



Fifth Gear

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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)...

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

So the busy season is now upon us, with rally, track, and social events coming fast and furious!

VP Paul & Treasurer Rita hosted their Infinite Monkeys Rally. Wife Sue & I had a blast. The rally ran around Newmarket, and included great historical references and local trivia. We ended up at Paul & Rita's home for a barbecue and many, many monkey prizes. Since the rally wasn't timed, we took advantage and stopped at a market in the Holland Marsh. Sue picked up a few things, while I googled some of the questions we'd missed. That saved us, as we came first!

Brooke Jacobs and his daughter, Claire, came third. I know this is a disappointment, as they've been coming first in KWRC's Saturday rally (SNATR) series. Not bad for a very young navigator! Rob Jones & Ingrid Beck came second, even with a cheater extra navigator (Janet Jones) in the back seat. Actually the last time I ran with 2 navigators, I got hopelessly lost when they spent more time socializing than navigating!

Track season is now fully underway, and we've now got the Time Attack School and our first competition weekend wrapped up. Patterns are starting to emerge.

The new suspension and oil cooler on Sue's BMW 335xi worked well during the OTA school, but it was a rainy weekend. During the Saturday morning practice in the dry at Mosport's new Driver Development Track, the car ran great. As we gridded for competition in the afternoon, I was the fastest in my class!

Things changed quickly though. Eric in his Acura Integra Type-R somehow picked up 2 seconds a lap, and was beating me by over 1 second. In fact, Eric did well enough to be leading the event right up to the last lap, which he decided not to run - and was pipped by another driver that had been running a close second all day.

Event 2 on Sunday opened up the track a bit by taking out one of the kinks. I was hoping that I could make use of my additional horsepower, but ended up running third! John in his Honda S2000 was only 3/10 behind me in practice, but managed to go a full second faster during the timed laps. There was much discussion about cutting corners, and kicking dirt up onto the track. I blamed John & John blamed me. In the end, people tended to blame John - because he beat me.

Ontario Time Attack has a very busy schedule over the next few weeks, with events at Shannonville, CTMP - Big Track, and our TAC event at Grand Bend on July 26/27.

Look for a great write-up by Kelly Ball later in this issue.

Also earlier this month, the F1 party moved to Montreal. I love attending as a spectator, and the series I used to run in was there as a support race. While I always dreamed of driving the F1 track in front of the best crowds on the F1 circuit, I may have been disappointed this year. Apparently, due to some timing problems, the Canadian Touring Car Championship folks only had 11 minutes of racing squeezed into the busy Saturday schedule.

They were mentioned by David Coultard during the qualifying TV coverage: "They've had a support race out between free practice and qualifying. It was what looked to be a 'run-what-you-brung'. It was a selection of some of the ugliest looking mismatched touring cars that I think I've ever seen! Expect a bit of oil, dust and dirt to be out there."

This is probably not how series owner John Bondar would want to have his baby presented. After all, he has modeled it after the British Touring Car series!

Coming up, we have TAC's Discover Ontario rally on June 21st. Brooke Jacobs is organizing again, and is looking for both competitors and checkpoint workers. No experience necessary! This is part of RSO's navigational rally series, and a great rally to run if you are just getting into things.

Finally, we have our TAC ALMS weekend on July 10-13 at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. Because ALMS has now been merged with Grand Am's prototype series, this huge show will now be even bigger when it comes to Mosport! Tickets are still \$30 for members (and \$40 for guests). If you are interested, please let me know. We will once again have Dan Zorica's amazing burgers and other appetizers and deserts that people bring. Last year, we had almost 50 people come out. It is a great weekend treat, with some amazing cars and racing. Check out the flyer in this month's issue.

See you on the track!

