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2026 VRCBC Executive Etc.

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President's Pit

Hi Everyone,

I hope you had a good March.



The 2026 race season is upon us, with the first Vintage grid for the IWE Rearends Only Rivers Edge Vintage Series on April 12. Don't forget there is a practice day on Friday, April 10, for those of you who worked on their cars over the

winter to make final adjustments or to dust off the cobwebs.

In-Person Destination Meetings

Apparently, I've been given credit for the in-person destination meeting; in fact, it is **Patrick Stewart** who is doing the legwork for these meetings. If you know of anyone who wishes to host us at a special location, please let Patrick (or me) know.

Vancouver International Auto Show



Mike Bailey at the VIAS promoting road racing at Mission – Patrick Stewart photo

Thank you to all of those who volunteered. The show started off busy; in fact, I don't think I've ever seen an opening that big for the Autoshow. What amazed me was that it remained busy every day during the show; in fact, I think Sunday was the busiest. Thousands of enthusiasts throughout the days of the show, learning about motorsports at Mission race track.

Mission Road Course Track Improvements

Track improvements are being made to the road course at Mission Raceway Park. As I understand it, they involve some repaving of Turn 2, plus widening and removing the bump from Turn 3. Although plans were to finish these improvements before the March Driver's Training, poor weather may mean they may

not be finished in time for our first race on April 12, however there are contingency plans in place.

More VRCBC History

When I was working on the March 17 issue of Vantage, I forgot that our website editor, Stanton Guy, keeps all of the website stories dating back to an April 2, 2010, story, which I think might have been about our first [Dyno Day](#) on March 20, 2010. There is a link in the story to a video I made, which I should upload to the VRCBC YouTube channel (if I can find the high-resolution original – back then, YouTube 'compressed' videos using lossy compression (meaning it loses data to compress the file), as any still would be on slow internet connections).



Our booth at the Abbotsford TRADEX car show in 2010 (Ian's Rawlson CR11 is hidden on the far side of the display), Wes Stinson's red Pantera in the middle, and, I believe, Ivan Lesner's silver Noble closest to the camera. Ian Wood's IWE Rearends Only display is under the white tent at the back – Mike Bailey photo.

One story I enjoy telling is about the 2010 BC Classic & Custom Car Show at the Abbotsford TRADEX. Things were quiet in our area, and Ian came over from his IWE display, fired up the Rawlson, revved it up a few times, shut it off, then disappeared. Needless to say, the show organizer showed up in a flash, and we

were left holding the bag. Typical Ian, that said, the show organizer knew who the guilty party was; after all, the sound of a race-prepared GM/Rover aluminum-block V8 is unmistakable to those in the know.



Ian Wood's Rawlson CR11 Can-Am car and our display at the 2010 TRADEX show - Mike Bailey photo.

The April meeting that year was at [Jim Ratsoy's Garage](#) in Richmond, which was a very large private collection.

October 2010 saw the [First Annual VRCBC Kart Enduro!](#) I think the Kart Enduros only lasted a few years, as it needed new people to organize (and support) the event.

Stan has a story that mentions the late Robert Barg and his Trans-Am days: <https://www.vrcbc.ca/another-club-member-in-the-news>. There is also the list of the [2010 REVS Champions](#).

Something that was close to me but not really related to VRCBC was the Children's Charity Grand Prix (CCGP), which Ryan O'Connor organized and I helped with - Tony Morris Jr. was still involved with the CCGP in 2010 as well. However, the CCGP was part of the BCHMR at one point.

VRCBC member David Ledlin hosted the

Club's November 2010 General Meeting at his Auto Restore shop in Vancouver. Look for Stanton's story [November Meeting at Auto Restore](#) on the VRCBC website.

Stanton wrote some interesting short stories, including one on Geoff Tupholmes Mini: [One Hol\(e\)y Vintage Mini!](#)

Our February 2011 meeting was [A visit to Intermeccanica](#). Also in February that year, Jellybean Autocrafters unveiled the [Restored BMW 327 / 328](#), and some of our members attended.

Of course, a few of our members attended the [2011 Knox Mountain Hill Climb](#) to warm up for the BCHMR. There is also more on the 2011 [BCHMR Guest of Honour, Bill Sadler](#), on our website.

