



# Fifth Gear

*September 2011*



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# Toronto Autosport Club

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|                     |                   |                |                                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
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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 the MOOSE AND FIRKIN, 7600 Weston Road (Unit 15) at Hwy 7, just west of Hwy 400 in Woodbridge ([www.mooseandfirkin.com](http://www.mooseandfirkin.com))...

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The days are getting shorter, and evenings cooler. Summer is drawing to a close, and so are the hot track weekends.

The Solo season wrapped up on September 11. Congrats to TAC Rep Carston Gieschen for helping to organize the Mosport event earlier in the summer, and running the whole season. Carsten managed a third place finish in his class. TAC member Kelly Ball ended up sixth in the novice standings, and Riaan Van Vuuren was fourth in class. TAC veteran Tony Trevor managed to get in 4 of the 7 events. It was great to see him out again this year!

I was finally able to get my BMW M3 racer out to the track the weekend of September 9-11 for a BMW Club Race. I was excited, as I was finally going to try full racing slick tires. No more "DOT Approved" tires for me! I had a set of used Michelins, and a set of Yokohamas, with 2 used, and 2 new.

I put on the Michelins for the Friday practice, and immediately went faster than I have before. I was very impressed! Towards the end of the day, I swapped on the Yokes, with the brand new tires on the front wheels. The car was scary to drive for the first few laps, with almost no grip! However once the tires warmed up (along with my confidence), my lap times dropped even further. I was stoked when I left on Friday evening.

However Saturday morning, during the first practice session, I felt some vibration. When I pulled off the front left tire, I noticed that it had delaminated! My brand new tire was falling apart! On top of that, one of the studs for a rear tire had broken, and disappeared along with the lug nut. Amazingly, I had begun to worry about my wheel studs, and had ordered a replacement set. Unfortunately, I hadn't had time to replace them earlier. After a frustrating 2 hour ordeal to remove the broken stud, I was able to get the new studs installed, and the Michelins back on the car. I missed the qualifying session and first race, but was ready for Saturday's second race.

I had a great start, and passed a couple of cars, but everyone managed to sort themselves out after a couple of laps. I was pushing hard to keep a faster

car behind me, when I felt the front end start to push. It got worse towards the end of the race, and only seemed to be bad on the right-hand turns. Unfortunately there are a lot of those at Mosport.

After the race, I pulled off the front left tire, and saw that it was corded. A quick swap for the rear right, and I was somewhat ready for the Sunday race.

Well, as you'd expect, the car ran great around the right-hand corners, but I couldn't keep the back end planted on the left hand turns (like 2, 4 and 9).

It's frustrating when the car can't run to it's potential, but I finished both races, and in a reasonable position (2nd in class). I won the big contingency prize of a Tire Rack gift certificate. Next year, I'll try to run a complete set of new tires!

After the race, I was talking to another TAC member about how many of the racers had moved from the BMW club to TAC, and now back to the BMW Club. He mentioned that he had stuck with TAC because he appreciated the on-line membership renewals, and knowledge that he knew he was current with the CASC database, and could easily renew his race license.

TAC has always been pushing for robust on-line registration via the CASC web site, and we hope that CASC is able to sort out the problems with their site so that new members can register, and existing members can renew. This functionality has served us well, with accurate membership information, and the on-line database always up to date.

As things are now, we have developed an alternate way to process memberships for people who cannot find the links on the CASC web site to handle on-line registration. We have a new pdf membership form that can be completed on-line, and emailed at the push of a button. Payment can be made conveniently using Paypal. TAC is a recognized Paypal vendor!

I am very curious to hear how people find the renewal process. I know memberships aren't up for a few months, but if you are curious, feel free to renew early!

