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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

Spring has sprung. I've noticed the snow-drop flower bulbs pushing up, so it is time to park the ice racers, as our road-racing season must be starting soon.

This year's ice race season worked out well. As a club, we were nervous having the last weekend on the calendar. No need to worry. The track was in great shape, and we got a full weekend in. PMSC was able to make up their rained out January weekend on March 1st, so Ice Racers had a full 6 weekend season!

Our weekend was a great success, with tonnes of feedback from the racers that everything ran smoothly, from registration to gridding, to the running of the races. Multiple people came up to both Organizer Paul, and myself saying how much they appreciate TAC's first class efforts in hosting these weekend races. Just to call out a few of the volunteers that helped things run smoothly: First Lady Sue and Organizer Paul getting people through registration so quickly, Rob Coles A-Team for getting the cars organized, and the races run smoothly. Our Clerk, Gary, the timing team, and Scorer Rita for getting the results up quickly.

I was taking photos over the weekend, and posted almost 1,000 on our Facebook page. Check them out, tag your friends, and Like the Toronto Autosport Club!

Looking forward, things are really up in the air - like COVID-19 viruses. As I write this, it was just announced the F1 race in Australia has been cancelled. Spectators were lining up, and not being let into the park. People's suspicions have been confirmed. Sporting events all over the world are being affected. Wife-Sue had booked a flight and AirBnB to see the ISU Figure Skating World Championships in Montreal next week, but they were canceled. Now she has to sort out refunds

and credits. We were trying to get tickets to the Synchro Skating World Championships in Lake Placid in early April, but with the US travel ban on Europe, 14 of the 20 teams competing will not be able to attend. Maybe that was Trump's plan all along!

As for TAC, we will follow any guidelines issued by our sanctioning bodies and hosts of our events. Generally, it is best to avoid gatherings with more than 50 people, so our monthly meetings (in a separate room of Turtle Jack's) will continue. We ask if anyone had travelled to countries with serious outbreaks to self-quarantine for 10 days. If anyone is displaying symptoms, please keep your distance! And everyone, please, wash your hands often. As of now, things are business as usual.

Plan on the usual series of events put on by the club. The Time Attack and Autoslalom Open House is usually held at JRP in Oakville the first weekend in April. I haven't seen confirmation of this yet, but the announced pricing for Time Attack includes the usual Open House discount. It is a great way to ask questions, get your car classified, and reconnect with the gang from last year. Keep watching the CASC forums for an official announcement.

In June, on the longest weekend of the year, you can expect Brooke to hold the Discover Ontario Navigation Rally, and watch for the TAC Corral at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park IMSA event - The Mobil 1 Sports Car Grand Prix the July 4/5 weekend.

Hopefully we can contain any virus traces by then, and our season will run unaffected.

Stay Well,

Rob
TAC President

TAC 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
March 2020			
13-15	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	
15	INDY	Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg	
18	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
20-22	F1	BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	
April 2020			
3-5	F1	Vietnam Grand Prix	
4	TA/Autoslalom	OPEN HOUSE - Time Attack/Autoslalom at TBA (Tentative)	CASC
5	INDY	Honda Grand Prix of Alabama Barber Motorsports Park - Birmingham, AL	
15	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
17-19	F1	CHINESE GRAND PRIX (Shanghai)	
19	INDY	Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach	
25	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally	PMSC
26	INDY	AutoNation INDYCAR Challenge Circuit Of The Americas - Austin, TX	
May 2020			
1-3	F1	Dutch Grand Prix (Netherlands)	
2	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Lanark Highlands Forest Rally, McDonalds Corners	MCO
8-10	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Catalunya)	
9	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Blossom Rally, (Kitchener)	KWRC
9	INDY	GMR Grand Prix, Indianapolis Motor Speedway	
20	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Turtle Jack's, 925 Dixon Road	TAC
21-24	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
22-24	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, Invermere BC	CSCC
24	INDY	Indianapolis 500	
30	INDY	Chevrolet Dual in Detroit Race 1, The Raceway at Belle Isle Park	
31	INDY	Chevrolet Dual in Detroit Race 2, The Raceway at Belle Isle Park	

More events to appear as 2020 Schedules are released.

