

# Fifth Gear

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

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy Holidays everyone!

I'm looking forward to a merry Christmas in our household, and I've got my shopping all done. People may recall that I upgraded the suspension on Sue's BMW 335xi after she hit a curb, and one of her shocks started leaking. The Koni sports shocks lowered the car nicely, but I still finished forth in my class in the Ontario Time Attack series. The car still understeered like a pig.

I tried dialing in more camber in the front, and less in the rear, but BMW knows best, and doesn't permit much adjustment at all. I took fellow TAC member Carston out in the car last year, and he couldn't believe how much the car ploughed. I had to do something. A bit of research on-line, and a quick call to Bimmerworld, and I had front camber plates and rear camber arms on order. Merry Christmas Sue! And special thanks for bringing them back from Milwaukee after one of your weekly business trips. I know you'll love them!

TAC's 2014 is now in the history books. Membership was up over recent years. We ran some excellent events, and we are hoping for bigger and better things for 2015. Thanks to all who provided proxies, and got us a quorum. It turns out that your slate of executives whose terms were up in 2014 all ran again, and will be with the club for another 2 year term. We still have a vacant Social Director position. Anyone willing to help out in that area will receive a tonne of help from the others on the Board.

January will be a busy month, with both the CARS AGM on January 10th, followed by the TAC Ice Race weekend January 24/25. The CARS AGM will be held in Mississauga this year, and I encourage every TAC member to attend. CARS oversees all rally events in Canada, from club events to top performance rallies.

The TAC Ice Race weekend is the first of 6 CASC-OR events. VP Paul Moore is currently lining up volunteers, so please get in touch with him if you can make it to Minden. We will put you up in a hotel, and feed you. And you get to spend some quality time with people who really enjoy motorsports. I love seeing all the local townspeople come out to watch. This is one of the top spectator motorsports events of the year. Let's all pray for snow!

The Ontario Time Attack schedule has been published, and the series will be returning to a couple of tracks that we haven't been to in a while. Highlights include:

- A school at Mosport's DDT on May 2/3 presented by TAC and OMSC
- A return to the Toronto Motorsport Park at Cayuga for one day: June 20
- A school and event at Calabogie the weekend of August 1/2
- TAC's weekend at Grand Bend on the final weekend of the schedule, August 29/30

There will be 9 events in total, plus the weekend school at the DDT, and one day schools at Mosport and Calabogie. Book those weekends now! Wonder of wonders, none of the Time Attack weekends conflicts with my 2 passions these days: The Pan Am Games (I'm managing some of the venues), and the Toronto Film Festival (I'll be working there to get tickets to as many shows as I can stay awake for). I'm expecting to run the complete season with Sue's new suspension, and can only do better this year!

Finally, for anyone looking to break into motorsports, CASC's Autoslalom series is the ideal way to run your car competitively and inexpensively. I would love to hear from anyone looking to get into the series. It's a great way to learn car control, and see just how fast you (and your car) really are! Drop me a line if you plan on competing in any autoslalom events this year.

Remember, block those dates!

I heard just before we went to press, that Margaret Fenwick has passed away. Margaret and her husband Peter were one of the most active couples in the club, and were busy members long before I joined. They were regulars at our monthly meetings, and worked all our rallies. Our sympathies go out to her husband Peter and their family. She will be missed.

Rob

Rob McAuley

**TAC President** 

# TAC 2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	CATEGORY	EVENT DESCRIPTION	<u>CLUB</u>				
JANUARY 2015							
10	Meeting	CARS AGM, RSO Awards, Mississauga, ON	CARS/RSO				
17-18	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Pre-Tech Day, Minden					
21	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC				
24-25	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	TAC				
31-1	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	PMSC				
31	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Frostbite Rally, Campbelleville/Milton ON					
FEBRUARY 2015							
6-7	Rally-CRC	Perce Neige, Maniwaki Quebec	CPRN				
7-8	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	DAC				
14-15	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	ВЕМС				
18	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC				
21-22	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	BARC				
21-22	Rally-ORRC	ORRC - Polar Bear Rally, location TBD	MLRC				
28-1	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, Minden	TLMC				
MARCH	2015						
7-8	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, RAIN-DATE Minden					
8	INDY	Autódromo Internacional Nelson Piquet (Brasília)					
13-15	F1	AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX (Melbourne)					
14-15	Ice Race-Magnum	Ice Race, Magnum Series, RAIN-DATE Minden					
18	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC				
27-29	F1	PETRONAS MALAYSIAN GRAND PRIX (Kuala Lumpur)					
29	INDY	Streets of St. Petersburg					

More events to appear as 2015 Schedules are released.

