



# Fifth Gear

*March 2022*



# 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. (currently via ZOOM online). -

**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

Here it is March, and another Ice Race season is behind us.

TAC had the risky first date time slot, and it wasn't the weather that bumped us, but COVID. So we picked up the also-risky Rain Date - March 5/6. Watching the weather, we knew it would be an interesting weekend. Cold temps for Saturday, then balmy on Sunday. But Sunday would be last race. We could afford to chew up the track.

But when things started to melt, the water had no-where to go. Some corners had six inches of standing water on them. There were too many safety concerns. Water splashing up made visibility much worse than normal. Cars would be hydroplaning towards the snowbanks. Once the ice wore down, cars would be running on dirt, and going much faster than normal.

We had to kill the Sunday race. We had 55 cars signed up who had to receive refunds.

Unfortunately, this meant a loss of revenue for both the club, and for the Minden Kin.

There are fixed costs that we pay regardless of whether we run on 1 or 2 days, so the weekend turned from profitable to a small loss.

Thankfully, we had a great turnout on Saturday, with 79 entries, and some races with 19 cars running.

I must say, that TAC holds good events. Rob Cole and the A-Team keep the day running smoothly. It seems that cars are either racing, or entering the track to grid. There were no delays. First Lady (Wife-)Sue ran registration and scoring. Timers Tony, Christine, Andrea, and yours-truly got her the

results. And (VP-)Gary was a busy Stewart. Organizer (Competition Director-)Graham had the right team in place and handled the admin like the pro that he is!

In the end, the competitors understood the decision to cancel Sunday's event. Everyone accepted the safety issues, and were able to get home early.

Now, coming up, you can expect to see an announcement for Mitch & Brooke's F1 Fantasy Racing League. They already have their groups in place, so start planning on Lewis vs Max and Russell vs Perez. The pool makes watching F1 races a blast - even if you know the top 2 finishers, it's the order of the rest of the pack that you have to get. The first race is coming up later this month, so sort out your picks and lock them in at [https://fantasyautoracers.com/f1\\_01/index.php](https://fantasyautoracers.com/f1_01/index.php)

And Netflix Drive to Survive is just starting.

The 2021 season was the most exciting in years, with lots of controversy and the overall champ not decided until the last lap of the last race. What a season!

Finally, TAC's January Jaunt, put on by Kurt & Nick will run on Saturday March 26.

It goes from Peter's Corners, and will explore the escarpment all around the area. This is always a fun run for both beginners and experts. Registration is open at <http://www.januaryjaunt.com/>.

Check it out!

Rob McAuley  
TAC President

# TAC 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

Some Schedules are Tentative / Verify with organizing group

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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## March 2022

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12-13	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds, RAIN-DATE	
16	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
20	F1	BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX (Sakhir)	
20	INDY	Texas Motor Speedway -2 Days - Fort Worth	
26	Rally-ORRC	<b>January Jaunt , Peters Corners Ont. (See Flyer)-NEW DATE</b>	TAC
27	F1	SAUDI ARABIA GRAND PRIX (Jeddah)	

## April 2022

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10	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	
10	INDY	Streets of Long Beach	
20	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
23	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Spring Run-Off Rally; Port Hope/Cobourg	PMSC
24	F1	Emilia Romagna GP (Imola)	

## May 2022

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1	INDY	Barber Motorsports Park - Birmingham, AL	
7	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Blossom Rally, (Kitchener) area TBA	KWRC
8	F1	MIAMI GP (Miami)	
14	INDY	IMS Road Course, Indianapolis	
14	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack School #1, CTMP-DDT	
15	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #1 , CTMP-DDT	
18	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
22	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Barcelona)	
29	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
29	INDY	INDY 500, Indianapolis Motor Speedway	

## June 2022

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5	INDY	The Raceway at Belle Isle Park	
11	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #2, TMP/Toronto Motorsports Park	
12	F1	AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX (Baku City, Azerbaijan)	

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*More events to appear as 2022 Schedules are released.*

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





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# 2022 Rally Reboot: January Jaunt in March

Kurt Seelenmayer

Navigational rallying is back! January Jaunt Car Rally registration opened on the weekend, and it looks certain that the event will run on the revised date of March 26. Navigational rallies are friendly to beginners, experts, and everyone in between. If you try it and do well, there are awards!



