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**Our meeting location this month will be via Zoom Video Conferencing**

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## *SPEED READING*

Oct 9&10	Pacific Raceways Invitational		Seattle, Wa
Oct 9&10	CACC Race #5 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Oct 10	Virginia Grand Prix	IMSA	Alton, Va
Oct 13	SCCBC Meeting via Zoom	7:00	Your House
Oct 16	Cascade Enduro – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Oct 27	META Meeting via Zoom	7:00	Your House
Oct 30&31	Lucky Dog Racing-8+7hr – PIR	LDR	Portland, Or
Nov 10	SCCBC Meeting		
Nov 13	Petite LeMans	IMSA	Braselton, Ga
Nov 24-AGM	META Meeting		
Dec 8	SCCBC Meeting		
Dec 10&11	Big White Winter Stage Rally	WCRA/CRC	Kelowna, BC

*Note that schedule changes are happening regularly.*

*Please check with the event organizer to confirm event status*

## *1<sup>st</sup> Notice of Annual General Meeting*

*META's Annual General Meeting will be held on*

***Wednesday November 24***

***Location to be determined***

*Please plan on attending this meeting as our annual elections will be held at this time.*

*The positions available are:*

*President, Vice President,  
Secretary, Treasurer*

## *Presidents Report*

I'm writing this before the last race weekend at Mission. These last 2 years I have come to realize how important my racing family is to me and how much I enjoy spending time at the race track with my racing family. Doing only five races a year for the last two years I found myself feeling more cooped up as the summer went on, and I wasn't able to spend weekends travelling to race tracks south of the border as have been for the last 20 + years. I did take a week and travel to Banff and Kelowna just to scratch my road trip itch, and it was wonderful to see the mountains and glaciers in the Rockies. Time on the open road with beautiful scenery is good for the soul.

If you attended the last META meeting or have read the minutes in this edition of the Mayday, you'll notice we have struck a nominating committee to find people to fill our executive board. Angus has been our Treasurer for the past 3 years and our constitution and bylaws prevent him from continuing in that role.

With my commitment to CACC I don't feel I can continue on as META president, especially with the Formula E race coming to Vancouver next year.

We are a small club, with even fewer active members, we need people to step up and help our club out as members of the executive. If you have any questions about the duties of any of the positions, or the time commitment involved, please feel free to contact any member of the Executive.

The Formula E race is starting to take shape, they have had a kick off event and some promotional material has been sent out by the promoter. The organizer has created a MotorsportsReg.com website for people interested in volunteering at the event. If you have any questions about the event there is a contact email on the registration page.

Thank you for all you're doing to support motorsports and META.

*David*



Club Race organized by

**Formula E Vancouver Racing Services**

## **Race Worker Registration:**

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/race-worker-registration-vancouver-street-formula-e-racing-services-001238>

## *Vice Presidents Report*

Hi Everyone,

Our last race of the season is coming up on October 9 & 10. There will be no spectators at this event (which will make my grandkids Nia and Zain quite upset when I tell them).

All volunteers, drivers and pit crew need to preregister and upload a copy of their proof of COVID vaccination (the green one with the QR code on it) — if you have not yet applied for it go to the [BC Government website](#). If you don't have access to a smartphone, computer, and printer there are alternate ways to get the card, but they are more inconvenient (scroll down on the page referenced above for details.)

Although I printed mine you can get away with just downloading the image to your phone (it will probably end up in the folder with all your photos — this is where it landed on my Android phone.) Be prepared to show both your picture ID and proof of vaccination when you arrive at the track. I have no doubt that the SCCBC will be scanning the uploaded proof of vaccination cards to verify that they are legitimate as I know many are concerned about being around others at the best of times during COVID.

The Vintage Racing Club of British Columbia will be having their next meeting at RWM Automotive (a car restoration company), this will take place at their unlisted location. We ask that you [RSVP](#) by Thursday October 14 if you plan to attend. More details are in my [VRCBC October 2, 2021 update](#), feel free to read the rest of the update, which should open at the meeting info (last item in the update). Again, proof of vaccination will be required in order to attend.

