



Fifth Gear

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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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TAC 2012 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<i>OCTOBER 2012</i>			
12-14	F1	KOREAN GRAND PRIX (Yeongam)	
12-13	CRC	Pacific Forest Rally , Merritt, BC	WCRA
17	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston&7	TAC
21	Rally Cross	MLRC RallyCross, Bancroft	MLRC
26-28	F1	AIRTEL INDIAN GRAND PRIX (New Delhi)	
<i>NOVEMBER 2012</i>			
2-4	F1	ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX (Yas Marina)	
03	ORRC	Fall Night Rally, Perth	MCO
16-18	F1	UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX (Austin)	
17	Rally	President's Prize Rally , Peterborough	PMSC
21	Meeting	TAC Club Meeting, AGM & Elections, Moose & Firkin, Weston&7	TAC
23-25	F1	GRANDE PRÊMIO DO BRASIL (São Paulo)	
23-24	CRC/OPRC	Rally of the Tall Pines, Bancroft	MLRC
30	Awards Dinner	TAC Annual Banquet & Awards Night, Santorini, Thornhill	TAC
<i>DECEMBER 2012</i>			
01	ORRC	Northern Lights, Kitchener Waterloo	KWRC
<i>JANUARY 2013</i>			
12	ORRC	January Jaunt , Waterdown	TAC

More events to appear as 2012 Schedules are released.

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I am deeply saddened to report that TAC's Competition Director and Past President, Dietmar, has suffered a stroke, and is paralyzed on the left half of his body. Although he is completely lucid, he can no longer drive.

Dietmar has been one of our most active members since before I joined the club 12 years ago. He will be stepping down from his Director responsibilities at the AGM.

Dietmar has managed and grown our contract rally business so that we have been delivering 2-3 contract rallies each year. In addition, he co-organized the January Jaunt rally. He was a very active Ice Racer as well.

He is still active on email, and I encourage anyone who knows him to drop him a line.

Our thoughts go out to Kit, Kurt, and his family, who are helping him with re-hab.

CASC just had their banquet, division meetings, and AGM. The banquet was a great gathering of the Race, Time Attack, and AutoSlalom divisions, with lots of awards and trophies handed out. Steve Bamford came second in the F1200 race series. Carsten Gieschen and Albert Ribeiro received trophies for finishing second in their classes, while Kelly Ball received his trophy for coming third in class in the Mobile 1 Ontario Time Attack series. Keith Hui ended up second in his class in the Mobile 1 Autoslalom series.

The morning after the banquet saw the CASC-OR AGM. All officers up for re-election were acclaimed, and OMSC's Peter Jackson was acclaimed as Secretary. Treasurer Ted Michalos forecasted a surplus of \$20,000, with final numbers coming after the books close at the end of this month. The forecast is consistent with the budget presented earlier this year. Due to the

surplus, CASC will not be raising license fees for competitors in 2013. They will however raise club affiliation fees by 33% for all clubs. Thankfully, they will not be implementing a graduated fee structure. Ted proposed raising club fees every other year, and if CASC ends up with too great of an operating surplus, they will refund money to the clubs. I raised an issue over these unnecessary fee increases. If they can continue to forecast with reasonable accuracy, then fees should only be raised when they expect a deficit. Hopefully we can increase revenue by increasing the number of competitors, events, and licenses sold. CASC is currently expecting the number of competitors to remain constant, so the only way to make up a short-fall is to raise fees.

I am very concerned that any fee increases make autosports too expensive for people to get started in. CASC has a bank balance that will support two years of operations with no income, so they do not need a larger surplus. Given all my protestations, I was appointed to the CASC's Audit Committee. The role is only to ensure that the financial reports are accurate, but it will be good to work closer with the CASC Board to understand their reasoning.

Other announcements include a new administrative side to the CASC web site. Scott Ellsworth had replaced the original content authoring system a few years ago, and has been working to replace the registration system. The new version should be implemented this spring. I'm looking forward to a better integrated system for clubs to track members, and members to register for events.

You can expect to see CASC do more with social media. Each Division is expected to set up their own Facebook page. By the way, please friend the Toronto Autosport Club on Facebook! We use the page to post photos and events.

