



# VANTAGE

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## Current VRCBC Executive Etc.

President.....	Mike Bailey
Past President.....	Michael Zbarsky
Vice President.....	Aaron Robins
Secretary.....	Peter Valkenburg
Treasurer.....	Gayle Baird
Director at Large.....	Brett Payne
Vantage Editor.....	Mike Bailey
CACC Vintage Discipline Director.....	Stanton Guy
BCHMR Chair.....	Gayle Baird
Membership Secretary.....	Mike Bailey

## President's Pit

Happy New Year everyone,

I hope you had a good  
December/holiday season.

The 2026 race season is  
coming fast, especially if  
you hone your skills competing on ice.



## VRCBC History

Alas, I was too busy with family over the holidays to come up with much, but I hope by mid-January I will have some gems to report regarding club history. One of our early presidents, Leigh Anderson (1985 & 1986), hit the ground running (or was it being 'Volunteered'), starting as Director at large within a few months of joining the club - apparently because there was a lack of others to get volunteered at that AGM. David Birchall served as president in 1987, followed by the late Bob Smith in 1988, in what appeared to be a proper election (i.e., with more than one candidate). It should be noted that Bob's wife, Liz Smith (who raced a Lotus 7 at one point), with whom I recently conversed, was active on the social side of the club in the late 1980's. Of course, many newer members will remember Liz and Bob for handing out their Mission Moose at the BCHMR to drivers and cars that they thought were special.

I also have lots of photos from the 1988 Westwood Historic races. Unfortunately, I'm not sure who took the pictures; I've probably had them in our archive for more than five years.

Oh, and if you have historical information on the VRC to share, please let me know – even in point form, I can do the writing.

### ***Stories and Ideas Needed***

Although I have a couple of articles in progress that need more research (and time), I would welcome more articles and ideas from club members. Do you have a car with some racing (or other significant) history? Perhaps even race adventures overseas (Ivan, I'm waiting for notes and photos on your travels).

### ***Potential For Newsletter Ads***

There is potential to add business-card-sized ads to our newsletter, especially given my new layout. Perhaps this is something to discuss at the AGM? Currently, we have a circulation of 221 via email, plus the newsletter link is posted on Facebook and X (formerly Twitter). Should members place ads for free? What are your thoughts?

### ***Honorary & Life Members***

This is the meeting where you will propose those you believe deserve Honorary or Life Member status.

A Life Member should be someone who has been a member of the club AND has made a significant contribution to the club over a considerable amount of time. These members have voting privileges, so in my opinion, promoting someone to life member should not be taken lightly.

An Honorary Member does NOT have voting privileges and need not have been a member of the club. Again, a nominee for this status should have made significant contributions to the club over an extended period.

*play safe and have fun.*

## ***Meeting Schedule***

### ***The Vintage Racing Club of British Columbia (VRCBC)***

#### ***Planned Meetings***

- January 15, 2026 – AGM followed by Regular Meeting – Zoom
- February 19, 2026 – Tentative In-Person Meeting at the Rugby Club
- March 19, 2026 – Tentative - Zoom
- April 16, 2026 – Tentative In-Person Meeting (May be at Alyn Edwards' for his restoration shop tour; RSVP Required, as space is limited.)

#### **Notes:**

- The meetings are usually on the 3rd Thursday. Dates are subject to change.
- Destination meetings require you to let us know if you plan to attend (RSVP), since space may be limited.
- Whenever possible, we will include Zoom at the Rugby Club meetings for out-of-town members.

### ***Destination Meeting Ideas***

We need ideas for destination meetings! Would you like to organize a Go-Kart Get-Together? Do you know of a car collection where we could meet? A shop tour? Please contact Patrick Stewart with your ideas!

## ***2025 Meeting Minutes***

The October meeting minutes should be reviewed before the next formal meeting in January. All 2025 meeting minutes are available at <https://www.vrcbc.ca/2025-meetings>.

The 2024 meeting minutes are available at <https://www.vrcbc.ca/2024-meetings>.

## 2026 Event Schedule

### VRCBC

<https://vrcbc.motorsportreg.com>

- August 8-9, 2026 — BCHMR

\*Note: To collect Points in the REVS (Rivers Edge Vintage Series), you must:

- Be a current member of the VRCBC
- Display a REVS sticker on each side of the car (preferably on the bodywork behind the front wheel).