I was asked by the membership to contact my cousin Albert Duncan, who hasn't been at the track for a long time. I'd like to report that he is doing well but has been unable to come to the track this year. He is however planning to return to the fold next year. We talked about much more in our hour-long conversation, but most of it was probably of little interest to the club... other than perhaps some trips with Marc Rovner (who was META president about 20 or so years ago). I won't repeat these stories, as they are not mine to tell.

Someone else who has not been to the track in a while is Bryan Nuttall, I have been in contact with him recently and can assure you he is alive and well. However he is working nonstop sandblasting big rig trailers — apparently every time he thinks he is going to get a weekend off to come and join us at the track he is met with 10 more trailers that need sandblasting.

I doubt I'll make it out to the track for the last race weekend. On the Sunday I'll be looking after 2 of my grandkids, and spectators are not allowed. I know I won't last a full day on a turn anyway, and I am not much more than moral support for Ryan in the pits these days (Second Gen Racing does all the prep on his car).

Have fun and play safe!

*Mike Bailey*

META members are invited to a Shop Tour and VRCBC  
meeting  
(You are welcome to bring guests).



## Next VRCBC Meeting

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 7:00 pm Pacific Time**

**On Zoom and at  
RWM Automotive**

**6435 64th Street, Delta, BC V4K 4E2.**

**NOTE: this is at their second (secret) location** (**NOT** the Boundary Bay location listed on their website)

Enjoy Rob Maynard's tour of his award-winning restoration shop in their new restoration building.

Learn about the restoration process and see an impressive selection of work-in-progress classics followed by an informative presentation on the benefits of insuring your Race car /Collector car presented by Tyson Moore, Hagerty's regional manager.

Pizza and refreshments will be available courtesy of our hosts.

To help the planning process please advise the number of people attending by filling out [this form](#).  
Deadline Oct 14. [Click Here](#) to RSVP.

For Zoom Details see the [October 2, 2021 VRCBC Update](#).



## THE COUNTOWN IS ON FOR A UNIQUE WEEKEND CELEBRATION!

The countdown has officially begun toward the “one-of-a-kind” 3-day Canadian E-Fest — an event that will welcome, for the first time, the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship to the streets of Vancouver, and will offer lots of action off track as well, with a creative business conference on sustainability.

Yesterday, Canadian E-Fest Ambassador James Hinchcliffe, known for his heroics on the racetrack and grace on Dancing with the Stars, was on stage to unveil and present the weekend program, which revolves around 4 pillars:

### E-PRIX

The Vancouver E-Prix is an electric race featuring the 2022 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship. The E-Fest will include a Celebrity Race with Canadian actor Jason Priestley and Olympic freestyle champion Alexandre Bilodeau and Olympian Charmaine Crooks to name a few. All celebrities will be racing in 12 Solo EV street cars produced by Vancouver’s own Electra Meccanica.

### E-LIVE

2 nights of concerts as part of Canadian E-Fest featuring internationally known recording artists.

### E-VOLVE

A 2-day conference staged by C2 International, a leading business events innovator that creates and produces forward-thinking successful business events. On June 30th, Erin Brockovich will take the stage as a first keynote speaker. Brockovich became a 20th century icon overnight thanks to Julia Roberts’ Oscar-winning performance. She’s known as an iconic environmental activist and consumer advocate.

### E-SPORTS

A tournament gathering virtual gamers across Canada, beginning next spring leading all the way up to the event where the finalists will line up on the starting grid, on stage in front of an enthusiastic crowd to cheer their favourites.

## BRINGING THE PEOPLE TOGETHER!

Other events scheduled for the 3-day E-Fest include a paddock tour for False Creek residents to thank them for the privilege of using their neighbourhood. The newly named City Gate Straight on the track, will be inaugurated in honour of the False Creek Residents Association (chaired by Patsy McMillan). July 1st, the promoter invites all Vancouverites to run, walk or cycle on the False Creek race circuit.

