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Next META meeting is **tentatively** set for

May 27, 2020

A confirmation will be sent out later this month

Our new meeting location is ABC Country Restaurant
100 Schoolhouse Street, Coquitlam, BC

Speed Reading

May 2&3	CACC Race #2 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
May 2&3	ICSCG Race #1&2 – PIR	GSCG	Portland, Or
May 2&3	Karting #2&3 – Greg Moore Raceway	WCKG	Chilliwack, BC
May 3	Mid Ohio Grand Prix	IMSA	Lexington, Oh
May 9	Indianapolis Grand Prix	Indycar	Indianapolis, Ind
May 16&17	Knox Mountain Hillclimb	KMMS	Kelowna, BC
May 16&17	SCCA Majors Super Tour – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
May 16&17	ICSCG Race #3&4 – PR	IRDG	Seattle, Wa
May 22-24	Rocky Mountain Stage Rally	GSCG/CRG	Invermere, BC
May 23&24	SCCA Majors Tour – PR	SCCA/NWR	Seattle, Wa
May 24&25	Spring Sprints – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
May 24	Indianapolis 500	Indycar	Indianapolis, Ind
May 27	META Meeting –	7:30	
May 30	Detroit Grand Prix	IMSA	Detroit, Mi
May 30	Indy Dual in Detroit – Race #1	Indycar	Detroit, Mi
May 30&31	Lucky Dog Racing-7+8hr – PR	LDR	Seattle, Wa
May 31	Indy Dual in Detroit – Race #2	Indycar	Detroit, Mi
May 31	Karting #4 - Greg Moore Raceway	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC
Jun 5&6&7	ICSCG Race #5&6&7 – SCR	NWMS	Spokane, Wa
Jun 6	Texas Motor Speedway	Indycar	Fort Worth, Tx
Jun 6&7	Spokane Festival of Speed – SCR	SOVREN	Spokane, Wa
Jun 6&7	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jun 6&7	Double Regional – TRMP	SCCA/OR SCCA/NWR	Jun 6&7
Jun 13&14	CACC Race #3 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jun 20&21	ICSCG Race #8&9 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Jun 21	Road America	Indycar	Elkhart Lake, Wis
Jun 24	META Meeting –	7:30	
Jun 27	Richmond 300	Indycar	Richmond, Virginia
Jun 27&28	Lucky Dog Racing-7+7hr – PIR	LDR	Portland, Or
Jun 28	Six hours of the Glen	IMSA	Watkins Glen, NY
Jun 28	Karting #5 - Greg Moore Raceway	WCKC	Chilliwack, BC

Note that schedule changes are happening daily.

Please check with the event organizer to confirm event status

President's Report

Like the rest of you, I'm missing my racing family and the experience of being together at the track and club meetings. I've tried to watch some of the Sim racing on TV but it's a pale imitation at best. With no racing and no meetings there isn't much in the way of club news to share with you.

If you haven't already heard the news, a new ASN has been appointed for Canada, GDS (Groupe de développement sportif) headed by Francis Dumontier and Ron Fellows. There is an announcement on the FIA website, nothing has been received by CACC from the new organization yet. CACC will continue to operate as it always has, keeping the lines of communication open with the other regions within Canada and ready to receive any information from the new ASN for Canada.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat.

Be safe, check in on each other, and hopefully we'll be at the track soon.

David Bell

ANNOUNCEMENT:

IRDC Racing Official: <https://www.facebook.com/110615767150722/posts/159727782239520/>

April 23 at 10:44 PM ·

After weeks of constant monitoring, hoping, and some desperate wishful thinking that the outcome would be different, the IRDC board has come to the sad realization that we are unable to host our scheduled May 16-17 event at Pacific Raceways. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Pacific Raceways for being such a great partner to IRDC, and their willingness to exhaust all options to get us on track now and in the future is much appreciated. Please consider the May event cancelled. We are working closely with track management to change that to "postponed" or "rescheduled". We would be grateful if the opportunity presents itself, and will keep everybody informed.

IRDC is very hopeful that things will be "back to normal" in time for us to host our next scheduled event of 2020 at Pacific Raceways July 18-19. We hope that everyone will come out to play once the restrictions are lifted.

We thank everyone for the patience and understanding in this difficult time. The uncertainty of the near future is proving difficult for each of the Conference member clubs to assemble all the moving pieces required to host events. The safety and wellness of our participants and workers remains our primary focus. Please stay tuned for future announcements about the 2020 racing season.

