



# VANTAGE

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## *2026 VRCBC Executive, Etc.*

President .....	Mike Bailey
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BCHMR Chair .....	Gayle Baird
Membership Secretary .....	Mike Bailey
Photographer .....	Brent Martin
Website Editor .....	Stanton Guy

## *VRCBC's Social Media Accounts*



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

## *Next VRCBC Meeting*

***July 16 at 7:00 PM***

***Train Wreck Brewing***

3044 St Johns St, Port Moody, BC

Please let me know ([president@vrcbc.ca](mailto:president@vrcbc.ca)) by **July 9**, the **number in your group** if you plan to attend, so we can be sure enough space is reserved. Guests and spouses are welcome, and we already have several members committed with guests.

### *VRCBC Trailer Needed*

Yes, we are still looking for a water-tight trailer suitable for storing our club assets. A small cargo trailer would probably work. We will be storing items like the tent we plan to purchase for displays at shows where we promote the club, along with all the banners, other paraphernalia, and printed materials that go with them. Contact an executive member with leads.

### *President's Report*



*Mike Bailey*

Hi everyone,

I hope you had a good June.

We had a vintage grid on June 21 (Father's Day), as part of the SCCBC weekend.

### *May 10 Race Weekend.*

Unfortunately, due to family expectations, I could not attend on the Sunday. I do understand we had a respectable grid and that racing went well. I spent considerable time 'bench racing' as I travelled around the paddock area on Saturday and talked to some of my turnworking friends at the META clubhouse during their lunch break. I

did hear there were a couple of incidents on Saturday, but I didn't see them. The only race I paid any attention to was the one Ryan O'Connor ran his Acura in. He finished first in his class, and he just about beat one of the roofless Teslas as he was taking the checkered flag. I talked to Grama Gayle's pit crew and her. Apparently, she actually spends some time in her pit with the way the new groups are set up. I'm not sure how her Sunday went, but no doubt she did not have much downtime.

### *Some irrelevant data/history*

I was surprised to see my old friend Mark Finniss volunteering on a turn again. We turnworked together at Westwood before I built a DRC (Datsun Radial Challenge) 510 and started racing it. When I had a bad crash during an endurance race at Westwood's hairpin (Turn 4), I decided to scrap it and donated the good parts to the DRC 510 Mark was building. His body shell was much better than the one I started with, which had a hard life. We got the car from a scrap yard in Gold River (a long story that I think is in an old issue of META's Mayday Newsletter), but it was the 'right price'. The slightly bent car came with the Borg-Warner automatic transmission, so I had to change it to a manual transmission, not a big problem, as I'd already started collecting 510 parts. Anyway, the following year, Mark and I started to race the 510; he ran in the DRC class, and I ran in either Conference G Production (where they allowed the DRC cars to run on their weekends), or whatever Class it fit in (and I can't remember) on CASC weekends.

### *BCHMR*

The planning is coming along fine, but I am still looking for a **YOUNG**, computer-literate person (or people) to start taking over (or at least helping with) registration. This involves many tasks that must be completed before the event (such as verifying that volunteers and participants have valid, current waivers and

that drivers have submitted the Tech forms). I also spend time addressing questions from older individuals with limited computer skills and, on occasion, from individuals who encounter glitches with the form or MSR in general. The few days before the event tend to be busy, but some tasks, such as the program entry list and the list of volunteers for the gate, can be delegated – these are pre-configured reports that are easy to run, no real computer skills required. The tough part is making sure the right people get them before the weekend.

Thank you

*Play safe and have fun.*

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### ***Field of Dreams Car Show***

If you know anyone with a collector car or motorcycle, let them know that they get in free if they bring it to our Field of Dreams at the BCHMR. They can register at:  
<https://2026-fod.eventbrite.ca>.