The VRCBC held its [Second Annual Kart Enduro](#) on July 19, 2011, at the F440 track in Tsawwassen.



A few vintage Racers at the 2011 CCGP, Terry Hollinger, Dave Klein, Paul Haym, and the rest of the pack - Gerry Frechette photo

More on this event is available at <https://www.vrcbc.ca/ccgp-photos-by-gerry-frechette>; however, the links are no longer live, so you will need to visit the Canadian Motorsport Historical Society website and search for Gerry Frechette's photos (most of his photos are currently unavailable online). Other information can be found on their site by browsing to 'Road Courses', 'Mission Raceway Park' and selecting the year.



VRCBC Pres. Stan Guy presents our lead tour guide (and a frequent VRCBC racer), Pierce Issacs, with some BCHMR 'swag' as a thank-you. Al Reid is still amazed.

In October of 2011, many of us went for a [VRCBC Visit to the LeMay Museum](#), which included the family's personal collection. I was lucky enough to be included in Pierce Issacs' tour group. Pierce was a good friend to the VRCBC and was partners with Al Reid in a Firebird that was a frequent car at our events.

I have more VRCBC History coming your way elsewhere in this newsletter.

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).

Play Safe & Have Fun - Mike Bailey



<https://www.iwerearendsonly.com/>
Contact Ian at (604) 433-4717

Next VRCBC Meeting

April 16

- In-Person Meeting at Alyn Edwards' for his tour; **RSVP Required, to <https://forms.gle/g3NsXebrMCVTQVyx6>. Space is limited. VRCBC members only - Guests must be accompanied by a member.**

Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting should be reviewed before the next formal meeting in May. 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>.

Classifieds

***For Sale:
Driver's Race Gear - Complete
Package***



Here is everything you need to get behind the wheel

this coming racing season. This is an excellent deal for a Novice just getting started! The original purchase prices are shown [in brackets] for reference.

Driver's suit: "Sparco" M-3 black - (Size 56) - [\$685]; **Undershirt:** "Sparco" - (Medium) - [\$110]; **Underpants:** "Sparco" - (Medium) - [\$95]; **Socks:** "Sparco" - two pairs - (Medium) - [\$35 each]; **Balaclava:** "Sparco" - [\$55 each]; **Balaclava:** "TRPS" - [\$55 each]; **Hans Device:** "20M Hans III" - (Medium) - [\$650]; **Helmet:** "Bell M.8" - (Small 57) - [\$675] Note: valid until the end of 2026; **Driver Shoes:** "Sabelt" RS-100, black - (Size 41) - [\$199]; **Driver Gloves:** "OMP" Mille Miglia - (Medium) - [\$115]; **Arm Restraints:** [\$41]. [The total original purchase cost was approx. \$2,750]

Asking price for the complete package: \$1,000



For further information, contact Gunther by email at: g.ruppel@shaw.ca or by phone or text at: (604) 831-9457

Check the online VRCBC Classifieds!

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

To place your classified ads, contact Stanton Guy: webmaster@vrcbc.ca.

NAPA



<https://www.napacanada.com>

VRBC Member Discounts on all Products at BC stores (See the back of your membership card for account number).

Photo Caption Correction

I'm sorry to say I mixed up the Brown Brothers Mustangs last month. Thank you, Vince Howlett, for pointing out my error.



The above photo, published in the March 17 newsletter, was captioned 'Terry Hollinger's 1965 Ford Shelby GT 350 Mustang - ex Tommy



Hamilton car raced at Westwood'; however, it was not the car Tommy raced at Westwood, as pictured on the right. Vince Howlett informed me that "Terry's Shelby was not the ex-Tommy Hamilton car. I believe Terry's car had been drag raced. Tommy's car is in a museum in Salem, Oregon. Below is a photo of Tommy's son, John Hamilton, with his dad's car in 2023."



Tommy's son, John Hamilton, with his dad's car in 2023 - Photo supplied by Vince Howlett

Event Schedule

VRCBC

<https://vrcbc.motorsportreg.com>*

See SCCBC for Sunday Vintage Grids on their weekend **OR** <https://www.vrcbc.ca/2010-calendar/events-calendar>.

