



## ***BRITISH AUTOMOBILE RACING CLUB-OC***

**November 2018 Edition**

**Welcome to the final 2017 edition of the BARC-OC Newsletter. We as a club have a successful year in Road/Ice/Indy racing. Our drivers are tops and the volunteers are the best.**

**On November 7<sup>th</sup> we held our AGM and election night for the club. We did have a full quorum (attending members plus proxies) , last years AGM minutes were passed and voting for the Board of Directors positions was held:**

**Presenting your Board of Directors for the 2018 Race Season:**



**From left to right: Scott Ellsworth (Race Director), Paul Clarke (Treasurer), Howard Cohen (Director), Wayne Wanamaker (Ice Race Director), Tom Cressman (Director), Bryan Rashleigh (Vice President), Kyle Bast (President), Andrea Pegg (Membership) and Pat McDiarmid (Past President/Editor)**

## **BARC Ice Prix 2018**

It's hard to imagine that with this great weather it won't be long till cars are racing around on the ice in Minden. I've started making the arrangements for the 2018 BARC Ice Prix and as always I'm looking for help. Our weekend will be Saturday, January 27 and Sunday January 28, 2018. For those that have helped in previous years you know how much fun it can be. For those that have not experienced an ice race weekend, make this the year to do so. If you are interested in helping please contact me and I will find you a job to do.

We are doing the worker accommodations differently this year. I won't be booking the cabins at The Ogopogo Resort this year but instead will be giving each worker \$75. You will be responsible for making your own arrangements. It is hoped that this arrangement will help us reach a break-even point or even turn a profit at this year's event. I will send out a list of available accommodations in the Minden area to those that are interested in helping.

The Ice Prix weekend is a different experience from the summer races and is always a lot of fun. I look forward to hearing from you.

Wayne Wanamaker  
BARC Ice Race Organizer



**With the cold weather upon us I have just what every good BARC member needs- TOQUES!! Cozy warm knit toques with the BARC logo on one side and the slogan "Passion Participation Performance" on the other side. \$20 each. Toques will be on sale at each BARC Meeting or contact Wayne Wanamaker to get yours.**

## **Tex -Mex Gran Prix Tour**

By: Bob Page

Francois Remillard is an old friend of mine, and we worked together at the Canadian Gran Prix, where he is the Clerk of the Course. I had suggested that we go to the Us Gran Prix in Austin Texas, and he said that Mexico was the week after, and we should do both. So, off we went. First stop was Austin.

The COTA track is very impressive. The first corner is 13 stories up from pit lane. We walked the track, and it is a good thing that it was the first corner, if we had to climb that at the end, we may not have made it.

When we arrived on Friday, we went into the spectator entrance. We were amazed to find how many good viewing points there were in the General Admission areas. So for most of the weekend we just watched from those areas. They even have free shuttle buses to take you anywhere around the track.

The only disappointment was that there were only 2 support events: Masters Historics and SCCA Formula 4. We went into the Support Paddock and found some old friends. Teena Larson is running an F4 Team "Kiwi Racing" with her dad Mo. The two F4 races were great, with over 30 cars. Teena's drivers were 3rd & 5th in the first race, and 2nd & 6th in the second.

For the Gran Prix, the organizer gave us grandstand tickets. We were at corner 15, so we could see the end of the back straight and the technical section before the long triple apex corner. It was an exciting race, with Hamilton & Vettel dueling for the lead, and Max Verstappen flying up from the back.

On Monday, we had some time, so we checked out the riverfront park in Austin, and saw the Stevie Ray Vaughan statue. Then we went to San Antonio for lunch (about 1 hour drive.) There we went to the Riverwalk (like the French Quarter in New Orleans, but around a canal.)

Then it was off to Mexico City. The traffic there is crazy. There are 25 million people in the city, and I think half of them were on the road at any one time. Every intersection was like the start of a race, with 4 or more cars going for 2 lanes. People make turns from any lane, and they don't have stop signs, just giant speed bumps. So we hired a driver to take us around. Thankfully, Francois speaks pretty good Spanish.

The track is right in the heart of the city, only a few blocks from our hotel. It is another impressive venue, with the incredible stadium section, surrounded with a 30,000 seat baseball stadium. Every seat was filled.

We got tabards so we could go trackside, and walked around the track (several times.) Our credentials were from FIA, so I think some of the marshals thought we were spies for the FIA. But they were all very friendly, and keen.

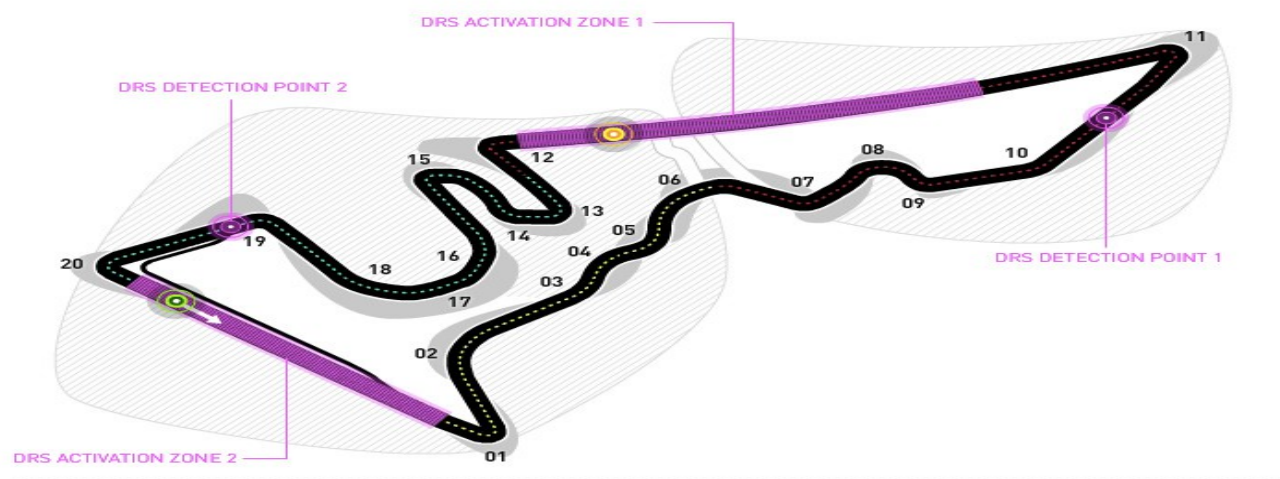
There were 3 support series here: Masters, Mexican F4 and the World Championship Porsche GT series. For F4, there were 16 cars with great racing, especially in the midfield. There were over 30 Porsches, with lots of spins and passing.

