



# VARAC 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Agenda and Supplementary Materials

The **Annual General Meeting of the Vintage Automobile Racing Association of Canada** will be held on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Sheraton Parkway, 600 Hwy 7 East, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1B2.

9:00am EST ...	Membership renewal/proxy registration opens
10:00am EST ...	Annual General Meeting begins
12:00pm EST ...	Light lunch [compliments of VARAC; cash bar]
1:00pm EST ...	Annual Awards presentation

If you cannot attend in person, please ensure that your vote still counts by assigning a proxy [appended].

The following are included in the AGM Supplementary Materials:

1. VARAC Annual General Meeting Agenda
2. President's Message [including Race Director's report] – Ted Michalos
3. Financial Report: Treasurer - Julie Wildman
4. Summary of Board of Directors' activities: Secretary - Gavin Ivory
5. Directors' reports
  - a. Membership - Ivan Samila
  - b. VGP – Ted Michalos
  - c. Conduct – Gord Ballantine
  - d. Rules – Chris Rupnik
  - e. Eligibility, Vintage/Historic - Dave Good
  - f. Eligibility, Classic – Rob McCord
6. Member motions
7. Member discussions
8. Annual General Meeting Proxy Form (also available at the VARAC website)

## VARAC 2018 Annual General Meeting – Agenda

1. Declaration of a quorum.
2. Welcome from Ted Michalos, President.
3. *Motion* to accept the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting.
4. Matters arising from the business portion of the 2017 Annual General Meeting.
5. Summary of Board activities 2018 – Secretary, Gavin Ivory [appended].
6. Financial Report 2018 - Treasurer, Julie Wildman [appended].
7. Reports from Directors [appended].
8. *Motion* to accept the actions of the Board of Directors for 2018.
9. Board of Directors for 2019.
  - a. The following Directors will serve the remainder of their term as indicated:
    - i. **Dave Good - Vice-President and Director, Eligibility Chair [Vintage/Historic]** – is entering the second year of his three-year term.
    - ii. **Rob McCord - Vice-President and Director, Eligibility [Classic]** – is entering the second year of his three-year term.
    - iii. **Gavin Ivory - Secretary** is entering the second year of his three-year term.
    - iv. **Emily Atkins - Director, IT and Communications** – is entering the second year of her three-year term.
    - v. **Andrew Celovsky - Director, At-Large** is entering the second year of his two-year term.
    - vi. **Brian Thomas - Director, Conduct Co-Chair** is entering the second year of his two-year term.
  - b. The Board proposes the following Directors for re-election, with terms as indicated:
    - i. **Ted Michalos - President** served his term and is standing for a three-year term. He will continue as **VGP Chair**, and **Race Director**.
    - ii. **Julie Wildman – Treasurer** has served her term and is standing for a three-year term.
    - iii. **Gord Ballantine - Director, Conduct Co-Chair** has served his term and is standing for a three-year term.
    - iv. **Chris Rupnik - Director, Rules** has served his term and is standing for a one-year term.
    - v. **Ivan Samila - Director, Membership** has served his term and is standing for a one-year term.
10. Additional nominations for Directors from members.
11. Appointment of an Elections Officer.
12. The 2018 Directors who have served their terms step down.
13. Election of Directors:
  - a. Call for nominations.
  - b. Nominee presentations in the order listed above plus any nominations from the floor.
  - c. Voting procedure, controlled by the Elections Officer.
  - d. Announcements of results.
14. *Motion* to destroy the ballots.