On the sponsorship front, CASC Vice President Robert Lauder mentioned that he was expecting Toyo to step up to an even higher level of sponsorship for 2013. Also, Mobile 1 has been awarded Title Sponsor for the Ice Race series! There should be lots of oil up for grabs in Minden this year.

All-in-all, the CASC AGM made for an interesting morning. If anyone is interested in attending in the future, please drop me a line. I'd love to see a strong TAC contingent!

Coming up shortly is our awards banquet. Friday November 30th at the Santorini restaurant we'll give out a few trophies, enjoy a great meal, and meet our fellow TAC members for some holiday cheer. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jane, our Social Director. You can get more details on the flyer in this Fifth Gear.

We will once again be running the January Jaunt rally. It goes from Waterdown in mid-January, and Kurt does his best to show off the Niagara Escarpment.

Immediately after the Jaunt, Ice Race season kicks off. This year, I will be running Dietmar's Audi - #88. Please be gentle with me - I'm an Ice Race virgin!

See you at the snowy track,

Rob

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Toronto Autosport Club's 2012 End of Year Dinner and Awards Presentation

Friday, November 30, 2012



Cocktails at 6pm
Dinner at 7pm
Awards presentations to follow



AT
Santorini

288 John Street
Thornhill

(Just north of Steeles, east off Bayview Ave.)

Tickets \$35

(Price includes pasta course, salad, your choice of 1 of 4 entrees, dessert, coffee and tea)

Dinner is partially subsidized by the Club.

Cash Bar

**Deadline for Ticket purchases
Wednesday November 21, 2012**

**To order your tickets or for more information call or e-mail
Ingrid at 905-832-8012 or ibeck@ca.inter.net**

Choice of Entrees:

Atlantic Salmon

Atlantic filet of salmon topped with a white wine lemon dill sauce

Chicken Supreme

Chicken breast stuffed with goat cheese, spinach & roasted red peppers, topped with a cherry brandy sauce

New York Steak

Certified Black Angus, centre cut and charbroiled to your to your liking

Vegetarian Pasta

Whole wheat linguine pasta with mixed vegetables in an olive oil pesto sauce topped with feta



The Toronto Autosport Club presents the
2013 January Jaunt
Round 1 of the Ontario Road Rally Cup
Saturday, January 12, 2013



<http://www.januaryjaunt.com>

Twitter: @JanuaryJaunt

Entry Fee: \$45
Start/Finish: The Royal Coachman
1 Main Street North (at Dundas)
Waterdown, Ontario
Registration Opens: 1:00 PM
Beginner's Meeting: 1:45 PM
Driver's Meeting: 2:15 PM
Car '0' Starts: 2:30 PM
Car '0' Finishes: 9:00 PM (approx)

The January Jaunt is a winter navex with real rally instructions on real navigational rally roads. Because this event is held in the winter, more challenging driving conditions can be expected.

- It is **strongly** recommended that you have snow tires.
- All competitors must carry a safety triangle.
- It is recommended that all competitors carry a winter safety kit (e.g. shovel, blanket, candle, bottled water).
- Any auxiliary lights should be controlled through a single switch that also disables high beams.

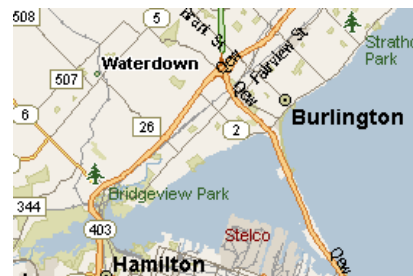
Please contact the organizers for more information:

Kurt Seelenmayer (905) 628-1063
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From Toronto, take QEW west to Hwy 403 towards Hamilton, exit at Waterdown Rd. Travel north to Dundas Street, then west 1 block to Main St.

From points west, take Highway 6 to Dundas Street, then east to Main St.

The Royal Coachman is at the corner of Dundas and Main in downtown Waterdown. Parking lot entrance off Main.



Zonta Club of Toronto's fundraising car rally

by Rita Moore; photo courtesy of Daria Danko

On October 13, TAC once again had the pleasure of presenting the car rally for the Zonta Club of Toronto. Since 1988, this rally has been held as a fundraiser for their charity efforts, and over that time has raised about \$200,000 for good causes.