Rob McAuley

TAC President

TAC 2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EVENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
JUNE 2014			
13-15	Vintage	Canadian Historic Grand Prix, CTMP (Mosport)	
15	Autoslalom	Centralia Airport (London) Ontario Regional Event #3	WOSCA
18	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
20	Autoslalom	Kawartha Downs Peterborough Ontario Regional Event #4	PMSC
20 - 22	F1	AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX (SpielBerg)	
21	Rally-ORRC	Discover Ontario Car Rally /Hwy 400N /See Flyer	TAC
21-22	Regional Race	Grand Prix of Ontario, CTMP (Mosport)	BARC-OC
21-22	TimeAttack	Event #3 & 4 ; Shannonville Pro/Long	SPDA
28-29	Rally-CRC	Baie des Chaleurs, New Richmond, Quebec	CRAB
28-29	INDY	Grand Prix of Houston, Reliant Park	
JULY 2014			
4-6	F1	BRITISH GRAND PRIX (Silverstone)	
5	TimeAttack	Time Attack School #2; CTMP/Mosport GP Track	SPDA
6	INDY	Pocono Indycar 500, Long Pond PA	
6	TimeAttack	Event #5; CTMP/Mosport GP Track	SPDA
10-13	RACE	TUDOR United SportsCar Championships, CTMP (Mosport)	
12	INDY	Iowa Corn Indy 300, Iowa Speedway	
12	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Black Bear Rally, Bancroft area	
12-13	Social	"Annual" TAC at CTMP (Mosport) with BBQ !	TAC
16	Meeting	TAC Monthly Club Meeting, Moose & Firkin, Weston & 7	TAC
18-20	F1	GROSSER PREIS VON DEUTSCHLAND (Hockenheim)	
19-20	INDY	Honda Indy TORONTO 2 Races	
25-27	F1	MAGYAR NAGYDÍJ (Budapest)	
25	Rally	KWRC - SNATR	KWRC
26-27	Regional Race	Canadian Touring Trophy Races, Mosport	BARC-OC
26-27	TimeAttack	Event #6 & 7 ; Grand Bend Raceway	TAC
27	Rally	Mini Monte Rally	
AUGUST 2014			
3	INDY	Honda Indy 200, Mid-Ohio	
9	Rally-OPRC	OPRC - Galway Cavendish Forest Rally, Catchecoma	PMSC

More events to appear as 2014 Schedules are released.

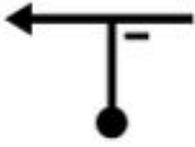
For more information on any event, please contact the organizing club or sanctioning body directly.



DISCOVER ONTARIO CAR RALLY

Saturday, June 21, 2014

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 the ONroute Service Centre
Northbound on Highway 400
12 km North of Highway 401

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

Discover Ontario Car Rally is the fifth event in the 2014 Ontario Road Rally Cup
and is presented by the Toronto Autosport Club.
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TAC is BACK!

After a record turnout at last year's Grand Prix of Mosport, TAC will return to our hill top corral for another spectacular barbecue.

Come and join the excitement with the Toronto Autosport Club. We are hosting a club event – at the

Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix – Sunday July 13, 2014

TAC will be back in our private corral with a great viewing point, standing on a hill, overlooking turn 2 which is regarded as one of the most challenging corners in motorsports. With the run-off area paved, will the drivers even lift? Who could ask for more?

Your tickets are good for the entire weekend, plus the amazing TAC barbecue – included in the price of admission! Tickets are still only \$30 for members & \$40 for guests – about half the price that the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park is selling them for. You can pick up your tickets starting on Race Weekend Thursday. Any member can pick up tickets at the will-call counter, but please RSVP so we know how much food to cook. Please bring a salad or desert on Sunday.

New for this year is the creation of the IMSA United SportsCar Championship, from the merger of the Rolex and ALMS series. This should make for a great show, with many different cars on the track at the same time.

Featured races will include: Prototypes, the IMSA Touring Car series, a Lamborghini series, and much more.

Members and Guests - get out your social calendar, mark this date, come out and enjoy the day.

Please RSVP to Rob at: PRESIDENT@TORONTOAUTOSPORTCLUB.CA



\$30 - members
\$40 - guests

Monaco Grand Prix 2014

My wife and I celebrated a significant anniversary this year, so we decided to do it right and off to Europe we went for three weeks in May. I could talk about planes, trains, art, cathedrals, architecture etc., but as this is a motorsport magazine, I will stay on subject and stick to what was one of my “bucket list” experiences – attending the 2014 Monaco Grand Prix!