For more information on any event, please contact the organizing club or sanctioning body directly.

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Shake off the snow!! Pick up the challenge!! Volunteer!!



Toronto Autosport Club - Magnum Ice Racing

January 24/25, 2015 Minden Fair Grounds

Be part of the hottest racing on ice this winter! Volunteers are needed to help TAC host round one of the Magnum Ice Racing series. NO experience is needed and there are many jobs to suit anyone in the family! Why volunteer?

- \*You will be supporting the club and its major fund raising effort for the year!
- \*There are many jobs for the motorsport-neophyte. Most require no previous experience! Bring the entire family!
- \*Free accommodation! TAC will reimburse all volunteers for the reasonable cost of their accommodation for the Saturday night in Minden. There are many modestly priced B+Bs, motels, hotels, and cottage rentals in the Minden area.
- \*Free banquet on Saturday night! All TAC volunteers at the event and their partners are invited to a dinner at a local restaurant on TAC.
- \*Free food. TAC pays for all food at the track, which in turn, supports the Minden Kinsmen.
- \*Have you ever wanted to **ride in an ice racer** during a race? Ice racing is one of the few closed-course forms of motorsport allowing organic ballast (aka a passenger) during the racing! Volunteer and then take some "time off" to really experience the racing. Screaming not required, but allowed.
- \*Spend the weekend with a great bunch of people! But you already knew that!
- \*Here is the best way to find out about your next motorsport addiction!
- \*Chance to win the prestigious new trophy, the Andy Hughes Memorial Cup, for volunteering!

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## **TAC ICE RACE JAN 24-25 2015**

TAC will be hosting the first round of the 2015 Magnum Ice Racing Series on January 24th and 25th in Minden, Ontario. This is our major fund raising event and require many volunteers to make the weekend go smoothly.

There are many great reasons to volunteer:

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If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

Paul Moore VP, TAC Ice Race Organizer

# **Margaret Jane (Irving) Fenwick**

September 15, 1930 - December 6, 2014



Margaret passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Extendicare Guildwood on the 6th of December, 2014, in her 85th year. She will be sadly missed by her husband Peter, children Jeffrey (the late Mary) and Alison (Kurt), and grandchildren Laura (Sean), Sarah (Graeme), Jacquie, Phil, and Lydia. The family would like to thank all those who cared for Margaret during this time, especially the staff at Extendicare Guildwood.

Born in Wallsend-on-Tyne, England, Margaret emigrated with her husband and family to Canada in 1966. Margaret was a long-term volunteer guide at the Toronto Zoo, and was presented with a volunteer service award by the Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Lincoln Alexander. A dedicated homemaker, and talented seamstress, she greatly enjoyed gardening, baking and photography. Margaret was a devoted follower of the Canadian National Auto Rally scene and well-known there for her photos and baby blankets.

Cremation has taken place at the family's request. Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life at the Giffen-Mack Funeral Home, 4115 Lawrence Ave E, Scarborough, ON, on the 18th of January, 2015 from 1-4pm. Please bring your special memories of Margaret to share with us.

If desired, donations may be made to Extendicare Guildwood Residents' Committee.

### **2014 RALLY OF THE TALL PINES**



Chris Martin (TAC) & Brian Johnson , Car 10



Peter Thomson & Brian Maxwell (TAC), Car 5

On The Cover: Car 7 - Maxime Labrie, Robert Labrie (Chosen for "Best Air")

Photos thanks to CDNRally.com

#### Toronto Autosport Club - Minutes of November 2014 General Meeting

Meeting date: November 19, 2014 Meeting opened: 8:07 pm Attendees: 11

#### 1) President's report:

a. CASC had their AGM, 2 TAC members are on board.

Kelly Ball for Time Attack director

Heather Hughes for Ice Race Director

Past member Perry Ianuzzi is President. All were acclaimed.