The Zonta Club International was founded in 1919 and is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. There are approximately 33,000 members in more than 1,200 clubs in 67 countries, including the Zonta Club of Toronto.

The Toronto Zontians are currently supporting a program called Sistering. Sistering is a women's agency serving homeless, marginalized and low-income women in Toronto. Their programs and services help women gain greater control over their life circumstances. Their advocacy focuses on changing the social conditions that put women at risk, and ensuring

that women's
dignity is not
eroded by
poverty and



homelessness.

Sistering's Drop In Centers provide basic services to women who are homeless, underhoused, low income or marginalized and are looking for a safe and welcoming place to go during the day.

This year, eleven cars entered the Zonta Car Rally, and they raised another impressive amount for the cause. The weather was grey and cold, with rain coming in later; but the participants enthusiastically gathered at the start to learn about car rallies. Some cars had a driver and a navigator; some had several navigators. After a brief outline of the rules, they headed off on a tour of three local wineries while looking for the answers to a long list of questions that would test if they were on route. In case of a tie, the rally included a bonus question requiring the rallyists to research the products of each winery.

It turned out to be difficult for some cars to keep to the intended 3.5 hours for the event. Some were distracted by the gift shops at the ends of sections; some had trouble following the route; and some were just too perfectionist to give up without making sure they had ALL the answers! Unfortunately one of the questions involved sighting an old Legion Hall building, which incredibly, had been torn down in the 3 week period between the rally being green crewed and the actual event. That definitely made it a real challenge to read the sign over its door! Not everyone was defeated, however, as some Zontians actually went to the lengths of investigating with the locals as to the new location for that Legion Hall. In the end, though, we scored everyone as a pass on that question. One other odd “glitch” in the rally was the strange attitude of the staff at the second winery. We had informed the winery of the rally’s approximate timing and numbers well in advance of the event. This particular location has an attached banquet hall which is often, as the case on this day, booked for wedding receptions. The gift shop does not close because of that. However at the finish, we heard reports from some of our rallyists that they had encountered a less than friendly welcome from, of all things, some of the wedding guests who were also milling about the gift shop at the time. An unnecessary quibble which did dampen some enthusiasm for that end of section stop.

In the end, all cars made it back to the finish banquet at Al Dente Restaurant in Markham, where they were scored on a combination of the rally results, winery questions, and each team’s fundraising efforts. Zonta organizer Daria Danko made the award presentations, and we left them to their dinner! Hopefully the participants enjoyed the day as much as we enjoyed creating the rally for them. TAC looks forward to working with Zonta again next year!



Andy Hughes
CASC-OR Ice Race Director
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Press Release

For immediate publication

October 24th 2012.

Fellow Racers,

Please redistribute this bulletin where possible ...

Due to the lack of support from the past or present tire distributor for CASC ...The new tire and studding locations will read as posted in the new rulebook for the 2013 season...

2.5.3 STREET STUDS

- a) All tires shall be purchased from *any Canadian Tire store in Ontario.*
- b) Tires shall not to be modified in any way. Only tire pressures can be adjusted.
- c) Only *Hankook RC01/W411 tires shall be used. Available exclusively at Canadian Tire and must be branded with the Canadian Tire skew number on the sidewall.*
- d) *The studs shall be of steel in construction and of number TSMI 13 in size from Bruno Wessel. The body of the stud shall not protrude more than 1 millimeter from the tread block. Studs shall be inserted by either the Canadian tire store in Minden or the third party, Rodney Schmelter, the Series scrutineer, located at:*

*74 Third St
Etobicoke, ON
(416) 259-7874, but have to call after 5:45pm during the week.
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- e) Studs shall not be modified in any way.

Yours on the ice ...
Andy

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Social Director's Annual Report - 2012

My first year is almost finished now in the position as Social Director. During the past year and along with the notifications in the Fifth Gear, there have been periodic emails sent to our club members notifying them of our monthly club meetings, social events planned and specifically regarding the ALMS weekend held in July. Soon the reminder of our annual banquet to be held on Friday, November 30th, 2012 at Santorini will be communicated to members via email as well.