So, “how was it?” many have asked enthusiastically. I have had to think about that question carefully before answering. I have decided that it really depends on why one would go in the first place. Not to mention, it’s “a little on the pricey side”! If you really want to watch the race properly, television coverage is obviously the way to go - the same as any road racing event. But if you’re into the sights and sounds of the track and the city, the history of this famous Formula One city street circuit and the people-watching and car-watching (I saw more Ferraris in a week than I’ve seen in my life), then this is an event to go to. Our seats were about 12 rows up from the track and the view beyond was of the million dollar (billion dollar?) yachts in Monte Carlo Harbour. Our view of the track was the race cars going left to right; a left turn, very short straight, and then a quick left – right chicane, and then they were gone. There was of course a Jumbotron in the distance to watch until the cars returned. Or you could look behind you at the sprawling city of Monte Carlo and the mountains in the distance, some with medieval structures mounted on their peaks.

For me, the best part of being at the race was being that close to the two leading Mercedes cars, knowing they were being driven by two of the best drivers in motorsports; Nico Rosberg and Lewis Hamilton. You could feel the tension Nico must have felt, knowing that if he made the slightest mistake just once, Lewis would be all over it and take the lead. I was actually cheering for Ferrari and Mr. Alonso, but I enjoyed watching the two leaders so far ahead of the pack. After the race, the area was filled with thousands of people on the street. We decided to head back to Nice on the train and we returned to Monaco another day to see the local sights, including the casino, where the rich play, and the beautiful Prince’s Palace.

I’ve included a few pics, including some of the racing and views of the track, which I was able to drive on later, while the barriers were still up. I like the shot of the marshals lined up, ready for the race to begin and the famous Fairmont Hairpin (with regular traffic on it).

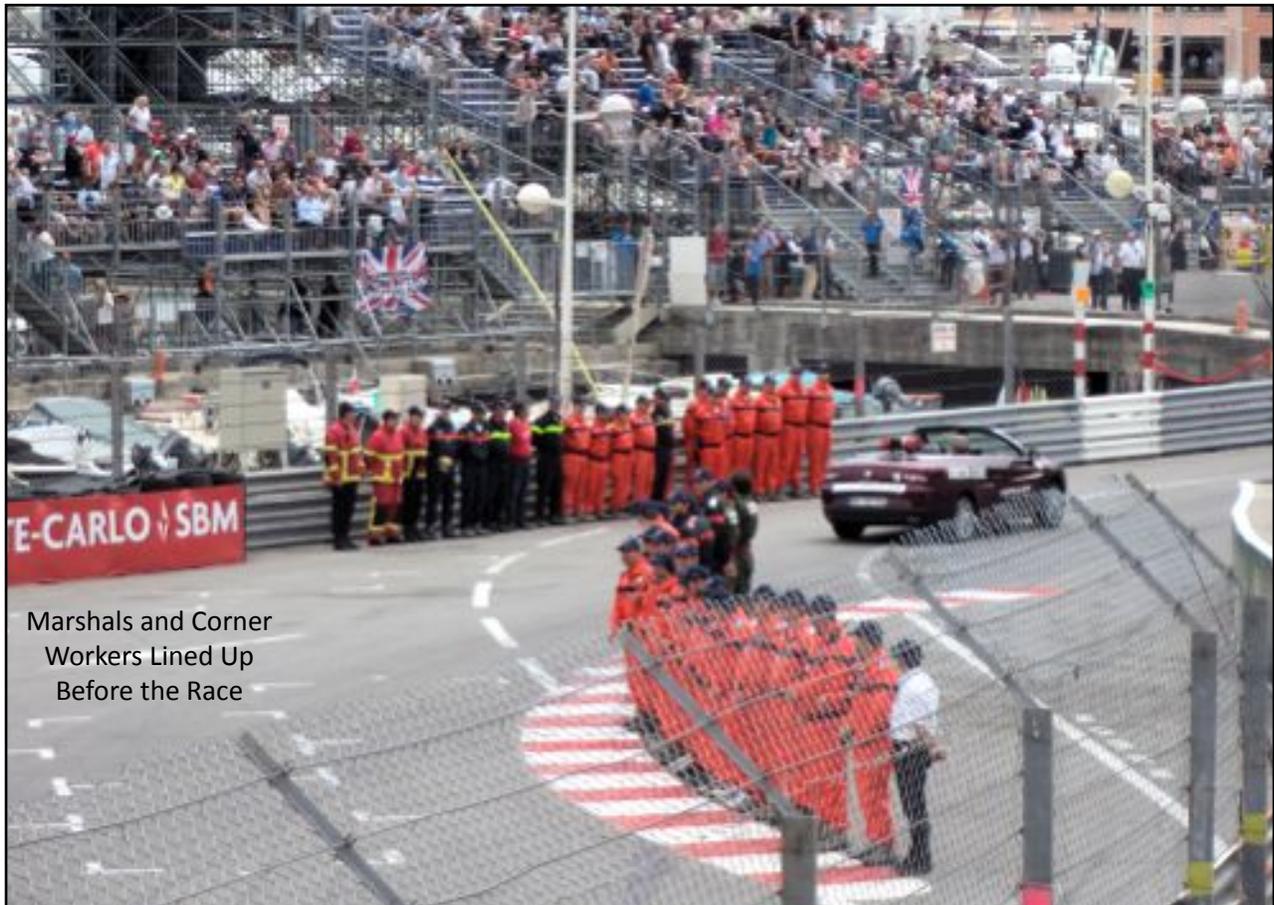
Hope you enjoy.

