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### Current VRCBC Executive Etc.

President.....	Mike Bailey
Past President.....	Michael Zbarsky
Vice President.....	Aaron Robins
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Gayle Baird
Director at Large.....	Brett Payne
.....	Keith Robinson
Vantage Editor.....	Mike Bailey
CACC Vintage Discipline Director.....	Stanton Guy
BCHMR Chair.....	Gayle Baird
Membership Secretary.....	Mike Bailey
Photographer.....	Brent Martin

### Vancouver International Auto Show

#### Volunteers Needed

If you haven't already signed up, do so now. The longer you wait, the more difficult it is to get a show pass. We have a Doodle poll you can use to choose your shift. Please ensure that you choose the correct club. Setup is the only one where the club doesn't matter. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early for your shift so there is time to set up for the first shift of the day, debrief between shifts, organize materials, and shut down or store equipment at the end of the day. As I write this, I'm working on the Doodle shift choices, which I hope to have sorted by the time you get this.

The sign-up link is <https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/df32629f-175d-4490-a42c-3285d0d614b5/select>. Please sign up ASAP; the sooner we can submit the list to the VIAS office, the better.

As in previous years, if you arrive early or stay late, you can use your pass to explore the show.

#### Tickets

Tickets to the show can be purchased in advance at <https://vancouverinternationalautoshow.com/about/tickets>. Current club members can get a discount code by contacting [president@vrcbc.ca](mailto:president@vrcbc.ca).

## Meeting Schedule

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

#### Planned Meetings

- February 19, 2026 – In-Person Shop Tour at Jellybean AutoCrafters – The attendee list has now closed. [Contact me](#) if you would like to go on a wait list in case of any cancellations.
- March 19, 2026 – Zoom
- April 16, 2026 – In-Person Meeting (Alyn Edwards' for his restoration shop tour; **RSVP** Required, as space is limited. VRCBC members Only - **Guests must be accompanied by a Member**)
- May 21, 2026 – Zoom
- June 18, 2026 – TBC
- July 16, 2026 – Zoom
- August 20, 2026 – TBC
- September 17, 2026 – Zoom
- October 15, 2026 – Zoom
- November ?, 2026 – Annual Banquet – TBC
- no meeting in December

#### 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 Wanted

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!

## 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 [Students](#) - [Instructors & Volunteers](#)
- 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>

- May 1-3 – Spring Sprints - Pacific Raceways <https://sovrenracing.org/spring-sprints/> (Novice Day and Test-n-Tune on Friday)
- June 6-7 – Spokane Festival of Speed – Qlispé Raceway Park <https://sovrenracing.org/spokane-festival-of-speed/>
- 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

## ***Knox Mountain Motor Sport***

<https://www.knoxmtnhillclimb.ca/>

- May 16 & 17 – Knox Mountain Hill Climb\*  
<https://www.knoxmtnhillclimb.ca/content/drivers>

\*Early Bird pricing is in effect for a limited time at <https://msreg.com/knoxmountain2026/>.

## ***Vancouver International Auto Show***

***March 25 to 29, 2026 at the  
Vancouver Convention Centre West***

Canada Pl, Vancouver, BC V6C 3G3  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/57NWSW692fDz9XyW6>

<https://vancouverinternationalautoshow.com/about/general-information/>

## ***Next VRCBC Meeting***

***Thursday, February 19, 2026***

***Only for those who have already signed up***  
***5:30 pm Pacific Time***  
***At***



## ***2026 Meeting Minutes***

The January meeting & AGM minutes should be reviewed before the next formal meeting in January. All 2026 meeting minutes are available at <https://www.vrcbc.ca/2026-meetings>. Please make note of any errors or omissions.

The 2025 meeting minutes are available at <https://www.vrcbc.ca/2025-meetings>.

## ***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:



<https://www.magnetengine.ca>

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.



Probably the Historic Weekend event in 1984, the #3 is David Birchall. Bill Morton's Lotus Eighteen in the right front – VRCBC Archives



## Membership

### 2026 New Members

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

- Rob Boznik
- Gary Welford
- Lawrence Quinn

### 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.

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### CACC 2026 License Application

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



VRCBC Race & Driver Training (April 9-10, 1988?) – VRCBC Photo Archives

## 2026 SOVREN Entry Fees Near Par

### For Canadian Drivers

For 2026 SOVREN warmly invites our Canadian friends to come down and race with us at par entry fees. Yep, this means that you'll pay the U.S. dollar amount in Canadian dollars to race with SOVREN this year.

To make this simple for everyone, this will be done with a coupon at MSR that will reflect about a 30% discount.

Whether you raced with SOVREN in 2025 or not, if you live in Canada you're eligible! Come on down and join your friends at not just one or two, but all five SOVREN races in 2026!

## The Midona Special

### By Ian Newby

The Midona was a special built by Dr. Russell and Roy Shadbolt and featured a custom tubular chassis, Devin-style fibreglass body, supercharged Skoda engine, and Morris Minor suspension, brakes, and steering.

Hence "Minoda".

After the Skoda engine detonated spectacularly, Ray Nelson bought the car and installed a 2½ litre Riley twin cam from a DHC



that had been wrapped around a hydro pole at the southwest exit from the Burrard Street Bridge. There was a gas station there in the 60s, and the poor Riley sat there for quite some time before Ray bought it for parts.

I was picking up MG parts from Dave Price at British Car Parts on Marine Drive in North Vancouver when I saw a "for sale" ad with a photo of the car and a location in the British Properties. At that time, it was red with two white racing stripes. No doors and a side-mounted exhaust system with a quick-release muffler. Seats were fibreglass lawn seats with the legs cut off, bolted through the floor.

I took it apart, re-engineered everything and entered many gymkhanas and slaloms with some success. Had to have Vancouver Cold Welding perform expensive remedial work on the engine block, which had become porous.

I painted it metallic blue with white stripes and ran it at Westwood, but the brakes weren't up to the weight and speed, so I had some frightening moments.

I eventually sold it to Ian Martin, my Rally Navigator, who blew the Riley engine up in spectacular fashion. He sold it to a chap in East Van who planned to install an MGB engine, but the car then vanished. I hope it still exists, tucked away in a dusty garage somewhere?

Any further history would be greatly appreciated.

Ian Newby can be contacted through the VRCBC Membership Chair:  
[membership@vrcbc.ca](mailto:membership@vrcbc.ca).

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 VANCOUVER AUTO SHOW

<https://vancouverinternationalautoshow.com>

## *Photos From the 1980s*

### *From the VRCBC Photo Archives*



**Brian Stilling at the wheel of the E Type and Bob Smith alongside as instructor at a VRC Driver Training (1988?)**



**John McGregor in his TR4 (1988?)**



**Driver unknown, VRC Driver Training (1988?)**