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Next META meeting will be
JANUARY 27, 2010

Our meeting location is Boston Pizza
1045 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC

SPEED READING

Jan 13	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western, North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 9&10	Ice Race # 1 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC Cache Creek, BC
Jan 23&24	Ice Race # 2 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC Cache Creek, BC
Jan 27	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30 New West, BC
Jan 30	META Banquet – Guildford	5:30 Surrey, BC
	Golf and Country Club	
Feb 6&7	Ice Race # 3 and Enduro --	WCIRABC Cache Creek, BC
	Barnes Lake	
Feb 10	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western, North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 20&21	Ice Race # 4 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC Cache Creek, BC
Feb 24	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30 New West, BC

Please Note that Ice Races are subject to Ice and Weather conditions. Please call the hotline or check the website before traveling. www.carsonice.ca 604-945-4592

Western Canadian Ice Racing Association of BC

2010 SCHEDULE

January 9/10

January 23/24

February 6/7

February 20/21

As of December 28 there was 10"-12" of clear black ice(that's a good thing!! 8"-9" is minimum) Worker rooms will be provided at the Desert Motel and lunches will be provided by the Central Café in Ashcroft. Please contact Kathie if you will be staying in one of the worker rooms: tkgibson@telus.net



META
AWARDS BANQUET
With special guest MC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30th

Cocktails: 5:30

Dinner 6:30

Guildford Golf and Country Club

7929 – 152nd St

Surrey, BC

Tickets \$40

This year's theme:



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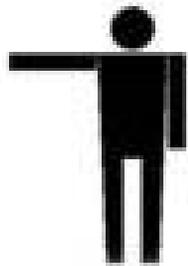
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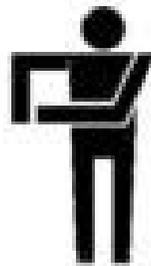
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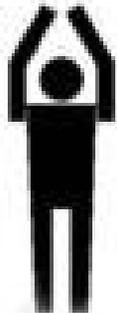
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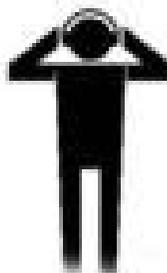
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Montreal gets its Grand Prix back

By Randy Phillips, Canwest News Service November 27, 2009

MONTREAL — The Canadian Grand Prix officially received the green light to rejoin the Formula One circuit. Officials from the federal, provincial and municipal governments, as well as Tourism Montreal, on Friday announced a five-year, \$75-million deal had been accepted by F-1 supremo Bernie Ecclestone to bring the race back to Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, beginning next year.

This year, the Canadian race was dropped from the F-1 calendar for the first time in more than 20 years following a contractual dispute between Ecclestone and former promoter Grand Prix F1 du Canada under CEO Normand Legault.

Next year's race will be held June 13 and will be the eighth of 19 races on what is still a provisional schedule for 2010.

"The return of the Grand Prix was very important for Montreal," said Montreal Mayor Gerald Tremblay.

"Important for the international notoriety of Quebec's metropolis. Important for the economic benefits.

Important for the hotels, the restaurants, the retail outlets and their workers, but also important for our fans.

"Today, Formula One says 'Yes' to Montreal and Montreal says 'Yes' to Formula One, but not at any price,"

Tremblay added. "We wanted a world-class event, but we wanted our investment [to] respect the capacity of our taxpayers to pay.

"We succeeded because throughout our negotiations we were very prudent, very patient, but we spoke with one voice. This is really a win-win situation for all parties, and it's truly a great day for Montreal because we are in the pole position for the 13th of June 2010."

The federal government and Tourism Montreal each will contribute \$5-million annually for the duration of the deal, the provincial government will provide \$4-million each year, and the city \$1-million annually. In return, all parties will split a 30% share of ticket sales.

Federal Public Works Minister Christian Paradis said the Conservative government was committed to supporting the country's foremost recreational tourism event, one which Nicole Menard, Quebec's tourism minister, said "delivers some \$89-million in economic fallout each year, along with 75,000 overnight hotel stays."

Said Paradis: "Acting on behalf of our taxpayers has always been one of our prime concerns and this agreement advances that goal. The funding in question will provide direct and tangible leveraging support to our economy. This is an excellent outcome for all concerned."

