



# Fifth Gear

*November 2021*



# Toronto Autosport Club

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## 2021 EXECUTIVE

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TIMEATTACK /SOLO-I	Gary Vernon
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**Club Mailing Address: 148 Tamarack Drive, Thornhill ON, L3T 4X4**

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 . **-NOTE- In-Person Meetings Suspended due to COVID-19 limits.**

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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND THE 2021 ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

Notice is hereby served that the  
**2021 Annual General Membership Meeting**  
and the **2021 Election of Club Officers**

will take place ONLINE

on **November 17, 2021 at 8:00pm**

TO BE HELD via ZOOM. Call is coordinated by Rob McAuley.

Following Regular General ZOOM meeting.

Email Rob at [president@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:president@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:

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

Each of these Executive positions commences immediately after the conclusion of the 2021 elections and runs through until November 2023 . Other positions not up for re-election this year, have 1 year remaining until elections are held in November 2022.

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. The proxy text can be emailed to anyone attending the meeting, brought in-person, or mailed to club address : 148 Tamarack Drive, Thornhill ON, L3T 4X4

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## NOTICE OF PROXY – TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC. 2021 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 2021 TAC Motorsport Club Inc. Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers, to be held November 17, 2021

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

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

# From The President's Desk

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Damn. I sure didn't think that 2021 would be just about as bad as 2020.

I really expected the vaccines to be available earlier, and that they would fix most of the problems. Of course, I thought that a 2 week shutdown in early 2020 would stop the spread. At least we can race.

The year started off with the Club deciding to roll forward all our members into 2021 without charging a membership fee. That made so much sense, as not many have been able to participate in any competition events for over a year. We were not running our Club subsidized events, like our Mosport Picnic or Awards Banquet, so the club's finances were healthy.

We had no Ice Race season, but we had a brilliant virtual January Jaunt put on by Kurt Seelenmayer. This was my first paper rally, and while it was a lot of work, it was very rewarding. We couldn't run our Discover Ontario Rally, but Ontario Time Attack got their season rolling with most events close to sold-out. It makes sense when you are running outside, with one person to a car. It's hard to socially distance when the rally driver and navigator are both sitting in the front seat, yelling at each other.

Paul & Rita Moore stepped down as vice president and treasurer. They have been forming the backbone of the club for more years than I can count. I can't thank them enough for all they have done.

Brooke Jacobs stepped up to be treasurer, and brought along daughter Claire to handle membership registration. Gary Vernon moved into the vice president role. Brooke & Claire have been active navigational rally participants. Brooke organizes the Discover Ontario Rally, and is a major part of Mitch & Brooke's F1 Fantasy Racing League. Gary is our Ontario Time Attack organizer, as well as a very active Ice Race, OTA & Lucky Dog (Chump Car) participant.

Competition Director Graham Tulett kept in close contact with all the disciplines that we engage in, as well as running a very competitive Lucky Dog team. Graham has been participating in RSO meetings, OTA events, and will organize the TAC Ice Race coming up in 2022.

Secretary Ingrid Beck is probably one of the longest serving members on the Board - and of the club membership. Her experience keeps us focused on the tasks at hand, and on track as we try to move forward.

Nick Beck has been our Fifth Gear editor for so many years, probably more than just about any of us have been members. He continually finds great photos, and provides a venue for those interesting articles that people have been submitting through the year.

Thanks!

Now looking forward to 2022, we will NOT be offering a free membership again this year. However, because our finances are healthy, we are dropping our membership fee from \$50 to \$40. In the past, we had offered a credit to members who re-upped early. With no social events to apply the credit to, we will just be offering a discounted \$25 membership to any member who renews before the end of the year. That fee will cover your entire family, so feel free to include your spouse, children, and anyone in your home in your membership renewal.

TAC will be hosting the first Ice Race of the season in January, and we are always looking for helpers. This is a great weekend, where we will cover your accommodation and meals, and you get to watch cars on the verge of control, as they slide across the track.

We hope to offer our two navigational rallies as part of RSO's ORRC events. OTA will

also be back, and we will be very active again this year. I know we will have a few members running in Lucky Dog events around Ontario - and hopefully at Champ Car events in the USA.

We will have to see how our usual social events come together. I cannot see monthly get-togethers at this point. While restaurants are open, I'm not sure how many people will

make the trip out to join a group. They will continue to run virtually. At least the Mosport Picnic is outdoors. Maybe we will see a return to our Awards Banquet a year from now.

So please get your family vaccinated, and come out and join us as things open up!

Rob  
TAC President

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## **TAC Registrar's Report for 2021**

Claire Jacobs

The TAC executive decided to extend memberships to existing members for the 2021 year.

We added 18 new members this year and now have a total of 114.

This is made up of 71 regular members, 37 family members and 6 lifetime members.