- 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>

- April 10-11-12 – CACC #1 (Vintage Grid on **Sunday April 12**) – [Practice Day- Race Event](#) – [Volunteers & Crew](#) – [Package](#)
- May 9-10 – CACC #2 (Vintage Grid on **Sunday May 10**)
- June 21-22 – CACC #3 (Vintage Grid on **Sunday June 22**)
- July 18-19 – CACC #4 (**NO Vintage Grid**)
- September 12-13 – CACC #5 (Vintage Grid on **Sunday September 13**)
- October 3-4 – CACC #6 (Vintage Grid on **Sunday October 4**)
- 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. **The entry list is full!** Contact [Taralynne Edwards](#) to get on the waitlist. **Volunteers are needed**, especially those experienced in

motorsports. Go to <https://www.knoxmtnhillclimb.ca/content/volunteers> or contact Kimberley Krell at knoxmountainvolunteers@gmail.com.

All British Field Meet

Saturday, May 16



Friday Night (May 15) Social – Talking Collector Cars

<https://www.westerndriver.com/?p=16044>

We are looking for volunteers and one additional race car for the VRCBC booth.

Meeting Schedule

The Vintage Racing Club of British Columbia (VRCBC)

Planned Meetings

- April 16, 2026, at 7:00 pm – In-Person Meeting at Alyn Edwards' for his restoration shop tour; **RSVP Required, to <https://forms.gle/545SvqYND9v1qzCc8> as space is limited. VRCBC members only – Guests must be accompanied by a member.**

- May 21, 2026, at 7:00 pm – Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5891047610?pwd=Ykl5dUdmOWNpT>
- June 18, 2026 – TBC
- July 16, 2026 – Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5891047610?pwd=Ykl5dUdmOWNpT>
- August 20, 2026 – TBC
- September 17, 2026 – Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5891047610?pwd=Ykl5dUdmOWNpT>
- October 15, 2026 – Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5891047610?pwd=Ykl5dUdmOWNpT>
- 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. **Members and Guests accompanied by members only.**
- 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!

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?

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We currently have 18 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@western-driver.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.

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
- John Madsen

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 ([mailto:membership@vrcbc.ca?subject=PDF Form Needed](mailto:membership@vrcbc.ca?subject=PDF%20Form%20Needed)) and MUST accompany renewals and new memberships not made through MSR.

Mike Bailey

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CACC 2026 License Application

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

VRCBC Rough History 2012 – 2016

By Mike Bailey

2012

In the spring of 2012, VRCBC members attended both the Vancouver International Auto Show (April 3-8, 2012) and the BC Custom and Classic Car Show (April 20-22, 2012) to promote our BCHMR and vintage racing on the

road course, River's Edge, in Mission Raceway Park. We also held our third annual [Dyno Day on March 31, 2012](#). We had the 'fun meeting' of the year at Ferrari Maserati of Vancouver in April 2012. There was good attendance at the first race of the year, even though a few people either didn't get their cars ready in time or couldn't attend for other reasons.

In May 2012, VRCBC attended another destination meeting, where we [visited the Johnson Collection](#) in Aldergrove. The link in the story on our website is old, but if you have a subscription to the Vancouver Sun, you may be able to access the 2012 article about the Johnson Collection at <https://vancouver.sun.newspapers.com/image/497868055/>.

2012 was also the year when many VRCBC members showed up at a [Sports Car Club of BC work party](#) and built several turn station shelters for the corners; many of us have volunteered at them since.

The SCCBC May 'Double Double' weekend was very successful, with 17 vintage cars registered, 15 competing in the Saturday race, and 12 competing in the Sunday race.

Several of our members attended the 2012 [Knox Mountain Hillclimb](#) over the May long weekend, while others attended the ABFM (All British Field Meet) on Saturday, May 19, 2012, hosted by VRCBC member Patrick Stewart of Western Driver.



The 2012 President, Stanton Guy, did some lunchtime laps in Jim Robinson's Bugatti Type 51 at the 2012 BCHMR — Jim Moody photo.

