



Fifth Gear

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Toronto Autosport Club

2018 EXECUTIVE

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|---------------------|-------------|
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| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
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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 LONDON PUB & GRILL, 9724 Yonge St, Richmond Hill (West side, South of Major Mackenzie Drive).

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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TAC 2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Category</u> | <u>Event Description</u> | <u>Club</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|---|-------------|
| May 2018 | | | |
| 11-13 | Regional Race | Spring Trophy Races CTMP (Mosport) | BEMC |
| 12 | Rally-ORRC | ORRC - Blossom Rally, (Kitchener) | KWRC |
| 12 | INDY | Grand Prix of Indianapolis | |
| 12 | School | Ontario Time Attack School #1 CTMP-DDT | |
| 16 | Meeting | TAC Monthly Club Meeting, London Pub, Richmond Hill | TAC |
| 25-27 | Rally-CRC | Rocky Mountain Rally, Invermere BC | CSCC |
| 26-27 | Autoslalom | Ontario Regional Event #1 & 2, Picton Airfield | St LAC |
| 26 | TimeAttack | Ontario Time Attack Event #1 , TMP | |
| 27 | INDY | Indianapolis 500 | |
| 30 | Social | TAC goes BOWLING, See Flyer - Woodbridge | TAC |
| June 2018 | | | |
| 2 | INDY | Race #1 / Belle Isle (Detroit) | |
| 3 | INDY | Race #2 / Belle Isle (Detroit) | |
| 9 | INDY | Texas Motor Speedway, Ft Worth | |
| 9 | TimeAttack | Ontario Time Attack School #2, CTMP/Mosport DDT +Kink | |
| 10 | TimeAttack | Ontario Time Attack Event #3, CTMP/Mosport DDT | |
| 14-17 | Vintage | Canadian Vintage Grand Prix, CTMP (Mosport) | VARAC |
| 16 | Rally-ORRC | Discover Ontario Car Rally, Guelph - See Flyer- | TAC |
| 20 | Meeting | TAC Monthly Club Meeting, London Pub, Richmond Hill | TAC |
| 23-24 | Autoslalom | Ontario Regional Event #3 & 4, Hiawatha Downs, Sarnia | WOSCA |
| 23 | Rally-OPRC | OPRC - Black Bear Rally, Bancroft area | MLRC |
| 24 | INDY | Road America (Elkhart Lake WI) | |
| 29-01 | Rally-CRC | International Rallye Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec | CRAB |
| July 2018 | | | |
| 6-8 | Regional Race | CTCC Summer Challenge & Peter Jackson Trophy Races, Shannonville | DAC |
| 8 | INDY | Iowa Speedway, Newton IA | |
| 8 | Social | "Annual" TAC at CTMP (Mosport) Sports Car Weekend with BBQ ! | TAC |
| 14 | School | Ontario Time Attack School #2 & Lapping CTMP-GP | |
| 15 | INDY | Streets of TORONTO | |
| 15 | TimeAttack | Ontario Time Attack Event #4, CTMP-DDT | |
| 18 | Meeting | TAC Monthly Club Meeting, London Pub, Richmond Hill | TAC |
| 20-22 | Autoslalom | 2018 Canadian Autoslalom Championship, Picton Airport | OMSC/StLAC |
| 28-29 | Regional Race | Canadian Touring Trophy Races, CTMP (Mosport) | BARC-OC |
| 29 | INDY | Mid-Ohio (Lexington OH) | |

More events to appear as 2018 Schedules are released.

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

From The President's Desk

I've been having a blast so far this year, mainly due to Chump Car. First was Daytona in April, and this past week was Shannonville.

TAC members Dan Zorica and Graham Tulett have built a great E36 race car with only basic mods that has been very reliable up to this past weekend. The Shannonville event ran as 2 separate 8 hour races: One on Saturday, and one on Sunday. Numbers were good for the track, with 30 cars taking the start Saturday and 28 on Sunday. That's over 120 drivers!