# TAC 2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

Most Schedules are Tentative / Verify with organizing group

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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## November 2021

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13	Rally-Club	KWRC SNATR	KWRC
17	Meeting	<b>TAC Club Meeting, AGM &amp; Elections, ONLINE by ZOOM, see Notice</b>	TAC
19-20	Rally-CRC/OPRC	Rally of the Tall Pines, Bancroft, ON	MLRC
21	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)	

## December 2021

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5	F1	SAUDI ARABIA GRAND PRIX (Jeddah)	
12	F1	ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX (Abu Dhabi)	

## January 2022

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15-16	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race PRE-TECH weekend, Minden	
19	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
22-23	Ice Race-Minden	<b>Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds</b>	TAC

## February 2022

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5-6	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	
12-13	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	
16	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
19-20	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	
26-27	Ice Race-Minden	Ice Race, Minden Fairgrounds	

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*More events to appear as 2021 Schedules are released.*

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



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## Competition Directors Report – November 2021

2021 has been an improvement over the 2020 and shows some signs of returning to normal in 2022.

Ice Racing was cancelled in its entirety for 2021 due to Coviditis. A full season is now being planned starting with the TAC event on January 22/23. Although there will be a few changes, such as all on-line registration, it should still be same fun sliding around the track.

Navigational Rallies were adversely impacted in 2021. Both TAC events, the January Jaunt and the DOCR were unable to proceed as real events due to covid restrictions. Some other ORRC events have recently been held on the road and it is likely that a return to normal in 2022.

Ontario Time Attack had a good year despite the obstacles. Participation was strong with events well attended and financially strong. A big thank you to Gary Vernon for his work at the track and behind the scenes on behalf of the club.

Road Racing continued with restrictions, and club members were active in both CASC-OR regional races and endurance races such as Lucky Dog Racing Canada and Champcar. There was plenty of amateur racing at Calabogie, Mosport and Shannonville even if the pro series events were cancelled, in part because of difficulties getting over the border with a race team.

Rally Cross suffered due to the loss of the Bancroft venue, but the FreeFlow MX Park in Shannonville emerged as a great choice with two different tracks and a supportive track owner. Bring out your ice racer and give this a try.

While there is plenty of grey hair among the drivers at motorsport events, the infusion of some more youthful participants, particularly in Time Attack, was very evident as technology and marketing have arrived. I was really impressed after attending the OTA event a Shannonville after a number of years.

Participation can be fun and rewarding either as a competitor or a volunteer helping to run an event. I would encourage members to come out of the virtual world of lockdowns and quarantines and take it to the track. A great start to 2022 would be at the TAC ice races at the Minden Fairgrounds in January. Please contact me if you are interested

Graham Tulett – Competition Director 2021

ghtulett@hotmail.com

## **Racing with Covid: The 2021 Ontario Time Attack Season**

The 2021 Ontario Time Attack Season is now over, except the banquet and awards. This prompts me to remind everyone that the awards banquet will be held this coming Sunday, November 14, preceded by a competitor's meeting to discuss issues of interest, rules changes and the upcoming season. It's a great event, and the competitor's meeting is always interesting for both existing competitors and those who are thinking they might want to come out in 2022. Regrettably, prior commitments mean that I can't be there to greet you if you come out, but OTA competitors are friendly and welcoming to newcomers.

Location: Nascosto Ristorante, 688 Chrislea Road, Woodbridge, ON

Date: November 14, 2021

Dress Code: Business Casual

Cost:

Competitor's Meeting - Free

Awards Banquet - \$40 tax-in

Cash bar

Event Schedule:

3:30-5:00PM - competitor's meeting, finger food available

5:00-7:30PM - dinner service

7:30-8:00PM - awards presentation

Planning is now well underway for the 2022 season, but it's worth reviewing 2021, as with so many other activities, Covid played a role in shaping our season. Perhaps the most significant issue we had to overcome was the cancellation of Event 1 and the Driver's school, usually held at the Driver Development Track at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP) in mid-May. At the time, provincial restrictions made this event impossible to hold. What to do? Every year, we get new competitors joining the fun, so the cancellation of the school makes it very difficult for new folks to get up to speed quickly, and we really want to encourage people to come out and join us. Being unable to offer in-car instruction made any sort of school a challenge, even if we had been allowed to hold the event. We didn't give up though, so when Covid restrictions were lifted a bit, we re-scheduled the school to take place on the same weekend as Event 2 at Toronto Motorsports Park. Instruction was done by lead/follow, with instructors and students each in their own cars, communicating by cell phone. It worked, and more than 20 new drivers were signed off for competition. Success! Also, as an indication of how the rest of the season would go, our first competition event (Event 2) was completely sold out. It turns out that interest in motorsport continues unabated, and is perhaps enhanced by the impact of Covid on everyone's lives. People are keen to get out and do things. Every event we held in 2022 was very well attended and financially successful. While making money is not the object, it does allow for investment in technology. Lap times at all OTA events are now streamed live to an internet site accessible with a smartphone, meaning that our competitors have access to timing information at their fingertips, regardless of where they are in the paddock.

TAC is one of three clubs that organize and operate the CASC-OR Ontario Time Attack Series. Each club is responsible for organizing and operating the OTA schools and events during the season. This year, your club organized two OTA events and the season opening school at

Toronto Motorsports Park. Other OTA events took place at the GP track at CTMP and at Shannonville Motorsports Park, utilizing both the Pro track and the Long track on successive days. It was a great season, with five competition events and two schools. Many of the new competitors I spoke to at various events told me how much fun they were having on track, and how much they liked the way OTA events are run. It's good to hear. We are always striving to improve our events and to attract new competitors.