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### ***BCHMR Spectator Tickets***

2026 BCHMR spectator tickets are available at:

[https://2026\\_BCHMR.eventbrite.ca](https://2026_BCHMR.eventbrite.ca)

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### ***Meeting Minutes***

The minutes of the June meeting should be reviewed before the next formal meeting in July. All 2026 meeting minutes are available at <https://www.vrcbc.ca/2026-meetings>. Please make note of any errors or omissions, and if you can't attend the next meeting, send them to the executive.

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

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### ***Advertising & Content Needed for the 2026 BCHMR Program***

Mostly, we need Sponsors and Advertisers for the BCHMR. Please contact Patrick Stewart or Aaron Robins with leads.

If you have an article or idea you would like to contribute to the BCHMR program, please contact Patrick Stewart or Stanton Guy.



<https://www.iwerearendsonly.com/>

Contact Ian at (604) 433-4717

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### ***Event Schedule***

***VRCBC***

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

2026 Vintage Race Results:

<https://www.vrcbc.ca/race-results/2026-season>



**British Columbia**



August 8-9, 2026 – Titanium Ford BCHMR  
 – Spectators: <https://www.bchmr.ca/spectators>

- Drivers: [msreg.com/2026VRCBCHistorics](https://msreg.com/2026VRCBCHistorics)
- Volunteers & Crew:  
[msreg.com/2026BCHMRVolunteers](https://msreg.com/2026BCHMRVolunteers)
- Event Package/information:  
<https://www.bchmr.ca/information/entrant-info>



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).

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**SCCBC**

<https://www.sccbc.net/calendar/schedule>  
Results: <https://www.sccbc.net/racers/results>

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

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**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>

**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](#).

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## *Meeting Schedule*

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

#### *Planned Meetings*

Meetings are at 7:00 pm unless otherwise stated.

July 16, 2026 - Train Wreck Brewing  
3044 St Johns St, Port Moody, BC

August 20, 2026 (Cancelled)

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!



**[Bent Wrenches Autoservice](#)**

Contact Bernie at (604) 287-3332

## *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.lordco.com>

Contact [membership@vrcbc.ca](mailto:membership@vrcbc.ca) to create or connect your Lordco account to our discounts.

We currently have 17 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.



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)

## *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-VRBC-Membership>. However, a fillable PDF form is available from the membership secretary ([mailto:membership@vrbc.ca?subject=PDF Form Needed](mailto:membership@vrbc.ca?subject=PDF%20Form%20Needed)) and MUST accompany renewals and new memberships not made through MSR.

**Mike Bailey**  
Membership Secretary  
10916 112 Ave,  
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### *CACC 2026 License Application*

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



<https://www.napacanada.com>

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

## *Tuk Tuk Times*

*By Aaron Robins*



After years of competing in road racing, I thought I'd experienced most forms of motorsport. This spring, my teammate, Derrick, and I travelled to India to compete in the Pioneer Edition of the Southern India Tuk Tuk Tournament. Although this was my third tuk tuk rally – having previously competed in Sri Lanka and Cambodia – it proved to be by far the most demanding. Unlike previous tournaments that attracted 50 to 100 teams, this was an invitational event with just six teams, designed to map the route and develop challenges for future, much larger editions. While our local club races are won by preparation, precision and consistency, those same skills proved just as valuable halfway around the world – only in India, the biggest challenge wasn't finding speed; it was simply keeping the tuk tuk running.

The first surprise came before the event even started. The organizers had intended to supply new Mahindra UDO electric tuk tuks, but delivery delays meant the entire field was handed tired, 20-year-old two-stroke machines instead. What followed was two weeks of organized chaos. We

suffered more than twenty mechanical breakdowns, had our original tuk tuk impounded by local police, and ultimately completed the rally using four different vehicles as one replacement after another succumbed to mechanical failures. Every morning began with a route to plan, challenges to complete, and the question of whether our current tuk tuk would actually make it to the next checkpoint. Somehow, despite everything the rally threw at us, Derrick and I battled through to finish second overall.