The treasurer was not present but was also nominated and acclaimed

- -Announced surcharge for Licenses if needed less than 1 week.
- -A Report on a fire incident at Mosport
- -Reiterated that funds are not transferred between CASC divisions
- -Due to 350th anniversary of Montreal, lots of money is going towards the F1.
- -ASN office moved to Oakville
- -CASC to move also tbd.
- -Indy Toronto will be June 2015
- -by CASC club count TAC is 7th at 121 members
- -GRID-TV did a U-Tube program on Ice Racing & will return for 2015
- -CASC has 2 years operating expenses save in bank

#### 2) VP Report:

a. Total membership strong - currently 121 = 6 Life +68 primary + 47 family

#### 3) Treasurer's Report:

- a. Account balances \$12,654.58 savings; \$1,944.88 Chequing; \$0.00 PayPal
- b. Insurance and Ice Race permit are paid

#### 4) Competition Report:

a. Everything finished except ice racing.

Fall meeting was last weekend

- -a few minor rule changes but rulebook not available
- -Airbags must be removed
- -No "0" or 200 series car numbers
- -Street Studs may use any DOT tire made for studs, but with specific stud spec
- -Pole Position has been moved.
- -Entry Fees increased, but future rulebook has incorrect amount
- -Online registration is mandatory but also needed at events (headaches to come). If paid online, we lose 5% charge. Money to go to CASC by Wednesday, to club by cheque onFriday before event (if it works) .Problem due to need for cash at event.

- -Volunteers needed. We are first event and need some people to get scrutineers licenses.
- -Len Arminio (PMSC) will be our Clerk.
- b. Time Attack
  - -TAC school early May 2-3 at DDT
  - -TMP (Cayuga) Sat June 20th, evening event from 2pm to dusk
  - -Grand Bend Aug 29-31
  - -Count best 7 of 10 events for series
- c. Auto Slalom
  - -No scrutineers, drivers to self-tech cars, primarily for safety, not classes.
  - -some concern that sponsors not getting enough exposure
  - -some discussion about having a PRO series within the regular series
  - -Region will cover club if income insufficient to cover Levy fees.
- 5) Social:
  - a. TAC annual banquet this Saturday November 22, 2014.
    - -19 people so far
    - -partly subsidized
    - -Prizes for all!
- 6) Fifth Gear: nil
- 7) Old Business: nil
- 8) New Business: nil
- 9) Items for Sale: nil
- 10) Loonies in the bus: \$11 won by Ingrid; gas cards for Rita & Keith.

Adjournment: 9:12 pm

Minutes recorded by N. Beck.

### REMINDER

Most TAC memberships expire December 31.

RENEW NOW for 2015.

#### Toronto Autosport Club - Minutes of Annual General Meeting 19 November 2014

Meeting date: November 19, 2014 Meeting opened: 9:22 pm

Attendees: 11 in person, 4 by Proxy / QORUM was declared.

- 1) Minutes of Last Year:
  - -Minutes were not available
  - -Not required by constitution but will be made available at a future General Meeting.
- 2) Annual Reports
  - -Were published in FIFTH GEAR.
- 3) President's Comments:
  - -Membership was up, we had great events, appreciate all members who volunteered to put on events.
  - -Looking forward to strong 2015
- 4) VP Comments:
  - -Nothing to add
  - -Good number of people already renewing for 2015
  - -would like more volunteers to help at events
- 5) Treasurer's Comments:
  - -Time Attack is holding \$6912.05
  - -Was a \$77.91 loss for last year, cash is down about \$2600 over last year
  - -Similar events planned for next year, so expect similar results
- 6) Competition Comments:
  - -No more to add over the published report.
- 7) Elections:
  - a. Ingrid Beck volunteered to act as returning officer
  - b. Call for President Nominations, Rob McAuley nominated by Nick Beck, Seconded by Fred Walker, no other nominations, nominations closed, Rob McAuley acclaimed as President.
  - c. Call for Treasurer Nominations, Rob McAuley nominated by Nick Beck, Seconded by Fred Walker, no other nominations, nominations closed, Rob McAuley acclaimed as President.
  - d. Call for Social Director Nominations, No nominations made, no other nominations, nominations closed, position remains vacant.
  - e. Call for Competition Director Nominations for 1-year term, Dietmar Seelenmayer nominated by Rob McAuley, Seconded by Fred Walker, no other nominations, nominations closed, Dietmar Seleenmayer acclaimed as Competition Director.
  - f. Elections closed and meeting returned to Rob (President)
- 8) Rob thanked Ingrid and welcomed all new Directors
- 9) Motion made to Ratify, sanction, approve and confirm the actions of the Board for 2014, by Nick Beck, seconded by Ingrid Beck. Carried.
- 10) Motion made to adjourn the AGM by Rob McAuley, seconded Rob Jones. Carried