*January Jaunt awards are ready to be awarded... to you?*

In January I wrote about how the 2020 and 2021 seasons were severely hindered by COVID-19, and the recovery of a 6 event season towards the end of 2021. Since then the Omicron variant messed up the start of this year with the postponement of the January Jaunt and also the cancellation of the Maple Leaf Rally Club's Polar Bear Rally in February. But with a bit of a reprieve now we can get back on the road again – while still following COVID protocols to ensure that everyone remains safe and healthy.

If you haven't tried navigational rallying before, Novice instructions provide driver and navigator teams with an enjoyable afternoon of route-finding and road-handling as you hunt for checkpoints to ensure you stay on route. Experts will be challenged with more difficult instructions, and will spend more effort on precision timing as they try to arrive at the checkpoints with less than six seconds error.

Check out the flyer in this issue, and feel free to reach out to us ([info@januaryjaunt.com](mailto:info@januaryjaunt.com)) if you have any questions about the Jaunt or rallying in general. I hope to see a lot of TACcies out at the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary running of the January Jaunt!



# THE JANUARY JAUNT



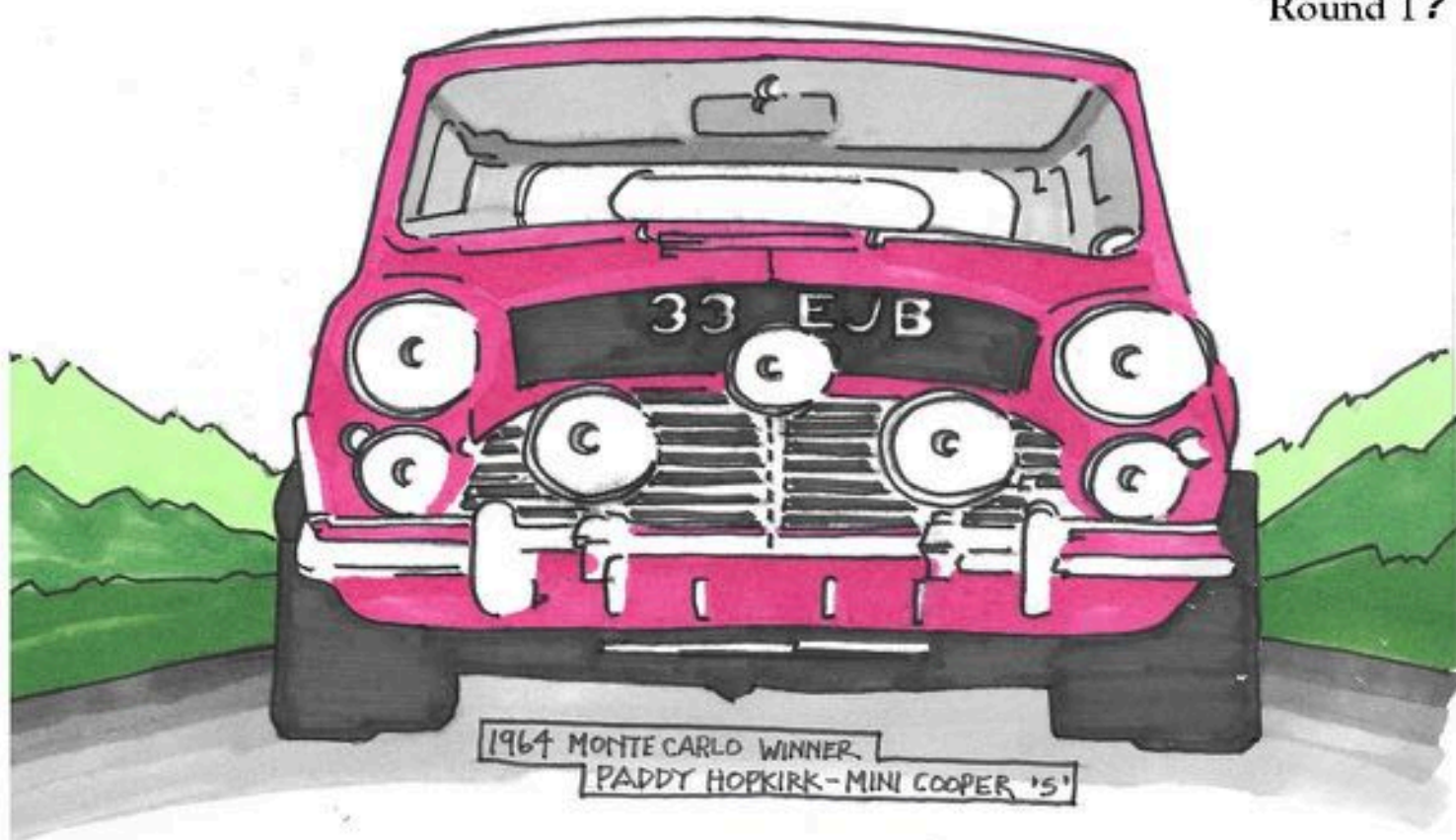
January 15, 2022 **March 26, 2022**

Start: Tim Hortons - Hwy 5 and Hwy 8, Peters Corners, On

\$50 (\$40 for TAC Members)

Winter Navigational Car Rally  
for Novices and Experts

Ontario Road Rally  
Championship  
Round 1?



Registration	10:30 am
Beginners School	10:50 am
Drivers Meeting	11:10 am
Car 'O' Start	11:30 am
Car 'O' Finish	4:30 pm

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# TAC ICE RACES at MINDEN



TAC member-racers Ben Taylor & Branson Crumbie

Gary Vernon was Steward for the day



Graham Tulett all Toque'd up



Tire Tractionizing,  
with James Craig  
on left







Sue helped out with score-keeping

Parking for Red Cars Only?



Tony Trevor shows off the new TAC Toque too

Gary Vernon with Graham Tulett announces Sunday's Cancellation, due to the rising levels of ancient Lake Minden, below.



## **TAC GM February 16, 2022 via Zoom**

Called to order 8:03 pm

### **President**

New board at CASC. Has posted a link to our Newsletter on their website.  
RSO AGM in March.  