Be well, stay safe.

Coley Tipton

President-IRDC

Vice President's Report

What have you been doing to keep yourself occupied and sane while in quarantine? Email me and let me know, it might just give me something to write about.

As I sit here contemplating my isolation, in my 250 sq. foot bachelor suite, I realize I have been in quarantine for 6 weeks (probably 7 weeks by the time you read this). My doctor put me into Quarantine on March 16 because of Bronchitis and my compromised immune system. That said I am in surprisingly good spirits having found many things to keep my mind occupied.

My two daughters have been video calling me regularly giving me a chance to harass my grandkids over video chat as they bounce around and swing from the rafters, like so many energetic small children that have been cooped up for weeks. I especially like my short chats with my car crazy grandson in Fort St John, he is totally fascinated when I show him pictures of race cars (you can bet I'll be cultivating that — and yes all my grandkids are members of the VRCBC as well as being potential META members once they are old enough).

I have also been taking online courses on everything from WordPress (the basis of the META website) to typography to Access and Excel VBA (Visual Basic for Applications). For the most part this has been brushing up and gaining more knowledge on subjects I am already familiar with.

I do have some motivation, there is a database at work that was poorly setup, but it had been so many years (over 20) since I worked with Access that I couldn't remember how to solve some of the issues — this also got me started on switching the VRCBC membership records from a spreadsheet to a proper database so maintaining membership history will be more manageable.

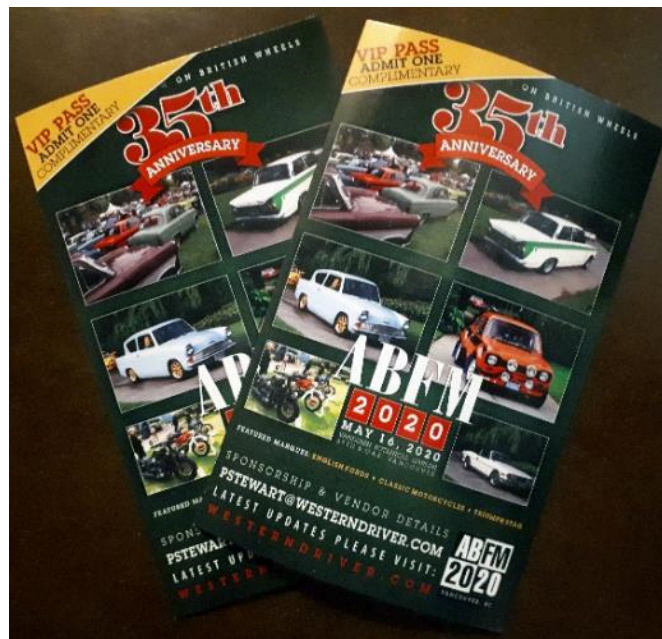
As some of you are already aware one of my hats is that of membership secretary for the Vintage Club.

I was reminded today about how many events have been cancelled, or are in jeopardy of being cancelled when I came across 2 VIP passes for the 2020 ABFM (All British Field Meet) which would normally be held on the Victoria Day long weekend.

To be honest I personally don't expect us to have any racing in BC until mid-August at the earliest based on what I've heard on the news, however I suspect racing will be resuming sooner south of the border... assuming we can cross the border.

Hope you all keep well.

Mike Bailey,
META VP



Report from the President of SCCBC

Many beautification projects have been going on by our tireless Track Ops team and a myriad of dedicated folks. Please jump on our Facebook for some sneak peeks.

As you can imagine, we're all in limbo, but much work by our executive continues in hopes we can return to racing someday and that when we do, the SCCBC will have a plan in place. I recognise the borders remain closed and if some events in the US do start up, it makes it impossible for you to attend - if only to get out of the house and break the "cabin fever" for a while and get your racing "fix".

Rick Bostrom, ICSCC President, and I have been in contact and it's frustrating for our US friends because they rely so heavily on their Canadian turn marshals and safety crews - a testament to your contributions and value you all provide to motorsport on this side and the other side of the border.

Keep your chin up, keep hope, stay safe and stay in contact with each other.

Best regards,

Scott Arthur



Hello CACC Members,

Today the FIA announced that they have selected GDS (Groupe de développement sportif) as the new ASN for Canada. This group is headed by Francois Dumontier and Ron Fellows, and according to the announcement they will be forming an advisory committee composed of the presidents of regional organizations. The announcement can be found below. I have no more information than was in announcement.

