a blast to reconnect with past competitors, and get the low-down on how the series' operate. Definitely recommended for first timers, and anyone looking for a good deal at JRP! For the first time in ages, I will not be attending, as I have a conflict. Watch for OTA Secretary, Gary Vernon, manning the TAC booth.

That conflict? Members Dan, Graham, and I will be heading to Daytona for our first Chump Car race of the season. We are on the track from 9am to 11pm on the Saturday. We'll be away almost a whole week for a 1 day race, but it will be a blast! I can't wait to get up high on the banking, and dive down to the infield.

There are over 100 cars registered, so there should be someone to race with!

The other race series that is starting up is Formula 1. The first race goes March 25 in Melbourne. Once again, Mitch & Brooke have their free F1 Pool up and running at <https://www.fantasyautoracers.com>. You can build a team from drivers in different categories, and it makes the race weekend much more interesting. Sure, Lewis will win most of the time, but will Verstappen do better than Ricciardo? How about Grosjean in his Haas vs Hulkenberg in the Renault? You will end up following all the teams from the best at the top, to the worst at the bottom. If you have a hunch, or even if you want to make some random picks and change up your team later, you can do it all - for free! Just go to the web site, and register!

Finally, a reminder that our next meeting will be at the London Pub in Richmond Hill on Wednesday March 21 at 8pm. Come early for dinner, and some great bench racing!

Be seeing you.
Rob
TAC President

TAC 2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Club</u>
March 2018			
21	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, London Pub, Richmond Hill	TAC
24	Meeting	RSO Annual General Meeting, Peterborough ON	RSO
April 2018			
7	TA/Autoslalom	OPEN HOUSE - Time Attack/Autoslalom at JRP, Oakville	CASC
7	INDY	Phoenix International Raceway (Avondale Az)	
15	INDY	Streets of Long Beach	
18	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, London Pub, Richmond Hill	TAC
21	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Lapping/Test/Instructor School TMP	
22	INDY	Alabama, Barber Motorsports Park (Birmingham)	
28	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally	PMSC
May 2018			
4-5	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, McDonalds Corners	MCO
11-13	Regional Race	Spring Trophy Races CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
12	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Blossom Rally, (Kitchener)	KWRC
12	INDY	Grand Prix of Indianapolis	
12	School	Ontario Time Attack School #1 CTMP-DDT	
16	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, London Pub, Richmond Hill	TAC
25-27	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, Invermere BC	CSCC
26	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #1 , TMP	
27	INDY	Indianapolis 500	
June 2018			
2	INDY	Race #1 / Belle Isle (Detroit)	
3	INDY	Race #2 / Belle Isle (Detroit)	
9	INDY	Texas Motor Speedway, Ft Worth	
9	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack School #2, CTMP/Mosport DDT +Kink	

More events to appear as 2018 Schedules are released.

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Richmond Hill couple first in Canada to own limited-edition Subaru

Elgin and Connie Dewar pick up the first of 75 2018 WRX STI TYPE RA Subaru to come to Canada at Richmond Hill Subaru

NEWS Mar 05, 2018 by [Teresa Latchford](#) Richmond Hill Liberal



Richmond Hill's Connie Dewar and her husband, Elgin, pick up their brand new car at Richmond Hill Subaru. This special edition 2018 Subaru WRX STI TYPE RA is one of only 75 coming to Canada and this lucky customer is receiving plate No. 1. - Susie Kockerscheidt/Metroland

Elgin and Connie Dewar are the first in Canada to receive delivery of the limited-edition 2018 WRX STI TYPE RA Subaru.

The Richmond Hill couple filled out the final paperwork and were presented the keys to the track-tuned, limited-edition model that recently broke the lap record for sedans at the Nürburgring Nordschleife at Richmond Hill Subaru.

"It's pretty exciting to have the first of 75 to be brought to Canada," Elgin said. "This is our fourth Subaru but this one will be a pleasure vehicle."

The Dewars have enjoyed participating in time, speed and distance (TSD) rallies across Ontario and plan to continue participating, anticipating their new purchase will give them an advantage. The competitions are held on Ontario roads and require a driver as well as a navigator so it is an activity Elgin and Connie enjoy together.

"We hope to compete in the rally held in Newfoundland," Elgin added. "We can't wait." While Connie's attraction to the car was the sporty appearance, Elgin's was more about the performance.

"We wanted a fun, track-style car that we could both enjoy," Elgin said. "This one certainly fits the bill and we are looking forward to every minute we get to drive it." For more about the car, visit Subaru.ca.



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Attention Proud TAC Members!

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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>



Toronto Autosport Club – February 2018 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: February 7, 2018

Call time: 8:01pm

Present: Rob, Paul, Dietmar & Graham

- President's Report:
 - Pursuing press credentials at upcoming Toronto International Car Show

- Vice President:
 - CASC website down and data not available – last month:
Membership 54=27 primary + 19 family +8 life

- Treasurer: (by Paul)
 - Savings \$14,897.55; PayPal \$144.39; chequing \$785.88

- Competition:
 - TAC Ice race ready to go;
 - Ontario Time Attack – no recent changes
 - Chumpcar Canada – early entry discounts on Motorsportreg

- Social:
 - Next general meeting February 21, 2018 in Richmond Hill at the London pub.

- Old business: nil

- New business: nil

Call adjourned: 8:22 pm - Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of February 2018 General Meeting

Meeting date: February 21, 2018

Meeting opened: 8:07 pm

Attendees: 10

1) President's report:

- a. Bailing water out near Goderich

2) VP Report :

- a. Total membership currently 78 = 38 primary +32 family + 8 life

3) Treasurer's Report:

- a. Account balances - \$14,897.55 savings; 3,044.63 Chequing; \$144.39 PayPal
- b. Some accounting remaining from ice race but financial success
- c. Some banking blues from existing accounts with fees and bureaucracy

4) Competition Report:

- a. TAC Ice race had 137 entries up from 121 and profitable
- b. One call for the medical officer but nothing serious
- c. No big changes likely for next year
- d. Chumpcar Canada – new Canadian Endurance Series to complement Chumpcar Canada - shorter endurance races of 1 or 3 hours for GT time group cars running with 8 hour endurance classes A,B,C,D in the US rebranded Champcar series
- e. Auto slalom – Keith investigating timing; system changes; further discussion at open house
- f. OTA – no news for 2018.
- g. ORRC – next TAC event DOCR in June 2018.

5) Social:

- a. Fred suggested another banquet location but it was agreed to return to the Crow's Nest.
- b. Bowling night proposed for the fifth Wednesday in May. This time at walk-in rates!

6) Items for sale/ wanted : nil

7) Old Business: nil

8) New Business: nil

9) Loonies in the bus: Jane won the bus with a selection of prizes for all

Adjournment: 8:54pm



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.

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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