TAC will continue to hold their monthly club meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, excluding August and December. LOCATION: **MOOSE AND FIRKIN**, 7600 Weston Road (Unit 15) at Hwy 7, just west of Hwy 400 in Woodbridge (WWW.MOOSEANDFIRKIN.COM)

We encourage club members to submit their ideas for any kind of social function they would like to see happen out of the regular scheduled events already pre-planned for the year.

I have enjoyed working with TAC this year and would be happy to assist again next year.

Jane Worobess
Social Director
email: pitajane@hotmail.ca

Treasurer's Report Update

Last month's issue published the club financial report as of Oct 7, when Fifth Gear was to be printed. Since the club's actual year end is Oct 31, the following pages reflect the actual financials for the year.

The changes since the previous report include: a few more membership payments; slightly higher contract rally expenses; one additional issue of Fifth Gear and related expenses; the extra cost of customs and duty in receiving our latest order of shirts and hats; and the expense from our club's Time Attack weekend of morning coffee for all.

Based on the cumulative effect of these extra costs, the year-end 'bottom line' for TAC now shows a larger loss than the previous report indicated: -\$765.67. This is still not our worst year ever from a financial point of view; however we certainly hope to turn that around next year.

With our increased presence in Time Attack, and in the hope that the coming Ice Race season will see more favourable weather than the last one, we look forward to a good year in 2013 for our club.

See you at the AGM!

Rita Moore
Treasurer

Toronto Autosport Club Year-to-Year Income Statement						
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Club Operations						
Club	\$849.60	-\$236.10	-\$415.17	\$275.00	-\$663.00	\$271.00
Contract Rallies	\$2053.81	\$1568.11	\$1765.34	\$1819.00	\$1774.00	\$3365.00
Fifth Gear	-\$2270.30	-\$1714.43	-\$2022.27	-\$1834.00	-\$2235.00	-\$4046.00
Social incl BBQ	-\$911.17	-\$881.79	-\$231.99	\$0.00	-\$143.00	-\$1137.00
Banquet	-\$784.16	-\$2226.61	-\$1379.34	-\$908.00	-\$1082.00	-\$370.00
Merchandise	-\$981.14	-\$1186.92				
Total Club Operations	-\$2043.36	-\$4677.74	-\$2283.43	-\$648.00	-\$2349.00	-\$1917.00
Competition						
Ice Race	\$1469.14	\$1929.17	\$1406.62	\$825.00	\$1582.00	\$1724.00
ORRC rallies	-\$89.29	\$326.22	\$296.04	\$240.00	\$567.00	-\$127.00
Ralliette/fun rally	\$0.00	-\$22.36	-\$271.71	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$449.00
Solosprint/Time Attack	-\$102.16	\$0.00	\$2323.80	\$1311.00	\$1398.00	\$0.00
Autocross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Competition	\$1277.69	\$2233.03	\$3754.75	\$2376.00	\$3632.00	\$2046.00
Net Income or loss	-\$765.67	-\$2444.71	\$1471.32	\$1728.00	\$1282.00	\$120.00
Numerical Reconciliation:						
Bank Balances Oct 31/12					\$19522.05	
Balance Nov 1/11 incl outstanding payable/receivables at that date					<u>\$20246.43</u>	
Gross income/loss for year				=	-\$724.38	
Subtract 2012 items paid before last year end					-\$41.29	
Add any 2013 items paid early for next year-end:					<u>\$0.00</u>	
NET INCOME/LOSS FOR 2012 YEAR:				=	-\$765.67	