The racing was fun, but so was hanging around with other folks from Time Attack, Ice Racing, and even BMW Club Racing. It was TAC member Gary Vernon's first event, running a Sentra with some Time Attack regulars.

This was the first event in a new Canadian Endurance Race (CER) series. People could run for 1, 3, or 8 hours. We were in the 8 hour class with just 1 other car. The series is sponsored by NA Tires, an Argentinian performance tire manufacturer. We happened to sit with Felipe, the North American rep who was in town for the race. He explained that NA Tires sponsors all series in Argentina, where they are the spec tire. Imagine ASN Canada FIA declaring that all races in the country must run this single manufacturer's tires. The result is that they sell tens of thousands of tires in Argentina alone. They make 4 tire grades, for Autoslalom, Time Attack, Race, and Endurance Racing. In Canada, they ship from Toronto, and their pricing is on par with their US outlet. They are offering club members a 13% discount, as well as contingency awards at races they sponsor.

At the race, our strategy was to run 1 hour stints, and top up fuel every other shift. It's not the most efficient way to run, but at least everyone gets a chance to drive the car throughout the day. Gary's team in their

Sentra ended up beating us on Saturday when they ran 2 hour shifts, and saved 4 pit stops. Congrats to them, finishing 9th out of 30 cars! We were 11th, but first in our class.

On Sunday we ran into some problems.

I was driving, and had just rounded the final turn onto the front straight. As I shifted from third to fourth and let out the clutch, the diff let go. It sounded like it was full of a large bucket of bolts. The car had no drive. I coasted to a stop, and waited for the tow truck to pull me in. Dan was quick to diagnose the problem, and wasn't happy, as the diff had just been rebuilt. He prepared to swap the diff with a spare, but the drive-shaft flange was different. Another team with an E36 stopped by to see how we were making out. They mentioned that they had a spare diff with the correct flange, and offered to loan it to us for the rest of the day!

We scooped it up, and Graham was soon on the track. Unfortunately, he experienced some banging from around the diff, and came back in. Dan found one of the mounting bolts missing, and the remains of the bushing in tatters. We were ready to pack up and head out. But Dan McGiver had other ideas. He cut apart a rad hose, and rigged up a new rubber bushing. We all looked on as he got things back together and took the car out for a test run. We speculated on how things would work out (or not). After an hour, Dan came in and offered the car to the rest of us. We were very nervous about the diff being held on by a bolt wrapped in a rad hose, and anticipated the worst.

Dan stayed in the car for another 20 minutes, but then came in complaining that the clutch was going. We all agreed that it was time to pack up for an early exit. We had lost 40 laps to the car ahead of us in the race, and had no way to make it back in the time remaining.

But hey, we still got the second place trophy!

You have to love the spirit of the series, with people loaning differentials, and many more offering help and tools.

The next Chump Car Canada event runs at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (Mosport) over the long July 1st weekend. Graham may be running, but I've got a wedding in the US that weekend. My next event is expected to be Calabogie in the fall!

About the time you read this, I will be instructing at the Ontario Time Attack school at Mosport's DDT. The new single day format gets people out to try one of our favourite tracks. I know the school is filling up, so if you are interested, get to Motorsportreg.com to sign up. We have 6 competitive events this year, and one more school at Mosport International Raceway. More info is available at time-attack.ca.

There are other events coming up quickly. The Discover Ontario Navigational rally goes Saturday June 16th from Guelph. This rally is always fun and interesting. Perfect for beginners, but challenging for those in the expert class. Wife Sue and I will be checkpointing, so I will see you there. PS. Some competitors bring cookies for the checkpoint workers. It doesn't affect our scoring, but does make us happy to see you coming!

Then in July, we are back at Mosport for our annual gourmet barbecue for the big IMSA race weekend. It runs from the 5th to the 8th. As usual, you can just pick up tickets at the Will-Call desk, and we will collect \$30 at the TAC Corral at the top of Turn 2. Non-member friends are \$40. We will provide pop, water, and burgers. We just as that you bring a starter or desert. This is a great deal, and lots of fun!