Rob McAuley  
TAC President

# TAC EVENTS CALENDAR 2011

| <u>DATES</u>          | <u>CATEGORY</u> | <u>EVENT/LOCATION</u>   | <u>ORGANIZING CLUB</u>  |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---|---|
| <b>September 2011</b> |                 |   |   |
| 17-18                 | Regional Race   | BEMC Indian Summer Trophy , Mosport                                 | BEMC  |
| 18                    | INDY            | Indy Japan 300, Twin Ring Motegi                                    |   |
| 21                    | Meeting         | <b>TAC Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>           |  TAC   |
| 24                    | club            | KWRC SNATR #5, tbd  | KWRC  |
| 25                    | club            | MLRC RallyCross, Bancroft   | MLRC  |
| 25                    | F1              | Singapore Grand Prix  |   |
| 25                    | Contract        | <b>Guru Nanak Car Rally</b>   |  TAC   |
| 30-1                  | CRC             | Pacific Forest Rally , Merritt, BC                                  | WCRA  |
| <b>October 2011</b>   |                 |   |   |
| 1                     | ORRC            | No Winter Maintenance Rally, West Central Ontario                   | SPDA  |
| 1-2                   | Regional Race   | Celebration of Motorsport , Mosport                                 |   |
| 2                     | INDY            | Kentucky Indy 300, Kentucky Speedway                                |   |
| 9                     | F1              | JAPANESE Grand Prix, Suzuka   |   |
| 15                    | ORRC            | President's Prize Rally , Peterborough                              | PMSC  |
| 16                    | F1              | KOREAN Grand Prix , Yeongam   |   |
| 16                    | INDY            | Indy- TBA   |   |
| 19                    | Meeting         | <b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>   |  TAC |
| 22                    |                 | Work day for Tall Pines Rally, Bancroft                             | MLRC  |
| 23                    | club            | MLRC RallyCross, Bancroft   | MLRC  |
| 30                    | F1              | INDIAN Grand Prix , New Delhi                                       |   |
| <b>November 2011</b>  |                 |   |   |
| 5                     | ORRC            | Open Road Rally , Perth   | MCO   |
| 12                    | Awards/Dinner   | CASC Ontario Region Awards Gala                                     | CASC-OR   |
| 13                    | F1              | ABU DHABI Grand Prix, Yas Marina Circuit                            |   |
| 16                    | Meeting         | <b>TAC AGM &amp; Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b> |  TAC |
| 25                    | CRC/OPRC        | Rally of the Tall Pines, Bancroft                                   | MLRC  |
| 26                    | Awards/Dinner   | <b>TAC Annual Awards and Dinner Night</b>                           |  TAC |
| 27                    | F1              | BRAZILIAN Grand Prix, Sao Paulo                                     |   |
| <b>January 2012</b>   |                 |   |   |
| 7                     | ORRC            | <b>January Jaunt , Waterdown</b>                                    |  TAC |

ORRC : Ontario Road Rally Cup  
 RSO : Rally Sport Ontario  
 IRL: Indy Racing League

CLUB : Non-Status Club Event  
 CARS : Canadian Association of Rally Sport  
 CRQ : Championnat de Rallye Du Quebec  
 CRC : Canadian Rally Championship

OPRC : Ontario Performance Rally Championship  
 CASC : Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs  
 ALMS : American LeMans Series  
 RA : Rally America

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Keep this date open for the TAC  
Annual Awards Dinner

**November 26 2011**  
-Saturday Evening-

and Keep Watching for further  
information

***Have you ever seen a DKW?***



**Remember that the Toronto Autosport Club started more than 55 years ago as the DKW Owners Club.**

**At the September General meeting you will have a chance to see a DKW, the car with an engine with only seven moving parts.**

**To get all the details you will need to attend!**

**The owner of the car is bringing it to the Moose and Firkin for our perusal. There will be an abbreviated business meeting followed by the viewing and discussion of the DKW.**

**Let me know that you are planning to attend  
Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

Dietmar

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## Chumpcars Come to Cayuga

My summer holidays started off just fine with the second Ontario Chumpcar endurance weekend on August 5. After some hard luck at Shannonville, Team Two.Slo Racing headed to Toronto Motorsports Park with the faster of the two chump cars, confident of a better result.

It felt like a commute to work for me as my team mates Dan Zorica, Justin and Jamie were bringing the car from Belleville and I had only an hour's drive to the track. The paddock / pits were set up before Friday lunch time and we were checked into one of two motels in the area before the car arrived.

I was the only driver who had driven the track before and while the others wanted practice, the track felt we needed to pay \$418 for us to drive the one car around the track from 1 pm to 5 pm which I refused on principle. The track may as well have been closed on the test day as I think I only saw one car on the day session. However we capitulated for the evening lapping from 5 pm to dusk for the pittance of \$190 for one car which apparently was a deep discount. Practice was very valuable and we managed to get the car sorted out with a few issues that would have hurt at race time. We were ready for a 9 am start on Saturday morning when we left for a 10 pm BBQ back at the motel.

The field was thin Saturday morning. We elected drive four approximately 1 hr. 45 minute shifts to minimize the number of driver changes and time lost in the pits. As the race started it was apparent that the car wasn't as fast as we would have liked and just about everyone else was faster! However we had excellent brakes and the handling was quite neutral and predictable. After a few laps it was apparent the car was running too hot in both the coolant and oil temperatures. We decided to conserve the car and limit the use of second gear and control the maximum rpms. As the race progressed, temperatures stabilized on the high side but the car ran fine. When the checkered flag dropped after 7 hours the first three cars were all on lap 265! We finished fourth, about 20 laps down which is ok considering we were about 5-6 seconds per lap slower than the top 3. The Skidmark Posse's Prelude was a lap behind us in fifth. At least we weren't blown up or smoking heavily.

