



# Fifth Gear

*November 2013*



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# Toronto Autosport Club

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## 2013 EXECUTIVE:

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## 2013 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

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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](http://www.mooseandfirkin.com))...

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While I may share the same first name as our mayor, I can honestly say that I have never smoked crack cocaine. In fact, I've never even been a drunken stupor while presiding over a TAC event.

However, speaking of TAC events, I am looking forward to the upcoming AGM on November 20th. We will be electing a number of positions, so I am hoping for a good turn-out. Proxy forms are in this fifth gear, but I am happy to hold email proxies, and will vote them as instructed.

Once again, we are offering an early renewal bonus. If you re-up your TAC membership before the end of the year, you'll receive a coupon for \$20 good for any TAC event, TAC gear, or a meal at a TAC meeting at the Moose & Firkin pub. You can sign up on line at the CASC web site, or on the TAC site using Paypal!

By the time you read this, the CASC-OR AGM will have taken place, along with most of their divisional planning meetings. I'll be reporting on them at our November meeting, but don't expect any big surprises. Given the revenue that CASC has been forecasting, I am not expecting any license fee increases.

A week after the CASC AGM, TAC will be holding our annual awards banquet. We are returning to Santorini's - the flyer is ahead a couple of pages in this issue of Fifth Gear. I'm expecting a great turn-out this year, with lots of door prizes and top notch food!

I am currently up at the cottage, and had planned on putting the snow tires on the Excursion this trip, but there's too much snow on the ground! I'm betting that this winter will be more like those a few years ago - finally getting some significant snowfalls and lower temperatures. Climate change is a cruel mistress!

And with that prediction, I'm looking forward to a great ice race season. I know Heather Hughes has been busy making plans, and I'm keen to get up to Minden for the TAC weekend. Here's hoping that we get some ice thick enough to run studs, and get all the cars on the track!

I also promise that there will be no more revelations about my lack of drug use from any police reports that may or may not ever be released!

Rob

# TAC 2013-2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<i>NOVEMBER 2013</i>			
15 - 17	F1	UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX (Austin)	
20	Meeting	<b>TAC Club Meeting, AGM &amp; Elections, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	TAC
22 - 24	F1	GRANDE PRÊMIO DO BRASIL (São Paulo)	
23	Awards Dinner	<b>TAC Annual Dinner and Awards Night, Santorini, Thornhill</b>	TAC
29-30	CRC/OPRC	Rally of the Tall Pines, Bancroft	MLRC
<i>DECEMBER 2013</i>			
7	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Northern Lights Rally	KWRC
<i>JANUARY 2014</i>			
10-11	Meeting	CARS AGM	CARS
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15	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	TAC
18	School	RSO First-Aid Course, Newmarket	RSO
<i>FEBRUARY 2014</i>			
1	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Frostbite Rally, location tbd	
7/9/20	Rally-CRC/OPRC	Perce Neige, Maniwaki Quebec	CPRN
15-16	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Polar Bear Rally, Bancroft	
19	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	TAC
<i>MARCH 2014</i>			
13-16	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	
19	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	TAC
22	Meeting	RSO Annual General Meeting, Peterborough	RSO
28-30	F1	PETRONAS MALAYSIAN GRAND PRIX (Kuala Lumpur)	
30	INDY	Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg	

More events to appear as 2014 Schedules are released.

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

# Toronto Autosport Club's 2013 End of Year Dinner and Awards Presentation

Saturday, November 23, 2013



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 13, 2013**

To order your tickets or for more information e-mail or call  
Jane at [pitajane@hotmail.ca](mailto:pitajane@hotmail.ca) or 905-918-1819

## 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

## **ONTARIO TIME-ATTACK UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2013**

The last OTA season event for this year took place Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Driver Development Track at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. This was the brand new "Shoot Out" event to determine the overall champion for the season. It was an elimination style event with lots of pressure and suspense as each round took place.

There were 33 drivers competing in this event and they had to come up with their best performance in order to make it to the end. Incidentally, this was the last racing ever to take place at the DDT Track, which is being completely redone for next season. The new track is shaping up to be a good one.

