



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 !

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From The President's Desk

March. Shoulder season. Ice racing is over, track season is a couple of months away.

Just enough time to get the summer car prepped!

This past month has been busy for me, with the Canadian International Autoshow, our TAC Ice Race, and a few other distractions.

Once again, I was able to convince the Autoshow folks that I am a legitimate journalist, working for a legitimate publication. I was able to get passes for Wife Sue and I to see the Racing Point launch event 2 days ahead of the show, the press tour the day before the show, and admission to the show during its run. I took a tonne of photos that are now up on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TorontoAutosportClub/>), got a free breakfast, and got to chat with Otmar Szafnauer, the Racing Point CEO. Sue was only a little embarrassed when I asked him about their Mercedes engine deal. But then she's always afraid that I'll make inappropriate suggestions instead of just asking questions.

Wife Sue reports: "I thoroughly enjoyed the Racing Point launch event, it was great to see an F1 team with a strong Canadian connection. Even more thrilling was seeing Crofty from the Skye F1 commentating team host the event. The folks at Racing Point were very enthusiastic about the season and what they have been able to do with the car over the winter, with a good budget. They have plans to continue to develop the car through the season. Rob knows I pick my fantasy F1 team based on who I like - not the statistical analysis of probability of success, so go Lance go! I will be rooting for Racing Point in Australia this weekend!"

The next day was the press tour. Each manufacturer did an unveiling, usually some sort of a Canadian debut. Usually something that had been previously announced in Detroit or Los Angeles. Most brands were

excited about their electric/hybrid cars, and Jaguar won the AJAC top SUV prize for their all-electric I-Pace. It looks amazing, and has lots of electric motor torque. Now if they can just cure my range-anxiety.

The highlight for me was the Toyota Supra/BMW Z4. This is the same car, but with lots of shared technology. Toyota showed a very sporty looking coupe, and the BMW version was a roadster convertible. Of course, the coupe would make a better track car, so that's the one I want!

If anyone wants to join me next year, drop me a line ahead of the show. All I ask is that you write up your experiences for Fifth Gear, even if it's a paragraph like Wife Sue's above.

Immediately after, we headed up to Minden for the TAC Ice Race. The turnout was better than it had been in a few years, but thanks to MotorSportReg.com, things went quickly. I really encourage everyone to pre-register with it to make our lives easier (and get you processed faster). In fact, one person came in, saw the line-up for unregistered racers, grabbed his phone, registered while in line, then jumped into the pre-registered line, and was out faster than the guy at the front of the original line he was in!

The Lexus series attracted a full field, and there were lots of rookies out. We had 2 days of good racing and lots of smiles on both the volunteers and racers. Here's to a long, cold winter in 2020!

This weekend is the opening Formula 1 race, running in Melbourne Australia. Once again, TAC members Mitch & Brooke are running their pool. The cost is free, and the winners are in it only for the glory. You have to pick the best driver from 5 different groups. They range from the top drivers (Hamilton & Vettel), down to the rookies. You will want to follow the races, and juggle

TAC 2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Club</u>
March 2019			
20	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
24	INDY	Circuit of the Americas	
29-31	F1	BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	
April 2019			
6	TA/Autoslalom	OPEN HOUSE - Time Attack/Autoslalom at JRP, Oakville	CASC
7	INDY	GP of Alabama, Barber Motorsports Park (Birmingham)	
12-14	F1	CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai)	
13	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series, #1	KWRC
14	INDY	GP of Long Beach	
17	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
26-28	F1	Azerbaijani Grand Prix (Baku)	
27	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally	PMSC
May 2019			
3-4	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, McDonalds Corners	MCO
4-5	Autoslalom	Autoslalom Advanced Driving CLINIC	SPDA
10-12	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Catalunya)	
11	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Blossom Rally, (Kitchener)	KWRC
11	INDY	Grand Prix of Indianapolis, Indianapolis IN	
15	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting,	TAC
23-26	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
24	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, Invermere BC	CSCC
25-26	Autoslalom	Ontario Regional Event #1 & 2, Picton Airfield	St LAC
26	INDY	Indianapolis 500	
June 2019			
1	INDY	Chevrolet Dual in Detroit Race-1	
2	INDY	Chevrolet Dual in Detroit Race-2	
7-9	F1	CANADIAN GRAND PRIX (Montréal)	
8	INDY	Texas GP, Texas Motor Speedway, Ft Worth	
15	Rally-ORRC	Discover Ontario Car Rally, - See Flyer-	TAC
19	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting,	TAC
21-23	F1	FRENCH GRAND PRIX (Paul Ricard)	
23	INDY	Road America (Elkhart Lake WI)	
28-30	F1	AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX	
28-30	Rally-CRC	Rallye Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec	CRAB

More events to appear as 2019 Schedules are released.

