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2026 VRCBC Executive, Etc.

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VRCBC's Social Media Accounts

Facebook – X – Instagram – YouTube

President's Report

Mike Bailey

Hi everyone,

I hope you had a good September.

Wow, we are down to the last race of the year at Mission, which is taking place as I write this. SOVREN has announced the date for the 2027 Northwest Historics: June 25-27.

The BCHMR appears to have been very profitable, and we have requested a 2027 date.

Special Meeting Coming Up

I am sad to say, but VRCBC's days may be numbered, as too few of us are willing to serve on the executive. We will decide our club's future at our special meeting on October 21, 2026, on Zoom. All members should have received an email with all the details (including the Zoom link), sent via Motorsportreg.com on September 28, 2026 (and I know at least 74% of you opened it). We tossed around several ideas at our September 17, 2026, Zoom meeting (see the minutes posted at https://www.vrcbc.ca/2026-meetings).

Awards Banquet

Although details are still being worked out, VRCBC will be part of SCCBC's Awards Banquet on November 21 at the Coast Cascades Casino Langley. I don't have more details yet; please watch your email for updates.

Thank you

Play safe and have fun.

VRCBC Trailer Needed

Yes, we are still looking for a watertight trailer to store our club assets. A small cargo trailer would probably work. We will be storing items such as 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 accompany them. Contact an executive member with leads.

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Next VRCBC Meeting

October 15 at 7:00 PM

October 15, 2026 @ 7:00 pm – **Five Roads Brewing**, **RSVP by October 7, 2026**, to **https://forms.gle/icmUqyNVmt2nrJmh6**.

VRCBC Meeting Minutes

Review the September meeting minutes before the next formal meeting. 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.

Event Schedules

VRCBC

2026 Vintage Race Results:
https://www.vrcbc.ca/race-results/2026-season

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

1. Be a current member of the VRCBC
2. 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
Results: https://www.sccbc.net/racers/results.

- October 10 (Classroom & Tec), 17-18 — Driver Training #2 – Students.
- November 212026 — Awards Banquet Coast Cascades Casino Langley.

SOVREN 2027

https://sovrenracing.org/schedule

2027 Northwest Historics

JUNE 25-27

Mark your calendars now.

Porsche will be the featured marque for the 2027 Historics, and planning is already

underway. If you'd like to be involved in the planning and production of the event, you can join in. Contact SOVREN VP Jamie Buskirk for more info.

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

LORDCO AUTO PARTS
https://www.lordco.com
Contact 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 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.

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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.

- October 15, 2026 @ 7:00 pm – **Five Roads Brewing**, **RSVP** by October 7, 2026, to **https://forms.gle/icmUqyNVmt2nrJmh6.**
- **October 21, 2026 – VRCBC Special Meeting,** 7:00 pm on Zoom; the link will be emailed to all members and is available upon request to president@vrcbc.ca.
- **November 21, 2026** – Annual Banquet combined with SCCBC Banquet at Coast Cascades Casino Langley. More information to come.
- **No meeting in December**.
- **January 15, 2026** – Tentative – Annual General Meeting – Zoom.

*** The link for Zoom meetings will be emailed to members before the Zoom meeting. 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!

CACC Meetings

CACC Vintage Discipline Fall Meeting

October 26 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

The meeting information should be sent to all CACC Vintage license holders. For more information, go to caccautosport.org/event/cacc-fall-general-meeting-3 or caccautosport.org.

CACC Race Discipline Fall Meeting

October 31 @ 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Virtual Meeting

The meeting information should be sent to all CACC Vintage license holders. For more information, go to caccautosport.org.

Fall General Meeting

November 14 @ 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Virtual Meeting

The CACC Fall General Meeting is on November 14th, 2026, at 10: 00 a.m.; the meeting will be held via Zoom. **Log in about 15 minutes early** so you have time to be admitted to the meeting. **Only 2026 CACC license holders can vote.** The Zoom link will be emailed to CACC license holders.

The meeting link will be available on the day of the meeting at: https://www.caccautosport.org/springAGM.

For more information, check: https://www.caccautosport.org/event/cacc-fall-general-meeting-3/.

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- Donations of less than $10 are allowed.
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- **Be aware that when you make a donation, it will include your entire account balance.**
- We can give you a tax receipt upon request if you wish.

Don't have an account?

Sign up for a free Return-It account at https://app.return-it.ca or through a browser like MS Edge or Google, or on your phone through the Return-It app (found on the Google Play Store or the iOS App Store)

Once you have your account, follow the above steps.

Notes:

- The program requires you to place your beverage containers in a clear or light blue plastic bag
- When dropping off your bags, you will need to enter the same phone number from the account setup. This will generate a sticky label for each bag that you will affix prior to dropping off
- There is no need to sort your containers. Bags with a mixture of different containers (pop cans, beer cans, plastic water bottles, wine bottles, milk cartons, etc.) are acceptable!!

