



# Fifth Gear

*March 2021*



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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 . **-NOTE- In-Person Meetings Suspended due to COVID-19 limits.**

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## GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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# From The President's Desk

Welcome back from March Break!

I remember thinking that we just had to isolate for 2 weeks, and the virus would stop spreading and disappear. Guess it's harder to contain than I originally thought. Now we are counting on the vaccine to help us get things open. My 90 year old mother is booked to get her first shot this week. My daughter living in the US managed to get a spare dose that was about to expire at a healthcare facility. We're getting there!

However. We still have a ways to go. I just can't imagine major sporting events and concert halls packed with people until everyone is vaccinated, and COVID numbers drop to a point where the media stops reporting them daily. I have a suspicion that there is a lot of pent up demand for these activities, and any event that we can put on will be very popular.

However. Speaking with Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, I would love to book our ALMS Picnic for 2021, but Mosport is not selling tickets to the event yet. They aren't sure if they will. There's a chance that many of us will be vaccinated by that July 4 weekend, but it will likely be too soon to get crowds together for an eating event, even if it is outdoors. Very few of the 2021 F1 events have tickets on sale yet either.

The 2021 Canadian AutoSlalom Championship, scheduled for July 30 - Aug 1 in PEI has been cancelled. Their announcement is printed later in this issue. There's just too much work that goes into these events to risk having a venue pull the plug. That affected the autoslalom season last year, and people are wondering what will be done this year. Some venues (parking lots) wanted organizers to provide COVID insurance, so the venue wouldn't get sued if someone gave COVID to another attendee. Maybe we need some additional wording in the waivers.

One thing that looks like it will be able to run are regional race and Time Attack events. Last year, tracks were allowed to open, provided driver's

meetings were held outdoors and people distanced responsibly. When Time Attack delayed the start of their season, people were desperate to get out to events. Many, especially the early ones, sold out. I really believe people are keen to participate when they can.

One thing that is going to run as planned is Mitch & Brooke's Fantasy F1 League. If you ask me, they've taken a big risk this year, and announced the driver groupings prior to pre-season testing.

You have up to the start of the first race to lock down your team. You can even select after qualifying. It's free to play, and it makes every race and every position in the race important.

How do you choose between Nikita Mazepin, Mick Schumacher, and Yuki Tsunoda? Sign up here: [https://www.fantasyautoracers.com/f1\\_01/f1updates.php](https://www.fantasyautoracers.com/f1_01/f1updates.php)

My current project is to help my newly graduated nursing niece select her first car. Her mum is sick of lending her the family Corolla, and Kaithlynne doesn't really care what she gets.

"I want the cheapest, most basic car there is."

"Do you want air conditioning?"

"Of course!"

"Automatic transmission?"

"What else is there?"

"You want to hook your phone up?"

"Don't they all do that?"

I am trying to get her to look over the new car brochures to figure out which trim level of each model she could tolerate, but I suspect she just wants someone to point her at a vehicle and tell her to buy it. The whole process is taking far too long, and it likely won't speed up until her mother cuts her off from the Corolla.

Well, at least we have things to keep us busy. I hope you've got something fun to do as well!

Rob McAuley  
TAC President

# TAC 2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

Most Schedules have been modified / Verify with organizing group

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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## March 2021

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17	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
28	F1	BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	

## April 2021

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11	INDY	Barber Motorsports Park - Birmingham, AL	
18	F1	GRAN PREMIO D'ITALIA (Imola)	
21	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
25	INDY	Streets of St. Petersburg	

## May 2021

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1-2	INDY	Texas Motor Speedway -2 Days - Fort Worth	
8-9	Regional Race	Spring Trophy Races CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
9	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Barcelona)	
15	INDY	IMS Road Course, Indianapolis	
15	School	Ontario Time Attack School CTMP-DDT	
15-16	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race CTMP	LDC
16	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #1 , CTMP-DDT	
19	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
23	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
30	INDY	INDY 500, Indianapolis Motor Speedway	

## June 2021

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5-6	Regional Race	Summer Challenge at SMP	
6	F1	AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX (Baku City, Azerbaijan)	
12	INDY	Detroit Race 1, The Raceway at Belle Isle Park	
12-13	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race Calabogie	LDC
13	F1	CANADIAN GRAND PRIX (Montréal)	

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*More events to appear as 2021 Schedules are released.*

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



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## Pandemic Project

You know that old saying about never looking a gift horse in the mouth? How about never looking a gift tractor in the gas cap?