Kelly Ball
Assistant Director
Ontario Time Attack



On the Track after the
Race with Barriers etc.
Still Up

Kelly's Monaco Photos



Marshals and Corner
Workers Lined Up
Before the Race



Fairmont Hairpin after the Race with Regular Traffic



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... Keith Hui

ON THE COVER

Thanks to Kelly Ball

2014 TAC Infinite Monkeys Fun Rally

by Ingrid Beck

This event was hosted by Paul and Rita on Saturday May 24th. We had a beautiful sunny day. Since my family was busy with other events I had asked Rob Jones if he would compete with me. He accepted and his wife Janet came along as a non-competitor. We met at the finish where Rob left his car and then made our way to the start which was at the Tim Hortons on Mulock Drive near the Magna Centre. Rob drove, I navigated and Janet played Candy Crush on her iPad.

The rally route took us through some very scenic areas north of the GTA. Along the way we were given 36 questions to answer based on things that we were supposed to (but not always) see. Some were very obvious others were not!



Included in the instructions, Paul gave us some history/geography lessons, such as how glaciers formed the Oak Ridges Moraine, how Dutch immigrants turned the swamp land of Holland Marsh into one of the most intense and productive farming areas in Canada with their system of canals and dikes, the history and architectural elements of the Sharon Temple and the very extravagant Thomas Foster Memorial Temple.

The rally finished at the Moore residence with a BBQ of delicious burgers, salads, munchies and desserts.

Rob and Sue finished first and were awarded “gold” monkeys, we placed second with “silver” monkeys (we did not google any answers) and Brooke and his six year old daughter Claire came in third and received “bronze” monkeys. (I was very impressed to hear that Brooke and Claire have competed in a couple of SNATR’s and have placed first and second. Way to go Claire!)

I would like to thank Paul and Rita for a wonderful and fun event.