### SCCBC

<https://www.sccbc.net/calendar/schedule>

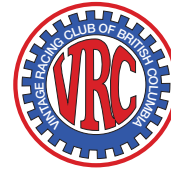
- March 28-29, 2026 — Driver Training #1
- April 10-11-12 — CACC #1
- May 9-10 — CACC #2
- June 21-22 — CACC #3
- July 18-19 — CACC #4
- September 12-13 — CACC #5
- October 3-4 — CACC #6
- October 17-18 — Driver Training #2

### SOVREN

<https://sovrenracing.org/schedule>

- January 10th, 2026 — The SOVREN Annual General Meeting/Banquet at the Lemay America's Car Museum.
- May 2-3 — Spring Sprints
- Test and Tune May 1
- June 6-7 — Spokane Festival of Speed
- Test and Tune June 5
- July 3, 4, & 5 — Pacific Northwest Historics
- Featuring special guest Peter Brock and the Under 2.5 Trans Am Challenge
- September 5-6 — Columbia River Classic
- Featuring the International Bugatti Grand Prix, including 20+ car Bugatti races!!
- September 19-20 — Fall Finale

## January AGM



### Nominees Needed

To vote at our AGM on January 15, 2026, you need to be a 2026 VRCBC member. Renew your membership before you forget. Also, consider running for an executive position, or at least working with someone on the executive team with the goal of taking over their duties at some point down the road. Remember, without volunteers in key positions, this club will cease to exist.



Michael Walker in his 1938 BMW 327 at the Westwood Historics July 23 & 24, 1988 — VRCBC Photo Archives



Thomas Armstong in his 1959 Devin Corvette Special at the Westwood Historics July 23 & 24, 1988 — VRCBC Photo Archives



## ***Next VRCBC Meeting***

***(Our AGM)***

***Thursday, January 15, 2026***

**7:00 pm Pacific Time  
on Zoom**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5891047610?pwd=Ykl5dUdmOWNpTEk2ZFVQeII0N2V5dz09>

**This is our AGM, the Must-Attend meeting!!**

**Guests are welcome and encouraged.**

**Please log on early so we can get underway on time.**

Bench racing before the meeting.



**Steven Anderson in his 1966 Shelby GT 350 at the Westwood Histories July 23 & 24, 1988 – VRCBC Photo Archives**



**Leigh Anderson in his 1961 Elva Mk 6 Special at the Westwood Histories July 23 & 24, 1988 – VRCBC Photo Archives**

## ***Membership***

### ***2026 New Member***

Please take the time to introduce yourselves to our new member if you haven't already:

- Rob Boznik (for those who don't know, Rob is the new owner of Paul Haym's well-known orange BMW 2002. We look forward to seeing Rob on track in 2026!)

### ***2026 Membership is Open***

It is preferred that memberships be renewed through MSR, <https://msreg.com/2026-VRCBC-Membership>. However, a fillable PDF form is available from the membership secretary ([membership@vrcbc.ca](mailto:membership@vrcbc.ca)) and MUST accompany renewals and new memberships not made through MSR.

Mike Bailey  
Membership Secretary  
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### ***CACC 2026 License Application***

You can renew your CACC license at <https://caccautosport.org/forms>.



**Bruce Elrick in his 1960 BMW/Martini 700 followed by Terry Larson in his 1963 Fiat Abarth 850TC at the Westwood Histories July 23 & 24, 1988 – VRCBC Photo Archives**

***VRCBC Executive 1976 to 1991******1976/1977***

President: Phil Esworthy  
 Vice President: Miles Fenton  
 (later, Doug Lupton)  
 Secretary: Martha Esworthy  
 Treasurer: Steve Diggins  
 (Later, Martha Esworthy)  
 Editor: Brian Johnston

***1978***

President: Phil Esworthy  
 (later, Doug Lupton)  
 Vice President: Doug Lupton  
 Secretary: Rory Price  
 Treasurer: Martha Esworthy  
 (Later, Brian Rounding)  
 Editor: Brian Johnston

***1979***

President: Ray Cooke  
 Vice President: Bob Nicholson  
 Secretary: Richard Tang  
 Treasurer: Lorrie Hunt  
 Editor: Brian Johnston

***1980***

President: Robin Marsall  
 Vice President: Bob Nicholson  
 Secretary: Richard Tang  
 Treasurer: Lorrie Hunt  
 Editor: Brian Johnston

***1981***

President: Robert Follows  
 Vice President: David Birchall  
 Secretary: Ray Cooke  
 Treasurer: Lorrie Hunt  
 Editors: Miles Fenton, David Birchall, &  
 Robert Follows

***1982***

President: Robert Follows  
 Vice President: David Birchall

Secretary: Ray Cooke  
 Treasurer: Lorrie Hunt  
 Editors: David Birchall & Robert Follows  
 (Later, Robert Follows)

***1983***

President: John Maycock (Later, Jack Hawkes)  
 Vice President: Ken Ingham  
 Secretary/Editor: Pamela Wood  
 Treasurer: Lorrie Hunt

***1984***

President: Jack Hawkes  
 Vice President: David Birchall  
 Secretary: Pamela Wood  
 Treasurer: Lorrie Hunt  
 Race Director: Leigh Anderson

***1985***

President: Leigh Anderson  
 Vice President: Greg Brunt  
 Secretary: Michael Rigby  
 Treasurer: Lorrie Hunt  
 Race Director: John MacGregor

***1986***

President: Leigh Anderson  
 Vice President: Michael Rigby  
 Secretary: John Riddington  
 Treasurer: Lorrie Hunt  
 Race Director: John MacGregor