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



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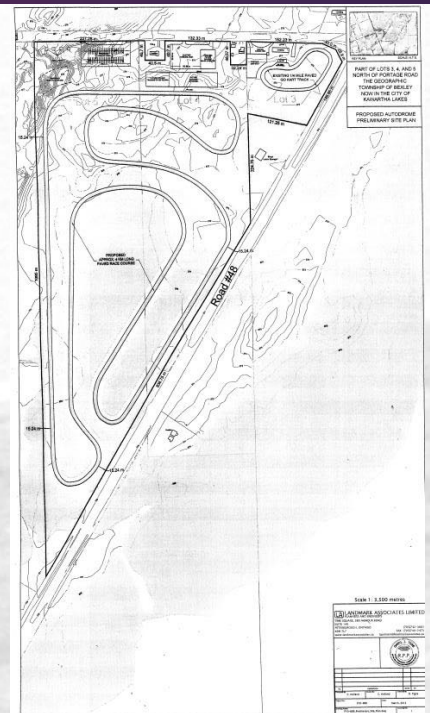
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Peter Fenwick 1926 - 2020



Peter passed away peacefully at the Westshore Retirement Residence, Port Perry on the 27th of February, 2020, in his 94th year. Peter was predeceased by his loving wife Margaret (2014). He is survived by his sisters Mary and Barbara in England, and predeceased by Joan. He will be sadly missed by his children Jeffrey (the late Mary), Alison (Kurt), grandchildren Laura (Sean), Sarah (Graeme), Jacquie, Phil, and Lydia, and great-granddaughter Abigail.

Born on August 17, 1926 in Consett, England, Peter immigrated with his family to Canada in 1966. Peter was an electrical engineer and worked extensively on control systems for ship mooring winches, huge cranes and latterly high-speed labelling machines. There was nothing he couldn't improve. Peter caught the motorsport bug early and was a fixture on the Ontario Navigational Rally scene, with many wins to his credit. Along with Margaret, he was a devoted follower of the Canadian National Auto Rally scene and well-known there for his photos. Cremation has taken place at Peter's request.

The family would like to thank all those who cared for Peter during this time, especially the staff at Westshore. If desired, donations may be made to Westshore Retirement Residence or the charity of your choice.

Peter was a long-time and active member of TAC for over 40 years and an enthusiastic road-rally driver. He competed in many events since at least the 1970's (if not earlier) and often then in his well-known Datsun 510. It is difficult now to list all his events attended, we did not have the internet then to record all that for posterity, but he competed primarily in Ontario Road Rally Cup and predecessor and similar events. After retiring from regularly entering events, he and Margaret would travel to many nearby (within a day or 2 drive) performance rally events, where they would both take photos and later distribute copies to the competitors. They were well-known by many national-level competitors as a result, as they travelled from event to event.

There are many in the rally community who knew him well and we will all miss him. On behalf of the Toronto Autosport Club, our sympathies go out to Peter's family



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TAC Ice Race at Minden



Rob, Paul and Graham
at the Registration Trailer

All lined up and
Green to Go



A Short Break before getting the
next Race Gridded.

No, Not '77' it's 'Last Lap'!



Photos:
Thanks to
Rob McAuley



TAC General Meeting Minutes Feb. 19, 2020

Called to order 8:05pm

President

No definite word on ASN replacement, still working on it. Doesn't look like new coverage is as good as what we had. Trying to get the same. In "wait and see" mode.

Vice President

65 members, 7 life, 30 primary, 28 family

Treasurer

Tangerine \$15, 145.07

Chequing \$3,521.49

PayPal \$85.49

Competition

Ice Race is a go for this weekend. No confirmed Steward. Have enough volunteers. Guru Nanak will be sponsoring this weekend, bringing swag, etc.

Time Attack, schedule is out, fees are out. School on Saturday, event on Sunday May 30-31. Rob to present at one of the sessions. Gary Woods is organizing the school. Open House is scheduled for beginning of April. Nothing is confirmed yet.

Discover Ontario scheduled for end of June 2020

Social

need a social director

Mosport IMSA weekend July 4 weekend.

Old Business

New Business

Items for Sale

Items Wanted

Loonies in the Bus won by

Meeting adjourned 8:47 pm

Minutes by Ingrid

TAC Exec Meeting Minutes Feb 4, 2020

8:03 pm, 4 members present

President's message

RSO AGM coming up. Need to elect club RSO rep for CARS. 2 people have put forth their names for nomination. Rob to email club members to collect votes.

No new info on insurance. Letter from CARS saying it will take time. Hope to have something in place by April 1.

Membership

67 members: 7 life, 31 members, 29 family

Treasurer

PayPal \$133.74
Savings \$15,154.07
Chequing \$8,613.99

Ice Race income less than last year. Fewer entries, fewer expenses except Increase in insurance this year.

Competition

Every club across the country is struggling with navigation rallies. Also stage rallying is on the decline. There is talk of having a WRC event in Canada, winter event based out of Ottawa. No winter events in Europe anymore; lack of snow. Rally sprints/crosses are doing well.

Ice Race - competitors mentioned that we put on a better event than any other club. Need to make electronic registration mandatory, unless extreme circumstances. Everything ran smoothly. Should invoice for weekend sponsorship.

Time attack, pricing and schedules are up.

DOCR coming up.

New member will be running Micra Cup series this year.

Next general meeting Mar 18, 2020

meeting adjourned 8:35pm

Minutes by Ingrid

Attention Proud TAC Members!

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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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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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