For more info: [www.canadianefest.com](http://www.canadianefest.com), including a definitive schedule for the Canadian E-Fest. See you on the starting line!



From: <https://www.nascar.com/news-media/2021/09/29/xfinity-series-breaks-into-pacific-northwest-with-portland-date-in-2022/>

## *Xfinity Series breaks into Pacific Northwest with Portland date in 2022*

By: Zack Albert

NASCAR.com

September 29, 2021

The NASCAR Xfinity Series is set to visit not only a new track next season, but a whole new corner of the country with its first venture into the Pacific Northwest.

Portland (Ore.) International Raceway takes a prime midseason spot on the Xfinity Series' 2022 schedule, which was released Wednesday in conjunction with the Camping World Truck Series' calendar of events for next season. The 1.964-mile road course will serve as the Xfinity Series' sole stand-alone event June 4, marking the first national series race there since 1999-2000 — a two-year run for the truck tour.

The agreement marks an extension of NASCAR's partnership with Green Savoree Racing Promotions, which promotes events at the Portland track, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and street circuits for IndyCar events in Toronto and St. Petersburg, Florida. Portland's Xfinity Series date is being realigned away from Mid-Ohio, which transitions into a Truck Series host track in 2022.

"I think why now from a timing perspective, we've looked at the Pacific Northwest really since we started off in building out the 2021 schedule," said Ben Kennedy, NASCAR senior vice president of strategy and innovation. "I've had the opportunity to go out to Seattle and Portland and look at a number of different opportunities and, seeing that we had a good relationship with Green Savoree and Kevin Savoree, it felt like it was a good opportunity for us to explore it in 2022 and bring it on the Xfinity Series schedule and really make a special weekend there in early June.

"A great time of year to be racing, especially in the Pacific Northwest starting to warm up, and I think it'll be a great addition to the schedule."

Kevin Savoree — co-owner, president and chief operating officer of the promotions group — also embraced the return: “What an exciting day for Portland and Pacific Northwest race fans. This region of the country hasn’t had a visit from a NASCAR national series in over two decades. We are thrilled the wait is over. When the NASCAR Xfinity Series stops at PIR next June, it will deliver great racing and strong economic impact to the region.”

NASCAR has an intriguing history with the region, though it has been a largely untapped frontier in recent years. The Cup Series visited the half-mile Portland Speedway seven times from 1956-57, and ran a 1957 event at the Kitsap County Airport in Bremerton, Washington. Several prominent NASCAR drivers have emerged from the area, including Washington natives Greg Biffle, Derrike Cope, Kasey Kahne and Chad Little, plus Hall of Fame nominee Hershel McGriff, who hails from Oregon.

As for the Portland road course, it was a frequent venue on the NASCAR Northwest Series that ran from 1985-2006, and it has been an occasional host of what is now called the ARCA Menards Series West. Portland returned to that series’ schedule this year for the first time since a 2009-2012 stint.

But revisiting that part of the country was a priority for Kennedy, who said his team also explored other potential venues in the Portland and Seattle vicinities.

“Quite a few tracks reached out to us, and a few projects as well that we’ve had some discussions with, but very, very early stages of a lot of those conversations, too,” Kennedy said. “I think it was seeing where Portland Raceway was and the ability for us to go there in 2022 and really make it a special event. If you go out to the track, it’s not far from downtown Portland, and you’re only a few hours’ drive from Seattle as well, so you know it’s always been a key part of the country that we’ve been looking at. We’ve seen a lot of growth from a fan perspective there and wanted to get there as quickly as we could, especially with the Xfinity Series.” Kennedy said NASCAR officials plan to use the 1.964-mile, 12-turn configuration that includes a chicane intended to scrub speed on the main straightaway shortly after the start-finish line. ARCA West and IndyCar have used that layout in their events this year, and Kennedy said he was able to test out both versions in laps of his own.

