



# VANTAGE

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## *VRCBC’s Social Media Accounts*



[Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#).

## *2026 VRCBC Executive Etc.*

President .....	Mike Bailey
Past President .....	Michael Zbarsky
Vice President.....	Aaron Robins
Secretary Treasurer.....	Gayle Baird
Directors 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
Website Editor .....	Stanton Guy

## *Next VRCBC Meeting*

***May 21***

***On Zoom\****

The Link will be emailed to all current VRCBC members and is available upon [request via email](#).

\* Due to new Zoom security, **Zoom links can no longer be published** to the internet without breaching Zoom security protocols.

## *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>.

## *Content Needed for the 2026 BCHMR Program*

Mostly, we need ideas, but if you have an article you would like to contribute to the BCHMR program, please contact Patrick Stewart or me.

## *Event Schedule*

### *VRCBC*

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



- August 8-9, 2026 – Titanium Ford BCHMR



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

\***Note:** To collect Points in the IWE 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>

- June 20-21 – CACC #3 (Vintage Grid on **Sunday, June 21**)
- 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*



In case you missed the news, 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. For Spring Sprints, it will discount your entry by US\$155. The coupon code is now available on the [MSR registration page](#).

We missed many of our Canadian friends in 2025 and hope to see you at the track in 2026.

<https://sovrenracing.org/schedule>

- **June 6-7** – Spokane Festival of Speed – Qlispé Raceway Park – [Details](#).
- **July 3, 4, & 5** – Pacific Northwest Historics (Featuring special guest Peter Brock and the Under 2.5 Trans Am Challenge) – [Details](#).
- **September 5-6** – Columbia River Classic (Featuring the International Bugatti Grand Prix, including 20+ car Bugatti races!!) – [Details](#).
- **September 19-20** – Fall Finale – [Details](#).
- October 4 – Maryhill Loops Hill Climb – [Details](#).

## *Meeting Schedule*

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

#### *Planned Meetings*

- May 21, 2026, at 7:00 pm – 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.)

**\* The link for Zoom meetings will be emailed to members before Zoom meetings. [Guests may request the link.](#)**

#### 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 we could meet at? 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?

### *Get discounts from one of our supporters*



Jellybean Autocrafters: On all quotes, please request the VRCBC member special labour rate.

**Contact Ewald Penner 604 427 4167**

[www.jellybeanautocrafters.com](http://www.jellybeanautocrafters.com)

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](mailto: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**  
Membership Secretary  
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### *CACC 2026 License Application*

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

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## *VRC Beginnings and in Between*

### *By Bryan Johnston (AKA Yrs Trly)*

Yeah. November 2026 marks the VRCBC's half-century. Fifty entire years. Imagine that! Westwood barely made that milestone!!

Shortly prior to that pivotal November meeting, Miles Fenton and Yrs Trly knew that vintage racing would be fun and could succeed. If Steve Earle and his General Racing crew could

pull it off at Laguna Seca, how hard could it be? Westwood was right there and beckoning us. It just had to happen, and it did.

Turns out we were right, in assembling a quorum of like-minded enthusiasts. We brought together influential members of BC's sports car clubs, including Alfa Romeo, Austin-Healey, Jaguar, MG, and others representing Cobra, Mercedes-Benz, Lancia, Lotus, and Elva.

Miles and I easily convinced David Birchall, who in turn convinced super-keen shop proprietor Peter Price, and our minuscule collective proceeded to get everyone we could think of to jump on our vintage racing bandwagon.

Way back then, when we first attacked the track at the behest of the SCCBC that ruled Westwood, we had to get at least eight cars on the starting grid to make up a "class". Sounds academic. Right? But not so. It was a challenge that took long hours, late into the night the evening before, and barked knuckles to actually pass scrutineering and get enough cars gridded to satisfy the SCCBC as having a genuine class. Yeah. One disparate class. We had everything from the sublime to the ridiculous, the least fast being Doug Lupton in his MG-TC, to the least slow being Ray Cook in his Cobra, with everyone else driving whatever was between them.

I recall our race on the Western Speedway's go-cart road-course in Saanich. Miles was our handicapper. Doug Lupton, in his TC, got a 2.5-lap head start. He circulated out there, all by himself, before others entered the course sequentially. In Miles' strategy, every entry could hypothetically finish simultaneously. Fortunately, a traffic jam at the finish line did not occur.

In the earliest days, Miles Fenton in his MG-ND was always counted on, as well as Yrs Trly in the Arnold Special, accompanied by David Birchall in the Climax Special, Peter Price in

LT1, Adrian Ratcliff in Piggy, Phil Esworthy in an XK150, plus several others, but my geriatric memory slips like a worn clutch.

Yrs Trly got Vantage going, instead of competing with my peers for elected office, I figured I could contribute more by being the newsletter editor, writer, boy-Friday, publisher, and financier, to consistently put an informative, respectable, regular journal together, year after year. I had to surrender in 1982, when I was contracted to an architectural firm in Toronto.

Producing the Vantage was never a simple task. But we did manage to solicit a few advertisers to help defray costs. I mention "help" because we really couldn't afford the Vantage, but it got published anyway, by Yrs Trly subsidizing it. Yeah. We even had colour photos and a heavier Kromekote glossy card cover. It was always a challenge to expedite and to do so efficiently, on far less than a shoestring budget, as subsequent Vantage producers have discovered.

Miles is gone, and so are Peter Price, Adrian Ratcliff, and a large grid of numerous others. But hey, they were THERE, and we remember them well. They carved an indelible path in our minds, with memorable escapades and marvellous fun.

Of the founders, only David Birchall and Yrs Trly remain, and not for having frequently tried to drive the wheels off our vintage race-cars, with sideways motoring and the occasional trip into the gravel.

A dusty race car is an honest, hard-driven one.

And half a freaking century later, the VRCBC carries on. Who would have thought it possible?

Leigh Anderson. That's who. He has been like the duct tape that refused to let the vehicle, that is the VRCBC, from collapsing under stress.

Sincerely, my thanks, and very BEST regards,  
Yrs Trly.



<http://www.kmstools.com/>

## *Photos from Our Second REVS of 2026*

*Sunday, May 10, 2026*

*Photos by Brent Martin*



**Werner Berger (16 orange & black) in his 1990 BMW 325is at Mission Raceway Park.**



**Susie Zimmerman (27 silver) in the Zimmerman's 1997 Acura Integra at Mission Raceway Park.**



Jon Wright (45 red) in his 1990 BMW 325 (E30) at Mission Raceway Park.



Gayle Baird (75 green & white) in her 1991 Honda Civic at Mission Raceway Park.



Stanton Guy (78 orange) in John-Paul Skinner's 1990 Mazda Miata at Mission Raceway Park.

More photos from the April 12 weekend are available from Brent Martin's website at [Vintage-Group](https://vintage-group.com).



Kira Allen (091 red) in her dad's 1990 Mazda Miata at Mission Raceway Park.



Byron Meston (510 blue) in his 1969 Datsun 510 at Mission Raceway Park.

### *Brent Martin*

*Many of you are familiar with Brent Martin's photos. He has been a great supporter of the Vintage Racing Club. I'd like to remind you all that his photos are available at reasonable prices on his site, <https://martinsaction-photography.smugmug.com>. Please support him as he has supported us, and please buy photos of your car or your favourite car(s) from him. Remember that it is a copyright infringement to print copies of his photos from this newsletter or other places on the internet.*