Despite the mechanical drama, it was one of the most rewarding motorsport experiences I've ever had. The route carried us across thousands of kilometres of vibrant cities, mountain roads, tropical coastlines and small villages where we were welcomed with incredible warmth and curiosity. The competition rewarded navigation, creativity, teamwork and a willingness to embrace the unexpected just as much as driving ability. It reminded me that the spirit of motorsport isn't defined by horsepower or lap times. Whether you're chasing tenths at Mission Raceway or coaxing a worn-out two-stroke tuk tuk across southern India, the real rewards come from solving problems, working as a team and embracing the adventure. Of my three tuk tuk rallies, India was unquestionably the toughest – and without question the most memorable.



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 Ask for your discount quote.

## *Race Weekend Reports*

I just realized there wasn't much written about the May race weekend in either the May 19 or June 2 editions of the Vantage. You can usually find a short post on our website home page ([www.vrcbc.ca](http://www.vrcbc.ca)) within a few days of each race weekend. Each of these includes links to the results and some of Brent's photos of the action. (Thanks Brent.)

For example:

- April 12<sup>th</sup>: <https://www.vrcbc.ca/first-race-weekend-of-the-2026-season>.
- May 10<sup>th</sup>: <https://www.vrcbc.ca/second-race-weekend-of-the-2026-season>.
- June 21<sup>st</sup>: <https://www.vrcbc.ca/third-race-weekend-of-the-2026-season>.

The complete results for every race weekend are always available on the SCCBC website at <https://www.sccbc.net/racers/results> immediately after each event.

Needless to say, any reports, stories, anecdotes, etc. on your experiences on any race weekend (or even a Tuk Tuk rally!) would be enjoyed by all club members and other readers of this newsletter, even if it's only a few short paragraphs. Just get in touch with me (Mike Bailey).



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## *Classified Ads*

***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).

***For Sale: 1963 Lotus 23 / Brahma Sports Racer***



This 1963 Lotus23/Brahma was built by John Sharrigan and Paul Fitzgerald in their shop - "Speedway Custom" - in Alliston, Massachusetts. It was originally powered by a Coventry Climax FWA 1100cc engine for the SCCA "G Modified" class in which it had multiple wins against Elva Mk 5/6's and Lotus 23's, 'back in the day'.



A full restoration was carried out in January 2003. It now has a Ford Cosworth BDA 1600cc

and a Hewland FT 200 gearbox. It raced in SVRA Group 5 from 2003 to 2010.



The following spares are included: a custom car cover, a transponder, one (1) set of soft springs, plus numerous other 'bits and pieces'. This is a very well-known and competitive vintage racer with great East Coast history. The car is located in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

**Updated Price:** US\$45,000

For further information, contact George Murray by phone at: 403-931-1645 or by email at: [george7@hughes.net](mailto:george7@hughes.net)



<http://www.driversedgeautosport.com>

Contact **Frank** at (604) 298-5575



<https://bmcmotorworks.com>

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*Photos from Our Third REVS of 2026*

*Sunday, June 21, 2026*

*Photos by Brent Martin*



**Paul Haym (22 grey & blue) in his 1971 BMW 2002 at Mission Raceway Park.**



**Ian Wood (24 white) in his 1969 Volvo 142S, nicknamed 'Sven', at Mission Raceway Park.**



**Steve van Meel (43 black) in his 1991 Chevrolet Camaro at Mission Raceway Park.**

More photos from the June 21 weekend are available from [Brent Martin's website](#) at [2026 SCCBC Race #3 \(Vintage Group\)](#). Open wheel cars will be under [2026 SCCBC Race #3 \(Open Wheel/Legend Group\)](#).



**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.**



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



Steve van Meel (43 black) in his 1991 Chevrolet Camaro at Mission Raceway Park.



Gary Welford (512 orange) in the Welford's Pontiac Grand Am at Mission Raceway Park.



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



Paul Haym (22 grey & blue) in his 1971 BMW 2002 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.*