



# Fifth Gear

*October 2021*



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# Toronto Autosport Club

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## 2021 EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT	Rob McAuley	(905) 399-9374	president@torontoautosportclub.ca
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SOCIAL DIRECTOR	(position vacant)		

## 2021 COMPETITION COORDINATORS

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

## 2021 COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

RALLYSPORT ONTARIO	(position vacant)	
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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 "Turtle Jacks Muskoka Grill", 925 Dixon Road (at Carlingview), Etobicoke . **-NOTE- In-Person Meetings Suspended due to COVID-19 limits.**

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## GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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# From The President's Desk

We are now well into fall.

TAC has held the Guru Nanak rally, their first after COVID, and we are about to hold the Zonta fundraiser. This year, Fifth Gear Editor Nick laid out the route, and some very passionate participants fought over every point.

I was at the event, sending the cars off, and marking their score sheets. While numbers were down, and we were slow getting started, the organizers managed to get a great group of people together for the day.

We were able to run Zonta last year, under strict COVID protocols. Past-Treasurer Rita has laid out the route again, and I'm looking forward to hosting the gang on a scavenger hunt rally on October 16.

This is the perfect season for drives in the country, and I was able to get up to Calabogie for the Lucky Dog event there on October 2 & 3. The drive north of Hwy 7 is beautiful, and so much fun. Competition Director Graham, and member Dan from Belleville have put together a fabulous BMW 330is. My old race car used to understeer most of the way around the track, but this new (only 220,000 kms on the Odo) car is set up beautifully. Calabogie is a clockwise circuit, so it is especially hard on your front left tire. However the conditions were wet all weekend, and we were sliding and drifting around the track all day Saturday. The tires looked brand new after a full day. We didn't bother to rotate tires on Sunday, and it wasn't until the last hour, when Graham noticed some vibration. Perhaps the track was drying a bit, and we were a bit harder on the tires on that second day. When Graham pulled off, that front left tire was a shredded mess. Lucky it didn't slow us down!

The turn-out at the event was strong, with over 30 cars running (at the start, anyways). TAC VP Gary was out with his Sentra with some OTA regulars. It's great to see everyone out having

fun. I don't know where anyone finished. The car ahead of us was up by many laps, and the car behind us was down by many laps. But it sure was fun trying to catch and pass people who were driving close to our speed!

Speaking of Gary, he was busy organizing the last OTA event of the season at Cayuga's Toronto Motorsport Park at the end of September. They had a multiple sell-out season, and I saw dozens of old and new competitors when I dropped by to pass out some TAC hats to our members. If only they had a competitive class for Wife-Sue's BMW 750ix.

Graham has been chatting with the Ice Race Director Brad Elkins and the other organizers. It looks like TAC will host weekend number 1 in January. Be prepared to get on the list to volunteer for that event. With accommodation and meals covered, it is a great weekend. More details, and the specific dates will be forthcoming.

And Mitch & Brooke's F1 Fantasy Racing league has been a blast this year. How do you pick between Verstappen & Hamilton? Or Norris, Sainz & Perez. Or Alonso, Gasly & Leclerc?

Every race has produced a different pool winner, and the overall leaders cannot hold on to the top spot for very long. If you missed out on this for 2021, definitely watch for it in March of 2022.

As well as the on-track activities, we have our AGM coming up next month. I still can't see going meetings in person yet. We are seeing the benefits of virtual meetings, with people able to join from homes and cottages from around the province. If you are interested in any Board position, please drop me a line, and I'd be happy to fill you in on the duties. Watch for the director's reports next month, and join the Zoom (or equivalent) call to do some bench racing, or just chat!

Rob McAuley  
TAC President

# TAC 2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

Most Schedules are Tentative / Verify with organizing group

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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## October 2021

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20	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	TAC
23	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - President's Prize Rally	PMSC
24	F1	UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX (Austin Tx)	
30	ORSC	Ontario Rally-Sprint Event #3	
31	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE MEXICO (Mexico City)	

## November 2021

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7	F1	GRANDE PRÊMIO DO BRASIL (São Paulo)	
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)	

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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.*

TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC.  
(TORONTO AUTOSPORT CLUB)

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Calabogie



Rob & Gary: TAC President & Vice President in New TAC Hats



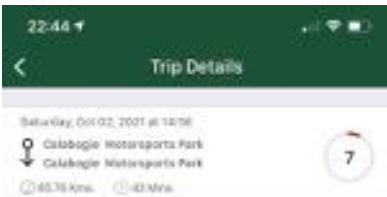
Gary Vernon's Sentra gassing up



Dan can't believe what Graham did to his new tires!



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# Nytko Motorsport at CTMP

Here are pictures and race results from the BEMC Late Summer Race - 18th of September 2021. We entered the Enduro (2hrs race) held by BEMC Late Summer Trophy Races at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park aka Mosport :)

The Enduro race for us at Nytko Motorsport was simply fantastic!!! Piotr Nytko and his phenomenal drive during the 2hrs and approximately 305km distance, took our VW GTI to victory in GT4 :) with the best time lap of 1:39.582.