It started innocently enough when a long time friend emailed and asked if I would like his late father's tractor. "It has been sitting in the field for a decade since he bought a Kubota". The kicker was, "it was running when he parked it!" How could I turn down such an offer?

It turns out, the tractor in question is a 1955 Ferguson TEA 20, aka "the Little Grey Fergie". Built between 1946 and 1957 by the Standard Motor Company of Coventry, UK, this compact tractor was a revolution in agriculture. Henry George "Harry" Ferguson was a skilled engineer and mechanic who came up with a couple of ideas that would change farming forever.



Firstly, in the 1940's most farming was still done in small operations with the use of horses for the heavy work. Tractors of the time were huge, heavy, lumbering, and very expensive. Family farmers could not afford a tractor and a tractor would be impractical on small fields. Horses were cheap and manoeuvrable, but had to be tended even when not working. Most farmers had to dedicate 60% or more of their arable land for crops to feed the horses. Harry designed a small, light, agile tractor that was well manufactured, but at a price point even a small farmer could afford.

Secondly, every implement used with tractors at the time was a simple towed device as each had to be pulled by horses, in the absence of a tractor. Wouldn't it be wonderful to not only power the implements, but have them as part of the tractor rather than dragging behind? Harry's ideas were so revolutionary and forward thinking, the triple hitch and power take-off, are still the exact same designs found on EVERY tractor being built today!

After securing the manufacturing space in the recently idled Standard Motor Company's Coventry plant (the plant had built aircraft during the war) and government grants Harry's creation rolled out the doors and was marketed heavily in rural areas. The rest, as they say was history. Over 600,000 tractors pattered off the assembly line heading for farms around the world.

This particular tractor has a 2088 cc gasoline, four cylinder engine with a compression ratio of 5.6:1 to account for poor post-war fuel. Ferguson also produced diesel, paraffin, and TVO (tractor vaporizing oil, aka gasoline/kerosine) versions. The tractor weighs in at around 2500 lbs and later models, such as this one, had a 12 volt electrical system (yeah!). The engine was rated around 28 horsepower and used a three speed gearbox. The transmission has a fourth "S" gear which

connects the engine to the electric starter. A bit ominously, a crank handle is clipped under the seat for when the electrics fail! (Before anyone asks, the electrics are not by Lucas.)



After spending an afternoon with tow straps and Rita's truck, the Fergie is now at its new home. It had sunk about a foot into the ground and was frozen in solidly. Luckily, the Ram's 8400 lbs made short work of the tractor's grip on the ground.

The condition is "rough" as you can see in the photos. Not many dashboards come with a layer of lichen! The good news is that everything except a battery is present. The bad news is that the wheels are rusted through and will have to be replaced (not to mention the rotten tires). Fortunately, a quick check of the local Massey-Ferguson dealer confirmed parts are on the shelf (and cheap), and the tractor recycling yards (who knew?) in the area all have TE 20s in their inventory.



Down the rabbit hole I go!

ON THE COVER  
WE ALL MISSED ICE  
RACING THIS SEASON.  
THIS PICTURE IS JUST  
A REMINDER  
(SORRY!!)

## **TAC General Meeting Minutes Feb. 17, 2021 via ZOOM**

Called to order 8:05 pm

### **President**

Expecting to hear more about the new ASN Canada. Just got financials from Time Attack - had a good year last year.

### **Vice President**

98 members: 6 life, 57 primary, 35 family

### **Treasurer**

Tangerine \$24,307.26  
Chequing \$ 0.00 account at BMO has been closed  
PayPal \$374.99

Brooke is looking into opening an account at Scotia Bank

### **Competition**

Last weekend's race at Calabogie was cancelled due to lack of snow and ice. Next race scheduled for Feb. 21 at Capital City Speedway. On the following weekend, Feb. 28, snow cross is scheduled at Free Flow motor sport park. Lucky dog test day April 17&18 at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. More motorsport should be happening starting in May. More proposed schedules are slowly appearing.

DOCR - Brooke will prepare the rally in the event it will be going ahead.

OTA events are on the calendar. A one day Time Attack school July 24/21 followed by one day race event.

### **Social**

Hoping we will be able to hold our annual BBQ to do the weekend at Motorsport in July  
Next meeting will be March 17, 2021, also a Zoom meeting

**Old Business** - none

### **New Business**

Virtual Racing was discussed. Ontario Time Attack is hosting an iRacing series. Brooke is working with Seneca College on eSports activities. Rob indicated that TAC could be a partner if virtual motorsports were involved. Brian Maxwell thought this would be a great way to bring younger fans out for real events.