Thank you for participating in this super easy and convenient program.

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Vancouver ABFM Announcement

To all Collectors and Classic Car Enthusiasts, especially ABFM supporters and friends. It has been **41 years** since the first Vancouver All British Field Meet (ABFM) was staged in the parking lot of a local automotive dealership, circa 1985. Since then, it has been hosted at the world-class VanDusen Botanical Garden, one of North America's most spectacular venues for celebrating the history, culture, design, and beauty embodied in these magnificent machines.

Over the years, **thousands of automotive fans** have made the Saturday of the Victoria Day weekend a must-attend tradition, contributing significantly to public awareness of VanDusen and supporting the Garden's financial impact—including benefiting the City of Vancouver and Parks Board operations. It has been a privilege to stage this long-term event within such a beautiful garden setting, and the Vancouver ABFM at VanDusen stands as a remarkable success story built on partnership, passion, and community.

End of an Era — Moving On

The **2026 ABFM** was the **final** show to be staged at VanDusen Botanical Garden.

The automotive world and environmental stewardship no longer align with the Vancouver Parks Board's vision for the future of its Botanical Garden. The Vancouver ABFM accepts this "vision" expressed in their guiding statement as follows:

"VanDusen focuses on events that inspire a deeper understanding of plants and a passion for biodiversity, and to encourage generations to conserve,

protect, and enhance the natural world, and those that have lower risks of negative impacts to the Garden."

So that statement, attributed to VanDusen Botanical Garden, managed by the Vancouver Parks Board, marks the end of the Vancouver **ABFM–VanDusen era**—and the beginning of a new chapter for SRC's Non-Profit Horse Rescue Program.

With Change Comes Good News

We are pleased to announce that the 2027 ABFM will be held on the grassy, tree-lined fields of Southlands Riding Club (SRC)—home to North America's only designated equestrian community and a venue that has offered world-class facilities since 1943.

This venue change offers an exciting opportunity to refresh and expand the long-standing Vancouver ABFM Classic Car event while supporting this new nonprofit host partner at Southlands and its equestrian rescue charity.

Key Enhancements Planned for 2027

- Continued tradition of the **Victoria Day Saturday** kick-off
- Increased space for **featured events**
- Expanded audience and displays of British and invited collector cars, including **Military vehicles**
- Simplified vehicle load-in logistics
- Return of the **Friday Night VIP** Reception with access to a licensed Clubhouse and private Patio Garden
- More vendor and concession space
- Enhanced musical entertainment
- Free public parking plus reserved VIP and trailer parking
- A shared "horsepower" connection with a willing, long-term equestrian charity partner who understands the significance of the collector car hobby
- Speed Thrills Display. All marques' Race and Performance cars.

Additional concessions, entertainment, and increased attendance capacity will enrich the visitor experience while generating much-needed funding for SRC's **Horse Rescue Charity**. **Horsepower helping horsepower**.

This is our vision for the next chapter of **The Greatest Show on British Wheels**.

Join us for the Inaugural Southlands Vancouver ABFM

In the true spirit of the classic car movement, we invite your continued support as we carry the Vancouver ABFM legacy forward. Join us on **Saturday, May 22, 2027**, at the beautiful **Southlands Equestrian Center** in the heart of Vancouver's leafy Westside for this gala inaugural event.

Because the Vancouver ABFM is a collector car show **run by enthusiasts for enthusiasts**, we encourage your comments, ideas, and feedback.

Further details and the registration form will be posted at www.westerndriver.com on November 1, 2026.

Joan & Patrick Stewart

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Geoffrey Edward Hortin

1934 – 2026

Geoff Hortin and his wife, Margaret –

Geoffrey Edward Hortin passed away suddenly on September 8th, but not so sudden, with an 8-10 year + dementia decline. Geoffrey was born on June 13, 1934, and lived in Coquitlam, British Columbia. Geoff and his wife Margaret (Marg) joined the Sports Car Club of BC in 1958.

Geoff was born in Vancouver at VGH and grew up in the Dunbar area, attending Magee. He joined the RCAF and was sent to Gimley, Manitoba, for 3 years to work on ground vehicles, where he honed his mechanical skills. Geoff worked at Johnson Terminals in Vancouver for many, many years until they went bankrupt and he lost his pension.

Geoff married Margaret on August 15, 1959, and they bought a house in Coquitlam where they stayed until they sold it in 2013.

Westwood Mud Runs

Many probably don't know that in the early days of Westwood, they ran Mud Runs. Geoff Hortin was a regular at those events; see the pictures below.

Geoff in his 'mud runner' in July 1959 -photographer *unknown*.

Geoff in his 'mud runner,' in July 1959 - *date and photographer unknown*.