TAC finances for the period Nov 1, 2011 - Oct 31, 2012

		expense	income	net	balance
account balances on Nov 1, 2011:					\$19106.43
outstanding payable/receivables at Nov 1, 2011, since cashed		\$60.00	\$1200.00	\$1140.00	\$20246.43
membership dues			\$3050.00	\$3050.00	
HST on memberships thru CASC		\$8.75		-\$8.75	
BMO interest			\$0.26	\$0.26	
ING interest			\$161.88	\$161.88	
PayPal fees		\$31.50		-\$31.50	
CARS affiliation		\$226.00		-\$226.00	
RSO affiliation fee		\$300.00		-\$300.00	
CASC-OR affiliation		\$339.00		-\$339.00	
ASN FIA insurance: rallies & club insur.		\$493.00		-\$493.00	
operating expenses	conference calls	\$482.53			
	postage	\$154.49			
	printing (membership cards)	\$83.62			
	certif's of incorporation	\$12.00		-\$732.64	
website hosting fee		\$186.45		-\$186.45	
Internet domains registrations		\$45.20		-\$45.20	
					\$849.60
shirts and hats		\$981.14		-\$981.14	
Awards banquet 2011	ticket sales		\$315.00		
	Santorini	\$767.58			
	trophies, door prizes, etc	\$331.58		-\$784.16	
5th Gear		\$2570.30	\$300.00	-\$2270.30	
EVENTS:					
Zonta 2012	payment		\$650.00		
	expenses	\$100.00		\$550.00	
January Jaunt	entries		\$900.00		
	worker payments	\$240.00			
	organizer expense (gas)	\$50.96			
	printing + postage	\$126.28			
	trophies	\$141.43			
	TAC coupons	\$0.00			
	RSO listing fee	\$25.00			
	RSO levy	\$100.00		\$216.33	
Discover Ontario 2012	entries		\$250.00		
	prizes	\$196.73			
	printing & envelopes	\$73.89			
	organizer expenses	\$50.00			
	worker expenses	\$160.00			
	RSO listing fee	\$25.00			
	RSO levy	\$50.00		-\$305.62	
fun rally	entries				
	food				
	copying				
	prizes				\$0
Mosport picnic	ticket sales		\$630.00		
	deposit refund Rob Mc	\$2.01			
	Mosport charges	\$1120.00			
	food expenses	\$344.21		-\$836.22	
Social event (garage outfitters)	snacks	\$74.95		-\$74.95	

TAC finances for the period Nov 1, 2011 - Oct 31, 2012

ice race	entries + track levies collected		\$11145.00		
	track rental	\$800.00			
	use of Kinsmen's photocopier	\$50.00			
	CASC - OR levies	\$727.72			
	CASC - OR permit fee	\$90.40			
	worker accommodations	\$1185.00			
	worker food	\$733.79			
	Kinsmen levies	\$3240.00			
	track maintenance levy	\$525.00			
	HST paid to Kinsmen	\$599.95			
	ice race ASN FIA insurance	\$950.00			
	medic	\$350.00			
	CASC fire extinguisher rental	\$75.00			
	tow vehicle fuel & car wash	\$59.00			
	TAC discounts & coupons	\$290.00		\$1469.14	
Time Attack	coffee for competitors	\$102.16		-\$102.16	
Alfa Romeo contract rally	payment		\$650.00		
	expenses	\$159.06		\$490.94	
Guru Nanak 2012	payment		\$1200.00		
	expenses	\$187.13		\$1012.87	
TOTALS for 2012 items		\$20017.81	\$19252.14	-\$765.67	\$19480.76
<u>2012 Items already accounted on 2011 balance sheet:</u>					
Awards banquet		\$70.00	\$211.29		
Memberships		\$100.00			
				\$41.29	\$19522.05
<u>2013 items already being paid:</u>					
Awards banquet 2012	preliminary ticket sales				
	deposit on restaurant				
	preliminary prize purchases				
memberships for 2013				\$0.00	\$19522.05
Bank balance as of Oct 31/12 (BMO chequing account)					
\$1954.48					
Bank Balance as of Oct 31/12 (PayPal account)					
\$6.77					
Bank balance as of Oct 31/12 (ING savings account)					
<u>\$16360.80</u>					
\$18322.05					
Receivables				\$1200.00	
Payables (as-yet-uncashed)				<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total assets of TAC					\$19522.05



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Four Up-and-Comers Join Afterburner Autosport During Mazda Road to Indy Test

October 10, 2012

Blok, Estrela, Ruch, and Verra to pilot Van Diemen/Mazda at Indianapolis Motor Speedway

MINNEAPOLIS, MIN. – Afterburner Autosport returns to action this week (October 10-11), taking part in the second annual Chris Griffis Memorial Mazda Road to Indy test at the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Building on what was a solid debut season in the Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship Powered by Mazda, the Minnesota-based squad will have four talented up-and-comers getting behind the wheel, with Danilo Estrela, Joe Ruch, Ryan Verra, and Nathan Blok taking part in the year-end event.