Sunday morning we elected to take the hood off the car and hope it ran cooler. Thanks to an inverted grid based on best lap times, we had the pole! Dan took the green flag and held it for about 4 laps before slipping to second and slowly falling back. The car was running cooler despite the heat and humidity and we just ran consistently without much contact despite real close racing passing and being passed back lap after lap. As the race was drawing to a close, we had a solid lock on third place and ended up on the podium with a small cheque and unusual trophy.

Check out the video at <http://www.youtube.com/RedRabbitRacing!>





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This car has belonged to my mom since it was new, and has only 87,600km on it. It still starts and runs like a charm, and easily passed its last emissions test. Most importantly, the heater and the wipers work great! With its rather heavy engine and front wheel drive, it's always been great in the snow. Maintenance has been kept up on it all its life with regular oil changes and mechanical repairs as needed (most recently, all new brake lines and new battery). It is currently insured and still in regular use getting groceries around town. However, the paint and body have not held up as well, and for that reason it would be unlikely to pass a safety standards inspection. Luckily, you don't need one to ice race!

Contact Rita Moore, 905-898-7483, [orrc@ca.inter.net](mailto:orrc@ca.inter.net)



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## Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of July 2011 General Meeting

Meeting date: July 20, 2011      Meeting opened: 8:03 pm      Attendees: 12

Minutes of the June 15, 2011 meeting as published in Fifth Gear were moved for acceptance by Rob and seconded by Dietmar.

- 1) President's report:
  - a. Time Attack event was a success with thanks to the weather and organizers Carsten & Rob. Toronto Star Wheels published the ad at the last minute, the Horseless Carriage Club circulated at lunch and some of the Ultra 94 gift cards were distributed. A new member was signed up; some long sleeve TAC shirts were distributed as long sleeves are a rule requirement.
  - b. The CASC website seems to have lost some functionality in the update and continues to cause problems. Rob will bring this up with CASC again.
  
- 2) VP Report :
  - a. 103 total members so far with 64 primary.
  
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Chequing account balance \$2,604.70
  - b. Investment account balance \$17,126.67
  - c. TAC now has a PayPal account and can accept payments.
  
- 4) Competition:
  - a. The TAC August Challenge ORRC event will be held August 6.
  - b. Time Attack School/Lapping and event 5 set for July 9 and 10
  - c. TAC's new ORRC August Challenge is being organized for August 6.
  - d. Guru Nanak contract rally is upcoming in September – helpers required.
  
- 5) Social:
  - a. Need to sell 30 tickets for the ALMS BBQ July 24 and about 18 are presently spoken for.
  - b. August fun rally / BBQ is set for August 14 starting at 400/Major Mackenzie
  
- 6) Old Business: Kurt S has been added to fifth gear mailing list but the address may be wrong.
- 7) New Business: Kurt S has not been receiving fifth gear.
- 8) Items for sale: Rob McA's 93 BMW race car with updated engine is for sale – contact Rob.
- 9) Items wanted: Graham wants Chumpcar drivers for the 25 hour 25 minute 25 second endure at Nelson Ledges in October.
- 10) Loonies in the bus: Rob McA was the big winner. Dietmar didn't win for two months in a row.

Adjournment: about 8:50 pm

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.

## **Toronto Autosport Club - August 2011 Executive Conference Call Notes**

Call date: August 3, 2011

Call time: 8:20 pm

Present: Andrew K, Rita M, Dietmar S, Graham T

- ALMS BBQ weekend was discussed in light of attendance being less than the Mosport requirement.
- Another outing such as a visit to the Tall Pines Rally in November will be investigated.
- It is time to start planning the Annual Awards Banquet.
- Zontas Contract Rally will be held October 15.
- Chequing account balance \$2,594.72; savings \$17,144.85
- TAC can now accept payments by PayPal.
- 2011 Membership currently 104 total with 65 primary members. There is still an issue with memberships being captured by CASC and passed on to TAC.
- The September general meeting should see the appearance of the DKW.
- The club tractionizer needs repairs. A quote will be obtained to see if repairs will be made.

Call adjourned: about 9:06 pm

Notes recorded by G. Tulett.



# Membership Application

**Mail:** 14 Princess Anne Crescent,  
Etobicoke, Ontario, M9A 2P1

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

- New Members** – Single or Family \$50.00  
 **Renewal Members** – Single or Family \$50.00

(You may also JOIN or RENEW ON-LINE; 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 is shared with CASC-OR

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

1st Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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3rd Family Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 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