



# 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](http://www.mooseandfirkin.com))...

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Ahh the joy of Motorsports! It looks like I won't get racing this year - at least not much more than a few laps at a school, or as organizer of a couple of Time Attack weekends. Lack of funds is the obvious excuse, but in the past, I'd found ways to pick up tires, fuel, and entry fees when just as broke.

My first track days were the performance driving schools. These were an incredible thrill, and every school provided more skills and confidence. After a few, I was ready to move on to a bigger challenge - Time Attack. Now every lap counted, and tenths of seconds would make the difference between a trophy and nothing. Modifying the car to the maximum allowed by the rules became crucial.

One modification lead to another, and soon I was building a race car - complete with roll-cage, trailer, and truck to tow everything with. The best part about making modifications is testing them out. The responsiveness of the car after a major lightening is an unbelievable rush! Adding a race suspension tightens the car in the corners, so any steering or throttle input is amplified at the tires.

However the prep work was taking days - finding crew members, feeding them, making sure everything you needed was in the trailer, picking up special fuel, wheels, tires, and arriving early to set up. I used to be envious of the people who arrived at the track, drove their car off the trailer, and were ready to go. Now I was envious of those who just had to arrive and change tires and brake pads!

But the thrill of a race start made it all worthwhile. Picking the right lane, making sure I wasn't caught behind a slower car, and taking corners with other cars just inches (or less) from mine. The rush was exponentially greater than a driving school or Time Attack.

After a couple of years of Club Racing, it was time to move on again - to the Canadian Touring Car Championship. Now, with a paying driver and a bigger team, I had to do a lot more organizing. Everything had to be scheduled and planned. People were working on things with minimal supervision, and everything had to come together for the race weekend. We lined up sponsors (and begged for discounts from them), entertained sponsor's guests, made sure the crew knew their jobs - managing tires, timing our laps, timing other competitor's laps, setting up the car, manning the barbecue - everyone had a role to play. I really enjoyed watching everything come together. Winning was great, but so was just seeing the crew learn and improve.

I miss it so much!

It really hit home this past weekend, when Wife Sue and I were lucky enough to be invited to the

McLaren Paddock Club by one of their sponsors (Sue is very well connected!).

The Canadian Touring Cars were a support race, so I headed for their paddock. There, I found my former co-driver relaxing, while some of my closest track friends were frantically rebuilding his engine. Most of the people on the team had attended driving schools and Time Attack events with me over 10 years earlier. We had a great chat about the track, the other competitors, and the other events coming up this season. While it was nice to walk back to our champagne buffet, I would have loved to have stayed to see how the team got the engine together, and the car out just in time. We managed to wrangle an invitation to the team dinner in Montreal's Old Port, and Sue and I were able catch up with the old gang.

The next day, we had the folks in the stands cheering for our guys. As our host said: "It's great to have real fans come out!"

The F1 weekend was a blast. Jensen Button dropped by to say a few words before qualifying, and Lewis Hamilton spoke to the crowd prior to the race on Sunday. We were wined and dined. Mumms Champagne flowed freely. We had a tour of the paddock, and a walk along pit lane. We watched the Sky Sports team of Martin Brundle and Johnny Herbert chat with Jacques Villeneuve. Bernie Ecclestone was wandering around with Mario Andretti just below our viewpoint. The founder of Cirque du Soleil was at the table next to ours, and when we did the paddock tour, he was chatting with Ron Dennis. I was only able to chat with one of Lewis Hamilton's handlers ("He doesn't like to be touched.")

So, I'm spoiled now, but have to return to reality. I am looking forward to being part of all our upcoming events. The Discover Ontario Rally will have just taken place by the time you read this. Our contract rally for the North American Alfa Romeo Club takes place on June 22nd. I can't wait to seeing some classic cars! CASC's Ontario Time Attack Series will be at the Toronto Motorsport Park in Cayuga on Saturday July 7th, with Carsten and I organizing.

And our coral at the ALMS race weekend at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (formerly known as Mosport) will run on the July 21/22 weekend. See the flyer in this issue, and let us know if you're able to come out!

The Canadian Touring Car Championship will be running at that event, and I know at least one team that would be thrilled to host some TAC members!