The F1 race looked good with Vettel, Hamilton and Verstappen all going for the lead. But at Corner 3, Vettel and Hamilton made contact, and both had to pit. Hamilton had to limp around to the pits with a flat, and fell right to the back. For a long time, he ran last until the next tire stop, when he started to move back up. At the end he had a great battle with Alonso (would have predicted that), and finally passed him, and got enough points to secure the Championship.

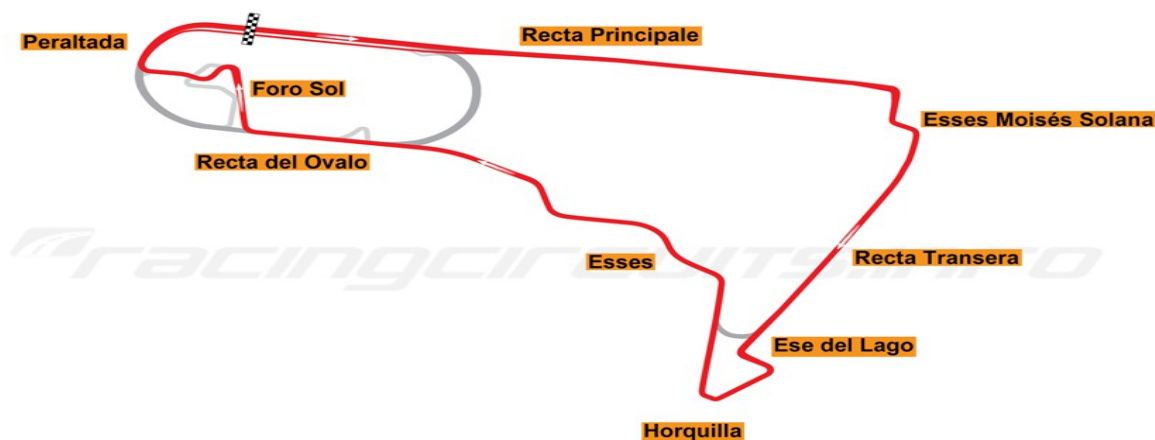
One of the most impressive points in the race was on lap 19. The nineteenth was the date of the earthquakes in Mexico. All the spectators stood up and put their fists in the air for the whole lap. This is their

symbol for keeping Mexico strong. There is a lot of poverty in Mexico, but the people are extremely proud of their country.

## 2013 FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX



## Track Layout of Mexican Grand Prix 2017



## TIME HAS COME TO RENEW/JOIN UP WITH BARC=OC

You can rejoin/join by logging on to the BARC-OC website and use your credit card (<http://www.barc-oc.com/content/join-barc-oc>) . OR print off the membership form and mail it in OR come to our next GM Meeting. Check out the web site for time and location. (Ice racing is coming fast so make sure you get your membership done early.)



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Age: \_\_\_\_\_ ( if under 18)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print clearly - personnel email is preferred)

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Competition Experience:

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Other Club Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

Car(s) Owned:

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\_ Areas you might be interested in: \_\_\_\_\_ Grids \_\_\_\_\_ Pits \_\_\_\_\_ Track Rescue Services  
\_\_\_\_\_ Scrutineers \_\_\_\_\_ Judge of Fact \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ Registration  
\_\_\_\_\_ Competitor Information \_\_\_\_\_ Paddock \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Indy \_\_\_\_\_ Publications  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ice Racing \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Public Relations \_\_\_\_\_ Social \_\_\_\_\_

\_ Other Have you any special skills or services that you might make available to the club?

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \$45.00 Under 16: \$15.00 Includes ASN Affiliation  
(Membership runs Jan 1 to Dec. 31)  
(PLEASE MAKE ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: BARC-OC)

Just a reminder of the 2018 Schedule make sure to mark the dates on your calendar:

## **CASC-OR 2018 Regional Race Schedule**

**Oct 1, 2017** Celebration of Motorsport at CTMP  
(Sunday's races to count toward 2018 points championship)

**May 11-13** Spring Trophy Races at CTMP

**Jun 14-17** VARAC's Vintage Grand Prix at CTMP

**Jul 6-8** CTCC Summer Challenge featuring the Peter Jackson Trophy  
Races at Shannonville Motorsport Park (GT Sprints, Formula Libre, Toyo  
F1600, VARAC VH)

**Jul 28-29** Canadian Touring Trophy Races (CTMP)

**Aug 24-26** Ted Powell Races at Calabogie Motorsports Park

**Sep 15-16** Indian Summer Trophy Races at CTMP

***Thanks to all our members for making the  
2017 race season such a successful one.  
Wishing you all a safe and happy off  
season See you at the track in 2018.***

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Editor  
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