



# Fifth Gear

*September 2023*



# 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).

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## 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.

### ***DISCLAIMER***

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Toronto Autosport Club is proud to be affiliated with the following sanctioning bodies:



# From The President's Desk

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Sorry, but Rob's been busy racing.

Racing between showings at TIFF, that is.

He'll be returning to the pits by next month, after his cool-down.

# TAC 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	CLUB
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## September 2023

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28-30	Rally-CRC	Pacific Forest Rally, Merritt BC	WCRA
30	Rally-ORRC	ORRC / Automapic Rally	KWRC
30-1	Regional Race	Celebration of Motorsport, CTMP	
30-1	Race	Lucky Dog Canada Endurance Race Calabogie	LDC

## October 2023

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8	F1	QATAR GRAND PRIX	
14	Rally-Contract	<b>Zonta Charity Rally</b>	TAC
18	Meeting	<b>ONLINE: TAC Monthly Club Meeting, ZOOM</b>	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

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15	Meeting	<b>TAC Club Meeting, AGM &amp; Elections, ONLINE by ZOOM, 8pm see Notice</b>	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

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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.*



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# **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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023*

## **OPRC 2023 Vehicle Purchase Discount**

In addition to the above regular CARS Member Rebate Program, and for a limited time (until October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023), we have opened the CARS Member Rebate Program to *everyone!* The new vehicle discount amount remains the same as the CARS Member Rebate Program, but there is no requirement to be a CARS-affiliated club member to qualify. This discount is offered exclusively for those *holders of the discount card* that is being handed out at various rally events and club events over August and September. Pick one or two up for a friend or family member who may be interested in purchasing a new car!

***You must present the serialized card to receive the discount, so hold on to this card if you picked one up! Details can be found at the same link above for each store.***



## Announcement

**No.: 2023-07**

**Subject:** CARS office closure

**Issue Date:** September 14, 2023

To All Affiliated Clubs of the Canadian Association of Rallysport.

The CARS office will be closed for from Friday October 27, 2023 until Monday November 13, 2023

All requests for service will be dealt with on a priority basis prior to the closure of the office for two weeks. Licencing for the Lincoln Electric Rally of the Tall Pines will take priority as soon as the office reopens, but submitting your requirements well in advance would be appreciated.

For matters of an urgent nature during the office closure period, please contact your Region Rally Director. Contact information for each Director can be found below.

Thank you

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*Attention Proud TAC Members!*

Now you can buy clothes and more with the TAC logo on it, through the Toronto Autosport Club's online store (a partnership with Café Press.com).

Choose from a large selection of shirts, jackets, mugs, bags, even games and toys! Almost anything that Café Press sells, they will sell with the TAC logo on.

Visit the store at

<http://www.cafepress.com/torontoautosportclubgear>







# Membership Application

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

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