Finally, this month's meeting will feature a special guest. Long-time member **Alex Ling** will come and talk about the origins of the club. He has been involved since the club was the DKW club. He saw it become the Fiat Club upon DKW's demise, then when Fiat dropped the North American market, he pushed the executive to reform as the Toronto Autosport Club.

Please come to The London Pub in Richmond Hill Wednesday May 16th at 8pm to take part in the discussions. As usual, most people arrive between 7 and 8 to enjoy dinner and/or drinks prior to the meeting. I hope to see lots of people out for this special presentation!

Rob McAuley
TAC President

ON THE COVER

GRAHAM, DAN AND ROB
AT THE SHANNONVILLE CHUMP CAR RACE
WITH 2 TROPHIES

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TAC will be going Bowling Wednesday May 30

This will be a TAC bowling fun night.

No Bowling lanes will be reserved, we will sign up as we arrive.
First ball rolls down the alley at 7pm for the first lane so getting there a bit ahead of that time allows to get bowling shoes on before the clock starts ticking on the lane.

Plenty of food and drink choices available at the alley.

This is not a professional night - more classed as total insane embarrassments. (Just joking)
You don't have to be a regular meeting attender. We will accept any TAC members and their friends.
(Some early-birds will be meeting at the nearby Swiss Chalet for dinner at 6pm)

Contact Fred Walker for any more info at fredwalker@hotmail.com



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DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY

Saturday, June 16th, 2018

The Discover Ontario is the sixth round of the Ontario Road Rally Cup. This is a **beginner-friendly** event that is a great introduction to the sport of rallying. Any licensed car can compete and there are no car-breaker roads. All you need is a clipboard and pens, and a settable clock. Straightforward, easy-to-follow route book instructions are specifically designed to introduce newcomers to the fun of navigational rallying.

Approximately 180 km of entertaining back roads.

There are two classes of competition: Novice and Expert.

Never rallied before?

No problem. There are many resources available to help you get started:

- Rally Sport Ontario has some good [resources \(www.rallysport.on.ca\)](http://www.rallysport.on.ca)
- Gail Walker has made a [collection of articles](#) about some of the types of instructions you may encounter. These also include many types that the more experienced classes could see as well, so don't be afraid!
- You can even see some of the instructions from previous runnings of the Discover Ontario:

More Info at: www.brooke.net/docr

Registration Information

At registration you will need to show proof of ownership of the vehicle, or have a letter from the owner specifically stating that you have permission to enter this rally. If a minor is participating in the rally, the legal guardian must sign a release form or you must have a letter of permission from the legal guardian.

Start Location:

Tim Hortons
232 Silvercreek Parkway North
Guelph

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

Beginner's School 12:45

Entry Fee: \$50 per car, \$40 for TAC members

Beginner's School

A Beginner's School will be held prior to the rally. If you have never rallied before, this is a chance to understand some of the basic rules to get you started in rallying.

Pre-registration is available on the RSO web site www.rallysport.on.ca

For information, please contact Brooke: brooke@brooke.net or 905 764-1833.

Organized by the Toronto Autosport Club

AN EVENT IN THE 2018 ONTARIO ROAD RALLY CUP
SANCTIONED BY CARS — RALLYSport ONTARIO

Chump Car Adventures at Shannonville



Ready to Roll . . .
(the wheels, not the car)



Dan Turning a
Rad Hose into
a Bushing



Getting it Right . . .



Gary Vernon in his First Chump Car Race,
Also Getting it Right . . .



Gary Vernon chasing down some
competitors...