With the 2012 season now in the record books, Afterburner Autosport is already looking ahead to the upcoming 2013 campaign. With the ultimate goal of running a multi-car effort that will challenge for wins in their second season of USF2000 Championship competition, the team will use the annual Mazda Road to Indy test in Indianapolis to begin driver evaluations and establish relationships with racers.

Well aware that the talent-level within the USF2000 Championship is deep, the former SCCA National Championship-winning squad has assembled a strong line-up for the two-day test on the IMS road course.

Day one will feature Ruch, Estrela, and Verra all piloting an Afterburner Autosport Van Diemen with Mazda power. Ruch, from nearby Frankfort, Ind., joins the squad having impressed both in the karting ranks (winning numerous races) and the 2011 Mazda Road to Indy Scouting Combine test last year in Florida. Estrela, a native of Goiania, Brazil, will make his USF2000 debut as the 2011 Skip Barber Race Series Champion Shootout winner and Skip Barber Winter Series runner-up. Verra, who resides in Calgary, Alb., slides into the cockpit with experience in both the Skip Barber Summer Series and Winter Series, as well as the F1000 Championship series.

Keep up to date via Twitter @ ABautosport1 and Facebook page @ Afterburner-Autosport

About Afterburner Autosport:

Afterburner Autosport was formed in 2010 with the sole purpose of leading the way in the USF2000 Championship Powered by Mazda competition. Under the guidance of two-time SCCA Formula Continental National Champion Brian Tomasi and fellow F2000 racer and engineer Tim Walsh, the team has over 20 years of experience in open-wheel competition. The Minnesota, Min.-based squad, having captured two podium finishes in its inaugural pro racing season last year, will make its USF2000 Championship debut in 2012, fielding multiple cars in the top Championship class.

(Submitted by Ryan Verra)

When the USF2000 Championship cars roll back on-course on day two of the Mazda Road to Indy test, Blok will also get his chance to showcase his talents. The Beachburg, Ont., racer will pilot an Afterburner Autosport entry as the reigning two-time Quebec-based Formula Tour F1600 champion, and a two-time Team Canada Scholarship finalist.

"We are really excited to have these four drivers testing with Afterburner Autosport during the Chris Griffis Memorial Mazda Road to Indy test at Indy," stated Afterburner Autosport's Brian Tomasi. "Blok, Estrela, Ruch, and Verra are all ready to make the step up to USF2000 in 2013... and be successful. Hopefully we can put things together for a full campaign next year, as I'm confident all of them could challenge for Rookie of the Year honors."

Testing on the renowned Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course commences on Wednesday morning (October 10), with the Afterburner Autosport cars and the rest of the Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship Powered by Mazda field taking part in a one-hour session. A second 75-minute run will take place in the afternoon, with the schedule repeating on Thursday (October 11). Live Timing & Scoring will be available at www.usf2000.com. Drivers interested in taking part in other off-season programs, are invited to contact Afterburner Autosport.

Afterburner Autosport races with associate sponsorship from www.AuroraBearing.com.

Additional information on Afterburner Autosport is available from the team's website at www.afterburnerautosport.com. For direct contact, email afterburnerautosport@gmail.com or call 630-251-1709.

BULLETIN



BULLETIN No.: 2012 – 08

Subject: UPDATE TO BULLETIN 5, CLASS CHANGES

Issue Date: October 18, 2012

As a result of competitor feedback, the CARS Board of Directors has approved several revisions to the recent vehicle class rule changes. The revised wording will follow shortly in a separate bulletin, however a summary of the changes are as follows;

Open 2WD

- Normally aspirated engine maximum displacement increased to 3000cc, however engines are limited to 5 cylinders or less.
- Possible changes to restrictor requirements for turbocharged engines with displacements less than 1600cc are under review. Changes, if any, will be published shortly.

Production 4WD

- Exceptions to the minimum weight limit may be granted by the technical director for smaller and/or lower powered 4WD vehicles. This exemption is not intended to be applied broadly, but only to vehicles significantly disadvantaged by the normal weight limit. Examples would include a normally aspirated 4WD vehicle (ie Subaru 2.5RS) or those with smaller displacement forced induction motors (ie Subaru XT turbo). The minimum weight for exempted vehicles will be the listed curb weight for the model.
- Intercoolers must remain to OEM or OEM equivalent specification and original mounting locations.