Rob McAuley  
TAC President

# TAC 2012 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
<i>JUNE 2012</i>			
15-17	Vintage	VARAC Vintage Racing Festival - Mosport	VARAC
16	ORRC	<b>Discover Ontario Car Rally, St. Catharines Boston Pizza</b>	TAC
20	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	TAC
22-24	F1	GRAND PRIX OF EUROPE (Valencia)	
22	Rally	<b>Contract Rally for Alfa Club</b>	TAC
23	INDY	Indy 250, Iowa Speedway	
24	Mobil1 Autoslalom	Mobil 1/Toyo Autoslalom #4 Barrie Molson Centre	TLMC
28-30	CRC	Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec	CRAB
30-1	Regional Race	BARC Canada Day Grand Prix , Mosport	BARC-OC
<i>JULY 2012</i>			
6-8	F1	SANTANDER BRITISH GRAND PRIX (Silverstone)	
7	TimeAttack	Event #5; Toronto Motorsports Park	
8	INDY	Honda Indy TORONTO	
08	Rally Cross	MLRC RallyCross, Bancroft	MLRC
8	Mobil1 Autoslalom	Mobil 1/Toyo Autoslalom #5 Barrie Molson Centre	TLMC
13-14	OPRC	Black Bear Rally , MacArthur Mills	MLRC
18	Meeting	<b>TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose &amp; Firkin, Weston&amp;7</b>	TAC
19-22	Race	<b>TAC at the GRAND PRIX of MOSPORT, with Famous BBQ !</b>	TAC
20-22	F1	GROSSER PREIS SANTANDER VON DEUTSCHLAND (Hockenheim)	
22	INDY	Streets of Edmonton, City Centre Airport	
22	multi-club	All-Ontario Monte Carlo Rally, Ontario	
27-29	F1	ENI MAGYAR NAGYDÍJ (Budapest)	
28	TimeAttack	Time Attack School #2; Mosport Big Track	
29	TimeAttack	Time Attack Event #6 ; Mosport Big Track	
<i>AUGUST 2012</i>			
4-5	Regional Race	BARC Canadian Touring Trophy Races, Mosport	BARC-OC
5	INDY	Indy 200, Mid-Oho Sports Car Course	
11	OPRC	Galway-Cavendish Forest Rally , Catchacoma	PMSC
12	Mobil1 Autoslalom	Mobil 1/Toyo Autoslalom #6 Brampton Powerade	HADA
18	Club Rally	KWRC SNATR #4, Kitchener	KWRC
18	Rally-Fun	<b>Infinite Monkeys Rally, Markham/Oak Ridges</b>	TAC
19	INDY	Streets of Qingdao, China	

*More events to appear as 2012 Schedules are released.*

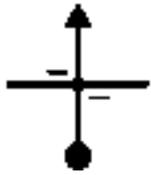
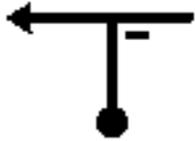
*For more information on any event, please contact the organizing club or sanctioning body directly.*



# DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Could you follow these directions? Then you could rally!

			
1.92 km Mill Road	3.17 km Canal Street	4.50 km 4th Line	6.02 km Ridge Road

Discover Ontario is a beginner-friendly car rally held on interesting roads at brisk speeds. Any licensed car is suitable and absolutely no special vehicle preparation is required. Just bring your license, ownership, and insurance documents; other than that, all you'll need is a clipboard, a digital watch, and pens or pencils. Straightforward, easy-to-follow route book instructions are specifically designed to introduce newcomers to the fun of navigational rallying.

The rally will start at Boston Pizza  
333 Ontario Street, St. Catharines



Registration opens at 11:45, Car zero at 1:30

Beginner's School at 12:45

Entry fee is \$50 per car, \$40 for TAC members

For more information, please contact  
Brooke Jacobs at 905 764-1833 or [brooke@brooke.net](mailto:brooke@brooke.net)

Discover Ontario Car Rally is the sixth event in the 2012 Ontario Road Rally Cup  
and is presented by the Toronto Autosport Club.  
This event is sanctioned by RallySport Ontario and CASC.



The Sky Sports team in front of the Red Bull pits. From left to right, Simon Lazenby, Johnny Herbert, Jacques Villeneuve (sporting a new haircut), and Martin Brundle.

### **ON THE COVER**

Jensen Button's McLaren F1 Car  
How do you change the brake pads?

F1 Photos thanks to Rob McAuley

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# COME SEE THE GRAND PRIX OF MOSPORT!

Come and see the new Mosport! The track facilities have been substantially updated, with huge paved paddocks – all accessible to spectators.



This is Mosport's biggest weekend, and TAC will be back in their usual corral with another amazing barbecue – included in the price of admission!

## FEATURED RACES INCLUDE:

- ALMS
- CANADIAN TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP
- PORSCHE GT-3 CUP
- IMSA GT-3 CUP
- AND MORE



**JULY 19-22**

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Saturday August 18th, 2012

Markham - Oak Ridges area

**What's new?** This is a **fun car rally** for TAC members and their family only. This is **NOT** a RallySport Ontario event. You do **NOT** need to know how to time checkpoints to the tenth of a second nor how to decipher cryptic instructions. All you will need is a street legal vehicle, a pen or pencil, and your team members. You can bring your whole family along; you may need them!

**What's not changed?** The rally organizers have still found some fantastic roads to drive through, some fun and interesting sights to see. More importantly, you still get the chance to compete for prize monkeys. Who wouldn't want to win a rally monkey? (Don't worry, they're only plush. The live monkeys escaped long ago!).

