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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 the MOOSE AND FIRKIN, 7600 Weston Road at Hwy 7 (SW corner), just west of Hwy 400 in Woodbridge (www.mooseandfirkin.com)...

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Performance Driving Schools are a Blast!

I was co-organizer of one this past weekend, and can't believe how much everyone enjoyed themselves. The school was the kickoff for the Ontario Time Attack series, and was organized by TAC and OMSC. It was great to see Carsten and Cory Cole out helping. This was the first time in a few years that Cory's been to a Solo/OTA event, but the students loved his instruction. I hope he can get out to the instructor's lapping day next year, and do more in-car work on the track!

The weather was great, and there were no on-track incidents. People loved the technical Driver Development Track at Canadian Tire Motorsports Park (Mosport). Given the complex corners, people were steadily improving their lines. Though I was organizing, I still found time to jump in a few student's cars. It's a great feeling when they sort out a problem area during a session.

There were lots of interesting cars running. A couple of Porsches that could just about drive any line, and still be fast. A 4wd VW Golf R was faster than most - until it hit a curb the wrong way, bent a rim, and limped off with a flat tire. There were a few Corvettes, and a Viper. I saw at least 2 right-hand drive cars. A new student was running a purpose-built Subaru race car. No sooner had I warned him that the more mods you make, the more that can go wrong, when there was a CLUNK from the suspension. Seems a bolt wasn't tightened, and had fallen out. He thought he was done for the day, but his instructor offered to let him drive his Diesel Jetta. Where else would someone let a complete stranger drive their car on the track!

I was able to get Wife Sue's BMW 335xi out on the track for the first time. I was amazed at how well balanced it was. It was easy to get drifting around corners, and very well behaved getting on the gas. The front wheels pulled just enough to let you plant the gas at the apex without worrying about the back end stepping out, or the front end ploughing forward. Of course the Run Flat tires

were garbage. I've never had tires make so much noise before. I was really hoping that they'd chunk up, and I could replace them with some decent tires for track use. They did show some signs of wear, but they're not ready to be replaced just yet.

During the sessions, we were testing out the new RFID system that we'll be using for timing. It is now working consistently, and we were able to leave it running on its own, just capturing lap times for those who had the tags on their cars. The latest version of the timing software will make the Timer's job much easier. It's great to see the program running under Windows - not the clunky DOS-based version.

Please check out some of our upcoming events! Social Director Jane has us going to a custom garage place for our May monthly meeting. You need to RSVP to her so she'll have enough food available. This place is very near the Moose and Firkin, and I'm very curious to see what they've got to optimize my garage space. I want to make room for that easy chair and flat-screen TV! Remember, food it on TAC that night!!

Next up is the DOCR. The routes for this rally are always fun, as it runs through the escarpment. Turnout for our January Jaunt was excellent, so I hope we can keep the momentum going.

The July 21 weekend is the ALMS race at Mosport (sorry - CTMP). TAC has reserved 30 spots for our corral. Please RSVP to me if you are interested. Guests are welcome. We will be discounting tickets to \$30, and they are good for the entire weekend. Look for the flyer in this issue.

By the way...I'm going to call our home track MOSPORT until they change the web site to something other than mosport.com.

See you at the track!

Rob McAuley

TAC 2012 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
MAY 2012			
11-13	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE ESPAÑA SANTANDER (Catalunya)	
12	Club Rally	Blossom Rally and KWRC SNATR #2, Campbelleville	KWRC
16	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, at 1st CHOICE GARAGE OUTFITTERS	TAC
20	Mobil1 Autoslalom	Mobil 1/Toyo Autoslalom #1 Mosport DDT	SPDA
24-27	F1	GRAND PRIX DE MONACO (Monte Carlo)	
25-26	CRC	Rocky Mountain Rally	CSCC
26-27	TimeAttack	Event #1 &2; Mosport DDT	
26-27	Regional Race	DAC Trillium Trophy Races, Shannonville	DAC
26	TimeAttack	Time Attack Event #1 ; Mosport DDT	
27	INDY	Indianapolis 500	
27	TimeAttack	Time Attack Event #2 ; Mosport DDT	
27	Mobil1 Autoslalom	Mobil 1/Toyo Autoslalom #2 Picton	St LAC
JUNE 2012			
3	INDY	Streets of Belle Isle, Detroit	
8-10	F1	GRAND PRIX DU CANADA (Montréal)	
9-10	TimeAttack	Event #3 &4 ; Shannonville	
9	INDY	Texas Motor Speedway, Ft Worth	
09	Club Rally	KWRC SNATR #3, Woodstock	KWRC
9	TimeAttack	Time Attack Event #3 ; SMP PRO	
10	TimeAttack	Time Attack Event #4 ; SMP LONG	
10	Mobil1 Autoslalom	Mobil 1/Toyo Autoslalom #3 Shannonville Skidpad	OMSC
15-17	Vintage	VARAC Vintage Racing Festival - Mosport	VARAC
16	ORRC	Discover Ontario Car Rally, St. Catherines ??	TAC
20	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston&7	TAC
22-24	F1	GRAND PRIX OF EUROPE (Valencia)	
22	Rally	Contract Rally for Alfa Club	TAC
23	INDY	Indy 250, Iowa Speedway	
24	Mobil1 Autoslalom	Mobil 1/Toyo Autoslalom #4 Barrie Molson Centre	TLMC
28-30	CRC	Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec	CRAB
30-1	Regional Race	BARC Canada Day Grand Prix , Mosport	BARC-OC
JULY 2012			
6-8	F1	SANTANDER BRITISH GRAND PRIX (Silverstone)	