Quebec Finance Minister Raymond Bachand also called it "a win-win situation" for Quebec and Canadian taxpayers.

"For the province itself, it results in annual tax revenues of more than \$10-million," Bachand said. "It's a pretty good return for a \$4-million investment, minus the revenues from ticket sales."

For Tourism Montreal, a commitment of \$5-million a year as a principal partner in the deal is unprecedented.

"Tourism Montreal already invests in many major events in Montreal, festivals, big conventions," said Charles Lapointe, president and CEO of Tourism Montreal. "But \$5-million, it's the first time we go to that amount.

"But it has been done in close consultation with the membership, after all we are an association of members,"

he added. "We first got agreement from the hotel association because there will be an increase of half per cent on the room tax, so I needed the blessing of the hotel community before being able to invest the amount we did.

"The half per cent will bring in to Tourism Montreal \$3-million, and the additional \$2-million is coming from my operating budget."

Lapointe said the absence of the Grand Prix this year resulted in \$22-million in losses to hotels.

"That, of course, included the restaurants and [retail] stores, but overall the losses were quite significant without the Grand Prix," Lapointe added.

The \$75-million deal, which includes an option to renew for an additional five years, is \$100-million less than what Ecclestone initially demanded for a new five-year guaranteed contract when efforts to save the race began in earnest a year ago, following a decision by Ecclestone to drop Montreal from the 2009 calendar.

It's believed Ecclestone agreed to drop his asking price for a variety of reasons, including the worldwide economic crisis, a new profit-sharing scheme contained in the sport's top-secret Concorde Agreement, as well as pressure from F-1 teams and car manufacturers wanting to return to a potentially lucrative market in North America. In addition to the economic spinoff locally, the race here has a history of being one of the most watched by a worldwide television audience.

Tremblay said the lengthy negotiations with Ecclestone to secure the race's return were "very positive and constructive."

"He wanted the race to come back here," Tremblay said. "He understood its importance."

Paradis said there was no truth to recent reports that Ecclestone wanted to avoid paying taxes in Canada before agreeing to a new deal.

Formula One and the Societe du Parc Jean Drapeau, which holds the lease for the Ile Notre Dame track, as well as new promoter — Octane Racing Group under president François Dumontier — will oversee the actual staging of the event, as well as assume responsibility for any improvements to the track if necessary.

Octane Racing Group has called a news conference for Monday, at which time information about the sale of tickets for the June 11-13 race weekend is expected to be announced.

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TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN META

It's that time of year again!!! Please send in your membership renewal as soon as possible to avoid the catastrophe of missing your monthly Mayday. OK, there are other good reasons to join. Thank you for your support.

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IZOD Indycar Series 2010 expansion

By indycar.com staff

Friday, July 31, 2009

In its continuing effort to offer competitors the most diverse and challenging championship in motorsports, the 2010 IndyCar Series schedule features eight oval races, four permanent road courses and five temporary circuits.

Highlights of the 2010 schedule include:

- The season opener will be contested March 14 on a series-designed circuit in Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- The temporary street course in St. Petersburg, Fla., on March 28 will be the U.S. opener for the second year in a row.
- The first IndyCar Series race at Barber Motorsports Park in Alabama will be held April 11. The IndyCar Series conducted an Open Test at the 2.38-mile, 17-turn facility in March 2009.
- The Indianapolis 500, in the middle of Indianapolis Motor Speedway's three-year Centennial Era, will be run May 30, preceded by three weeks of practice and qualifications. Pole Day is May 15.
- Texas Motor Speedway will be the first race following the Indianapolis 500, racing under the lights on June 12.
- ***The temporary circuit races in Toronto and Edmonton, Alberta, will be held on consecutive weekends July 18 and July 25, respectively. In 2009, the events were separated by two weeks.***
- The 11th IndyCar Series race at Kentucky Speedway shifts from its early August date to Labor Day weekend.
- For the second year in a row, the season finale will be held on the 1.5-mile Homestead-Miami Speedway on Oct. 2.