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

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your team as patterns emerge. Check it out at <https://www.fantasyautoracers.com/>

Speaking of F1, Wife Sue and I binge watched the new Netflix series: Formula 1: Drive to Survive. They did an amazing job following each team, and finding the drama within. Each episode focuses on one or two drivers, and their key issues. Will Ricciardo re-sign with Red Bull? Which Spaniard will come out on top at Barcelona? Can Haas challenge Renault as the best-of-the-rest fourth team? The coverage was very much fly-on-the-wall, where the teams forgot that a film crew was following them around. Normally tight-lipped teams, who spout politically correct lines were slamming the other teams and drivers. This is a great watch!

If you are interested in Time Attack this year, make sure you come out to the Ontario Time Attack Open House at JRP in Oakville on April 6th. It runs from noon to 3pm, and you'll have a chance to classify your car and register for the series. There are some great discounts available for those attending. Also, JRP has some great discounts for people signing up! I'll be there with TAC member Gary Vernon, ready to renew your membership.

Everyone reading this has received an invitation to complete a survey. We are looking around to see what additional events we can offer, and what our member's interests are. You can still fill it in, and influence the club to better meet your needs. I'll talk more about the results in next month's column.

Now, enough reading. Get out to the garage, and get that car prepped!

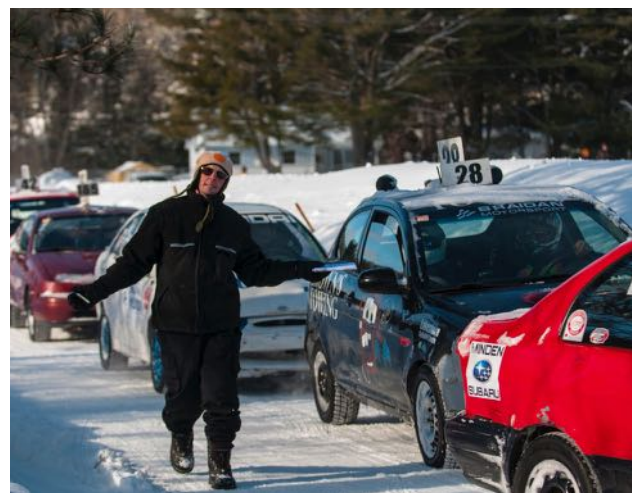
Rob McAuley
TAC President



Clerk Gary Vernon addresses the drivers



The Drivers were Paying attention !



Grid Master Rob Cole has everyone organized

Raven Race Resort

Rob McAuley, TAC President

You may have noticed a new advertiser in this month's Fifth Gear. Raven Race Resort are reaching out to people interested in a private club environment for a race track.

These facilities are popular around major cities, but there's been nothing close to Toronto until now.

The layout looks like it will be a solid technical track, 4.1 kilometres long, located near Lake Balsam in the Kawarthas. There are some dramatic elevation changes, and interesting corners. The site is currently home to a GoKart track, with a quarry near-by, so noise shouldn't be a problem (like local residents complained about at Toronto Motorsport Park in Cayuga, Dunnville, and Calabogie).

The team behind the track kicked off their promotion efforts at the Canadian International AutoShow in Toronto last month, and have received some strong interest. They were offering laps on a simulator and people loved it!



They are currently looking to sign up members and start construction this year. Paving will be complete in 2020, with first cars on the track in the spring of 2021. They have big plans for a club house, car storage & work area with a technician on staff to make sure your car is prepped. If all goes according to plans, expect to see condos and a hotel on the property afterwards.

You can think of this as a similar to a golf club membership (not that anyone reading this spends their weekends golfing!). Once you pay the membership fee and get into the club, there will be an annual fee to cover maintenance of the facilities. Currently the membership is \$25,000, but will go up as more people sign up. It would be wise to get in early if you are interested.

Because the club is private, only members, their family, and their guests will be able to run. Don't expect to see any open lapping days!