Query made by Rob J. about membership cards

572 FaceBook followers.

### **Vice President**

Running an instructors school for Time Attack February 26 at Toronto Motorsport Park.  
Taking applications for lapping, not sure yet if they are going ahead with it.  
Ice Race coming up this coming weekend. Last weekend had 68 on Saturday & 52 Sunday.

64 members: 6 life, 31 primary, 27 family - no update for today.

### **Treasurer**

Brooke was absent today therefore no updates.

Tangerine	\$ 22,961.66
RBC	\$ 1,292.94
PayPal	\$ 48.25

### **Competition**

COVID protocols haven't had any impact at the ice races. Snack bar at Ice Race was open.  
Graham has the permit and insurance certificate for our Ice Race Weekend which is March 5/6.  
Seemed to be more spectators at the Ice Race.  
About a dozen rookies this year and are able to hold rookie schools each weekend.  
Still need a couple more volunteers for our weekend.

### **Social**

Things may be looking up with the relaxing of the COVID protocols.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** - none

**Items for Sale** - none

**Items Wanted** - none

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

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Minutes by Ingrid

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# Membership Application

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

**Email:** [registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca)

- New Members – Single or Family \$40  
 Renewal Members – Single or Family \$30 or \$25 Early

(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 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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2nd (Family) Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Family Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

4th Family Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

5th Family Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

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Cash     Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_     PayPal     Other    TOTAL \$: \_\_\_\_\_

To pay by PAYPAL/Credit Card, please visit the Club website at: [www.torontoautosportclub.ca](http://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 by email within 2 months.

FIFTH GEAR is also available on the website.

**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