∞ Infinite Monkeys ∞



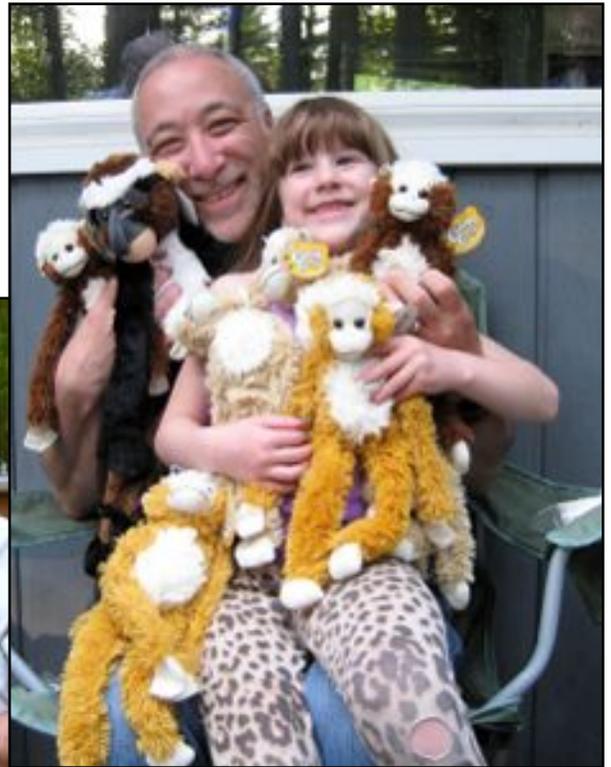
Rob M. & Sue & Monkey !



Janet, Rob J. & Ingrid (no Monkey?)



Organizers Paul & Rita



Brooke & Claire with Monkeys Galore!



Ingrid, Claire and Rob (with, yes, More Monkeys!)

Toronto Autosport Club May 2014 Executive Conference Call Notes

Call date: May 7, 2014

Call time: 8:12 pm

Present: Paul & Graham

- President's Report:
 - Not available
- Vice President:
 - 2014 membership year : 100 = 6 life + 52 primary + 42 family
- Treasurer:
 - In Las Vegas seeking above market returns!
- Competition:
 - Thought to be in China seeking new ralliette roads
- Social:
 - TAC Infinite Monkeys fun rally scheduled for May 24th – 2.5 hours followed by pot luck BBQ at the Moore's - to be publicized
 - Possible club outing to the Guild in Bradford to investigate
 - ALMS Race / BBQ to be July 12/13, 2014 – prices \$30/\$40/\$50 for members/guests/ other clubs
- Old business: nil
- New business: nil

Call adjourned: 8:25 pm

Notes recorded by G. Tulett.

Toronto Autosport Club – Minutes of May2014 General Meeting

Meeting date: May 21, 2014

Meeting opened: 8:03 pm

Attendees: 8

- 1) President's report:
 - a. CASC-OR front is quiet
 - b. Time Attack school went well at new DDT.
- 2) VP Report :
 - a. Total membership strong - currently 103 = 6 Life +55 primary + 42 family
- 3) Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Account balances - \$12,590.84 savings; \$1,770.17 Chequing; \$1158.00 PayPal
- 4) Competition Report:
 - a. Director Dietmar is in China
 - b. OTA
 - i. Time Attack school had 35 of 36 spaces filled with happy students
 - ii. New DDT track has 20 corners
 - iii. TAC will organize event at Grand Bend in July 26/27
 - c. Zontas want a contract rally around October 3 or 4th
 - d. ORRC – TAC DOCR June 21 – checkpoint volunteers are needed
- 5) Social:
 - a. Infinite Monkeys fun rally scheduled for May 24 at the Moore's
 - b. Annual ALMS race weekend at Mosport to be held July 12/13
 - c. Possible drive in night to investigate
 - d. Possible visit to the Guild automotive restorers to investigate
 - e. Jane has resigned as Social Director
- 6) Fifth Gear: Canada Post now charging \$1.80 to mail a hardcopy of fifth Gear – more email distribution essential at this price.
- 7) Old Business: nil
- 8) New Business: Rob will bring one item from the archives to each meeting to stir memories
- 9) Items for Sale: Rob McAuley's E36 BMW race car is for sale – see spin2winracing.ca for details. Lots of interest in the enclosed trailer.
- 10) Loonies in the bus: \$8 won by Keith; gas cards for Nick & Rob M and Rob J.

Adjournment: about 8:33 pm

Minutes recorded by G. Tulett.

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Membership Application

Mail: 18759 Kennedy Road,
RR#1 Sharon, Ontario, L0G 1V0
Email: 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 _____

Address _____ Home Phone (____) _____

_____ Bus. Phone (____) _____

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2nd (Family) Member _____ [#] email _____

3rd Family Member _____ [#] email _____

4th 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



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