The BCHMR held on August 4 & 5, 2012, was also successful. It included the Formula Vee Invitational race, which was organized in part by the Family Affair Racing Team (F.A.R.T.). Walter Wolf was the guest of honour, see the write-up in the 2012 BCHMR Program. For more on the 2012 BCHMR, visit [A Great B.C. Historic Motor Races](#) on the VRCBC website.



2012 also saw the fifth running of the Children's Charity Grand Prix (CCGP) at the BCHMR; unfortunately, it was the last time the CCGP was held.

The September 18, 2012, VRCBC meeting was held at Jellybean Autocrafters, where it was announced that the 2012 BCHMR ended up in the black.

Four VRCBC members were inducted into the Greater Vancouver Motorsports Pioneers Society on [September 22, 2012](#). Those members were: Adrian Ratcliff, Tom Johnston, Ian Wood and Roger Salomon. The late Adrian Ratcliff was one of the founding members of our club and a commentator at our events back then. Check out <https://www.vrcbc.ca/three-vrcbc-members-to-be-inducted>.

The '[Volunteer Memorial' Weekend](#) on September 22 & 23, 2012, was one I fondly remember as I was turnworking and president of META at the time. I still drink from the mug all the volunteers received from the SCCBC that weekend. Follow the link at the beginning of this paragraph for Stan Guy's take on the weekend.

We held the November 13, 2012, meeting at Mark's Auto Body, Port Coquitlam, where the Westwood mural was unveiled by Dino Milacic and his brother Bobby. See Stanton's story here: <https://www.vrcbc.ca/special-event-at-november-meeting>.



VRCBC meeting attendees in front of the Westwood mural at the Mark's Autobody Coquitlam Location – Brent Martin photo.

The VRC finished 2012 with 101 members.

2013

In 2013, the Vantage newsletter was only published once, just after the BCHMR. Fortunately, minutes of meetings were published on our website to jog my memory of events.

At the February meeting, Al Harvey announced that Mazda Canada would be providing pace and chase cars for the third year in a row.

There was some confusion in the 2013 election, with at least one person elected who had not agreed to stand for the position. For example, Glen Taylor was elected treasurer at the January AGM, but was unable to take the position, so Gayle Baird took over at the February meeting.

On March 12, 2013, our 'meeting' was at TBC Indoor Racing, where many members and 7 guests competed in Go-Kart teams of 3 each.

No club business was conducted at the meeting, and those who attended seemed to enjoy themselves. See Stanton Guy's writeup: [Third Annual VRCBC Kart Enduro!](#)

The VRCBC participated in two car shows in 2013 to promote the club and road racing at the River's Edge road course in Mission (MRP). The Vancouver International Auto Show display was spearheaded by Robert Barg, and I coordinated the Custom Car Show display at Tradex in Abbotsford (see [VRCBC at the BC Classic & Custom Car Show](#)). We also had our usual display at the All British Field Meet.

Some discussion took place in 2013 about how the REVS points were calculated. Back then, points were given based on how many original parts were in the car; unfortunately, this was open to interpretation as to what was considered an original part (e.g. was a transmission still original if it came from another car of the same make, model and year, or if it had been rebuilt). Regulations required that the car be prepared in accordance with the regulations of the day (something we should still try to do, but which seems to be ignored by many). It should also be noted that REVS points were given if you drove your car to and from the track.

The BCHMR was held on the May 25-26 weekend and included a practice day on May 24th. This was a rainy weekend, with only short periods of wet track and no rain falling. The theme was the 60th Anniversary of the Corvette. We also had a Time Attack group as part of our 2013 event. Unfortunately, the weather resulted in a significant loss of revenue for this event, as many attendees did not attend due to the rain. Track rental for the BCHMR was about \$4,000 higher in 2013, adding to our financial stress that year. Check out [2013 BCHMR is in the \(Soggy\) Book](#) on the VRCBC website.



The 2013 BCHMR program cover, featuring art by Billy Richards.