Adjournment: 9:47 pm

Minutes recorded by N. Beck.



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#### **BULLETIN**



**BULLETIN Nº 2014-11** 

Subject: ELIGIBILITY OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

**Issue Date: November 25, 2014** 

**Implementation Date: January 1, 2015** 

The following rule changes were approved by the Technical Rules Committee for implementation January 1, 2015.

#### 12. ELIGIBILITY OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

#### 12.2.5 Generation

A generation is a model's particular design offered during a specific year or number of consecutive years. After producing an original model (e.g. First Generation: 1993 – 2001 Subaru Impreza, 1976 – 1979 Mitsubishi Lancer, 1998 - 2005 Ford Focus, etc.) manufacturers may develop significant changes or totally redesign the original model after producing it for a number of years, they classify this new/next design as the next generation of that model (e.g. 2nd. Generation: 2002 - 2007 Subaru Impreza, 1979 – 1987 Lancer, 2005 - 2011 Ford Focus, etc.)

#### 12.8.1.2 Original equipment (OEM)

#### Production 2WD:

Use of original parts or components from other model variants and/or model year is not permitted

#### Production 4WD:

Original equipment parts or components from the same model and any year of manufacture are allowed.

#### Production 2WD and 4WD:

Original equipment parts or components from the same model and same generation are allowed.

#### 12.8.7 Minimum weight

Production 2WD:

The minimum weight of the car is unrestricted.

Production 4WD:

The absolute minimum real weight of the ear is set at 3350 pounds vehicle shall be the original curb weight listed by the manufacturer, or 3100lbs if the competitor has not provided evidence of the original curb weight.

This is the real weight of the car, without fuel, driver, co-driver and their personal equipment. In case of a dispute during weighing the full equipment of the driver and co-driver will be removed, including their helmets. Headphones external to the helmet, tools, spare parts, including tires and wheels and championship recording equipment shall be left in the car

At no time during the event may a car weigh less than the absolute minimum real weight stated in these regulations. The use of securely fixed ballast to complete the weight of the car is permitted. Exceptions to the minimum weight limit may be granted by the technical director for smaller and/or lower powered Production 4WD vehicles. This exemption is not intended to be applied broadly, but only to vehicles significantly disadvantaged by the normal weight limit. Examples would include a normally aspirated 4WD vehicle or those with smaller displacement forced induction motors. The minimum weight for exempted vehicles will be the listed curb weight for the model.

- 12.4.4 Exhaust system
- 12.4.4.1 The maximum permitted noise level from the exhaust system during any transit shall be 94 dbA from a distance of 3 meters.
- <u>12.4.4.2</u> The maximum permitted noise level from the exhaust system shall be 86 dbA with the engine idling at 3500 RPM and the vehicle stationary shall be 86 dbA, measured from a distance of 15 meters.
- <u>12.4.4.3</u> Unless a car was legally registered before a catalytic converter was required in Canada, then a functioning catalytic converter must be retained or installed. (Burden of proof that a catalytic converter is not required for a particular vehicle rests with the competitor and should be furnished to the CARS technical director so that an exemption waiver may be added to the vehicle log book.)

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☐ Performance Rally organizer

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Date							
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TAC works only because volunteers make autosport happen!  So that we know <i>your</i> 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 :			indicate three areas that you can help s year :				
☐ TimeAttack (Solo 1)			(1/2) organizer / worker				
Autoslalom (Solo 2)		Road Rally/Ralliette organizer					
Navigational rallying		Contract Rally organizer					
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