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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.

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From The President's Desk

What a great fall this has been!

The weather has been spectacular, just perfect for any track days people have planned. Not too hot, but nice and dry.

The club's main activities revolve around the Ontario Time Attack series, Ice Racing, Navigational Rallies, and our social events. However, our members participate in other CASC-OR race events and RSO/CARS performance and navigational rally events. We also have members active in other series.

While our members are busy at all our events, we are always looking for ways to grow the club's presence in the series. We have been trying to find a way to make it easy for novices to get their feet wet, and see if they want to become vested in these events.

To that end, we just received a huge boost with the donation of a perfect ice race car. Past President and Past Treasurer (and Lifetime Members) Malcolm & Gail have donated their Saab 9-2X - Gail's daily driver - to use a loaner ice racer. Competition Director Graham is setting up the car for the coming season, where we will make it available to novice racers who want to get a taste of this form of racing without having to invest in their own vehicle.

Watch for more details in the coming months!

The Time Attack season just ended with another successful season, with more events this year, including multiple lapping days at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park's big track. This has been a very well run series, with TAC VP

Gary Vernon representing the club and organizing events along with OMSC and SPDA. The current committee has done very well over the past few years, with the purchase of a transponder based timing system, and record attendance. The events are very well organized, with lots of track time and close competition due to a classification system that can fairly predict what a car is capable of. The series is very easy to get into - just bring your street car and a helmet, and you are ready to run!

The current Time Attack director, Kevin Wong, has completed his term, and we are looking for his successor. VP Gary or I would be very happy to chat with anyone interested in taking over!

Next month is AGM month. Our meeting on November 20th will start off with the usual monthly member's meeting, then transition to the AGM. Up for election are President (currently me), Social Director (currently Nick Beck) & Treasurer (currently Brooke Jacobs). Again, if you are interested in any of these positions, please feel free to talk to any board member.

In the mean time, if you can't attend, then please fill out the proxy and send it to anyone attending as long as you trust them to vote on your behalf!

Finally, our big Holiday Party is set for Saturday November 30. Last year, Nick and Ingrid did a fabulous job putting this on, with great food, company, and prizes! Look for the flyer and be sure to RSVP.

Please continue to have a great fall!

Rob McAuley
TAC President

[Click Here for link to TAC ZOOM Meeting 3rd Wednesday Monthly 8pm](#)

TAC 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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October 2024

16	Meeting	ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM	TAC
18-20	F1	PIRELLI UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX (Circuit of the Americas)	
25-27	F1	GRAN PREMIO DE MEXICO (Mexico City)	
26	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - President's Prize Rally	PMSC

November 2024

1-3	F1	GRANDE PRÊMIO DO BRASIL (São Paulo)	
9	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Northern Lights Rally	KWRC
20	Meeting	TAC Club Meeting, AGM & Elections, ONLINE by ZOOM, 8pm see Notice	TAC
20	Meeting/Dinner	Time Attack Competitor Meeting & Banquet, Dave & Buster's 4pm	CASC
21-23	F1	HEINEKEN SILVER LAS VEGAS GRAND PRIX (Las Vegas)	
23	Rally-CRC/OPRC	Tall Pines Rally, Bancroft, ON	MLRC
29-1	F1	QATAR GRAND PRIX (Lusail)	
30	Awards Dinner	TAC Annual Awards Dinner, Vaughan Mills, New Hope United Church	TAC

December 2024

6-8	F1	ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX (Abu Dhabi)	
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More events to appear as 2024 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 2024 ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS

Notice is hereby served that the
2024 Annual General Membership Meeting
and the **2024 Election of Club Officers**
will take place ONLINE

on **November 20, 2024 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:

President, Social Director, and Treasurer, Each for 2-Year Term

Each of these Executive positions commences immediately after the conclusion of the 2024 elections and runs through until November 2026 . Other positions not up for re-election this year, have 1 year remaining until elections are held in November 2025.

If you will be unable to attend, please fill out the notice of proxy below and submit it (paper, scan or photo) 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. 2024 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 2024 TAC Motorsport Club Inc. Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers, to be held November 20, 2024

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____



2024 Year End Meetings

As all of our outside activities have come to an end, it is time to hold our annual meetings to review how the year went, and plan for 2025.

