



# Fifth Gear

*November 2020*



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# Toronto Autosport Club

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## 2020 EXECUTIVE

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SOCIAL DIRECTOR	(position vacant)		

## 2020 COMPETITION COORDINATORS

TIMEATTACK /SOLO-I	Gary Vernon
AUTOSLALOM /SOLO-II	Keith Hui

## 2020 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

RALLYSPORT ONTARIO	(position vacant)	
MEMBERSHIP	Paul Moore	registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca
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**Club Mailing Address: 18759 Kennedy Road, RR1, Sharon, On, L0G 1V0**

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 "Turtle Jacks Muskoka Grill", 925 Dixon Road (at Carlingview), Etobicoke .

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## 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

Hey Folks,

Here are the November goings on - or not goings on as the case may be.

Daughter Katie and husband Wyatt have returned to Denver for the ski season, leaving their new-to-them sailboat parked in a corner of the cottage property. We really miss their old dog, their new puppy, and them. They did get back in time to vote, and it seems to have worked! Although Wyatt enjoyed wearing my Trump MAGA hat around the marina (and learned that many sailboat owners are more right-wing than he is), he is happy to hopefully see Trump get kicked out of office.

But on the COVID side of the news, things are looking worse - as bad as they've ever been. Still no cases around the cottage, but numbers are climbing nearby. We are holding our breath, awaiting the vaccine.

But given the recent outbreaks, we will be turning the January Jaunt into a virtual rally. Organizer Kurt will be sorting this out with RSO, but do not expect an in-car experience.

Likewise, the Ice Race season has been cancelled. The facilities are not laid out for effective distancing, so the series has been put on hold. Apparently Russ Bond and a couple of others are interested in holding a Saturday-Only series, and have approached CASC to see if this is possible. Best to stay tuned. Check out the Ice Racing in Minden Facebook page for any new developments.

Speaking of Facebook, our TAC page is doing quite well! We have over 400 following the page, and there are always interesting posts on racing around the world and speed traps in your area. Thanks for following, and feel free to comment on the things you see.

As always, our November meeting is also our AGM. For the first time, our AGM will be virtual. We need you to attend to make quorum! Treasurer Rita will set up a Zoom call, and will give you the details if you email her at [treasurer@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:treasurer@torontoautosportclub.ca). If you can't attend, please send a proxy to anyone on the board (or anyone attending the meeting).

This year, we will have elections for President, Treasurer, and Social Director.

We are searching for candidates for any or all of the positions. I will run again for President. Rita has announced that she will be stepping down as Treasurer. We currently have no Social Director, which hasn't been a huge hole, as we've had no social events.

Hopefully that will change over the next few months. If you are interested in any of those positions, please drop me a line. I'd be happy to talk about how easy and rewarding they can be.

As you may have inferred, we will not be holding an Awards Banquet this year. We do have some awards to announce, but we will not be getting together to present them. It seems that this busy time of the year will be much much quieter this time around.

I look forward to hearing from everyone prior to the AGM so we can have a fantastic 2021.

Stay well,

Rob McAuley  
TAC President

## ON THE COVER

YES, EVEN TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB HAS ELECTIONS. JOIN OUR ANNUAL MEETING ONLINE NOVEMBER 18 AND VOTE !

# TAC 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

Most Schedules have been modified / Verify with organizing group

<i>DATE</i>	<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>EVENT DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>CLUB</i>
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## November 2020

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18	Meeting	<b>TAC Club Meeting, AGM &amp; Elections, ONLINE by ZOOM, see Notice</b>	TAC
20-21	Rally-CRC/OPRC	<del>Rally of the Tall Pines, Bancroft, ON</del>	MLRC
28	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Northern Lights Rally	KWRC

## December 2020

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4-6	Rally-CRC	<del>Big White Winter Rally, Kelowna, BC</del>	WCRA
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*More events to appear as 2020 Schedules are released.*

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

TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC.  
(TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB)

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND THE 2020 ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

Notice is hereby served that the  
**2020 Annual General Membership Meeting**  
and the **2020 Election of Club Officers**

will take place ONLINE

on **November 18, 2020 at 8:00pm**

TO BE HELD via ZOOM. Call is coordinated by Rita Moore.

Call Connection details to follow by email.

Email Rita at [treasurer@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:treasurer@torontoautosportclub.ca) if you need information other than by email from the club or assistance for phoning in. Or write to club address below.

**It is important that members attend (either “virtually” 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 2020 elections and runs through until November 2022 . Other positions not up for re-election this year, have 1 year remaining until elections are held in November 2021.

If 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 emailed scan or mail to club address : 18759 Kennedy Road, RR1, Sharon, On, L0G 1V0

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## NOTICE OF PROXY – TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC. 2020 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 2020 TAC Motorsport Club Inc. Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers, to be held November 18, 2020

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

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

## **TAC MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING Oct. 21, 2020 via ZOOM**

Called to order 8:05 pm

### **President**

Absent today.