Dan Chasing Down that Golf.
Getting it Right? . . . Not so Much



Toronto Autosport Club – March 2018 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: March 7, 2018

Call time: 8:02pm

Present: Rob, Paul, Rita, Dietmar & Graham

- President's Report:
 - o CASC-OR – nothing on the horizon
 - o RSO AGM – march 24
 - o F1 Pool starting up

- Vice President:
 - o Membership 39 primary + 32 family + 8 life = 78

- Treasurer:
 - o Savings \$14,904.98; PayPal \$144.39; chequing \$4,427.13

- Competition:
 - o Ice Race organizers meeting set for April 8
 - o Ontario Time Attack – open house April 7 – Gary Vernon to attend for TAC
 - o ChampCar – Daytona 14 hour April 7
 - o Chumpcar Canada – first event Shannonville May 5/6 double 8 hour

- Social:
 - o Bowling night – fifth Wednesday in May

- Old business: nil

- New business: nil

Call adjourned: 8:25 pm - Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of March 2018 General Meeting

Meeting date: March 21, 2018 Meeting opened: 8:00 pm Attendees: 13

- 1) President's report:
 - a. RSO AGM this weekend; proxies to Rob or Dietmar.
 - b. Toronto Auto show on a press pass – various showings by manufacturers
- 2) VP Report :
 - a. Total membership currently 78 = 38 primary +32 family + 8 life (no change)
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Account balances - \$14,904.98 savings; \$3,715.03 Chequing; \$144.29 PayPal
 - b. Fifth gear advertising received
 - c. Insurance payment made
- 4) Competition Report:
 - a. OTA / Auto slalom open house April 7
 - b. Rob will be participating in school at DDT
 - c. WOSCA has confirmed Auto slalom events
 - d. Chumpcar Canada – some TACcies are off to Daytona for the 14 hour on the 24 hour Rolex course April 7
 - e. ORRC – next TAC event DOCR in June 2018.
- 5) Social:
 - a. 2018 Annual awards banquet set for December 1, 2018 at the Crow's Nest in Newmarket
 - b. Bowling night proposed for the fifth Wednesday in May. This time at walk-in rates!
 - c. July 8 date for annual TAC BBQ at CTMP sports car race weekend; usual ticket deal.
- 6) Items for sale/ wanted : nil
- 7) Old Business: nil
- 8) New Business: nil
- 9) Loonies in the bus: Dietmar walked away with the \$13 and there were eight other prizes of lanyards & decals.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.

Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of April 2018 General Meeting

Meeting date: April 18, 2018 Meeting opened: 8:03 pm Attendees: 8

- 1) President's report:
 - a. Not available. Will attend CASC presidents meeting April 28
 - 2) VP Report :
 - a. Total membership currently 89 = 43 primary +38 family + 8 life
 - 3) Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Account balances - \$14,913.21 savings; \$3,642.78 Chequing; \$289.14 PayPal
 - b. Insurance cheque not cashed
 - 4) Competition Report:
 - a. TAC's ORRC event in June
 - b. Guru contract rally meeting held
 - c. OTA instructor school this w/e; open house sign up one new member + one renewal
 - d. Auto slalom events confirmed except TLMC including three weekend double events; Keith has the timing equipment
 - e. Ice Racing : organizers meeting held;
 - i. Entry fee increase to \$90 sat + \$70 sun; Kin club to get 45% of gross entries
 - ii. Street studs to continue in same fashion
 - iii. Lexus IS300 sub class for rwd for 2019 organized by Russ Bond with prizes
 - iv. One weekend membership used by 10 people in 2018; continue for 2019
 - v. Qualifying races grid position based on previous point standings
 - vi. 55 watt rear light colour opened up
 - vii. Jan 12/13, 2019 pre-tech; Jan 19/20 first race; TAC race week 5 of 6
 - 5) Social:
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 - b. Bowling night proposed for the fifth Wednesday in May. This time at walk-in rates!
 - c. July 8 date for annual TAC BBQ at CTMP sports car race weekend; usual ticket deal.
 - 6) Items for sale/ wanted : nil
 - 7) Old Business: nil
 - 8) New Business: nil
 - 9) Loonies in the bus: Dietmar walked away with big bucks
- Adjournment: 8:55 p.m.
- Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.

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Email: registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca

- New 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 (____) _____

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

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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 within 2 months. Please let us know if you don't.

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