"We feel the 2010 schedule strikes a fair balance between our three major disciplines - ovals, road course and temporary circuits - while taking us into key markets in the U.S. as well as abroad for our major partners," said Terry Angstadt, president of the commercial division for the Indy Racing League, the sanctioning body of the IndyCar Series. "We continue to build on the solid foundation of a schedule we created last year in the wake of unification with the goal of maintaining consistent and long-term dates for our track and fans."

Race dates at Long Beach, Calif., Kansas Speedway, Texas Motor Speedway, Iowa Speedway, Watkins Glen International, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Infineon Raceway, Chicagoland Speedway, Twin Ring Motegi and the season-ender at Homestead-Miami Speedway remain at the approximate same time as their 2009 dates.

The racing calendar, which will be broadcast by VERSUS and ESPN on ABC, includes two prime-time events. More breaks also are built into the schedule, with three consecutive weekends of competition the longest stint.

"We couldn't be more pleased with the diversity of the schedule as it will help us maintain a championship tradition that has been exciting for both competitors and fans," said Brian Barnhart, president of competition and operations for the Indy Racing League. "The 2010 schedule keeps in-line with our goal to create a championship that requires drivers and teams to master a variety of tracks over the course of the season, and hopefully once again see our title battle come down to the final race of the year."

The event in Brazil, which hosted Indy car racing as recently as 2000, will be the first for the IndyCar Series in South America. The series currently features Brazilian drivers Helio Castroneves, Tony Kanaan, Raphael Matos, Vitor Meira and Mario Moraes.

"While our primary focus continues to be building the sport of IndyCar Series domestically, the race in Brazil affords us a unique opportunity to visit a country that has a huge passion for open-wheel racing. With strong support from our major partner APEX-Brasil, a significant television package from TV Bandeirantes, a large number of drivers from the country and the opportunity for a unique course, it makes sense from both a business and competition standpoint," Angstadt said.

Barber Motorsports Park, which opened in 2003 and includes the 144,000 square-foot Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum, was the realization of a goal of George Barber. It is the largest philanthropic project in the history of the state of Alabama with more than \$70 million private funds contributed. “This will be the only IndyCar Series race in the Deep South, meaning it is a great tourist draw for the region. Plus, having the automotive world focus on our state enables us to highlight our growing automotive industry,” said Gene Hallman, President of Zoom Motorsports, the track’s promoter.

The complete 2010 IndyCar Series schedule:

Date	Location	
Sunday, March 14	Sao Paulo, Brazil	2.3 mile Street Course
Sunday, March 28	Streets of St. Petersburg, Fla.	1.8 mile Street Course
Sunday, April 11	Barber Motorsports Park	2.38 mile Road Course
Sunday, April 18	Streets of Long Beach, Calif.	1.968 mile Street Course
Saturday, May 1	Kansas Speedway	1.5 mile Oval
Sunday, May 30	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	2.5 mile Oval
Saturday, June 5*	Texas Motor Speedway	1.5 mile Oval
Sunday, June 20	Iowa Speedway	.875 mile Oval
Sunday, July 4	Watkins Glen International	3.4 mile Road Course
<i>Sunday, July 18</i>	<i>Streets of Toronto</i>	<i>1.721 mile Street Course</i>
<i>Sunday, July 25</i>	<i>Edmonton City Centre Airport</i>	<i>1.973 mile Airport course</i>
Sunday, August 8	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course	2.258 mile Road Course
Sunday, August 22	Infineon Raceway	2.305 mile Road Course
Saturday, August 28*	Chicagoland Speedway	1.5 mile Oval
Saturday September 4*	Kentucky Speedway	1.5 mile Oval
Sunday, September 19	Twin Ring Motegi	1.5 mile Oval
Saturday, October 2	Homestead-Miami Speedway	1.5 mile Oval

* Denotes night race

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2010 Atlantic Championship Schedule Features North America's Classic Racing Circuits

BROWNSBURG, Ind. (November 13, 2009) – The 37th season of the Cooper Tires Presents The Atlantic Championship Powered by Mazda will once again take North America's longest-running open-wheel driver development series to classic road racing facilities throughout North America.

“With another strong schedule for 2010, the Atlantic Championship will once again be the top open-wheel training ground in North America,” said Atlantic Championship President **Ben Johnston**. “We’ve got a great mix of facilities lined up for next year. We are again grateful to the American Le Mans Series for sharing their stage with us for a majority of our weekends in 2010, as well as to all of our terrific promoters for welcoming us back to their facilities.”