We are returning to **Sheraton Parkway North** for all of our meetings, plus we will be holding an Awards Banquet at the end of the day. We will set up video links for each of the sessions, but we encourage you to attend in person - especially the banquet!

All of this will be happening on **NOVEMBER 9, 2024**

Here is the schedule of the day's activities:

9:00am to 10:30am Ice Racing Meeting

11:00 to 1:00pm Time Attack Meeting

11:00am to 1:00pm Race Workshop

2:00pm to 4:00pm Annual Members' Meeting for CASC-OR

5:30pm to 6:30pm cocktails (cash bar)

6:30 pm to ?? Awards Banquet (cash bar) for Ontario Time Attack and Road Racing Divisions

Tickets will be available on motorsport.reg in the next couple of days - \$80.00 per person

There are preferred room rates for anyone wishing to spend the night:

[Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel Discount – Onsite Events](#)

More information will follow - save the date and plan to attend.

Please share this e-mail with anyone that may be interested. Thanks T

Toronto Autosport Club Year-End AWARDS DINNER

**Saturday,
November 30, 2024**

6:30 pm

Dinner at 7 pm

Awards presentations to follow



AT

“New Hope United Church”

9100 Jane Street, Bldg “E” UNITS 37-43

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Please RSVP ASAP - Deadline Tuesday Nov 26 Midnight
AND Advise us in advance, of any dietary or other requirements

RSVP & for more information e-mail, text or call
Nick at nickbeck08@gmail.com or 416-200-4630

Link to GOOGLE MAP: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/pftyNDS12FmL8KcbA>



Winners crowned at 2024 Targa Newfoundland after wet finish

St. John's, Sept. 20, 2024 ... After six long, grueling days, 2000 km of challenging roads, and variable weather conditions, the winners of Targa Newfoundland 2024 were crowned Thursday afternoon. Targa Newfoundland capped off the 2024 edition of the ultimate tarmac rally with its premier stage in the historic town of Brigus. Teams navigated through narrow winding streets, past stone walls, up and down hills, and across a one-lane bridge while dealing with rain and standing water. Racing legend Randy Pobst from Atlanta, Georgia and Paul Abbott, his co-driver from St. John's, claimed a well-earned victory in the competitive Targa 1 division in a vintage 1989 Porsche 911 Targa.

This is the second Targa 1 title for Randy Pobst, who adds it to his impressive collection of over 100 professional race wins in a variety of sports car classes over his illustrious career. This is Paul Abbott's fourth Targa and second win.

"Paul invited me to drive his vintage Porsche 911 and it was fantastic," says Pobst. "There is nothing else like Targa Newfoundland. It's the thrill of the open road at speed. It's only in a place like this could you have an event like this where they close public roads and we go tearing across the countryside and end up in a fishing village on the coast at speed. It's a unique thrill and experience that you can't find anywhere else."

The Targa 2 title for cars with full roll-cages went to the Prince Edward Island team of Keir Pollard and Lance Campbell. They raced a 2006 MINI Cooper S JCW that once belonged to Targa co-founder Doug Mephram.

"I just want to thank the volunteers and all the organizers for doing a fantastic job and making this a really pleasurable experience for the past week," says Keir Pollard. "Lance and I have been having the time of our lives."

Newfoundland and Labrador were well represented on the podium with Rob Thompson and Justin Ronayne of St. John's taking second place in Targa 1 followed in third by Justin and Erin Crant of Husband + Wife Racing.

Congratulations to the top three in Targa 1:

- Targa Tackles Targa - Randy Pobst and Paul Abbott
- Newfoundland MotorHead Racing - Rob Thompson and Justin Ronayne
- Husband + Wife Racing - Justin and Erin Crant

And the winners of Targa 2:

- Spud Performance - Keir Pollard and Lance Campbell

Drivers and co-drivers from across Canada, the United States, and as far away as Germany competed on 18 teams this year. They include competitors from four states - Florida, Georgia,



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Targa Newfoundland

Owned and operated by Newfoundland International Motorsports Limited, Targa Newfoundland is one of only three internationally recognized Targa motorsports events in the world. Since 2002, Targa Newfoundland, the ultimate tarmac rally in North America, has attracted professional and amateur racers from around the world. This year's event runs Sept. 12-19, 2024. Competitors will cover over 2000 km (about 1240 miles) across the island of Newfoundland including about two dozen towns and outports. Visit the Targa website targanfld.com for more information.

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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



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