Production 2WD

- Forced induction is permitted for engines with displacements up to 1600cc. Restrictor requirements, if any, are under review and will be published shortly.
- Intercoolers must remain to OEM or OEM equivalent specification and original mounting location
- Clarification to the transmission rule (12.8.5.1), to remove any confusion. (Updating and backdating of transmissions is not permitted.)

The Board is currently looking closely at options for implementing the 2WD regulations so as to allow a phase in period for current Group 5 cars. Additionally, as noted above, the issue of restrictor sizing for 1600cc or smaller forced induction 2WD vehicles is also under review. These items will be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the Board of Directors and the results published in a bulletin to follow shortly after.

The Board feels the changes announced in this bulletin address many of the concerns expressed by competitors. With any major changes, there will be a period of transition as the sport gets used to the new structure and tweaks to the regulations may be required. An example of this is a review of the forced induction restrictor sizing. This is currently taking place for smaller engine 2WD vehicles, and will be again reviewed for all classes prior to the 2014 season.

Finally, the potential for a Historic class beginning in 2014 will be discussed at the meetings to be held during the AGM/ Awards weekend in January. The Board feels there may be potential for a division such as this, however is unsure of the viability for a national championship.

As President of the Association, I would like to thank all those who took the time to provide suggestions and comments to the Board. Please feel free to contact either myself, your Regional Rally Director, the Technical Director, or your appropriate Board Representative if you have any further questions or comments.

Tom McGeer
President, Canadian Association of Rallysport.

For Sale

1995 BMW M3



Rob McAuley rob@rmcauley.ca 905-399-9374

Body

- Raven Cage
- Bimmerworld carbon fibre spoiler
- Reinforced subframe
- Solid engine & transmission mounts
- Very light (2500 lbs)
- Racing seats (large) for driver and passenger
- SchrothProfil II 6 point harness (& passenger)
- SPA AFFF fire system with 6 nozzles (3 for engine, 3 for driver)
- Racepak G2X data acquisition computer system includes optional A/F monitor
- SparcoMugello steering wheel with quick disconnect
- Motorola radio system with 4 radios, helmet kit, in-car kit, 2 crew head-sets
- IO Port video camera mount
- Transponder wired in
- Many spares and extras

Engine& Drivetrain

- 2.8l ODB-1 Conversion
- VAC High Compression Pistons
- Sunbelt cams
- 24 lb injectors
- VAC oil pan baffle
- Supersprint Euro headers
- Custom Techmax 3" exhaust
- Dual fuel pickup
- Custom tuned Bimmerworld air-box
- 3 ½" HFM intake
- Custom tuned Bimmerworld software
- Aluminum rad
- Pusher fan
- Odyssey light-weight battery
- Lightweight race clutch & flywheel
- DiffsOnLine limited slip differential

Suspension

- 2 way adjustable Ground Control full race shocks
- Eibach springs (1,000 lb front, 950 lb rear)
- Ground Control camber plates
- Adjustable front & rear sway bars
- Adjustable rear control arms
- Performance Friction 323mm front big brake kit

Wheels & Tires

- Premium Race Studs
- 4xBBS 18"
- 4xSSR 18"
- 4xKosei K1 17"
- 2xRonal 17"
- 2xForgeline 17"
- All wheels have tires, but most are 3 years old

Price

- \$20,000

Also Available:

Atlas 24' Trailer

- 2 aluminum tire racks
- Wired for 12v and 120v
- Custom cabinets & countertop
- E-Track throughout
- Solar powered electrical system with 1500W inverter
- Recent safety check
- Price: \$4,000

Toronto Autosport Club – October 2012 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: October 3, 2012 2012 2012