15. The new Board of Directors conducts the remainder of the Annual General Meeting.
16. Member motions - the following motions have been received by the Secretary for discussion and vote by members:
- a. *Motion [Ted Michalos]: For the 2019 racing seasons to allow Club Fords, as defined under the Monoposto rules*  
<http://www.monoposto.com/pdf%20Files/Rules/2017/2017%20Club%20Ford%20Specification.pdf> ,  
*to run on the vintage historic grid at CASC-OR regional races as part of VARAC's Formula Classic division.* Background: Recently two club ford drivers asked if they could run on the VH grid with VARAC. I declined their requests as our rules do not permit it. I suggested they run on the Formula Libre grid. Both responded that they did not (would not) run on Libre due to the significantly faster cars (Radicals). They each had run on the Toyo grid in the past (as recent as this year), but frankly were tired of being run over by 15yr-old drivers trying to land a formula one contract. It is unclear how many of these cars are out there and whether or not they'd like to join VARAC. The purpose of this experiment is to strengthen the club's Formula Classic Division and allow a safe place for these classic race cars to run.
  - b. *Motion [Ted Michalos]: For the 2019 racing season to allow Formula Vees, as defined under the CASC-OR rules, ([http://www.casc.on.ca/sites/default/files/appendix\\_o\\_section\\_a\\_-\\_f1200.pdf](http://www.casc.on.ca/sites/default/files/appendix_o_section_a_-_f1200.pdf)), to run on the vintage historic grid at CASC-OR regional races as part of VARAC's Formula Classic division.* Background: F1200 has effectively ceased to exist at a regional level in Ontario. This racing series has existed in one form or another for over 50 years and it is unfortunate that most of these cars are now sitting in garages as they do not want to run on the Formula Libre grid with its much faster cars (Radicals). While we already have a few vintage formula vees in the club, the purpose of this motion is to see if the classic formula vees have a "fit" in VARAC. By allowing them to run with us in 2019 we may be able to strengthen the club's Formula Classic Division while providing a safe place for these classic cars to run.
  - c. *Motion [Ted Michalos]: For the 2019 racing season to require all vintage and historic cars which weigh more than 2,500lbs to run on the Classic grid at CASC-OR regional racing events. The VARAC Race Director is to be allowed the discretion to permit specific cars over 2,500lbs to run on the VH grid based on an application by the driver on a case by case basis.* Background: Many members thought this was already a rule, when in fact, it is not. The purpose of the rule is to move the heavier, often faster, cars to the Classic grid to enhance the safety of the lighter vintage historic cars, as well as the Formula Classic cars that run on the VH grid at regional events.
17. Member discussions - the following member requests for discussion have been received by the Secretary:
- a. John Greenwood – *Sportsmen's grid; VH eligibility rules; race entry fees.*
  - b. Dave Good - *VH eligibility rules.*
  - c. Ted Michalos – *2019 VARAC Time Brackets [see appended table].*
  - d. Ted Michalos – *2019 VARAC Racing Schedule [see appended table].*
  - e. Business from the floor.

## **President's report – Ted Michalos**

*Another year of vintage racing has come and gone. As I look back on 2018 I am reminded that our sport can be dangerous and am saddened by tragic loss of Jeff Green at the VGP. Everyone at VARAC was affected by this incident and our heart-felt sympathies still go out to his family and friends.*

*As a competitor and organizer, 2018 presented some unique challenges. We had the largest entry list for the VGP in the club's history – 249 drivers for 273 cars. Wow!*

*That also meant the largest number of incidents. A committee lead by Dave Good reviewed the incident reports to see if there were things the club can do going forward to reduce the number and severity of things that can happen on track. Dave will be presenting the group's findings at the AGM – I encourage everyone to pay close attention to the changes being suggested.*

*We had 7 points races for Vintage Historic and 6 for Classic. Most were well attended. The racing was clean, fast, and fun. VARAC remains one of the strongest clubs in the Ontario Region.*

*Another major topic for discussion at this year's AGM is our time bracket system for the Drivers' Challenge. The Board is proposing a renumbering of the brackets for Vintage Historic, Classic and Formula Classic so that the same brackets and number designations are used by the entire club. Check out the proposal in the advance materials package for the AGM.*

*Plans for next year are well under way. The 2019 VARAC Vintage Grand Prix will be held June 13 thru 16 at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. This will be the 40<sup>th</sup> running of this annual event and we hope to make it something special.*

*In addition, VARAC has rented Shannonville Motorsport Park for a "members only" event Saturday, August 17. The first VARAC Vintage Festival was held August 18 and 19, 1979 at SMP and we thought what better way to commemorate the anniversary than to return to the track that started it all. We hope you can attend.*

*In closing I'd like to thank the Board of Directors, the members of the Conduct Committee, the VGP Committee and all of the other club members that have helped "run" VARAC in 2018. The club is only as strong as its membership and ours is very strong indeed. Please take a moment and join me in thanking all of our volunteers for the time and effort that they pour back into our sport so that we may continue to enjoy some of the best vintage racing to be found anywhere...*

*Ted Michalos, President*

## **Treasurer's report - Julie Wildman**

*For 2018, we ended the year with \$32,559 surplus, compared to \$31,385 in 2017. The primary driver of VARAC's financial results is the VGP. This year, as with last, we had a surplus on the event. The 2018 VGP brought in a surplus of \$33,102 (compared to \$29,732 in 2017). Congratulations to the VGP for such a great and successful event!*