“I think ultimately we ended up with that configuration, both from a speed perspective as well as just a racing product perspective,” Kennedy says. “I think that chicane, in particular, is one of the most unique aspects of that track. We had the opportunity to go around it in a car a few times, both with the chicane and without the chicane. So I think from a speed perspective really, being mindful of that, and then just from a racing product perspective, it’s an iconic part of the track and we feel like it’s important to include that.”

While the news remains fresh for the Xfinity Series schedule that’s ahead, Portland’s addition begs the question of whether a Cup Series date might eventually be in the offing. Other venues — notably Road America and World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway — were longtime hosts of Xfinity and Camping World Truck Series stand-alone events before migrating onto the premier-series calendar in recent years. Kennedy says for the moment, the approach is wait and see.

“We’re taking it as-is for now,” Kennedy said. “I think it’ll be good to get up there with the Xfinity Series, see how it does. It’ll be a FOX event as a stand-alone event, and I know that they want to make it special and something unique. That said, we’ll certainly continue to evaluate it, and it’s one of the neat things about the Xfinity Series and the Truck Series, it gives you a little more flexibility to be able to go and test some of these new markets that you otherwise wouldn’t have the ability to go into. Excited to see how it plays out and we’ll see where it goes from there.”



From: <https://www.indycar.com/News/2021/09/09-19-22Schedule-Announcement>

## ***NTT INDYCAR SERIES ANNOUNCES 17-RACE 2022 SCHEDULE***

By INDYCAR | Published: Sep 19, 2021

INDYCAR has announced a 17-race schedule for the 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season, which will feature its bold and daring athletes competing against the thrilling backdrop of unprecedented coverage on network television, an earlier start date, a re-energized summer of fan favorites and a turbocharged stretch run.

In the United States, a record 14 events will air on the NBC broadcast network, one more than previously announced in July. It is the most single-season appearances on network television in INDYCAR SERIES history. Two additional races will appear on USA Network while Peacock Premium, NBCUniversal's streaming service, will provide live coverage of all 17 races in addition to practices and qualifying.

"This schedule continues to build on the growth and momentum the NTT INDYCAR SERIES has achieved, especially in 2021," Penske Entertainment Corp. President and CEO Mark Miles said. "Our terrific partnership with NBC Sports has led to a fantastic opportunity to place an unparalleled 14 events on broadcast television while completing the rest of the schedule with USA Network and Peacock.

"Our drivers and teams will give the fans a strong, earlier start with six consecutive races on NBC, building even more anticipation for the crown jewel of the Indianapolis 500 in May. Our summer schedule also is full of action, with no extended breaks in the calendar, leading into the crowning of a champion on the West Coast with our last two races also on NBC."

The 2022 calendar is benchmarked by the 106th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 29. This year's "500" on NBC was the most-watched edition of the race since the 100th Running in 2016.

"We're incredibly excited about our 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES schedule, highlighted by the 106th Running of the Indianapolis 500 and a record 14 INDYCAR races on the NBC broadcast network that will bring added exposure to the series," said Mike Perman, VP, Programming, NBC Sports. "With more races than ever on NBC, plus comprehensive live coverage of every minute of the 2022 season on Peacock with practices, qualifying and race simulstreams, we look forward to continuing to grow the sport and super-serve INDYCAR fans across the country."

### **Traditions Return**

NBC will feature the first six races of 2022, as fans won't have to wait long for INDYCAR action following the 2021 season finale. The NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship will begin at the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg, which will host the series' season opener for the 11th time, Sunday, Feb. 27. It is the first February start for the INDYCAR SERIES since 2004 and the earliest the season has started since the opener on the Streets of St. Petersburg on Feb. 23, 2003.

The action-packed oval at Texas Motor Speedway moves to March for the first time, Sunday, March 20. It is the second consecutive year that the series will race at the "Great American Speedway" ahead of the Indianapolis 500, placing a crucial oval on the early part of the schedule.

The Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach returns to the spring calendar, Sunday, April 10, appearing on network television for the first time in 15 years. It is the 38th year the INDYCAR SERIES has raced on the iconic streets of Southern California as the event celebrates its 47th edition.



Barber Motorsports Park hosts its 12th Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, Sunday, May 1. Then, the series moves into the traditional Month of May at Indianapolis Motor Speedway with a series of events featured on NBC: the GMR Grand Prix on Saturday, May 14; Crown Royal Armed Forces Qualifying weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 21-22; before the 106th Indianapolis 500 on Sunday, May 29.

The Raceway at Belle Isle Park returns with its traditional post-“500” date Sunday, June 5, followed by the series’ 33rd visit to ultra-fast Road America on Sunday June 12 and another Fourth of July holiday celebration Sunday, July 3 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

Over half of the events on the NTT INDYCAR SERIES schedule have been on the calendar for 19 or more years. Mid-Ohio joins Long Beach in longevity as it hosts the series for a 38th year in 2022.

### **Fantastic Finish**

The 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship will finish with a flurry of eight races in the final nine weeks of the season, with six events on NBC.

This jam-packed second half of the season starts with the long-awaited return to the Streets of Toronto on Sunday, July 17, for the series’ 36th Honda Indy Toronto. The season continues with a high-speed oval doubleheader Saturday and Sunday, July 23-24 at Iowa Speedway. With partnership from Hy-Vee, it will mark the 16th and 17th INDYCAR SERIES events at the track known as “The Fastest Short Track on the Planet.” “Iowa Speedway has traditionally produced some of most intense racing the NTT INDYCAR SERIES has to offer,” INDYCAR President Jay Frye said. “It is great to see that this short oval, where we’ve seen up to 955 on-track passes in a single race, is back on the schedule. Combined with the rest of the calendar and a growing paddock, which has produced as many as 28 entries at non-Indy 500 events this year, the 2022 season will be as compelling and competitive as ever.”

Another historic NASCAR-INDYCAR Brickyard weekend at Indianapolis Motor Speedway will see the NTT INDYCAR SERIES featured Saturday, July 30 followed by another wildly popular visit to the Streets of Nashville on Sunday, Aug. 7. In 2021, the inaugural Big Machine Music City Grand Prix played to packed grandstands and drew the largest cable television audience for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES in over two decades.



































The series’ final oval of 2022 will come Saturday, Aug. 20 at World Wide Technology Raceway before back-to-back races on the classic American road courses of Portland International Raceway and WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca to finish the season. The 28th Grand Prix of Portland is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 4 while the 25th Firestone Grand Prix of Monterey returns to crown the 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion, Sunday, Sept. 11.

“This is an excellent schedule for the 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship,” Miles said. “This calendar provides a level of balance between temporary street circuits, road courses and ovals, and that variety and required versatility from our drivers are important, distinguishing attributes of NTT INDYCAR SERIES racing. “The continuity among our events and the growth in the number of teams showcase our strong positioning and continued momentum.”



# 2022 SCHEDULE

\*Schedule Subject to Change

<b>FEB.</b>	27	 Streets of St. Petersburg	
<b>MARCH</b>	20	 Texas Motor Speedway	
<b>APRIL</b>	10	 Streets of Long Beach	
<b>MAY</b>	1	 Barber Motorsports Park	
	14	 Indianapolis Motor Speedway (Road Course)	
	29	 The 106th Indianapolis 500	
<b>JUNE</b>	5	 Raceway at Belle Isle Park	
	12	 Road America	
<b>JULY</b>	3	 Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course	
	17	 Streets of Toronto	
	23	 Iowa Speedway Race 1	
	24	 Iowa Speedway Race 2	
	30	 Indianapolis Motor Speedway (Road Course)	
<b>AUG.</b>	7	 Streets of Nashville	
	20	 World Wide Technology Raceway	
<b>SEPT.</b>	4	 Portland International Raceway	
	11	 WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca	



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