The current management team is made up of enthusiasts, industry reps, and real estate professionals, so they have very good depth in the project.

If you are interested, check out the ad, and reach out to them at <https://www.ravenraceresort.com/>

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Auto Show Media Tour



Nissan unveiled their new all-electric all wheel drive race car.

This all-electric Volkswagen is the new record holder for the Pikes Peak climb



Toyota: "We'll buy your Z4 technology, but you have to make your version ugly."
BMW: "Deal!"



The prettiest car at the show: The Toyota version of the BMW Z4



The Acura NSX was another very pretty car

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

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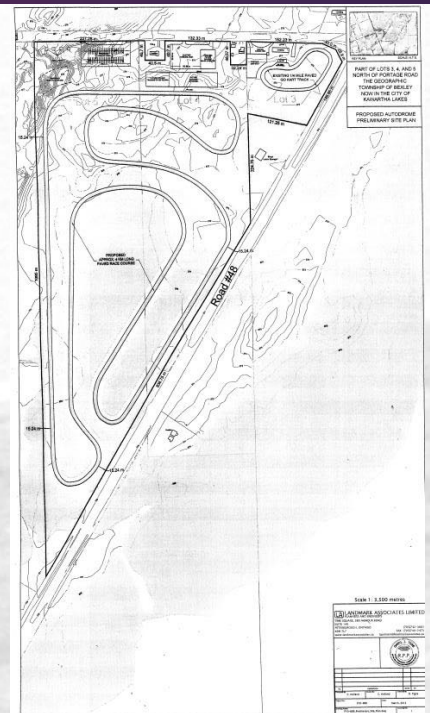
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Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of February 20, 2019 General Meeting

Meeting date: February 20, 2019

Meeting opened: 8:04 pm

Attendees: 9

1) President's report:

- a. Attended launch of Racing Point F1 team.
- b. RSO AGM in March, attending with Dietmar. Need proxies sent in.
- c. 29 replies to Survey Monkey so far

2) VP Report :

- a. Not present but reported: Total membership currently 71 = 7 life + 33 primary + 31 family

3) Treasurer's Report:

- a. Not present but reported : Account balances - \$15,015.92 savings; \$4,988.85 Chequing; \$207.64 PayPal
- b. Probably made about \$2,000 at Ice Race

4) Competition Report:

- a. Ice Racing – TAC was last weekend
 - i. Paul thanks all volunteers
 - ii. 89 competitors
 - iii. Ran well, Gary Vernon was Clerk
- b. Time Attack - Rob M is organizer for school
 - i. Transponders to be used this year
 - ii. No Mosport event
- c. Autoslalom - Series registration is open \$35 until open house
 - i. First regional is Picton May 25-26
- d. Chump Car (or current name) Graham is looking at Glenn in May, Shannonville in April, Calabogie in fall
- e. Rally - June is DOCR; no info on other series events
 - i. Rob met with Guru Nanak organizers. Desire to promote to experienced competitors.
- f. Social - Bowling night may be May 29 Woodbridge bowl, meet earlier at Swiss Chalet
 - i. Annual Banquet Nov 30th, likely Ithaca Restaurant, Unionville.
 - ii. TAC BBQ July 6-7 at CTMP for IMSA

5) Items for sale/ wanted : none

6) Old Business: none

7) New Business: none

8) Loonies in the bus: Nick was the grand prize winner. Thanks to Ingrid for cookie prizes too.

Adjournment: 9:07 p.m.

Minutes recorded by N. Beck

Toronto Autosport Club – February 2019 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: February 6, 2019

Call time: 8:03 pm

Participants: Paul, Rita, Dietmar, Graham & Rob

Presidents Report

Nothing to report

Vice President

Membership total now 68 = 31 primary +30 family + 7 life

Treasurer:

\$15,015.92 savings; \$159.39 PayPal; \$1130.85 chequing

Ice racing float obtained

RSO affiliation paid

Competition:

Ice racing volunteers are ok; ready to go

Ontario Time Attack – schedule posted; Rob M to do school at DDT

Lucky Dog Racing – new Canadian endurance series taking over from Chumpcar Canada - 3 events scheduled.

Guru Nanak – meeting with organizers held; no substantial changes expected

Social:

Survey monkey results discussed

Old business – nil

New business – nil

Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Notes 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 _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Cheque # _____ PayPal Other TOTAL \$: _____

To pay by PAYPAL/Credit Card, please visit the Club website at: 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