*Our final net asset position at the end of 2018 is \$191,464.*

*As was decided at 2016's AGM, and consistent with 2017, Michacchi Warnick & Company were not engaged this year. Instead, the Treasurer prepared the financial statements and tax return for VARAC. The 2018 financial statements were reviewed and found to be reasonable by three members: Gary Allen, Peter Lambrinos and Geoff McCord. A full copy of the financial statements can be made available to anyone who would like to review.*

## **Secretary's report [summary of the Board of Directors' activities] - Gavin Ivory**

*In addition to the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors generally meets monthly to monitor and review the financial and operating matters of the Club, including those affecting race events, treasury, membership, IT/communications, driver conduct, club rules, membership, and other issues relevant to the future of VARAC.*

*In order to inform members of the work undertaken by their Board, the following paragraphs summarize the important discussions arising during the past fiscal year:*

*Feb 7, 2018. Cash balance \$123,345. 106 paid 2018 members.*

*Discussions on:*

- *Revisions to 2018 event schedule*
- *2018 VGP grids and event activities*
- *Improved eligibility form submissions*
- *Future structure of Conduct Committee*
- *Increased VARAC exposure in Quebec*

*Mar 7, 2018. Cash balance \$123,621. 125 paid 2018 members.*

*Discussions on:*

- *Update on 2018 VGP entrants by grid, non-race activities, and car eligibility requests*
- *Update on Sumac membership database*
- *Possible CASC/VARAC mentoring program*
- *Alignment of VARAC conduct rules with VMC*

*Apr 4, 2018. Cash balance \$125,499. 155 paid 2018 members.*

*Discussions on:*

- *2018 VGP update, including sponsors and mentor program*
- *Conduct Committee appeals process*
- *Update on increased Quebec exposure*
- *CASC car preparation rule changes*
- *Clarification of VARAC/VMC vs CASC licences*

*May 2, 2018. Cash balance \$113,459. 167 paid 2018 members.*

*Discussions on:*

- *Progress on VGP grid entrants, and non-race activities; 2019 VGP themes*
- *Specific car eligibility request*
- *Possible revisions to VH eligibility rules – preliminary*
- *Sponsorship policy approval*
- *Timing and frequency of pre-event email blasts to members*

*Jun 6, 2018. Cash balance \$244,059. 192 paid 2018 members.*

*Discussions on:*

- *Final review of 2018 VGP, including Test Day*
- *Report of VGP revenues and expenses*
- *Specific car eligibility request*
- *Review of web host move to GoDaddy*

*Sep 5, 2018. Cash balance \$185,353.*

*Discussions on:*

- *2108 Ted Powell Sportsmen grid, and measures to improve Sportsmen grid.*
- *Sub committee progress looking into improving VGP safety*
- *Car eligibility requests – several*
- *2018 AGM planning*
- *Revised Sponsorship policy*
- *Final implementation of membership database*
- *Conduct Committee update*
- *2019 anniversary event at Shannonville*

Oct 3, 2018. Cash balance \$187,099. 180 paid 2018 members.

Discussions on:

- new race brackets
- 2018 AGM motions re Club Ford, Formula Vee, and weight limits
- sub-committee findings to reduce incidents at future VGPs
- 2019 VGP proposed grids
- McGregor and Ferguson Awards, Honorary and Lifetime members
- Board slate 2019 AGM; AGM agenda; motions and discussions
- Appropriate size for cash reserve
- Need to attract Classic entrants to non-CTMP events
- Recent Conduct Committee incident assessments

## Directors' Reports

### Director, Membership – Ivan Samila

2018 has been a good year for VARAC. Our VVGP was a great success all thanks to a fantastic membership. We had near record setting member attendance, and generally good attendance in most VARAC grids. Thank you.

So, what have we been doing this past 12 months? Fine tuning the membership database, eligibility forms and the payment system.

I think overall, the on-line membership payment and licence process worked out well. Yes, we did have a few hiccups, but we got through them.

The major issue we had was the loss of the VARAC web hosting and subsequent loss of e-mail service just weeks before the VVGP. Thankfully that was up and running in short order, but due to changes in e-mail systems our previously seamless process became a bit cumbersome. I don't think we left anyone stranded for too long.

2018 saw many members, 164, or 90% of membership to be exact submit eligibility forms, thank you. All of you who submitted in 2018 will not have to resubmit in 2019 unless the car has undergone significant changes / upgrades or car has changed hands.