CACC will continue to issue licenses, permits, and insurance as before. Nothing has changed for CACC at this time.

On behalf of CACC I want to thank Mike Kaerne for all the time and effort he put into his application to form the ASN for Canada.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Stay safe, check in on one another, we'll see you soon.

David Bell

President - Confederation of Autosport Car Clubs

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<https://www.fia.com/news/fia-announces-gds-new-national-sporting-authority-canada>

The FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile) is pleased to announce the appointment of GDS (Groupe de développement sportif) as the new National Sporting Authority in Canada (ASN).

The delegation of the sporting power to GDS follows a selection process initiated at the FIA Annual General Assembly in December 2019, where a mandate was given to the World Motor Sport Council to appoint a new governing body in Canada.

GDS was selected by the Council on the basis of the quality of its application and the significant motor sport experience of its leaders François Dumontier, President and Ron Fellows, Vice-president, as well as its intention to create an advisory committee composed of presidents of regional organisations and other motor sport stakeholders.

GDS joins the FIA's membership of 242 motor sport and motoring clubs in 146 countries.

FIA Secretary General for Sport, Peter Bayer, commented: "The World Motor Sport Council is confident in the credentials of GDS and the quality of its application, and its executives, in delivering the favourable exercising of sporting powers in Canada. It has a strong commitment to the growth of national and international motor sport, from grassroots competition to world championships."

François Dumontier, President Sports Development Group – ASN, Canada, commented: "I am honoured to have been elected to represent the Canadian National Sporting Authority within the FIA. The goals and vision for the new ASN in Canada will be aligned with the FIA and will concentrate on creating long-term stability through cooperative efforts from the various Canadian regions and motorsport disciplines."

Web Report

I spent a fair bit of time working on the website in the past month. Probably the most significant thing is setting the site up with Secure Sockets Layer (SSL), which basically means that information between the META website and a visitor's browser is encrypted — this only really has significance if you are filling out an online form.

However, it is what gives a website the padlock you see on secure sites instead of a warning that the site is not secure.

All that said, I am having a problem with forcing https for anyone that is directed to the site by an http link so if you don't see a padlock when you get to the site click one of the menu options and the padlock should work (I'm still trying to sort this, but not willing to pay our hosting service to fix it).

If you get to the site using <https://meta.bc.ca/wordpress/> the padlock should show.

I have also been replacing low resolution photos with high resolution photos on the photo pages wherever possible. In some cases I don't have the high resolution original photos so on some of the page where there were 'postage stamp' sized images you can now see images large enough that you have a shot at figuring out who is in the photo.

I am also playing with a new photo gallery plugin for WordPress that shows the photos as a slide show unless you hover your mouse over the photo, check out: <https://meta.bc.ca/wordpress/photos/meta-westwoodmissionindys/>.

And fresh content is always welcome.

Mike Bailey

META Webmaster

Good and Welfare Report:

Roger called Sue Proud asking if we could include a brief report on Joe in the Mayday.

Joe is doing well in the care home. He was pleased to hear that everyone was asking for him and misses having him around.

Right now he is lonely because they are not allowed any visitors, but he calls home almost every day and seems in as good spirits as can be expected these days.

Sue prints off the Mayday for him each month.

Ann





Press Release: Portland's 60th Rose Cup Races postponed to July 2021

(PORTLAND, Ore. — April 30, 2020) — Friends of Portland International Raceway (FOPIR) has made the difficult decision to postpone this summer's 60th Rose Cup Races due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Originally scheduled for July 10 to July 12, 2020, the event will now take place July 9 to July 11, 2021.

With so much uncertainty about the coronavirus situation, when large groups of people will be able to gather again and what the entry count could be, the Rose Cup Executive Committee recommended to the FOPIR Board postponement until 2021. The Rose Cup Races, a Portland Rose Festival event, was the first major event ever held at Portland International Raceway (PIR) in 1961 and has taken place annually ever since. This year will be the first since then without a Rose Cup Races weekend.

"The Rose Cup Races is an iconic Portland event, and postponing it will allow for a deserving and proper 60th race celebration," said David Pollock, interim FOPIR president. "We promise to put all of this year's efforts into making sure next year's race weekend provides an outstanding experience for the public that includes not just high speed racing, but also a visual display of Rose Cup Races history, a Vanport history exhibit, car club corrals, car club parade, vendors and more."

Added Pollock, "FOPIR extends its appreciation to the steering committee members and participating partners, including Cascade Sports Car Club, Oregon Region SCCA and Portland International Raceway, for their thoughtful analysis, their time and most of all their enthusiasm and commitment to this great event."

