



# Fifth Gear

*September 2015*



# Toronto Autosport Club

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## 2015 EXECUTIVE

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

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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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# TAC 2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<b>September 2015</b>			
11-12	Rally-CRC	Rallye Défi , Ste-Agathe-des-Monts, Quebec	CASDI
12-13	Regional Race	Indian Summer Trophy , CTMP (Mosport)	BEMC
16	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston &amp; 7</b>	TAC
18-20	F1	SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX (Singapore)	
20	Rally	"Saturday Night at the Rallies" series, Kitchener	KWRC
20	Autoslalom	Ontario Regional Event #8, Picton Airfield	PMSC
20	Rally	<b>Contract/Charity - Guru Nanak Car Rally see Flyer/Ad</b>	TAC
25-27	F1	JAPANESE GRAND PRIX (Suzuka)	
26-27	Regional Race	Celebration of Motorsport &OTA Shoot-Out & Autoslalom:	CASC-OR
26	TimeAttack	Time Attack Championship Shootout, CTMP DDT	CASC
<b>October 2015</b>			
2-3	Rally-CRC	CRC - Pacific Forest Rally, Merritt, BC	WCRA
9-11	F1	RUSSIAN GRAND PRIX (Sochi)	
21	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston &amp; 7</b>	TAC
23-25	F1	UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX (Austin)	
30-01	F1	MEXICAN GRAND PRIX (Mexico City)	
30-31	Rally-CRC	CRC - Rocky Mountain Rally, Invermere BC	CSCC
<b>November 2015</b>			
13-15	F1	GRANDE PRÊMIO DO BRASIL (São Paulo)	
14	TimeAttack	Banquet, location TBA	CASC
18	Meeting	<b>TAC Club Meeting, AGM &amp; Elections, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston &amp; 7</b>	TAC
27-29	F1	ETIHAD AIRWAYS ABU DHABI GRAND PRIX (Yas Marina)	
27-28	Rally-CRC/OPRC	Rally of the Tall Pines, Bancroft, ON	MLRC

More events to appear as 2015 Schedules are released.

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## Toronto Autosport Club

### Wednesday, September 2, 2015 Executive Conference Call Minutes

Call time: 8:05 pm

Attendance: Rob McAuley, President; Paul Moore, VP; Rita Moore, Treasurer; Dietmar Seelenmayer, Competition Director.

The minutes of the last Executive meeting and the last General meeting were not available from Secretary Graham Tulett, who was away. The minutes may be approved next meeting instead.

- President's Report:
  - o Rob described an occurrence at a recent Shannonville event in which a competitor was sanctioned for dangerous driving, but the officials held the hearing in his absence. The competitor was able to appeal with evidence, and the organizer was found to be in the wrong. The lesson to be learned from this is that all parties should be sure to know the rules before acting.
  - o Rob has heard back from Ultra 94, and there will not be any club sponsorships available this year.
- Vice President:
  - o Membership numbers are up to 129 total, of which 63 are primary members, 60 are family members, and 6 are life members.
- Treasurer:
  - o Tangerine account has \$13,740.83; PayPal \$370.25; chequing account has \$979.40.
  - o We are waiting for the bill from CTMP for our bbq weekend. With only 12 attendees due to various date conflicts, we can only hope that we are billed for actual attendance rather than the predicted 30 tickets.
  - o The loss of Ultra 94 sponsorship will be a big blow to TAC for 2016, as all our event volunteers will need to be compensated from our savings account, rather than being able to receive the Ultra 94 gas cards.
  - o Rita requested that Rob pull together a list of all our past Most Active Member recipients, so that we can invite them to our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Awards Banquet on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. Suggested that the ticket price be partially (but not fully) subsidized by TAC.
- Competition:
  - o The last event in the Time Attack series was last weekend. Rob crashed and is probably out of Time Attack competition for next year. However the event had 30 people. The year-end "Shootout" for those who entered 6 out of 9 events will be the end of September. TAC's Ron Billings and Albert Ribiero, and former TAC member Carsten Gieschen, were class winners.

- o Time Attack costs have risen, and entries have slowly declined; the association will see a big monetary loss this year. Entry fees are set based on previous year's entries and forecasted costs. As costs rise and entries drop, fees increase. Competitors may be dropping out, given the price increases over the past few years, leading to even more expensive events for those remaining. Entry fees are already usually at \$350 per event, which appears to be a line to entrants. Organizing clubs will need to look closely at how Time Attack proceeds in 2016.
  - o The Guru Nanak charity car rally will take place September 20<sup>th</sup>, written by Dietmar. It has been green crewed and is ready to go but we are asking for some checkpoint volunteers. As requested by the Guru Nanak group, there will be 3 levels of routebook available this year: beginner, intermediate, and expert. Mr. Darshan Bilkhu will meet with Rob and Dietmar after the event to discuss the possibility of some ambitious ideas for future events.
  - o The Zonta Club charity rally will be Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, written by Paul and Rita. It runs from Stouffville out towards north of Whitby, and finishes back in Markham. It is ready to go, and Fred and Jane have generously volunteered to present the event on behalf of TAC.
- Social
    - o The CTMP (Mosport) event had low attendance this year. We hope this is an aberration and things will return to usual in 2016, with no Pan Am Games and other conflicts.
  - Old business: nil
  - New business: no speakers.

Call adjourned: 8:41 pm

Notes recorded by Rita Moore.



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- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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

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