**Items for Sale** - none

**Items Wanted** - none

**Loonies in the Bus** - on hold until we meet again

Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm

Minutes by Ingrid



## Toronto Autosport Club - Executive Conference Call Meeting Minutes March 3, 2021

Call time: 8:00 pm via ZOOM

Participants: Rob, Paul, Graham, Brooke, Claire & Ingrid

### President

Received a couple email inquires - one was for the Suburu discount, Rob checked out the website and it says offer only valid until Dec. 31 2020. Discussion was held about validating memberships with CARS, etc. CARS does have to sign off on it. Suburu rebate form on CARS website does state that you have to be a member in good standing for one full year prior to purchases.

Reached out to Mosport re July 4 weekend and they aren't selling tickets yet as they don't know what is happening.

Membership: 100 members: 6 life, 59 primary, 35 family

### Treasurer

Account Balances:

PayPal \$ 374.99

Savings \$24,311.92

Chequing Account closed - Very close to getting a new bank account - in next couple of days

Has one membership fee that hasn't been processed yet via e-transer, waiting for finalization of new bank account.

### Competition

A little bit of competition happening but not in the immediate vicinity. Capital speedway Calabogie series in Ottawa area, a few Minden racers showed up to compete Feb. 21 & 28. They had approximately 40 cars. Last race is this coming weekend - 100 person outdoor limit.

PMSC finally got their first snow cross off the ground - approximately 20 cars. The event ran on the same track that they use for the rally cross.

March PMSC snow cross scheduled in two weeks weather depending

Lucky dog still has Mosport Gp on April 17-18 weekend, open test day.

KW has SNATR scheduled for April 17, 2021. Location TBA

Social - general meeting Wednesday, March 17, 2021 will again be virtual.

Old Business - none

New Business - Paul was gifted a 1955 Ferguson tractor, parts are still readily available on the shelves at the local Massey Ferguson dealer. First tractor to use 3pt hitch, first compact tractor.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes by I. Beck

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# Canadian National SoloSport Committee

A group of Regionally appointed individuals responsible for maintaining and updating the Canadian National SoloSport Regulations adopted by the Regions. These regulations are intended to assist in the conduct of Canadian SoloSport competitions.

## Bulletin # 001-2021

March 3, 2021

### **2021 Canadian AutoSlalom Championship Event is cancelled.**

Scheduled to be held July 30, 31 & August 1 @ Slemon Park PEI.

Hosted by the Moncton Motor Sport Club

Due to the uncertainties involved with COVID-19 around interprovincial as well as international travel the committee has decided to cancel the 2021 Canadian AutoSlalom Championship.

Not an easy decision, but better to error on the side of caution.

Stay tuned in late fall for an announcement on CAC 2022.

Dave Hull

For the Canadian National SoloSport Committee

**CACC** – Giff Robb, **WCMA** – Doug Campbell, **CASC-OR** – Steven Day

**ASQ** – Richard Lestage, **ARMS** – Dave Hull





## **NOTICE OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF RALLYSPORT ONTARIO**

Notice is hereby given of the 2020 Annual General Meeting of RallySport Ontario to be held virtually on Saturday March 20th 2021, at 4pm, or shortly thereafter.

### **Elections to be held at this meeting:**

*President* – 2yr term (incumbent Martin Loveridge)

*Vice President, Performance*– 2yr term (incumbent Alan Ockwell)

*Treasurer*– 2yr term (incumbent David Maynard)

*Trustee* – 3yr term

### **Discussion Items:**

1. Financial statements for 2020
2. Executive annual reports will be presented
3. Confirmation of the acts of the Board
4. To transact such further business, or any other business, as may properly come before the meeting, or any adjournment or adjournments thereof



**PROXY FORM FOR  
2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF RALLYSPORT ONTARIO**

If you cannot attend in person, you may appoint another member-in-good-standing to act for you by means of a written proxy. This individual must have been a registered member of an RSO-affiliated club in 2020. Please complete the blank form below and send it to the person of your choice by email.

E-mailed proxies must be received by the Secretary before noon on Saturday March 20th, to be valid.

RallySport Ontario Annual General Meeting PROXY

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a 2020 member in good standing

of \_\_\_\_\_, an RSO-affiliated club,

hereby appoint and authorize \_\_\_\_\_

to vote on my behalf at the RallySport Ontario Annual General Meeting to be held virtually on Saturday, March 20, 2021, and any adjournment thereof.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(E-mail identification is acceptable)

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Membership Application

**Mail:** 148 Tamarack Drive,  
Thornhill, Ontario, L3T 4X4

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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