Our June meeting was held at Earl Tucker's 'Tin Farm' in Surrey, another fine collection of vintage cars for us to view and enjoy. Stan presented our host, Earl Tucker, with a grill badge as a thank-you for hosting us. Phil Roney stepped into the role of Race Director as Al Harvey stepped down. An initiative was presented by Gayle Baird to change the documented legal name of the club from 'The Western Vintage Automobile Racing Club' to 'VRCBC - Vintage Racing Club of British Columbia.' In fact, the club always used the Vintage Racing Club of British Columbia publicly; the other name was used only for banking and filing legal documents, such as those filed under the BC Societies Act.

There were 4 REVS races at SCCBC events, besides the BCHR in 2013.

The October meeting was held at Rosie's Diner in Surrey, another example of how we used to

have destination meetings. Stan thanked our host, Dave Pollon, for inviting us to meet at Rosie's Diner and presented him with some VRCBC memorabilia as a token of our appreciation.

The VRCBC Banquet ([2013 VRCBC Gala & Banquet!](#)) was again held at the Delta Town & Country Inn on Saturday, November 2, to coincide with the CACC meeting Sunday morning at the same venue.

The November 06, 2013, meeting was held at TBC Indoor Racing in Richmond for our Kart Enduro ([Another Great VRCBC Kart Enduro!](#)). This social gathering was organized by Stan (Stanton) Guy, although minimal club business was conducted. We ended 2013 with 97 VRCBC members.

2014

In 2014, SCCBC celebrated the 20th year of road racing in Mission at the River's Edge track.

Tuesday, April 15, 2014, was another VRCBC meeting at TBC in Richmond ([VRCBC Season Opens with Karts!](#)); of course, no club business was conducted. I remember having a blast at many of these events.



L to R: Alan McColl's Lotus Cortina and Tiga FFord, with Phil Roney's TVR Vixen – VRCBC photo.

VRCBC did give the usual support to our supporting organizations (SCCBC, META, and CACC) at the car shows, where we promoted the River's Edge track and vintage racing ([VRCBC and META at the BC Classic & Custom Car Show](#)).

Two of our members and Mini enthusiasts, Geoff Tupholme and Bob Beauchemin, travelled to Ohio for [A Big Mini Adventure!](#) The event happened on the June 26th-29th weekend.



Billy Richards' art was again used on the cover of the BCHMR program (and the poster, which isn't shown) for 2014

To quote Tom Johnston: "We finally got the weekend we wanted, and it still rained on the Saturday, but the rest of the weekend was perfect weather. Both the entry and crowd were substantial and, in particular, the record-sized closed wheel races brought the enthusiastic fans to their feet lap after lap."

Mike Adams, who is very active in archiving materials on the **Canadian Motorsport Historical Society** website (<https://motorsporthistory.ca/>), was a bit of a star at the 2014 BCHMR. Among other things, he received a Moose from Liz Smith. See page 20 of the 2014 BCHMR program for "M.G. MORRIS, THE MISSION MOOSE STORY". Also, see our website for the story [Another Successful BCHMR!](#)



Mike Adams, in his Canadian-built 1965 Chinook Formula Ford, all the way from Regina, Saskatchewan – from the VRCBC Archives.

Only a fall issue of the Vantage was published in 2014, and as I write this, I can't seem to find most of the minutes for that year either. There were 89 VRCBC members at the end of 2014.

2015

There was no Vantage newsletter published in 2015; in fact, there was minimal club news published, aside from the minutes and stories Stan posted on the website, until I started publishing the Vintage Updates on January 24, 2021. That said, Stanton did send out emails with important notices before each club meeting; sadly, most of those emails were lost to time in inboxes or deleted.

At the February 15, 2015, meeting, a motion by Tom Johnston to accept addendum clause

3.0(B) to the CACC Vintage Competition Regulations for 2015 to allow 'improved production' entries passed unanimously. This document was presented at the CACC AGM in March and approved. Up until this point, only cars prepped to the old production regulation (with full interiors) were eligible to race in Vintage. It should also be noted that fender flares on production cars were not allowed.

The March 17, 2015, meeting was held at Fast Track Karting, Langley, with 16 members and 16 guests present.

The club had promotional displays at both the Vancouver Car Show (March 24-29) and the Custom Car Show (April 17), as well as the ABFM on May 17, 2015, at the Van Dusen Gardens.

Our June meeting was a visit to RX Autoworks in North Vancouver, and no club business was conducted.