I believe the Mud Runs were an additional way for the SCCBC to raise money to pay for the construction of the track; it would be the late 1970s, or early 1980s, before the club paid off all the debentures that funded Westwood's construction (sorry, I can't find the exact date, but it is in one of the Pit Pass Newsletters).

However, that was a monumental occasion for the Sports Car Club of BC when the debentures were finally paid off.

Geoff Hortin driving his MGA Coupe on July 24, 1960, at Westwood.' - *Photographer unknown*.

Geoff washing the 'Gasp' with his daughter Pam. Geoff's wife, Margaret Hortin, probably took the photo.' - *Photographer unknown*.

Geoff Hortin raced at Westwood in 1960 in an MGA Coupe. In 1964, he started racing a special he had built in the G Modified class. This car was later called the GASP (Geoff's Available Spare Parts). In 1964, he finished 2nd in class in the SCCBC Racing Championships and first in class in 1965 and 1966. In 1966, he started racing a Fiat, which he ran till 1968. In 1966, with the Fiat, he finished first in I Production and second in G Improved Production in the championship standings. In 1967, he finished first in class D in the CASC and SCCBC standings, and 3rd overall in the SCCBC sedan standings. That year, he and John Randall drove the Fiat to 19th overall in the Westwood 7-hour Endurance race. Geoff participated in three Enduros at Westwood. In 1968, he finished 2nd in class C improved Sedan in the SCCBC championship. In 1971, he was Clerk of the Course at Westwood.

More information on Geoffrey is available at https://www.dignitymemorial.com/en-ca/obituaries/port-coquitlam-bc/geoffrey-hortin-13031898 and https://www.facebook.com/groups/1837470764 0/user/586172266/.

Comments for Geoff's Daughter, Pam

Jerry Barber, Marg and Geoff Hortin, 2010 BCHMR – *Photo supplied by Vince Howlett*.

To this day, Jerry Barber is a part of our lives; we often talk on the phone and check in (Editor's note: Geoff was Jerry Barber's mechanic).

Dad decided to end his racing days around 1971 due to chronic back pain; I remember him sleeping on a wooden door under the mattress. Sailing then consumed our lives, racing locally through Ioco Boat Club and Deep Cove Yacht Club.

1962 Northwest Grand Prix Formula Junior grid: Jerry Barber & Geoff Hortin - *Photographer unknown*.

Vince Howlett's Notes on Geoff's Racing

- 1958 June 15, Deception Pass Rally, 25th, G. Hortin/M. Curry (#5)
- 1966 October 22, 6-hour Endurance, 23rd, Geoff Hortin/John Randall, Fiat, 2nd in class H, 179 laps
- 1967 October 21, Westwood 7-hour Endurance race, 19th, Geoff Hortin/John Randall, Fiat, 212 laps
- 1969 October 12, Province 500 Enduro, 8th overall, #30, Hortin/Forsgren, Forsgrini, 253 laps

Summary of championships

- 1964 SCCBC Racing Championship, G-Modified, 2nd, Geoff Hortin, 190 points
- 1965 SPORTS CAR CLUB OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAMPIONSHIPS, G-Modified, 1st, Geoff Hortin, 335 pts.
- 1966 SCCBC - Final Racing Championship Standings, G Sports Racing, 1st, Geoff Hortin; I Production, 2nd, Geoff Hortin, 100 pts; G Improved Production, 2nd, Geoff Hortin, 107 pts.
  ICSCC, tied for 2nd in class I Production, 2nd in class G Improved Production, 1st in class G Modified
- 1967 C.A.S.C. - B.C. REGION AWARD WINNERS, Sedan Racing Championship, 1st Class D, Geoff Hortin, 220 pts. FINAL SCCBC RACING CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS, D Sedan, 1st; Overall Sedan, 3rd, Geoff Hortin, 357 points
- 1968 SCCBC ANNUAL RACING CHAMPIONSHIP, class C Improved Sedan, 2nd, Geoff Hortin, 16 pts

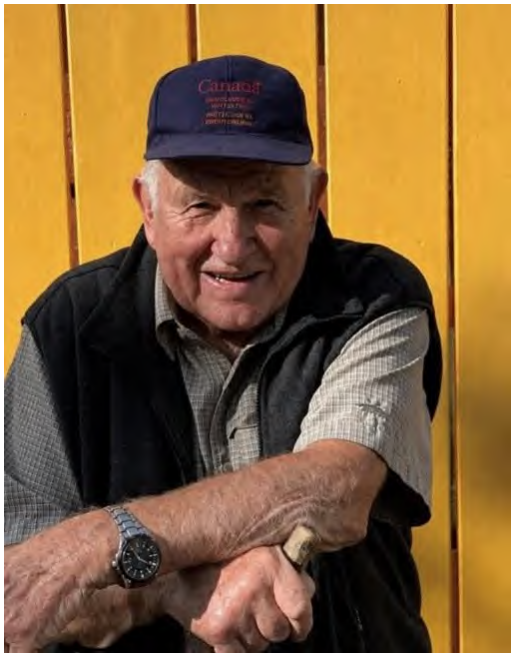
Margret Hortin

Margaret Hortin being interviewed about the early days of Westwood: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEQq2XfmKpU.