***1987***

President: David Birchall  
 Vice President: Robert Follows  
 Secretary: John Riddington  
 Treasurer: Ray Nichols  
 Competition Director: Alan Richardson

***1988***

President: Bob Smith  
 Vice President: Mike Welland  
 Secretary: John Riddington  
 Treasurer: Elizabeth Smith  
 Competition Director: Gordon Miller

**1989**

President:	Allen Richardson
Vice President:	Gunter Pichler
Secretary:	Mary Riddington
Treasurer:	John Riddington
Competition Director:	Laurie Fraser

**1990**

President:	Ken McClelland
Vice President:	Hugh Archer
Secretary:	Mary Riddington
Treasurer:	John Riddington
Race Director:	Ralph Zbarsky

**1991**

President:	Ken McClelland
Vice President:	Hugh Archer
Secretary:	Ralph Zbarsky
Treasurer:	Phil Entwistle
Race Director:	Art Clendenan



**Gil Stuart in his 1966 Corvette, followed by Leigh Anderson in his 1961 Elva Mk 6 Special at the Westwood Historics July 23 & 24, 1988 – VRCBC Photo Archives**



**David Birchall in his 1959 Gemini Formula Junior at the Westwood Historics July 23 & 24, 1988 – VRCBC Photo Archives**

**VRCBC Rough History 1987 to 1991**

Between the VRCBC's 10th anniversary in 1986 and 1990, the Vintage Racing Club participated regularly on SCCBC weekends with a vintage grid on most, if not all, race weekends. The club also held its annual Westwood Historics weekend, which ran through the final race on July 7-8, 1990. In 1991, we did not have a permanent road course in BC, other than the track at Western Speedway outside Victoria. As I remember, the road course at Western Speedway had no straight sections, just sections that were not as tight as others. That said, I only worked turns at Western Speedway a few times and only raced there once.

Although I find sporadic results for the various vintage races in the Vantage newsletters I have, the schedules indicate the races were run. Sadly, some newsletters and programs are missing from our archives; however, I'm doing my best to fill in the gaps. Currently, for the years 1987-1991, I have only two programs: 1988 and 1990. I'm using these and the sporadically published 'reserved numbers' to figure out who is driving the various cars I have photos of in the VRCBC Archives. I'm also relying on old members who spot cars belonging to SOVREN and other participants at our events. I'm adding this information to the file's metadata for the photos so anyone digging through our digital archive will know who is in the picture. The Westwood Historic races included motorcycles and cars, and, as I remember, there were also a few vintage cars and motorcycles on display that didn't race.

In those days, the VRC held its own driver training in the spring, often including a race day on Sunday after Driver Training.

It doesn't appear that VRCBC held any races in 1991, but the members supported SOVREN and other clubs' events.



## Classifieds

### Unfinished Project – 1975 LeGrand Mk21 Formula Ford

#### For Sale:



This vintage LeGrand will make an excellent project! It has a new frame (with a log book and a CASC chassis tag) and about 80% of the required suspension and bodywork.



It has no engine or transmission however! One set of LeGrand lightweight wheels and one set of steel wheels are included.



Price: \$4,500; also open to offers as parts

For further information, contact Keith by email at: [karace90@shaw.ca](mailto:karace90@shaw.ca) or by text at: (604) 209-5943

**Check the online VRCBC Classifieds!**

<https://www.vrcbc.ca/classified/>

To place your classified ads, contact Stanton Guy ([webmaster@vrcbc.ca](mailto:webmaster@vrcbc.ca)).



Phil Entwistle in his 1969 Lotus 7 at the Westwood Histories July 23 & 24, 1988 – VRCBC Photo Archives




Jen McClelland in a 1964 Porsche 356 C at the Westwood Histories July 23 & 24, 1988 – VRCBC Photo Archives



## Member Benefits Program

Remember to check our website for the latest Member Benefits (<https://www.vrcbc.ca/about/member-benefits-program>), including discounts on race gas, machining, and car parts. What discounts are you missing out on?

Get discounts from one of our supporters:



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- American Racer

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604-701-6008  
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<http://www.mcemotors.com>

We currently have 14 companies offering discount benefits. We want to expand the program by adding more companies willing to provide services and/or products to VRCBC members.

If you know of a company not currently on our list, please email their name and contact information to Patrick at [pstewart@westerndriver.com](mailto:pstewart@westerndriver.com) for follow-up. According to our last member survey, 78 percent of members spend between \$5K and \$10K per racing season, underscoring significant potential for suppliers.

**Check out the Harrison's  
Auto Event List  
at**

**<https://www.autoeventlist.com/>**



Richard Mayor in his 1959 Austin Healey 3000 followed by Bill Damm in his 1961 Alfa Sprint Special at the Westwood Histories July 23 & 24, 1988 – VRCBC Photo Archives



John MacGregor in his 1968 Triumph TR-250 followed by two other cars at the Westwood Histories July 23 & 24, 1988 – VRCBC Photo Archives



Michael Dorshkind in his 1965 Alfa Romeo GTA at the Westwood Histories July 23 & 24, 1988 – VRCBC Photo Archives