Mark your calendars! Plan to come out for the drive! Full details on start and finish locations coming soon -- stay tuned to Fifth Gear or the TAC website! Feel free to contact Rita Moore with any questions, at [treasurer@torontoautosportclub.ca](mailto:treasurer@torontoautosportclub.ca) or 905-898-7483.

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## Toronto Autosport Club – May 2012 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: May 2, 2012

Call time: 8:05 pm

Present: Paul M, Rita M, Dietmar S, Rob M, Graham T

- President's Report:
  - o No significant changes since last month. Time Attack event upcoming this weekend.
  
- Vice President:
  - o Membership numbers are up to 108 total including 54 primary and 6 life members.
  - o Dietmar will check with Brooke J regarding the mail list for member updates.
  
- Treasurer:
  - o Chequing account balance \$3,695.59; PayPal \$320.77; savings \$16,265.46+ interest
  - o A further club merchandise order will be investigated.
  
- Competition:
  - o Time Attack school at Mosport DDT this weekend – 24 students. RFID timing will be tested
  
- Social
  - o Jane has made arrangements for the May 2012 general meeting to be held at a garage storage & organization distributor instead of the Moose & Firkin. Some sandwiches & refreshments will be brought in.
  - o Martino car wash event not a likely venue for a future meeting.
  - o Start work on the ALMS weekend in July.
  
- Old business: nil
  
- New business: RSO regular meeting is set for next Monday. TAC needs a rally rep for RSO.

Call adjourned: 8:30 pm

Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

## Toronto Autosport Club – June 2012 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: Wednesday, June 6, 2012

Call time: 8:09 pm

Present: Paul Moore, VP; Rita Moore, Treasurer; Dietmar Seelenmayer, Competition Director.

The minutes of the last Executive meeting, Wednesday May 2, and the last General meeting, Wednesday May 16, were available from Secretary Graham Tulett. The minutes were approved as written.

- President's Report:

- Rob was unable to call in to the meeting, but sent notes that he was going to contact the eligible recipients of 2011 Volunteer Rewards and offer them the option of free tickets to our BBQ at the ALMS weekend.
- Based on Rob's note we also discussed the general meeting at Garage Outfitters last month: all who attended seemed to enjoy the information presented and seeing the neat stuff at that business.

- Vice President:

- We signed up 3 new members this month, bringing the totals to: 102, which reflects 6 life, 39 family, 57 primary. There are an additional 6 family members who do not show in the CASC database due to a CASC programming glitch that we can't seem to get them to correct; and another 3 more people who were offered membership from the ice race volunteers but who still have not provided their information. This would give us an "actual" total of 111 members.
- Regarding the mysterious TAC mailing list email notices we have been receiving, Dietmar checked with Brooke and discovered that it is the list which had been disabled a few years ago but has now been corrected and reactivated. The executive should discuss whether we should bother to update it with current member addresses and begin using it.

- Treasurer:

- Chequing account balance \$3,965.36; PayPal \$213.77; savings \$16,306.38.
- Our most recent cheque from CASC (forwarding of membership online payments) reflected the new 3.5% fee deducted by CASC.
- A large banner and some Ultra 94 stickers were received from Sunoco for our 2012 sponsorship.
- It was agreed that Dietmar should go ahead and purchase suitable items for door prizes for our year-end banquet as they may come on sale throughout the year.

- Competition:

- ALFA contract rally, scheduled for June 22, has been green crewed by Nick and Ingrid as well as the designated member from ALFA. Some rerouting was requested and has been done, now just needs a final check.

- TAC's regional navigational rally, the Discover Ontario Car Rally, organized by Brooke Jacobs, will take place June 16.
  - Guru Nanak contract rally will be held July 1. The route has been written by Dietmar and currently needs a Green Crew.
  - Rita has been in contact with the official for the Zonta contract rally October 13. They have decided on a finish location and request TAC to select the start location. More work will be done on this very soon.
- Social
- We appreciate the hard work Jane did to bring us to Garage Outfitters for our general meeting last month, and provide the food too.
  - Jane is working on notices for the ALMS barbeque.
  - As always, any social activity suggestions are always welcomed by Jane.
- Old business: nil
- New business: none.

Call adjourned: 8:30 pm

Minutes taken by Rita Moore for Graham Tulett, Secretary.

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## Toronto Autosport Club –Meeting Minutes May 2012

Meeting date: May 16, 2012

Meeting opened: 8:00 pm

- 1) Social:
  - a. The regular meeting was not held. An informal social gathering to review garage storage and organization equipment with a presentation was held instead.



# Membership Application

**Mail:** 275 Court Street,  
Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 3S6

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

- 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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2nd (Family) Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

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

4th Family Member \_\_\_\_\_ [# ] email \_\_\_\_\_

5th 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