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Automotive historian and columnist Nigel Matthews to be featured speaker at the Greater Vancouver Motorsports Pioneers Society Induction Ceremony

Vancouver, B.C. - (September 6, 2012) - A move to Shannon Hall at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds and one of B.C.'s most knowledgeable and influential classic car columnists as the guest speaker are highlights of the Greater Vancouver Motorsports Pioneers Society's 12th annual induction ceremony on Saturday September 22nd. All motorsport enthusiasts are invited to the afternoon of history and camaraderie from noon to 4 p.m.

Keynote speaker is Nigel Matthews, classic car columnist with the Vancouver Province newspapers, an internationally recognized concours d'elegance judge and the Marketing Manager for Hagerty Classic Car Insurance in Canada.

The ceremony will honor 15 individuals who made major contributions in the early days of motorsports in the region. This includes hot rodding, custom car building, drag racing and land speed racing, sports car and road racing, motorcycling, power boat racing as well as car collecting and restoration.

The GVMPS, which has already inducted 183 pioneers, is a group of enthusiasts from various motorsports activities whose goal is to recognize and record the accomplishments of people who have made major contributions over the past four decades.

Among the pioneers being recognized this year are 93-year-old Dick Frankish, Roland Selby, Adrian Ratcliff and Jim Greenlees in the car collector and restoration category; Harry Dashevsky and Keith Warren for hot rod; Keith Whitter for oval track racing; Ian Wood, Tom Johnston and Roger Salomon for sports car racing; Billy Matthews and Jim McNeney for motorcycling; Rob Harrison and the team of Wrench and McKay for drag racing.

"The Motorsport Pioneers Society continues to recognize individuals who have made major contributions in past years as a way to celebrate this history," says GVMPS president Jim Greenwood, who has been recognized as a pioneer custom car striper and race organizer.

The event, which includes light snacks and beverages, is open to everyone who is interested in motorsports. A \$15 admission will be requested at the door.

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