Again, in 2015, I worked with Tom Johnston and Ian Wood to produce the BCHMR program, using a Billy Richards CARtoon as the cover art. This was billed as the 28th running of the British Columbia Historic Motor Races. Our two special guests were Tony Morris Sr., and Kees Neirop. We also celebrated more than 100 years of electric cars with a demonstration lap of the 2015 UBC E Racing Car Project. At noon, after the collector-car laps, we also sold charity laps in Real Race Cars, which were very popular with spectators. Time Attack was also part of our schedule. For more information, check [Another BCHMR in the Books!](#)

There was an increase in aggressive driving on the vintage grid, extending to the BCHMR, resulting in body damage to several cars. This was highlighted in a report by Race Steward Hugh Archer at the September meeting, where there was extensive discussion on how to curb this behaviour. Sadly, some car owners did not

wish to race at our events because of damage to their cars.



2015 UBC E-Racing Car Project – from VRCBC Archives.



2015 BCHMR program cover, with artwork by Billy Richard.

Probably the big news of the year was that two of our members and Formula Ford racers, Alan McColl and Doug Floer, joined [BEL Racing's Great Adventure at The Targa Newfoundland!](#) The 2015 Targa started on Sunday, September 13 and ended on Friday, September 18.

Two other tidbits were that [Dennis Repel 'officially' became a Pioneer](#), and the [Annual](#)

[Awards Gala & Banquet](#) was on November 21, 2015, at the Delta Town & Country Inn. As usual, the CACC Fall General meeting was the next morning at the same venue. We finished 2015 with 95 members.

2016

2016 started with concerns about aggressive driving over the 2015 season, which were still under review at the January meeting. Dennis reported that there is a long list of contraventions, suspensions and probation as a result. It was also brought up that the club should also put forward someone else to be a qualified race Steward (at that time, Hugh Archer and I were the only Stewards in the club). Gayle Baird stepped forward as a candidate. Mazda was again supplying the Chase and Pace cars for 2016.

On March 15, 2016, at Fast Track Karting in Langley, VRCBC had [another Kart Race](#). We then joined [the CACC at the Vancouver International Autoshow](#), which ran from Wednesday, March 23rd to Sunday, March 27th at the Vancouver Convention Centre

The Club held its first meeting on Vancouver Island on Saturday, May 14, 2016. I don't think we've held a meeting on the Island since. Although there is no mention of it beyond an invite in the April minutes, the club was invited to the home and car collection of VRCBC member Steve Clark in Victoria. Also, check out the story [VRCBC Racers Help Open Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit](#). We chose not to attend the Tradex Car show because it conflicted with our April 12th race that year.

Our June 21, 2026, meeting was a Westwood BBQ at Mark's Autobody, Port Coquitlam. We once again enjoyed viewing the Westwood mural, unveiled in 2012.

According to Stan, '[The 2016 BCHMR is Now Historic!](#)' The BCHMR was held on August 20 & 21, 2016, and had a Practice day on the

Friday before the event. The VRCBC and its friends raised significant funds for the BCHMR 'Charity of Choice', The Mission Hospice Society. Some of this money was raised during the lunch breaks with charity rides in 'real race cars.' The Time Attack group joined us as well. Although we had the program professionally done in 2016, Tom Johnston was the editor.



2016 BCHMR Program Cover.

In 2016, [the VRCBC turned Middle-Aged](#). The club was 40 years old in 2016, and David Birchall reminded us we were 'born' on November 28, 1976.

Although I haven't mentioned SOVREN much in my coverage of VRCBC history, many of our racers attended SOVREN events over the year, including [SOVREN's 2016 Fall Finale](#). Of course, many SOVREN members continue to support our BCHMR, and several VRCBC members are also members of SOVREN. I should remind you that it is SOVREN that turns Middle-Aged this year.

The final membership count for 2016 was 104. It was noted at the November 15, 2016, meeting that there were 13 'Associate members' (Additional family members beyond the first - not included in membership count - VRCBC has always counted family memberships as 2 members when calculating total members).

The 2016 VRCBC Annual Gala, on November 19 that year, was at the Delta Town & Country Inn. The CACC Fall General meeting was the next morning at the same venue.