As it did in 2009, the 2010 Atlantic season will get underway at Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Fla. as part of the festivities for the prestigious Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring Presented by Fresh From Florida for the American Le Mans Series. The 2010 Atlantic season-opener is slated for Friday, March 19.

After hosting the Atlantic season finale in 2009, Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca is scheduled to host Round 2 of the 2010 championship on Saturday, May 22, once again alongside the American Le Mans Series. It will be the 31st Atlantic Championship race at the venerable road circuit in Monterey, Calif.

One weekend later, the Atlantic Championship will make its first of two 2010 appearances at Connecticut's Lime Rock Park as part of the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series festivities on Memorial Day weekend. Round 3 is scheduled for Saturday, May 29. The Lime Rock event will also be the first of two consecutive races that Atlantic will share Grand-Am, as Round 4 of the championship takes place at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course on Sunday, June 20.

On the following weekend, the Atlantic series makes its way back to the East for its first doubleheader of the year at New Jersey Motorsports Park. The first race of the weekend and Round 5 of the season is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, with the second half of the doubleheader set for Sunday, June 27.

The Atlantic Championship makes its third visit to Utah's state-of-the-art Miller Motorsports Park on the weekend of Saturday, July 10 alongside the American Le Mans Series. Fourteen days later, the series swings back into action once again at Lime Rock, this time as part of the annual American Le Mans Series event.

It will be another quick turnaround for Atlantic as the series conducts its second and final doubleheader of the season with a pair of races at Autobahn Country Club in Joliet, Ill. The first race of the Autobahn weekend is set for Saturday, July 31 with Race #2 of the weekend on Sunday, August 1.

The 2010 season also sees the return of the Atlantic Championship to the streets of Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, Canada as part of the 41st running of the Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres on Sunday, August 15 which will be the penultimate round of the championship. The season will draw to a close at Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga. for the second time in three years as part of the American Le Mans Series Petit Le Mans activities. The season finale is slated for Friday, October 1.

Negotiations are still in progress for a potential 13th event on the 2010 schedule and details on that event will be announced should an agreement be reached.

Series officials are also working diligently on television coverage for the 2010 season, and those plans will also be announced as soon as they are finalized.

The Atlantic Championship heads into its 37th year of competition in 2010 and is noted for its long history of graduating its drivers into the top levels of motorsport throughout the world. Graduates include past and present IndyCar drivers such as **Bobby Rahal, Danny Sullivan, Michael Andretti, Jimmy Vasser, Danica Patrick, Dan Wheldon, Graham Rahal, Ryan Hunter-Reay** and **Raphael Matos**, Formula One legends and champions such as **Gilles Villeneuve, Jacques Villeneuve** and **Keke Rosberg**, NASCAR Sprint Cup Series drivers **Sam Hornish Jr.** and **A.J. Allmendinger** and sports car stars like **Jon Fogarty, Alex Gurney, Michael Valiante, Luis Diaz, Joey Hand** and **Simon Pagenaud**.

2010 Cooper Tires Presents The Atlantic Championship Powered by Mazda Schedule

Date	Track/Location	With
March 19	Sebring International Raceway <i>Sebring, Fla.</i>	American Le Mans Series
May 22	Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca <i>Monterey, Calif.</i>	American Le Mans Series
May 29	Lime Rock Park <i>Lakeville, Conn.</i>	Grand-Am
June 20	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course <i>Lexington, Ohio</i>	Grand-Am
June 26	New Jersey Motorsports Park <i>Millville, N.J.</i>	Feature
June 27	New Jersey Motorsports Park <i>Millville, N.J.</i>	Feature
July 10	Miller Motorsports Park <i>Tooele, Utah</i>	American Le Mans Series
July 24	Lime Rock Park <i>Lakeville, Conn.</i>	American Le Mans Series
July 31	Autobahn Country Club <i>Joliet, Ill.</i>	Feature
August 1	Autobahn Country Club <i>Joliet, Ill.</i>	Feature
August 15	Grand Prix de Trois-Rivieres <i>Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, Canada</i>	Co-Feature
October 1	Road Atlanta <i>Braselton, Ga.</i>	American Le Mans Series

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