There were five of us from TAC competing in the Shoot Out. Unfortunately for me, I got sick with a very nasty bug and after two rounds of practise I was finished for the day.

Congratulations to the four who remained, for some nice driving. Way to go Carsten for making it to the very last round!

### **OTA Shoot Out, DDT, CTMP, Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> – TAC drivers**

Carsten Gieschen, 4<sup>th</sup> place

Ron Billings, 9<sup>th</sup> place

Rob McAuley, 13<sup>th</sup> place

Jeremy Brutski, 22<sup>nd</sup> place

The season is now complete and it was a good one. Considerations are now in the works for how to do even better next year. Lots of planning and research over the winter will keep us going until we can once again get out to the track. Can't wait!

Kelly Ball, Ontario Time-Attack, Car #61

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## BULLETIN



**BULLETIN No.: 2013-16**

### **Subject: Technical Director Position**

**Issue Date:** October 24, 2013

The incumbent Technical Director - Darryl Malone - advised CARS of his desire to step down from the position of Technical Director some months ago. In the ensuing period and by re-assessing the need to have the CARS Technical Director present at all events we have been able to reduce the Technical Director workload to a more manageable level. As such Darryl Malone has agreed to continue on as the Technical Director with a role description that includes chair of the Technical Rules Committee and member of the CARS extended board

When it is deemed necessary that a CARS technical rep be in attendance or if the Technical Rules Committee/CARS has a special project that requires someone to be at an event, Darryl will try to utilize various people from the regions to help spread development opportunities. This presents an opportunity for those interested in the Technical activities to increase their involvement in the Technical arena of the sport through partnering with Darryl and our Technical programs.

The CARS Board of Directors wishes to thank each of the candidates most sincerely for stepping forward to help out in this volunteer driven association and we wish Darryl continued success in the Technical Directors role.

Sincerely,

Martin Burnley,  
Director Rally Pacific Motorsports, Canadian Association of Rallysport.



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## TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB - SEPTEMBER 2013 EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL NOTES

Call date: September 4, 2013

Call time: 8:02 pm

Present: Rob, Paul, Rita, Graham

- President's Report:
  - o Guru Nanak / Brampton Hospital meeting update-recommittment to fund raising
  - o Social Director position will become available for the November 2013 election.
  
- Vice President:
  - o New membership year strong : 107 = 6 life + 60 primary + 41 family
  
- Treasurer:
  - o Investment: approx. \$14,500 (computer down); PayPal, \$769.84; Chequing, \$2,645.21
  - o ASN has acknowledged payment for five events was received but refund cheque has not yet been received
  - o Year end reports will be required for October Fifth Gear.
  
- Competition:
  - o OTA season over except for the Shoot-Out
  - o Ice racing is coming and TAC will need an organizer
  
- Social:
  - o Year end banquet coming up
  
- Old business: none
  
- New business: none

Call adjourned: 8:25 pm

Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

## TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB - MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2013 GENERAL MEETING

Meeting date: September 18, 2013

Meeting opened: 7:55 pm

Attendees: 12

- 1) President's report:
  - a. No news from CASC-OR
  - b. Rob will participate in RSO conference call
- 2) VP Report :
  - a. Total membership up now 107 = 6 Life + 60 primary + 41 family
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Account balances - \$14,515 savings; \$2,220.74 Chequing; \$769.84 PayPal
  - b. ASN insurance refund received
- 4) Competition Report:
  - a. OTA season wrapped up
    - i. Shoot-Out at DDT September 29
    - ii. Kelly Ball will be the next OTA Director replacing Chuck Atkins
  - b. Guru Nanak contract rally all set – hoping for 50 cars – presently 30 entries
  - c. Zontas Contract rally set for Oct 5 – thanks to Brooke
  - d. Ice Racing – Heather Peckham Hughes has replaced the late Andy Hughes. TAC will need an organizer for the 2014 event.
  - e. Auto Slalom – season ended in Huntsville; final standings to be issued
  - f. Chumpcar – Canadian Chumpionship at Calabogie Sep 28/29; Twin 7 hour enduro's at Mosport Oct 12 & 13.
- 5) Social:
  - a. Banquet date set for Saturday November 16, 2013
- 6) Old Business: ALMS weekend well received but non-member rates to review next year
- 7) New Business: nil
- 8) Items for Sale / Not Wanted: Nick Beck has a 12 inch bias ply inner tube for \$5
- 9) Loonies in the bus: Ingrid won gas card #1 Jane won gas card #2 and Janet took the \$12 loonies in the bus

Adjournment: about 8:30 pm

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.

## TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB - OCTOBER 2013 EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL NOTES

Call date: Oct 9, 2013

Call time: 8:05 pm

Present: Rob, Paul, Rita, Graham

- President's Report:
  - o Looking for an organizer for the January Jaunt at this point
  
- Vice President:
  - o New membership year strong : 107 = 6 life + 60 primary + 41 family
  - o Many new members this year but more who did not renew.
  
- Treasurer:
  - o Investment: \$14,512.07; PayPal, \$769.84; Chequing, \$3,213.99
  - o Year end financial loss expected which may be offset by OTA distribution
  
- Competition:
  - o OTA Shoot out a success with new elimination format – competitors liked it
  - o Congrats to well placed Taccies
  - o Guru Nanak rally held with 18 entries
  
- Social:
  - o Year end banquet coming up – date to finalize
  
- Old business: none
  
- New business: considerable discussion on annual awards

Call adjourned: 8:45 pm

Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

## TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB - MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2013 GENERAL MEETING

Meeting date: October 16, 2013

Meeting opened: 8:07 pm

Attendees: 11

- 1) President's report:
  - a. Rob sends his regrets and the VP chaired the meeting
- 2) VP Report :
  - a. Total membership restated to 106 = 6 Life + 60 primary + 40 family
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Account balances - \$14,512.70 savings; \$3,044.40 Chequing; \$769.84 PayPal
  - b. Annual financial results suggest smaller net loss than 2012; Ice race income reduced; OTA income possible to improve bottom line; some expenses to be submitted.
- 4) Competition Report:
  - a. TAC needs a competition director for 2014
  - b. OTA shoot-out finished up successfully
  - c. Zontas Contract rally ran well on October 5
  - d. Ice Racing –TAC will need an organizer for the 2014 event which is probably the club's next competition event.
  - e. OPRC Tall pines rally coming up November 29/30
  - f. Chumpcar – glorious exploits at the Canadian Chumpionship at Calabogie Sep 28/29; Twin 7 hour enduro's at Mosport Oct 12 & 13 were mentioned
- 5) Social:
  - a. Banquet date now revised to Saturday November 23, 2013
  - b. Same location as last year \$35 per ticket; order deadline Nov 13.
- 6) Old Business: nil
- 7) New Business: club officer elections next month – VP/Secretary/Competition Director and Social Directors wanted. Don't be shy.
- 8) Items for Sale / Not Wanted: Nick Beck has a 12 inch RADIAL inner tube for \$5; Dietmar has 14 inch snow tires
- 9) Loonies in the bus: Paul M won gas card #1 Rob J won gas card #2 and Fred took the \$11 loonies in the bus

Adjournment: about 8:37 pm

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.



# Membership Application

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

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

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

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.

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**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 2013 ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS**

Notice is hereby served that the  
**2013 Annual General Membership Meeting**  
and the **2013 Election of Club Officers**  
will take place following the regular business meeting (which commences at 8 pm.)

on **Wednesday November 20, 2013**

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:

**Vice-President, Secretary, and Competition Director** (Each for 2-Year Term)

Each of these Executive positions commences immediately after the conclusion of the 2013 elections and runs through until November 2015 . Other positions (not up for election) have 1 year remaining until elections are held, in 2014.

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 Monkwood Crescent, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 2J9 )

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## **NOTICE OF PROXY – TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC. 2013 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 2013 TAC Motorsport Club Inc. Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers, to be held November 20, 2013

to \_\_\_\_\_ , who is also a member in good standing.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_