Call time: 8:06 pm

Present: Paul, Rita, Dietmar, Graham, Rob, Jane

- President's Report:
 - o Financial budget report from CASC predicting good profit for 2012.
 - o CASC AGM to be held November 11 – anyone interested in attending along with Rob?
 - o Need to follow up with Malcolm Elston re archival materials
- Vice President:
 - o Membership numbers up 2 now = 117 total including 6 life, 62 primary, 46 family, 3 incomplete
- Treasurer:
 - o Investment: \$16,360.80; PayPal, \$310.27; Chequing, \$1908.38
 - o Orders placed for hats / shirts
- Competition:
 - o Inaugural Time Attack event at successful but lightly attended
 - o Storage needed for club equipment including flags, clip boards, timing system etc.
 - o Zontas contract rally upcoming
 - o ORRC calendar date – October 22
- Social:
 - o Date set Friday November 30. Choice of entrees. Flyer being prepared. Numbers by Nov 21 to fix room.
- Old business: Directors reports to be submitted for publishing in Fifth Gear.
- New business: annual awards to be determined.

Call adjourned: 21:05

Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of October 2012 General Meeting

Meeting date: October 17, 2012

Meeting opened: 8:17pm

Attendees: 10

Dietmar moved acceptance of the minutes of the September meeting seconded by Rob M. carried.

1) President's report:

- a. Rob will attend CASC AGM November 11, 2012. Paul M will attend the ice racing meeting on Saturday November 10.
- b. CASC now expecting profitable year after large license fee increase.
- c. HADA withdrawing from Time Attack organizing clubs – 5 clubs remaining including TAC

2) VP Report :

- a. Total membership up to 117 = 6 Life +62 primary + 46 family + 3 in process

3) Treasurer's Report:

- a. Account balances - \$16,360.80 savings; \$310.27 PayPal; \$1,125.83 Chequing
- b. Order for 20 shirts and 24 hats has been placed with new gear supplier Café Presse

4) Competition Report:

- a. Zontas Contract Rally held last weekend – 11 cars with stops at wineries
- b. TAC's Ontario Time Attack Events at Grand Bend wrapped up season. Director Chuck stepping down and new Director being sought. Committee meeting tomorrow. OTA likely lost about \$4,500 on season.
- c. ORRC January Jaunt being prepared for January 2013. Future of DOCR to determine for Oct 22 ORRC calendar meeting.
- d. Ice racing – street stud spec tire selected – Hankook RC-01 from Canadian Tire

5) Social:

- a. November 30 (Friday night) set for annual TAC banquet. Tickets available.

6) Old Business: President/Treasurer/Social Director positions were published in Fifth Gear.

7) New Business: nil

8) Items for sale:

- a. Ford Ranger front receiver hitch – Rita Moore
- b. BMW E36 Race Car \$20k – Rob McAuley

9) Loonies in the bus: Rob J won the loonie and Janet & Rita won gas cards.

Adjournment: about 8:59 pm

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.



Membership Application

Mail: 49 Monkswood Crescent,
Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 2J9

Email: 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 _____

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 _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Cheque # _____ PayPal Other TOTAL \$: _____

To pay by PAYPAL/Credit Card, please visit the Club website at: 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 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

**TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC.
(TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB)**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND THE 2012 ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

Notice is hereby served that the
2012 Annual General Membership Meeting
and the **2012 Election of Club Officers**
will take place following the regular business meeting (which commences at 8 pm.)

on **Wednesday November 21, 2012**

at the MOOSE AND FIRKIN, 7600 Weston Road (Unit 15) at Hwy 7 (SW Corner),
just west of Hwy 400 in Woodbridge Ontario

**It is important that members attend (either in person or by proxy)
so that you can have your say in the running of the club to vote on matters
properly brought forward and for executive positions up for election**

Under the Constitution of the Club, the positions to be filled at the election are:

President, Treasurer, and Social Director (Each for 2-Year Term)

Each of these Executive positions commences immediately after the conclusion of the 2012 elections and runs through until November 2014 . Other positions have 1 year remaining until elections are held, in 2013.

If you know that you will be unable to attend, please fill out the notice of proxy below and submit it to the Club Secretary before the elections take place (in person by proxy-holder or mail to club address : 49 Monkswood Crescent, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 2J9)

NOTICE OF PROXY – TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC. 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING and ELECTIONS

I , _____ , being a member in good standing of the Toronto Autosport Club, do hereby assign my voting rights at the 2012 TAC Motorsport Club Inc. Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers, to be held November 21, 2012

to _____ , who is also a member in good standing.

Signed: _____ Date: _____