More events to appear as 2012 Schedules are released.

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

**We're Going on a
FIELD TRIP!**

**Toronto Autosport Club's May
Monthly Club Meeting**

Wednesday, May 16th – 7:00 pm

DON'T AGONIZE – ORGANIZE!

Do you have a garage, basement, storage room or any other area of your house that could use a little organization? Join TAC's May monthly club meeting at the showroom of 1st Choice Garage Outfitters for a demonstration of the many ways in which to improve your home.

They specialize in many areas – organizing recycling areas, work centres, sports centres, garages, (to name a few) along with installation of overhead storage, wall organization, cabinetry, floors and garage doors. 1st Choice also has a full range catalogue on their website.

Come on out and join us on May 16th. The experience just might give you some ideas as to what you can do on the long May weekend to follow shortly afterwards.

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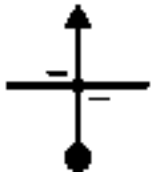
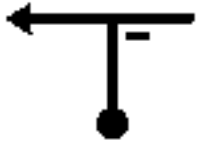


AWARDED CAA's 2008 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT AWARD



DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Could you follow these directions? Then you could rally!

			
1.92 km Mill Road	3.17 km Canal Street	4.50 km 4th Line	6.02 km Ridge Road

Discover Ontario is a beginner-friendly car rally held on interesting roads at brisk speeds. Any licensed car is suitable and absolutely no special vehicle preparation is required. Just bring your license, ownership, and insurance documents; other than that, all you'll need is a clipboard, a digital watch, and pens or pencils. Straightforward, easy-to-follow route book instructions are specifically designed to introduce newcomers to the fun of navigational rallying.

The rally will start at Boston Pizza
333 Ontario Street, St. Catharines



Registration opens at 11:45, Car zero at 1:30

Beginner's School at 12:45

Entry fee is \$50 per car, \$40 for TAC members

For more information, please contact
Brooke Jacobs at 905 764-1833 or brooke@brooke.net

Discover Ontario Car Rally is the sixth event in the 2012 Ontario Road Rally Cup
and is presented by the Toronto Autosport Club.
This event is sanctioned by RallySport Ontario and CASC.

COME SEE THE GRAND PRIX OF MOSPORT!

Come and see the new Mosport! The track facilities have been substantially updated, with huge paved paddocks – all accessible to spectators.



This is Mosport's biggest weekend, and TAC will be back in their usual corral with another amazing barbecue – included in the price of admission!

FEATURED RACES INCLUDE:

- ALMS
- CANADIAN TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP
- PORSCHE GT-3 CUP
- IMSA GT-3 CUP
- AND MORE



JULY 19-22

TICKETS - \$30 FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

PLEASE RSVP TO [PRESIDENT@TORONTOAUTOSPORTCLUB.CA](mailto:president@torontoautosportclub.ca)

MAGNUM ICE RACE SERIES BANQUET



The trophy table before the awards began



Diane Forbes with Ice Race Director Andy Hughes, doing the 50/50 draw for Minden Kinsmen.



Dan Douglas won 2nd in Class SS3, Street Studs 2 wheel drive.



Jeff Carrell, a Rookie, won 2nd in Class SS14, Street Studs 4 wheel drive (2nd driver)



Dietmar Seelenmayer won 3rd in Class SS4, Street Studs 4 wheel drive



Tammy Douglas won 1st place in Class 12, 2 wheel drive rubber-to-ice (2nd driver); and also was the Second Driver Rubber to Ice Overall Champion

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MORE ICE RACE BANQUET



Kiyoo Tabuchi won the "Bank Manager of the Year" award for his "reckless" driving stunts!



