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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).

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

FIFTH GEAR is the monthly publication of the Toronto Autosport Club. Articles concerning Club members' activities are of special interest and members are encouraged to submit their writings to any member of the Executive or send them to the Editorial Offices. Past issues of FIFTH GEAR are posted for viewing on the club website.

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From The President's Desk

We made it through another Ice Race season, with the last of 6 events running as you read this. The series did have to delay the start by 2 weekends, and the March dates were in question up to the last minute.

There have been some rumblings to organize the series more like Ontario Time Attack, where the clubs share the revenue. The season's revenues are shared by all the organizing clubs based on the number of events they run. Expenses like track rental & timing gear are taken off the top. Club specific expenses are the responsibility of the club, so that one club is not subsidizing another's extravagant weekend spending. This strikes me as being a much fairer way than just moving an event to a rain-date and hoping that it will run.

Regardless, the season ran well. New registration and electronic waivers speed up the events, and make check-in a breeze. Thanks to CASC for giving us a solid infrastructure!

But now we start looking towards warmer weather. Ontario Time attack launches their season with the Instructor's School on Saturday April 1 and the Open House at JRP in Oakville on April 15. You may need snow tires for the Instructor's School, but setting the fastest lap time isn't the goal. You can relearn the tracks and get some great techniques for dealing with difficult students.

The Open House is a great opportunity to meet experienced Time Attack competitors and organizers, who can help get your season going. And JRP has some great deals for OTA competitors that day.

In other news, the Formula 1 season is underway, and the big surprise this year is the Canadian Aston Martin team! Alonso managed a podium and Lance Stroll was sixth, driving with a broken wrist and toe after a mountain bike accident. It has been interesting listening to some of the commentators talking about how they were able to improve. Owner Lawrence Stroll has hired a top team from both Mercedes and Red Bull, and their work is paying off. I hope you picked those guys in Mitch & Brooke's Fantasy F1 League.

Wife-Sue always selects drivers that aren't jerks. They have to be nice and not arrogant. I tend to pick those that do well in pre-season testing, and focus more on the team than the driver. She is currently in 4th place, while I languish in 28th.

I wish our membership well as you gear up for Time Attack, Race and Rally. Watch this space for more info on the OTA School, our Discover Ontario Rally, and our ALMS Mosport Picnic weekend.

There's always something coming up!

Rob
TAC President

TAC 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
<hr/> March 2023 <hr/>			
15	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
18	Rally	KWRC SNATR	KWRC
19	F1	SAUDI ARABIA GRAND PRIX (Jeddah)	
<hr/> April 2023 <hr/>			
1	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Shannonville Stages & Sprint	PMSC
2	INDY	Texas Motor Speedway - Fort Worth	
16	INDY	Streets of Long Beach	
19	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
22-23	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race Shannonville Motorsports Park	LDC
27-30	Regional Race	Spring Fling & School at SMP	
30	INDY	Barber Motorsports Park - Birmingham, AL	
30	F1	AZERBAIJAN GRAND PRIX (Baku City, Azerbaijan)	
<hr/> May 2023 <hr/>			
6	Rally-ORRC	ORRC & SNATR - Blossom Rally	KWRC
6-7	Regional Race	Spring Trophy Races CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
13	INDY	IMS Road Course, Indianapolis	
13	School	Ontario Time Attack HDPE School #1 CTMP-DDT	
13-14	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race CTMP	LDC
17	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
21	F1	GRAN PREMIO DEL MADE IN ITALY E DELL'EMILIA-ROMAGNA (Imola)	
27	F1	MIAMI GRAND PRIX (Miami GP)	
28	INDY	INDY 500, Indianapolis Motor Speedway	
28	F1	Grand Prix de Monaco	
<hr/> June 2023 <hr/>			
2-4	Rally-CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally, Kananaskis AB	CSCC
3-4	Regional Race	SMP CUP; at SMP	
4	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA (Barcelona)	
4	TimeAttack	Ontario Time Attack Event #1 , TMP	

More events to appear as 2023 Schedules are released.

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Attention All Ice Racers!



From: ["Ted Michalos](#)

Date: [March 6, 2023](#)

As of today, the Kin are actively trying to make sure we can ice race this weekend. The final decision will be announced Friday by noon, but Tom Prentice from the Kin assured me he'll be working all week to create a usable track for us. Show your support and interest by [REGISTERING NOW](#) (instead of waiting until Friday night).

A number of very interesting things came out of last Saturday's Ice Racing Meeting (held at 4 pm at the Lions Club Hall in Minden). 44 people were in attendance and we'll post the minutes as soon as they are available. Here is a summary of what was discussed:

Studded tires - after a 30 minutes discussion it was decided that CASC-OR will go with a MTO approved pre-studded SPEC TIRE for the 2024 season. The tire has not been selected yet - the Ice Racing Committee is researching our options and will present their findings and decision as soon as they are able.

Temp Licenses - the process for issuing temp licenses and how frequently a competitor may use one were discussed at length. The program for 2024 will be announced at the Fall Ice Racing meeting (in November).