I'll do a story on Margaret someday; she was involved in SCCBC's Ladies division and ran in the Powder Puff races at Westwood.

Fidel Kunz

1938 – 2026



Fidel Kunz – *Photo from obituary*

Fidel Kunz, Verna Pyplacz (Fraser), Gerry Frechette, and Andy MacLean behind Andy's Triumph TR8 after an Old Racers Lunch in June 2026 – *Mike Bailey photo*.

Fidel Kunz, who joined the Sports Car Club of British Columbia on November 12, 1965, passed away on August 13, 2026. Fidel was born in Germany on February 7, 1938, and moved to Canada in 1957. His mother sent him to Canada to encourage his brother to return to Germany; instead, he stayed in Canada. He was also a member of the Alfa Romeo Club. His wife, Elena, passed away on April 29, 2022.

Fidel Kunz was a master commercial painter and a proud member of IPU DC 38 for over 69 years. He loved his painting career and practiced his craft long after his official retirement date.

Fidel with his 1967 Shelby GT 350 – *Photographer unknown.*

He did many painting chores and other jobs at Westwood and Mission. Cars and motorcycles may have been his first love throughout his life. I understand he owned a Honda 550-4 for many years. He was a member of the Sports Car Club of BC. He was on the Westwood Development Committee. The most important car time for him was when he bought a 1967 Shelby GT 350 from John Hall. He drove it to races and events and was very proud of it. He raced it at Westwood in 1968 and took it in the Westwood rally in 1969. Sadly, it was stolen and cut up. He was still angry about that!! He worked organizing the volunteers and managing at Molson Indy races for 13 years. He was also an Alfa Romeo lover and had several, including his Alfa Sud, which he sold recently. You can find a write-up on the Alfa Sud Ti https://oldmotors.net/alfasud-ti-the-pocket-

rocket; in the first photo, you will see Elena and Fidel in his Alfa Sud Ti.

Fidel was a loyal SCCBC member attending tours and other events. He took great pleasure in driving his Ducati bike later in life. Fidel was a lifetime Formula 1 fan.

Fidel had a large community of very close friends. Winter brought the ski season, and Fidel could be found skiing with a group of mountain friends on a weekly basis. He even took up snowboarding at the age of 65!

Fidel was an extremely social person and was always interested in meeting new people and discovering what mattered to them. His people were important to him, and he was important to us.

A celebration of life was held on October 2 at 2 p.m. at Boal Chapel, 1505 Lillooet Road, North Vancouver.

Vince Howlett
Thanks to Verna Pyplacz (Fraser) for contributing some memories of Fidel.

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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
Randy Mann
Elle Johnson
Kira Allen
Patrick Yuan

Photos from the 2026 CACC Race #5

September 13, 2026

Photos by Brent Martin

More photos are available from Brent Martin's website:

- Vintage C/W: https://martinsaction-photography.smugmug.com/2026-SCCBC-Race-5-Vintage-Group.
- O/W: https://martinsactionphotography.smugmug.com/2026-SCCBC-Race-5-Open-WheelLegendsSports-Racers.

Erle Archer (04 yellow & green) in his 1979 Tiga Club Formula Ford at Mission Raceway Park.

Brett Payne (6 green & yellow) in his 1980 Van Diemen RF80 followed by Courtenay Rimaldi (75 red & white) in her 1984 Van Diemen RF-84

Phil Roney (95 black) in his 1977 Ford Johnston JM2C at Mission Raceway Park.

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

Gordon Phinney (09 blue & white) in his 1937 Ford Sedan Legend followed by Wayne Goodwin (94 green) in his 1934 Ford Legend at Mission Raceway Park.

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

Alex Zuccaro (317 white/blue/red) in his 1985 BMW 325is at Mission Raceway Park.

Benjamin Peters (202 gold) in his 1992 BMW 318i at Mission Raceway Park.

Roger Flescher (69 black) in his 1967 Sunbeam Tiger, nicknamed Nasty Cat, at Mission Raceway Park.

Amy Allinson (107 green) in her dad's 1990 Mazda Miata at Mission Raceway Park.

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

Eric Stanley (36 red) in his 1987 Nissan 300ZX at Mission Raceway Park.

Brent Martin

I'd like to remind you all that his photos are available at reasonable prices on his site, https://martinsactionphotography.smugmug.com. Please support him as he has supported us.