Specific race groups, registration timing and details regarding 2021 will be announced in the coming months. Learn more at RoseCup.com and engage @RoseCupRaces, #RoseCup60.

About Friends of PIR

Friends of PIR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to the preservation and enhancement of Portland International Raceway as a resource for those who use it, including both participants and spectators; sustaining and expanding PIR's civic contribution as an institution in North Portland; and providing guidance and support for the ongoing management of PIR in a manner that assures its ongoing value as a venue for motorsports and other diverse forms of recreation and entertainment.

About Portland International Raceway

Portland International Raceway plays host to a diverse array of events for participants and spectators of all ages, ranging from high speed road racing to motocross, car cruise-ins to bicycle racing, and swap meets to foot relays. Unique in that it receives zero tax dollars, the City of Portland park provides entertainment to approximately 400,000 visitors each year.

Excerpt from ICSCC Presidents Report:

Our first double race weekend, The CSCC Rose City Opener XXIX at Portland International Raceway May 2-3, is cancelled because the track will still be under mandated shutdown to groups of our size by that date.

The second double race weekend, IRDC at Pacific Raceways May 16-17 is also cancelled because it is likely that the shutdown will prevent it and the border is closed to those incredible Canadian volunteers that make racing possible.

The third weekend of the season, a triple race with NWMS at Spokane County Raceway June 5-7 is now also officially cancelled. There are a lot of reasons for this one including uncertainty about whether the shutdown would allow it to occur and the availability of banquet permits for the excellent after race pizza party they always provide and of course access to those dedicated Canadian volunteers.

You would think all of that virus related schedule destruction would be enough, but wait – the hits just keep on coming!

The Ridge Motorsports Park has been working hard and investing in infrastructure to prepare for their first big Pro Racing Event, MotoAmerica Superbikes in June. With the uncertainty facing a national series on a June date that will likely have more spectators than the Ridge has ever had for a single event and for reasons only fully known to The Ridge and MotoAmerica they have unilaterally chosen to move them to the August date that was contracted by IRDC.

The only date offered by The Ridge in exchange was the date MotoAmerica vacated, June 27-28, which holds the same uncertainties and puts the IRDC in the position of holding two races in a row two weeks apart. Even if the shutdown is lifted IRDC didn't feel this was viable considering how much effort is required to hold an event and how few volunteers are available to help make it happen.

As a result the IRDC double race scheduled for August 29-30 at The Ridge Motorsports Park is also cancelled. With no acceptable dates offered to replace the one taken the IRDC will not hold any events at the Ridge Motorsports Park in 2020



Hello META,

Please fill out the interview below and email it back to me with a photo of yourself if possible, I have photo's of some but not all.

I will post them on social media to try & keep everyone still thinking about racing

Thanks, hope you guys are staying safe.

Brent Martin

brentvm@shaw.ca

NAME:

BIRTHPLACE:

OCCUPATION:

WHERE DO YOU LIVE:

HOBBIES/ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF RACING:

WHEN DID YOU JOIN "META":

WHAT IS YOUR JOB AT THE TRACK:

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT RACING:

WHY DID YOU GET INTO RACING:

FAVOURITE RACE TRACK:

















FAVOURITE DRIVER:


FAVOURITE RACE YOU HAVE WORKED AT:



2020 SCHEDULE

Schedule Subject to Change / Broadcast Info TBA

JUNE	6	 Texas Motor Speedway
	21	 Road America
	27	 Richmond Raceway
	4	 Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course Race 1
JULY	12	 Streets of Toronto
	17	 Iowa Speedway Race 1
	18	 Iowa Speedway Race 2
AUG.	9	 Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course
	15-16	 Indianapolis 500 Qualifying
	23	 Indianapolis 500 Mile Race
	30	 World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway
SEPT.	13	 Portland International Raceway
	19	 WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca Race 1
	20	 WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca Race 2
OCT.	3	 Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course Race 2
TBA		 Streets of St. Petersburg

 Oval  Street/Road Course

From: <https://www.nascar.com/news-media/2020/04/30/nascar-announces-revised-may-schedule-as-racing-returns-beginning-at-darlington-raceway/>

NASCAR announces revised May schedule as racing returns beginning at Darlington Raceway

By Brad Norman NASCAR.com April 30, 2020

NASCAR is scheduled to make its return to racing on Sunday, May 17, at Darlington Raceway with a NASCAR Cup Series race that will serve as the first of seven races over an 11-day span at two different race tracks throughout May, the sanctioning body announced Thursday.