It's also great to see TAC members coming out to OTA events, and what's even more interesting is the variety of cars. They bring a variety of Classic American Muscle cars, European Performance cars, and Japanese sports cars out to our events. Many OTA competitors also use more prosaic street cars that are daily driven, including Honda Fits, Civics, and a Toyota Echo. The key point is that in Ontario Time Attack there's a class for every car, whatever it is. TAC members competing in one or more OTA events included the following:

Shayaan Ali - 2009 Honda Civic

Mark Boyd - 2002 Honda S2000

Des Demianiuk - 2000 Dodge Viper

Matthew DiGiovanni – 2013 Scion FRS

Ivan Fraser – 2002 Ford Mustang GT

Eris Schertzing – 1988 Ford Mustang GT

Graham Tulett – 2001 Audi A4

Andrew Vernon – 2013 Subaru BRZ

Apologies to any member I've inadvertently missed. As it happens, I've been without a car to compete with in 2021, as I have been working through all the various issues you encounter when you decide to swap the engine in your car. Hint: its always more difficult than you think it will be, even if "it just bolts in". Yeah, right. Does that mean that the electrical is plug and play? Often it doesn't, and that's where the fun begins..... Nevertheless, I did get out to compete at Shannonville where I drove son Andrew's Subaru BRZ. What a fun car to drive! While my engine swapped Sentra race car now runs and drives, my Shannonville experience with the BRZ got me to thinking that the Sentra might be better suited for Endurance racing duties, and... well, you can never have too many cars, right?

An exciting season is now being planned for Ontario Time Attack in 2022. OTA events are a great way to enjoy your car in an environment that is both fun and safe. Come out and see for yourself!

Gary Vernon

# TAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2021 via ZOOM

Called to order 8:09 pm

## **President**

About 16 cars at Zonta rally. Feedback was great.

Auto Show is on for February again.

Lucky Dog at Calabogie. Fun event.

566 FaceBook followers.

Discussion was had about early renewal discount for memberships. Decision will be made by next month.

## **Vice President**

114 members: 6 life, 71 primary, 37 family

## **Treasurer**

Tangerine \$ 22,918.51

RBC \$ 171.50

PayPal \$ 0.00

(Last months numbers - no update available today)

## **Competition**

Time Attack - working on banquet Nov 14. Lots of rule changes and tire, etc.

Ice Race work day, trailer was inspected and it was decided using the windows would work for registration so participants can register from outside.

Next conference call will be early Nov.

Open house will be at the Kart track at Mosport Nov. 7.

Minor change - new medic for this season.

Still no sign of a rule book - supposed to be out before Open House

TAC will be hosting the first race weekend Jan. 22/23.

RSO gearing up to have a normal rally season next year.

Rally sprint last event of the season is Oct. 30 at Egan Creek

## **Social**

Will continue to have monthly meeting virtually for now.

Discussion was had as to wether or not to have an awards banquet. Will be on hold for this year.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** - none

**Items for Sale** - none

**Items Wanted** - none

**Loonies in the Bus** - on hold until we meet again

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

Minutes by Ingrid

# Toronto Autosport Club - Executive Conference Call Meeting Minutes November 4, 2021

Call time: 8:05 pm via Jitsi

Participants: Gary, Graham, Rob & Ingrid

## President:

Directors reports are due for Fifth Gear next week.

We've got 560 followers on Facebook.

Membership: 114 members: 6 life, 71 primary, 37 family no updates for this month

## Treasurer:

### Account Balances:

PayPal	\$	0.00
Tangerine	\$	22,928.11
RBC	\$	890.99

## Competition:

### Ice Racing:

Ice Race meeting Sunday at 11am at Mosport.

Costs are creeping up.

Discussion about how sponsorship monies are distributed.

Hoping to get several people to help scrutineer the cars over a couple of days the first weekend.

Motorsport reg requires a formal written refund policy.

General policy is if the event is totally cancelled the monies will be refunded.

Refunds will be issued on a case by case basis once drivers have started a race.

Need to name an event registrar for each event.

### Time Attack:

In the process of booking tracks for next season for Time Attack. was \$11,000 a day at Grand Prix track and is now 12,500 and \$11,000 a weekend at Shannonville is now \$13,000

Social - discussion was held about holding an annual banquet for 2021, decided to hold off until 2022.  
Award winners will be announced.

Old Business -

New Business - Discussion was held on an early renewal membership discount and member retention.

Adjourned at 9:12 pm

Minutes by I. Beck



# Membership Application

**Mail:** 148 Tamarack Drive,  
Thornhill, Ontario, L3T 4X4

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

- New Members** – Single or Family \$50.00 \$40 New  
 **Renewal Members** – Single or Family \$50.00 \$30 or  
 (You may PAY ON-LINE or by Cash or Cheque; Please see below...) \$25 Early

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**PAYMENT METHOD:**

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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 by email within 2 months.

FIFTH GEAR is also available on the website. Check here only if you 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