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Toronto Autosport Club

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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. (currently via ZOOM online).

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.

FIFTH GEAR is normally published on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday of each month. Certain scheduling changes will be made to accommodate major motorsport events which are of interest to the members.

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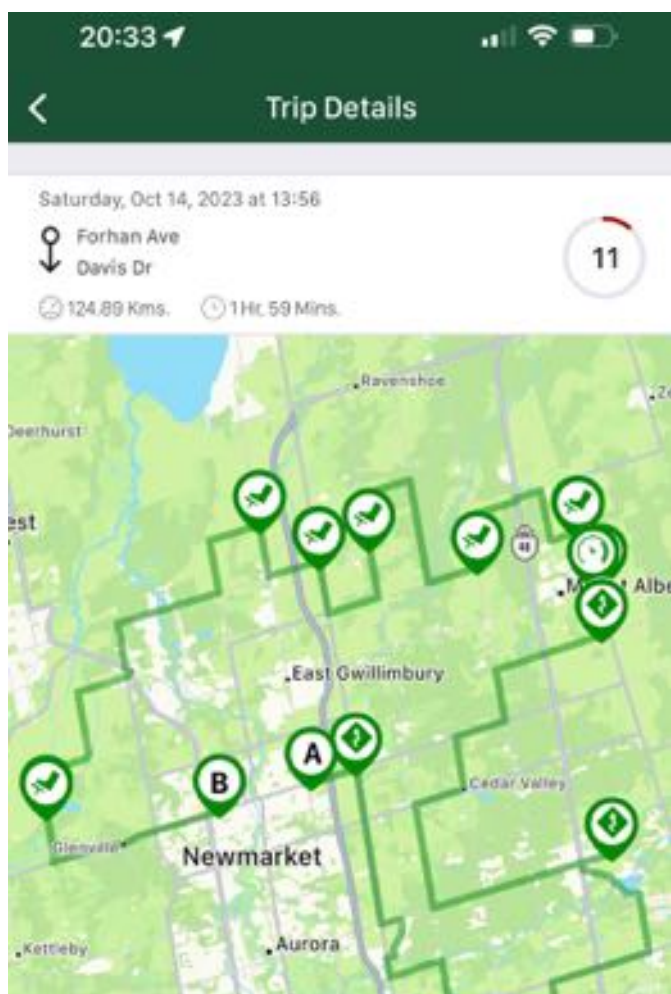
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From The President's Desk

It can't be the fall without our contact rallies taking place. This past weekend, we ran the rally for the Zontas, and it was one of the more successful in recent years. We had about 25 people in 11 cars. They loved the route, put together by former Treasurer Rita. I have never seen a rally that included questions on the local nudist colony, but that was just one of the more entertaining parts of this year's Zonta. The route had some great scenery, past some beautiful homes, and included a stop at a farm store and a winery. My insurance app on my phone recorded the route, and my driving transgressions. At least my score was better than the time I forgot to take my phone out of my pocket while racing at Calabogie.



Rita does a great job, making the route book very entertaining, with lots of great trivia about the route. Most of the teams had no

problems with a special task that involved taking photos along the route, and posting them to be judged at the end. People found some great items to photograph, so I gave out bonus points for originality.

Everyone had a great time!

This week, wife-Sue and I fly out to Austin, TX to take in the US GP Formula 1 race. I know some members have raced at the Circuit of the Americas (COTA), but we have never been. We've got good seats at turn 1, so should see some action at the start, and some passing throughout the race. I was quick on the draw the day the tickets went on sale and we ended up at the top of the grandstand.

Some cities go crazy when the F1 circus is in town. We were lucky to get an Air BnB for a reasonable rate - as if some people didn't know cheap accommodations would get snapped up quickly. There are shuttle buses from down town to the track, so no rental car is required, but we may grab one after the weekend to do a side trip to San Antonio to see some of the Texas sites.

I'm going to bring all my F1 gear. My Red Bull shirt, my Racing Point pin, and my Ferrari hat while I cheer for Daniel Ricciardo.

Watch for my trip report in the November issue!

Now don't forget to finish up those Ice Racer mods, and to put away your Time Attack track car as winter approaches.

Talk to you next month,

Rob
TAC President

TAC 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

<i>DATE</i>	<i>CATEGORY</i>	<i>EVENT DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>CLUB</i>
<hr/> October 2023 <hr/>			
18	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
20-22	Rally-CRC	Rallye de Charelvoix, La Malbaie, QC	CRDC
21	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - President's Prize Rally	PMSC
22	F1	UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX (Circuit of the Americas, Austin Tx)	
29	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE MEXICO (Mexico City)	
29	F1	GRANDE PRÊMIO DO BRASIL (São Paulo)	

November 2023

15	Meeting	TAC Club Meeting, AGM & Elections, ONLINE by ZOOM, 8pm see Notice	TAC
18	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Northern Lights Rally	KWRC
18	F1	LAS VEGAS GRAND PRIX	
24-25	Rally-CRC/OPRC	Tall Pines Rally, Bancroft, ON	MLRC
26	F1	ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX (Abu Dhabi)	

December 2023

8-10	Rally-CRC	Big White Rally, Kelowna BC	
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More events to appear as 2023 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 2023 ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

Notice is hereby served that the
2023 Annual General Membership Meeting
and the **2023 Election of Club Officers**

will take place ONLINE

on **November 15, 2023 at 8:00pm E.S.T.**

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

Following Regular General ZOOM meeting.