The race at the historic South Carolina track will be held without fans in attendance and is slated to be NASCAR's first on-track action in more than two months as the sport and world in general have been on pause during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The May 17 race is a 400-miler, scheduled for 3:30 p.m. ET, live on FOX, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio. It also is the first of three races at the track, including a second Cup Series race held midweek under the lights three days later.

The May schedule also includes the crown jewel Coca-Cola 600 in its traditional Memorial Day Weekend home for the 60th consecutive season, plus midweek races in prime time.

"NASCAR and its teams are eager and excited to return to racing, and have great respect for the responsibility that comes with a return to competition," said Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR executive vice president and chief racing development officer. "NASCAR will return in an environment that will ensure the safety of our competitors, officials and all those in the local community. We thank local, state and federal officials and medical experts, as well as everyone in the industry, for the unprecedented support in our return to racing, and we look forward to joining our passionate fans in watching cars return to the track."

NASCAR officials have collaborated with public health officials, medical experts and local, state and federal officials to create a comprehensive plan to ensure the health and safety of competitors and surrounding communities at the above events. All races will be strictly tailored, in every way, to follow specific guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Event procedures will be significantly modified in accordance with CDC, OSHA and state and local government recommendations — including hosting one-day shows at the above tracks, which are all within driving distance of North Carolina race shops to minimize travel and time spent in a community.

There will be no practice sessions for any event, and qualifying will only be held for the Coca-Cola 600. Other adjustments include mandating the use of protective equipment, health screenings for all individuals before entering the facility and maintaining social distancing protocols throughout the event.

Of note, the May 17 race — and then the May 20 Cup Series race at Darlington — will not replace the scheduled Southern 500 on Labor Day Weekend, the opener of the NASCAR Playoffs. NASCAR intends to keep its 10-race postseason format and tracks involved unchanged, but the situation remains fluid.

No dates beyond May 27 have been announced, but NASCAR officials have said on multiple occasions that the sanctioning body intends to run a full 36-race NASCAR Cup Series slate in 2020.

Additional schedule updates specific to tracks that have had races postponed, and are not part of this new May schedule, will be revealed at a later date.

NASCAR's most recent race of the 2020 season saw Joey Logano win his second event of the year at Phoenix Raceway on March 8, the fourth race weekend of the season.

The series was slated to visit Atlanta Motor Speedway the following weekend, but worldwide impact from the novel coronavirus led to NASCAR postponing the Atlanta weekend and the ensuing race weekend, scheduled to be at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

In response to public health officials' advice regarding the outbreak of coronavirus in the United States and abroad, ensuing races scheduled for Texas Motor Speedway, Bristol Motor Speedway, Richmond Raceway, Talladega Superspeedway, Dover International Speedway and Martinsville Speedway later were postponed as well.



**I went outside to check on
my plants. I felt something
cold and wet on my arm.
I looked down and saw a
mosquito using a wet wipe
before he bit me.**



Coronavirus COVID-19

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Coronavirus Prevention



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick.



WEARING A MASK IS NOT AN EFFECTIVE MEASURE TO KEEP YOURSELF SAFE FROM VIRAL INFECTION.



Ministry of Health



BC Centre for Disease Control

If you have fever, a new cough, or are having difficulty breathing, call 8-1-1.



Source: <http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID19-Prevention.pdf>

Answers to common COVID-19 questions can be found on the BC Center for Disease Control website:

http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/common-questions?utm_campaign=20200313_GCPE_AM_COVID_3_ADW_BCGOV_EN_BC_TEXT

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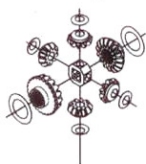


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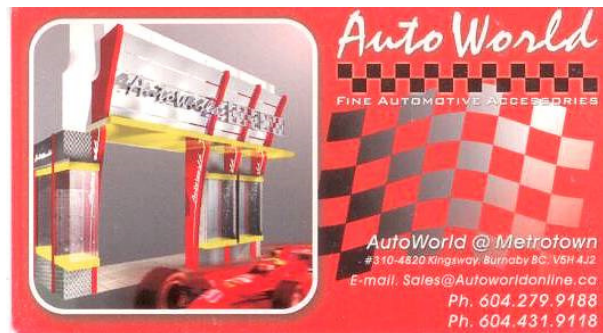
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No minutes this month due to the April META meeting being cancelled