Track Time reductions based on the temperature at the track - for years we have been reducing the number of laps we run as the temperature warms up during the day at an ice race. At the request of the Kinsmen, this will be written into the rules for 2024.

The role of CASC-OR in Ice Racing - I explained that CASC-OR is an organization made up of 29 motorsport clubs. We group the clubs into operating divisions: Road Racing, Time Attack, Autoslalom, Karting and of course Ice Racing. There are 6 clubs that organize ice racing events. CASC-OR publishes a rule set, but the rules are written by the Ice Racing Committee which is made up of representatives from the 6 ice racing clubs. The CASC-OR Ice Race Director chairs the Committee and works as a liaison between the clubs and CASC-OR. CASC-OR collects a licensing fee from drivers that is used primarily to keep our lights on, but also covers the cost of trophies and any shortfall from the year end banquet. The Ice Race Director is a volunteer and like all of our volunteers should be treated with respect and courtesy at all times. The Ice Race Director does not have dictatorial powers - rule changes and policy are set by the Ice Racing Committee as a group.

Ice Race Director election - early last week Brad Elkins resigned as the Ice Race Director. I believe Brad was doing a good job as Ice Race Director, but a small segment of the community were consistently criticizing his actions and he took it all quite personally. I want to thank Brad for the work he did and for sticking with it as long as he did - I know he was quite unhappy by the time he resigned. Volunteers should be treated better and I appreciate why Brad made the decision that he did.

Two candidates stood for the position of Ice Race Director: Zack Wenzel, a DAC member and long time ice racer, and John Trimble, a BEMC member and a Kinsman. After speeches from the floor those in attendance voted 21 for Zack and 22 for John (I didn't vote if you're keeping track of the numbers). Congratulations to John Trimble the new Ice Race Director for CASC-OR. I know everyone joins with me in wishing John success in this new role.

Thanks to everyone that attended the meeting and participated in the process - we appreciate your time and effort.

Don't forget that the end of season Ice Racing Banquet is being held April 8 at the Royal Ashbury Golf Club - more details will be posted as soon as they are available - **SAVE THE DATE**.

One more weekend of ice racing in 2023 - [REGISTER](#) today to show your support (and pray to whatever weather gods you believe in!).

2023



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JUL 2



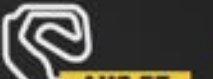
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ANNOUNCEMENT



2023-04

Subject: Era Motorsport Classic Rally Championship for the John Munroe Memorial Trophy

Issue Date: February 27, 2023

The Canadian Association of Rally Sport (CARS) is pleased to announce that Era Motorsport of Indianapolis, IN, will sponsor the recently formed Canadian Classic Rally Championship, to be titled:

Era Motorsport Classic Rally Championship for the John Munroe Memorial Trophy.

Formed by professional racing driver and frequent rally competitor, Kyle Tilley, Era Motorsport has bases in the US and the UK, and competes around the world in a diverse portfolio of racing disciplines. At the heart of the Era Motorsport brand is a specialization in all types of historic racing from F1, to sportscars, to, of course, rally.

The Era Motorsport Classic Rally Championship will be contested over the remaining 7 rounds of the Canadian Rally Championship (CRC) in 2023, starting with the Rocky Mountain Rally in Radium, B.C. on June 2- 4, 2023. The championship is open to all 2WD vehicles produced prior to December 1990 and meeting the full eligibility requirements for that are available [here](#). Points are awarded according to CARS rule 24.1.6.2.

The overall championship winner will be awarded the annual John Munroe Memorial Trophy as well as a keeper award at the CARS Award ceremonies. (TBA).

Event awards include trophies for the first 3 places amongst the Era Motorsports Classic Rally Championship contenders at each event and

- \$500 for first place classic.
- \$250 for second place classic.
- and \$100 for third place classic.

Awards will only be presented if there are 2 or more Championship entrants at an event.

To register for the Championship, please fill out the form that can be found [here](#), and return to office@carsrally.ca. For guidance on vehicle eligibility email technical@carsrally.ca.

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Toronto Autosport Club - Executive Zoom Call Meeting Minutes March 1, 2023

Call time: 8:00 pm via ZOOM

Participants: Graham, Brooke, Gary, Nick & Ingrid; regrets Claire, Rob

President:

Out celebrating Sue's birthday. Happy Birthday Sue!

We have 606 followers on Facebook.

Membership:

80 members: 6 life, 40 primary, 34 family

Treasurer:

Account Balances:

PayPal	\$ 395.10
Tangerine	\$ 18,195.27
RBC	\$ 14,529.16

A number of expenses will be paid tonight.

Competition:

Graham reported on the Ice Race Organizers' meeting.

Time Attack meeting next week.

Social -

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes by I. Beck



Membership Application

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

Email: 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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3rd Family Member _____ [#] email _____

4th Family Member _____ [#] email _____

5th Family Member _____ [#] email _____

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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



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