VRCBC Executive Etc. 2012 - 2016

2012

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Vice President:Dennis Repel
Secretary:.....Dennis Repel
Treasurer:..... Bruce Jamieson
Past President..... Jim Latham
Race Director:..... Al (Alan) Harvey

Vantage Editor:.....Tom Johnston
Membership: Ian Northey
BCHMR Chair:.....Tom Johnston
Webmaster: Stanton Guy

2013

President: Stan Guy
Vice President:Dennis Repel
Secretary:.....Tedd McHenry
Treasurer:.....Gayle Baird
Past President..... Jim Latham
Race/Competition Director:Al Harvey,
then replaced in June by Phil Roney

Vantage Editor:.....Tom Johnston
Membership: Ian Northey
BCHMR Chair:.....Tom Johnston
Webmaster: Stanton Guy

2014

President:Tedd McHenry
Vice President:..... Stanton Guy
Secretary:..... Al Reid
Treasurer:.....Gayle Baird
Past President..... Jim Latham
Race/Competition Director: Phil Roney

Vantage Editor:.....Tom Johnston
Membership: Ian Northey,
after August, Mike Bailey

BCHMR Chair:.....Tom Johnston
CACC Vintage Director:Jorge Montes
Web Site Editor:..... Stanton Guy

2015

President:Tedd McHenry
Vice President:..... Paul Haym
Secretary:..... Peter Valkenburg
Treasurer:.....Gayle Baird
Past President..... Stanton Guy
Race/Competition Director:Dennis Repel

Vantage Editor:.....Tom Johnston
Membership:Mike Bailey
BCHMR Chair:.....Tom Johnston
CACC Vintage Director:Roger Van Der Marel
Webmaster: Stanton Guy

2016

President: Stanton Guy
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Treasurer:.....Gayle Baird
Past President.....Tedd McHenry
Director at Large/Competition Director:
Dennis Repel

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Membership:Mike Bailey
BCHMR Chair:..... Stanton Guy
Webmaster: Stanton Guy

Joe Toth

? - March 13, 2026



I'm sad to say that member Joe Toth, who many know as the man behind Deanna Halischuk's Red Porsche Boxster (986), and her husband. Some were already aware that Joe was suffering from terminal colon cancer, but may not have known Joe that well. In fact, his involvement in motorsports dates back to Westwood. Joe, as the president of Tub Tender, was the 1985 enduro series sponsor at Westwood. [Joe Toth Composites](#) is his current business. Deanna and Joe's employees plan to keep the business running in Joe's honour.



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We require a minimum of 6 cars in a specific category to make an official class with trophies and prizes. – Bill Drossos

Vancouver Island Drivers at Buttonwillow Raceway



Saanich’s Bill Okell places first at the Feb. 22 main event at Buttonwillow Raceway Park in California. (Photo courtesy of Bill Okell)

Competing in his first race of 2026, in his 51st racing season in late February, Bill Okell, at 71 years of age headed to California with his MG Midget.

Okell first finished third behind Brian Lynn and Lee Fleming, in Saturday’s sprint race. Okell’s win came the following day at the weekend’s main event on Sunday, Feb. 22. It was a rough start, as Okell drove on 10-race-old tires, as he loaned one of his good tires to another racer.

When the green flag dropped, Bill was in third place, but a few laps in Brian Lynn’s car began having mechanical issues, and he drop out of the race. Crewmate and longtime friend Ian Mackie started strategizing with Okell to see how close we could get to the leaders Mackie knew Okell could move up. Two laps later, I did a 2:06.” and slowly but steadily, Okell began closing the 12-second gap separating him and the leader.

Okell managed to get his lap times down to 2:04 and took the lead.

Bill Okell is now in second place in the standings.



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Calvin Tan photos



SCCBC & VRCBC Display at the VIAS



The Audi F1 Display Car



Corvette Grand Sport replica

Patrick Stewart Photos



Legends displayed 3 cars alongside the W.C. Rally Clubs Subaru



Kids had fun with the Soapbox photo booth



During the show, thousands of enthusiasts were learning about motorsports at Mission Race Track.

More photos on our website: <https://vrcbc.ca>.