We hope that people who did not submit in 2018 will do so with their 2019 membership renewal. The on-line eligibility form makes the job of the V/H and Classic Eligibility Committee members much easier. No paper forms to misplace, sort or even try to read. The Committee can view and/or print (if necessary) all of the forms on line which greatly streamlines the process.

2018 was the second year of the new plastic photo ID membership and licence cards. Some people will have noticed that they did not get a card. The reason being, some paid their membership dues but did not supply a photo (for just membership) nor did they send in medical form for license.

What does 2019 have in store for Colleen and me? More programming and fine tuning of the Membership Database.

### Director, VGP – Ted Michalos

2018 VARAC Vintage Grand Prix

We had another successful vintage grand prix in 2018. Leaving aside the tragic incident in corner 8, we had a record number of entries, as well as spectators this year. Well done everyone.

*In 2016 and 2017 we managed to earn some very significant profits so for 2018 we introduced a \$100 off early bird entry as a way to “give back” to our members. 180 competitors took advantage of the reduced fee, yet we still managed a profit in excess of \$30,000.*

*Reports indicate people are still enjoying the Steam Whistle Paddock Tour on Friday evening – although they did miss the ice cream truck this year. (We’ll see if we can get him back in 2019). CTMP had some staff changes in 2018 so Saturday’s dinner wasn’t all that it could be – we’ll increase the budget for 2019 to see if we can’t improve the experience for everyone involved.*

*We had 3 grids bumping up against the 62 car maximum allowed on track at this year’s VGP: VH Small, VH Big, and Classic. Acting on the assumption that the increased grid sizes may have contributed to the number and severity of incidents that occurred, for 2019 we will be limiting our run groups to 40 entries per session. We expect this will mean we run VH Small, VH Medium, VH Big and Classic, as well as a pure Classic group in 2019. The exact details are still being worked out and will depend on entries.*

*The street lapping group on the Test day was another success – our thanks to Walter Davies for organizing these sessions.*

*We would be remiss if we did not thank the staff at the Canadian Tire Motorsport Park for their assistance in running this event. VARAC is a club of vintage racers and we rely on our partner, CTMP, to provide much of the logistical support. Thanks to Myles, Rodger and entire CTMP for another great year (and many more to come).*

*It also takes a fair number of our members to make the VGP happen, most notably Aileen Ashman and her team in Registration, as well as the VGP Committee. Please take the time to thank all of the people (members, spouses, volunteers) that make the VGP a successful event year after year. Thanks everyone!*

*The date for the 2019 VARAC Vintage Grand Prix is June 13-16. We hope to see everyone at the track for the 40<sup>th</sup> running of this annual event.*

*Ted Michalos*

#### **Director, Conduct Committee Chair – Gord Ballantine**

*CONDUCT COMMITTEE - Chair Gord Ballantine; Co-Chair Brian Thomas*

*Once again, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the 6 members who served again on the 2018 CC.*

*Gary Allen, Gavin Ivory, Brian Thomas, John Greenwood, Richard Navin and Andrew Atkins. All of these gents put forth considerable effort and time to insure the proper decisions were reached in reviewing all cases. All drivers placed on probation or suspension were reported to the VMC in a timely fashion.*

#### **2018 RACING EVENTS**

##### **. May BEMC SPRING TROPHY RACES**

*No incidents to report*

##### **. May MONT TREMBLANT**

*No incidents*

##### **. June VVGP**

*28 spins-offs single incidents leading to no contact with other vehicles or barriers. Warning letters issued to all drivers.*

*8 3 month probations issued*

*4 13 month probations issued*

*2 13 month suspensions issued - loss of driver privileges*

*2 drivers sent for further examination*

##### **. July PETER JACKSON TROPHY RACES**

*No incidents*

##### **. July BARC**

*1 incident resulting in 2 3 month probations*

##### **. Aug TED POWELL**

*No incidents*

*. Sept. BEMC INDIAN SUMMER*

*No incidents*

*. Sept. CASC CELEBRATION*

*4 incidents currently under review to determine if further action is required.*

*As a result of the number of incidents at the VVGP a stand-alone incident review committee led by Dave Good has been established.*

*Race Safe GB*

### **Director, Rules – Chris Rupnik**

*We are extremely fortunate to have such a strong and dedicated group leading the board and our club. Many issues that members bring up to me throughout the year are already on the minds of our various committees and considered. All for the benefit of making the club better and moving along with the times.*