Enjoy awesome photos thanks to [RaceCanada.ca](https://RaceCanada.ca) and Nytko Motorsport.

Regards  
Lukas Nytko



**RACE HERO** MENU

## ENDURO

R7 - RACE

PROVISIONAL RESULTS  
CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK  
MOSPORT - 4 KM (CW)  
09/18/2021 - 4:33PM

TOTAL: 02:01:45 / 77 LAPS  
304.609 KM / 192.54 KMH AVG

Show Overall Sort by Position

POS	LAPS TO PT	BEST LAP
1	#09 R FRANZAK / J WOOLRIDGE 🏆	E-GT2 67 / 1:27.324
2	#107 P TAYLOR / J CHAN 🏆	E-GT1 29 / 1:27.855
3	#307 JOEIE TSANG 🏆	E-GT2 36 / 1:29.104
4	#511 BENJAMIN POOK	E-GT3 39 / 1:31.527
5	#28 PIOTR NYTKO 🏆	E-GT4 66 / 1:39.582
6	#113 P KNOBBS / A LEWIS	E-GT5 65 / 1:40.110
7	#213 S BARNETT / D BEATTY	E-GT5 19 / 1:40.171
8	#69 A CARUSO / L CARUSO	E-GT5 39 / 1:47.652
9	#87 B RASHLEIGH / D BASSANT	E-GT5 57 / 1:46.924

RESULTS ALERTS SCHEDULE ENTRIES





## GURU NANAK Rally

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Rob at the Ceremonial Start of the Guru Nanak Charity Rally

# TAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES September 15, 2021 via ZOOM

Called to order 8:07 pm

## President

Helmet Group Buy for Helmets through OTA.

No updates from RSO or CASC

AGM will be coming up in November (will most likely be virtual), reports are due for the November Fifth Gear

## Vice President

114 members: 6 life, 71 primary, 37 family

## Treasurer

Tangerine	\$ 22,918.51
RBC	\$ 171.50
PayPal	\$ 0.00

## Competition

Last Time attack event at Shannonville, first time in many years we had a very full house, 3 or 4 new TAC members were present, Viper, couple of Mustangs, Audi. Turned out to be a good event, not withstanding the rain on Sunday. One final time attack event left in season, Sat Sept 25, looks to be a sold out event about 57 signed up competitors already, the number is limited to 60. TAC event is the same day as SUBIE Meet, a show and shine type event at TMP.

Lucky Dog in early October at Calabogie.

Autoslalom should be wrapping up this weekend with Twin Lakes event possibly

Rita is working on the Zonta rally, looking for someone to green crew. Event is scheduled for Oct 16.

Graham has been in discussions with the new ice race director but nothing to report yet. Should hear soon which weekend TAC will be assigned.

## Social

Discussed holding the monthly meetings in person. The restaurant has just re-opened and is not yet taking reservations. Will continue to hold ZOOM meetings for the foreseeable future.

**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 8:55 pm

Minutes by Ingrid

## **TAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 7, 2021 via ZOOM**

Chair: Gary Vernon

Attending: Graham Tulett, Rob McAuley (taking these minutes)

The meeting started at 8:00pm

Graham gave a comprehensive report on the Ice Race Organizer's meeting from Oct 6. Some items of note:

- The track width will be reduced from 60' to 50' this year, as a cost savings for the Kin Club
- Each participating club will contribute \$500 to the Kin to somewhat make up for missing the last season. TAC will participate in this.
- October 16 is going to be a Track-Work day to revitalize the venue
- COVID protocols are being discussed. This could lead to paperless registration with little or no reason for competitors to enter the trailer; Electronic waivers; and restricting passengers in cars while racing.
- An Open House is planned at the Mosport Go Kart Track, with an aim to introduce new participants to the sport, and welcome back existing competitors. This is planned for Sunday November 7.
- TAC will run the first weekend, on January 22/23. The prior weekend will be the Pre-Tech event.
- The next organizer's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 3.

Gary reported on Ontario Time Attack's sold-out 2021 season. The final TAC event went over very well, with the overall winner and rookie winner getting the new 2021 edition TAC hats. 2021 financials are not yet available, but it is expected that enough retained earnings are in hand to eliminate the need for a loan from CASC for 2022 track deposits.

The next TAC BoD meeting will likely be moved from November 3 to November 4, to accommodate the Ice Race meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Rob



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# Membership Application

**Mail:** 148 Tamarack Drive,  
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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT METHOD:

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

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This Application Form must also be filled out and submitted so we have your information.

You should begin receiving the FIFTH GEAR newsletter by email within 2 months.

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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 rallyinging
- Performance rallyinging
- 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



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