Email Rob at 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 2023 elections and runs through until November 2025 . Other positions not up for re-election this year, have 1 year remaining until elections are held in November 2024.

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

NOTICE OF PROXY – TAC MOTORSPORT CLUB INC. 2023 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 2023 TAC Motorsport Club Inc. Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers, to be held November 15, 2023

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____

CARS Member Rebate Program

For 2023, our group of dealerships that are sponsoring the OPRC have created a rebate program for all members of CARS affiliated rally clubs in Canada. Until the end of the 2023 calendar year, CARS club members can purchase or order a new vehicle at one of our dealerships, and receive savings up to \$1,000 off the purchase price! This discount is exclusive to the dealerships listed below – it is *not* a manufacturer rebate program. Discount is “stackable” on top of all other manufacturer and dealer discounts being offered at the time.

The program requires proof of membership in a CARS-affiliated club for at least 6 months. Full details of the program can be found at the following links:

Ontario Motor Sales Chevrolet Cadillac – <https://www.ontariomotorsales.com/oprc2023/>

Marigold Ford Lincoln – <https://www.marigoldford.ca/oprc2023.html>

Clarington Hyundai – <https://www.claringtonhyundai.com/oprc2023.htm>

Clarington Kia – <https://www.claringtonkia.ca/oprc2023>

Durham Harley-Davidson - <https://www.durhamhd.com/oprc23>

Program runs until December 31st, 2023

ON THE COVER

ACTION FROM A PRIOR-YEAR RALLY OF THE TALL PINES

(FROM CARS WEBSITE GALLERY)

[HTTPS://CARSRALLY.CA/CRC-GALLERIES/LINCOLN-ELECTRIC-RALLY-OF-THE-TALL-PINES/](https://carsrally.ca/crc-galleries/lincoln-electric-rally-of-the-tall-pines/)



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Announcement



2023-08

Subject: CARS Competitor's Representative

Issue Date: October 3, 2023

The position of CARS Competitor Representative on the CARS Extended board is a 2-year term. Andre Leblanc's term will be ending at the end of 2023. The CARS Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Andre for all his work.

The Competitor's Representative provides the Board of Directors with valuable input from competitors and also offers competitors the opportunity to communicate with the Board about rally related issues and activities.

To begin the process of finding a replacement the Board would like to hear from competitors interested in taking on the position. The commitment would require participation in monthly board conference calls, communicating regularly with competitors, as well as attending the CARS AGM in January.

Please take the time to consider taking on this role. While all the board members are current or past competitors, there is a need for a separate voice for competitors at Board meetings as well as a central point for competitors to raise their concerns.

If you have any questions about the position or would like to put your name forward, please contact Debbie through email at office@carsrally.ca or by phone at (855) 640-6444

The deadline for expressions of interest will be December 1, 2023. We will notify competitors who the candidates are and will ask competitors to vote for their candidate of choice.

Thank you

Debbie Dyer
CARS Office Manager

Announcement



2023-09

**Subject: Upcoming elections of CARS Regional Directors –
January 13, 2024**

Issue Date: October 11, 2023

In accordance of the CARS Bylaws, the nominations are now open for the CARS Regional directors from Rally West and Rallye Sport Quebec.

The member clubs from those regions will elect the director for that region at the CARS Annual General Meeting on January 13th 2024.

The Directors from Rally West and Rallye Sport Quebec will be voted in for a 2-year term.

Candidates for election as Directors will need to submit their names in writing four weeks prior to the AGM. Send Candidate nominations to the CARS Office. Email: office@carsrally.ca

Deadline for receipt nominations is December 13th 2023.

A list of candidates will be sent to the member clubs by December 19th 2023.

Thank you

Debbie Dyer
CARS Office Manager

Announcement



2023-10

Subject: CARS President Nominations

Issue Date: October 13, 2023

To: All Affiliated Clubs of the Canadian Association of Rallysport

In accordance with the Bylaws of CARS, the CARS Board elects the President of CARS.

This election will take place in January 2024 via conference call, with the one-year term to begin on January 14, 2024 (the day after the AGM). Nominations are now open, and close on December 4, 2023.

Candidates for the position should be nominated by member clubs by notifying their Region Director and the CARS office. CARS is accepting nominations until midnight (MST) on December 4, 2023.

Qualities the CARS Board is looking for in a President:

- The President must be a member in good standing of a CARS affiliated club.
- The President acts at the direction of the Board, chairs all meetings of the Board.
- The President, along with the CARS Board establishes annual and long-range planning priorities, goals and objectives.

Basic qualifications include

- A comprehensive understanding of Rallysport.
- Good verbal and written skills.
- Willingness to lead volunteer organizations with a strong commitment to teamwork.
- Willingness to work with multi-faceted groups including rally organizers, competitors, volunteers, media and sponsors.
- An understanding of accounting and finance procedures is beneficial.
- Fluency in both English and French would be an asset.

Potential candidates should feel free to contact the current CARS President Jean-Francois Guite, their Region Director or any member of the CARS Extended board with any questions.

Malcolm Swann, Atlantic Region Motorsports
Francois East, Rallye Sport Quebec
Warren Haywood, Rally Sport Ontario
Chris Kremer, Rally West
Martin Burnley, Rally Pacific Motorsports

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Membership Application

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

Email: registrar@torontoautosportclub.ca

- New Members – Single or Family \$40
 Renewal Members – Single or Family \$30 or \$25 Early

(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 by email within 2 months.

FIFTH GEAR is also available on the website.

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