



VINTAGE RACERS' NEWSLETTER

VARAC Vintage Racing Festival

FOCUS EVENT E-BULLETIN

June 17-20



Bulletin # 1



Greetings MG Vintage Racers and welcome to the first of many VARAC Festival Focus Event E Bulletins. The buzz is TRACK TIME. How does THREE HOURS of vintage racing on a WORLD CLASS road race course sound to you? It could be yours for the cost of entry to this years MG Vintage Racers' Focus Event.

Top Ten Reasons to Join MGVR at Mosport in June

1. Turn 2
2. Turn 2
3. Despite the turns, it is the world's third and North America's fastest race track
4. Largest volunteer-organized event on the continent = super friendly atmosphere
5. Snow will be gone by June
6. Easy, uncomplicated border crossing (the Canucks do it all the time)
7. Potluck party with wine reception and dinner party
8. Up to 3 hours of track time
9. Track introduction for Mosport debutantes
10. Better Beer



*"If you know all 4 seasons:
Almost winter, winter, still winter,
and road construction,
You may live in Canada ."
—Jeff Foxworthy*



Ten More Reasons to Join MGVR at Mosport in June

1. 10W-30 tastes better north of the border
2. For those of us who live south of the border, let's broaden our horizons by applying words such as "loonie", "Timbits", "Deke" "Hoser" and, of course, "Eh" to normal (or otherwise) paddock conversation.
3. Race with 70 or so of your closest friends on a world class course.
4. Name the gentleman whose claim to VARAC fame is ... "It's a grrrrrrreat day for motor car racing"?
5. Turn 2... Turn 2... Turn 2...
6. Cuban cigars
7. Cheap Petrol (-;
8. Famous Friday Evening VARAC Pot Luck Dinner and wine tasting DO NOT MISS!
9. Chance to update your ancient passport (the one when you had hair)
10. Opportunity to see if your tow rig will 'do the ton on the 401' (wait a minute!)





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How much will this event set me back?

VARAC is offering an outstanding value to MG Vintage Racers-Three full days of vintage racing for VARAC member rate of \$415.00. US. Sign up before May 17 and receive a \$35 discount! What a bargain!

Does Molson really taste better in Canada?

Yes.

Do I need a passport to cross the border?

Yes. Crossing the Canada/US border is painless. VARAC has border crossing documents available on their web site to download for your convenience. Any questions, please contact Chris Meyers, or Frank Mount (mount@pathcom.com). See end of this bulletin for guidelines on border crossing for this event.

I wish to race with my MGVR friends at Mosport. Where do I find an entry form?

VARAC will have entry forms on their web site by mid February. Visit their site www.varac.ca weekly for more information about VARAC, the Festival and their rules and regulations. A bulletin will be issued to MGVR as soon as entry forms become available.

Where can I download a schedule of events and races?

None is available just yet. Next bulletin will have a tentative schedule of events and races. An outline schedule looks something like this;

Thursday; Arrive at track, tech inspection, optional test day, driver orientation, MG Vintage Racers cocktail party at MGVR Central (+- 6 PM)

Friday; Registration, tech inspection, drivers meeting, untimed practice, VARAC's Famous Welcome Reception/Pot Luck Supper!!!

Saturday; Reg and Tech, Drivers' meeting early am, qualifying and racing, MGVR Banquet w/VARAC

Sunday; Reg and Tech, Races ..infield gates will be opened between sessions to allow competitors to leave early.





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Is there additional cost for Thursday's test day?

Yes, the cost is \$175 US.

My mother-in-law wants to join us. How many crew are we allowed, and what is the cost for overcrew?

Your entry allows one driver, and two crew members. Overcrew is at the bargain price of \$25 US (\$30 for mothers-in-law).

Are transponders required?

Transponders are required if you want timed. You may rent one from VARAC for \$75 US.



What am I forgetting?

Pen in the date! Look to E-Bulletin 2 for information on Hotels, and local attractions. Much more information to follow so stay tuned.

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Guidelines to Simplify Your Border Crossing

Make a list of the race stuff in your trailer, or tow vehicle. You don't have to list every socket...but a good overall inventory will help, especially if you have large, expensive items such as air compressors, generators, extra tires, etc.

Make sure you have something that proves ownership of your race car. A log book or registration will work.

Upon leaving USA, stop at US Customs and get your list stamped. This makes the trip back into the US easier. The list will prove that you did not buy the car, or tools in Canada.

If you have a choice of border crossings, 1000 Island and Samia are generally quicker/simpler than Buffalo, or Detroit due to smaller traffic volume.

Don't forget your Passport!!!

The last rule of thumb-don't be a wise guy with either country's Customs. They lack a sense of humor)-8