*My focus is on the rules and regulations; keeping them as clear and concise as possible.*

*I am in seeking your support for my next term on the board to continue moving forward together. Thank you.*

### **Director, Vintage/Historic Eligibility, Dave Good**

*Overall, a fairly straightforward year in the VH arena. Very good participation particularly at VVGP (both grids maxed out), Calabogie and Celebration.*

*Now managing inputs to my function through the SUMAC database-thanks, Colleen for your help here.*

*As in the past few years, this position combines the roles of Vintage Historic rep as well as VH Eligibility. It entails:*

*> coaching potential new members on how to enter the sport; with the help of Chris we had a new MGB in Que region-there have been a few others that we hope to see on the grid soon.*

*> maintain VH scoring*

*> review VH Eligibility issues*

### **Director, Classic Eligibility – Rob McCord**

*Over the course of the year I have enjoyed speaking with owners of prospective cars for our club and remain committed to encouraging people with eligible cars to come out and race with VARAC. There have been a good number of cars discussed and believe that we have made great strides in streamlining the eligibility process through the website and with our new database. Special thanks to both Colleen and Ivan for getting the systems in place to allow secure storage of our data.*

*Our club has seen great growth on the Classic grid, especially at the VGP with a max grid size - which is fantastic. The production date cut-off in 2019 will be 1998, making an eligibility period for G90 cars 21 years. An interval approved in 2016.*

*VARAC has a very strong Classic group, which we will continue to grow. We encourage everyone with old race cars in the garage to come out and join the Classic grid for 2019. Our group is made up of outstanding people that want to race their cars in a competitive and safe manner.*

## Appendices

### 1. Member discussion: Ted Michalos – VARAC Time Brackets for 2019

Class	CTMP	SMP-Pro	SMP - Long	CMP - East	CMP - Long	Le Circuit
<b>A</b>	UNDER 1.31	UNDER 1.14	UNDER 1.58	UNDER 1.16	UNDER 2.17	UNDER 1.50
<b>1</b>	UNDER 1.35	UNDER 1.16	UNDER 2.01	UNDER 1.19	UNDER 2.22	UNDER 1.55
<b>2</b>	UNDER 1.40	UNDER 1.18	UNDER 2.04	UNDER 1.21	UNDER 2.27	UNDER 2.00
<b>3</b>	UNDER 1.45	UNDER 1.20	UNDER 2.07	UNDER 1.23	UNDER 2.32	UNDER 2.03
<b>4</b>	UNDER 1.50	UNDER 1.22	UNDER 2.10	UNDER 1.25	UNDER 2.37	UNDER 2.07
<b>5</b>	UNDER 1.55	UNDER 1.24	UNDER 2.13	UNDER 1.27	UNDER 2.42	UNDER 2.11
<b>6</b>	OVER 1.55	OVER 1.24	OVER 2.13	OVER 1.27	OVER 2.42	OVER 2.11

2. Member discussion: Ted Michalos – VARAC Race Schedule for 2019

Dates	Event	Track	Classes (Points)
May 11-12	Spring Trophy Races	CTMP	VH, CL (VH, CL)
May 24-26	Spring Classic	Mount Tremblant	VH, CL (VH)
June 13-16	Vintage Grand Prix	CTMP	VH, CL (VH, CL)
July 6-7	Peter Jackson Trophy Races	Shannonville	Sportsman (VH)
July 19-21	Summer Classic	Mount Tremblant	
July 27-28	Canadian Touring Trophy Races	CTMP	CL (CL)
July 27-28	Waterford Hills Vintage Races	Waterford Hills, MI	
Aug 17	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vintage Festival	<u>Shannonville</u>	VH, CL (VH x 2, CL x 2)
Aug 23-25	Ted Powell Races	Calabogie	Sportsman (VH)
Sep 14-15	Indian Summer Trophy Races	CTMP	VH, CL (VH, CL)
Sep 20-22	Fall Classic	Mount Tremblant	
Sep 28-29	Celebration of Motorsport	CTMP	VH, CL (VH, CL)

**Proxy Ballot Card**  
**VARAC 2018 Annual General Meeting**  
November 4, 2018

**Proxy Holder**

Print name:

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[Member designated to vote at the AGM on behalf of absent member]

**Authorized by**

Signature:

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[Member granting voting authority to Proxy Holder]

Notes:

- Each Proxy voted requires a completed Proxy Ballot.
- Completed Proxy Ballots must be given to the Secretary prior to the AGM to be valid.