### **Vice President**

CASC is deciding whether to hold AGM through zoom or have board to continue as is through to April 2021. Current Board members Gunther Schmidt, Steve Manol and Steve Deneka not seeking reelection  
92 members, 6 life, 51 primary, 35 family

### **Treasurer**

Tangerine \$18,185.28  
Chequing \$5,666.89  
PayPal \$278.49

Waiting for Chq from CASC for the payment of two members that renewed through them.

### **Competition**

Ice race season - dates have been set for 2021 season but whether it will actually happen will be determined Nov. 3, 2020.

Not much going on anymore - season has come to end.

Martin Loveridge drew up rally calendar for 2021 as if things were to proceed as normal but most events will probably not happen

Zonta - good feedback from them, liked the route, specifically designed so they wouldn't stop and visit places as in the past. Lots of inspired paintings, this was part of the instructions, they were told to draw something from the scenery that inspired.

### **Social**

Next month will also be a Zoom meeting

### **Old Business**

none

### **New Business**

AGM notices have been sent out. Link will be emailed out to members. Will be doing email proxies again.

Winners of this year's award winners will be discussed at the next Executive meeting. Distribution of awards to winners will also be discussed

### **Items for Sale - none**

### **Items Wanted - none**

### **Loonies in the Bus**

Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm

Minutes by Ingrid



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## Toronto Autosport Club - Executive Conference Call Meeting minutes November 4, 2020

Call time: 8:01 pm

Participants: Rob, Paul, Rita, Graham & Ingrid

### President

Spoke to a possible candidate about the treasurer position, said he would prefer not to, but didn't actually say yes or no. He may speak to Rita to see what is involved. Need more candidate suggestions.

Haven't heard anything from CASC. Waiting to hear about CASC agm; postpone or virtual meeting.

### Membership

93 members: 6 life, 52 primary, 35 family

### Treasurer

Account Balances:

PayPal	\$	278.49
Savings	\$	18,189.90
Chequing	\$	5,763.39

Will have some upcoming annual expenses.

### Competition

Possible changes to January Jaunt; may be virtual.

Ice Racing is cancelled

No ORRCs scheduled.

Discover Ontario - still may be a go, will wait and see what happens in the new year.

Encourage more members to participate in Time Attack.

Discussion as to whether or not to hand out awards this year and if so which ones.

### Social

Old Business - prize money/incentives - still under discussion

New Business -

Adjourned at 8:38 pm

Minutes by I. Beck



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Choose from a large selection of shirts, jackets, mugs, bags, even games and toys! Almost anything that Café Press sells, they will sell with the TAC logo on.

Visit the store at

<http://www.cafepress.com/torontoautosportclubgear>





## Announcement

N° 2020-18

### **Subject: 2020 CARS Competition licenses**

**Issue Date:** November 9, 2020

Canadian Association of Rallysport (CARS) being a Federal Not for Profit (NFP) Association always plans to operate with a balanced budget. This means that we plan to raise just enough income to cover our operating costs.

Our operating income comes from the following sources

1. 76% Competition Licenses
2. 10% Sale of Competition Supplies
3. 8% Rule Book Advertising
4. 6% Club Memberships

Heading into 2020 our budget was balanced; this was based upon the typical number of licenses being sold to competitors.

As soon as COVID-19 hit, it became obvious that license income could miss the mark significantly. Luckily many of our operating costs are associated with the running of events so as events were cancelled costs automatically reduced.

The Canadian Rally Championship (CRC) season went from bad to worse until we finally had so many events cancel that the CRC 2020 was also cancelled. With no need for an award banquet the board have taken the opportunity to reduce a large cost from the 2021 budget by opting to hold a virtual AGM in January 2021. (this was an option provided by the Federal Government as a way for NFP's to safely hold an AGM and to save money)

In 2020 we have ended with approx. 40% of normal license sales. Of those license holders some did not get to compete in a single performance event, some got to compete in only 1 performance event and the lucky few did more.

By year end 2020 CARS will have a budget deficit of approx. minus \$14,000. Approx. \$11,000 of this will be recouped in January by eliminating the face to face AGM.

The CARS board have decided to offer a credit on the 2020 license purchases, for use against the 2021 license as follows;

1. 100% credit to any license holder that did not enter a performance event.
2. 25% credit to any license holder that entered only 1 performance event.
3. 0% credit to any license holder that entered 2 or more performance events

Performance Events that can use a CARS license are National & Regional Performance rallies and Rallysprints.

This credit will effectively reduce our license income in 2021, further adding to our cumulative budget deficit by approx. \$13,000.

To manage the credit, we will add an option to the 2021 license application form that requires you to apply for the credit, if it is applicable to you. The CARS office has a full record of all competitors and their competition status in 2020. The CARS office will apply the appropriate credit to your license application.

We are in the process of also issuing the 2021 CRC Calendar and looking forward to an excellent season of rally and the return of a strong championship.



# Membership Application

**Mail:** 18759 Kennedy Road,  
RR#1 Sharon, Ontario, L0G 1V0  
**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 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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](http://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