Paul Moore won 4th in Class 4,
Four Wheel Drive Rubber-to-Ice

The "trophy girls" are Rebecca Fluegel
and Emma Hughes

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Location: Hooters of Whitby

Details: Come out to Hooters for a drivers autograph session. There will also be a few cars on hand.



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Toronto Autosport Club – April 2012 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: April 4, 2012

Call time: 8:03 pm

Present: Paul M, Rita M, Dietmar S, Rob M, Graham T

- President's Report:
 - o CASC-OR club affiliation fee may be revised away from a flat fee to a per member levy.
- Vice President:
 - o Membership numbers are restated due to some double counting and are now confirmed at: 54 primary, 45 family and 6 life members for a total of 105.
- Treasurer:
 - o Chequing account balance \$3,543.37; PayPal \$320.77; savings \$16,279.24
 - o A further club merchandise order will be investigated.
 - o Conference call invoice received reflects discount with new provider.
- Competition:
 - o Contract Rally for Alfa Romeo club finalized; Letter of Understanding to be executed.
 - o Guru Nanak contract rally set for July 1, 2012. Fee will be same as last year.
 - o Zontas contract rally requires a different start location. Rita will follow up with Linda.
 - o Solo Open House very active. Thanks to Rob & Carsten.
 - o Time Attack – Open House upcoming April 1 at CSC Racing
- Social
 - o Jane has made arrangements for the May 2012 general meeting to be held at a garage storage & organization distributor instead of the Moose & Firkin. Some sandwiches & refreshments will be brought in.
- Old business:
 - o Possible changes in government regulations regarding non-profit corporations will be investigated by Paul M.
- New business: nil

Call adjourned: 8:45 pm

Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of April 2012 General Meeting

Meeting date: April 18, 2012

Meeting opened: 8:10 pm

Attendees: 10

Motion to accept the minutes of the February 2012 general meeting was moved by Rita M, seconded by Rob M and carried. New club member Chris was welcomed.

1) President's report:

- a. Rob M attended CASC-OR Presidents meeting April 15. Affiliation fees are not going to be raised in 2012 after all. There was little discussion raised by other club presidents regarding the financial status of CASC.
- b. CASC-OR is now expecting a profit in 2012 even without the affiliation fee increases.

2) VP Report :

- a. 107 total members now – 6 life, 53 primary and 39 family plus another 9 members that the CASC-OR database won't let members add if they are already registered.

3) Treasurer's Report:

- a. Chequing account balance \$3,695.59
- b. PayPal balance \$320.77
- c. Investment account balance \$16,265.46
- d. Club apparel supplier in Barrie to be checked. Bulk orders to continue rather than 1 off.

4) Competition Report:

- a. Ice race banquet held – big improvement over last year. Five TACCIES received awards – congrats to Tammy Douglas overall winner 2nd driver rubber and special mention to Kiyo Tabushi for Bank Manager of the year.
- b. ORRC Spring Runoff set for April 28
- c. OPRC Lanark Highlands from Perth runs May 5.
- d. ORRC DOCR Rally by TAC to be held on June 16.
- e. SNATRs have now started.
- f. Time Attack open house looked successful. TAC signed up 5-6 new members.
- g. Time Attack volunteers need for Mosport DDT May 5/6.
- h. Rob M toured the Grand Bend Motorplex in advance of the Time Attack Event Sept 22. Nice facility but limited services (ie no power, limited shelter)
- i. Guru Nanak contract rally July 1 needs a checkpoint crew.
- j. Alfa Romeo Contract Rally on June 22 will need volunteers on the Friday.

5) Social:

- a. May 16 Club meeting to be held at First Choice Garage Organization company
- b. ALMS racing weekend July 22 – ideally need 30 participants. Mosport holds rates!

6) Old Business:

- a. Rob M has followed up with Malcolm and will resume in April
- b. Petro Canada promotion entry to follow up.

7) New Business: nil

8) Items for sale: nil / Items wanted: nil – Dietmar may have found his new ice racer.

9) Loonies in the bus: Rob M won the \$10 loonies in the bus. Janet won a \$10 gas card and Graham (me) finally won something after many, many months – the \$20 Ultra 94 gas card!

10) Adjournment: about 8:53 pm - Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.



Membership Application

Mail: 275 Court Street,
Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 3S6

Email: registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca

- New Members – Single or Family \$50.00
 Renewal Members – Single or Family \$50.00

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- 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 (____) _____

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This Application Form must also be filled out and submitted so we have your information.

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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