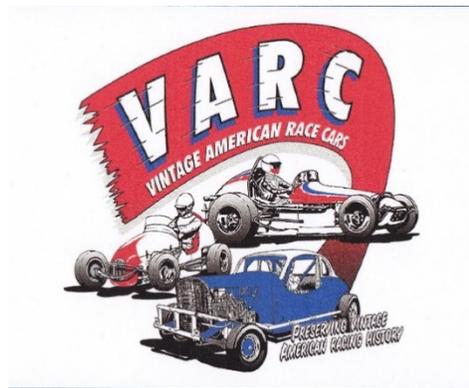


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## Notes from our President Jim McDermott

The weather has started to clear up a little that doesn't really mean much as I woke up to a little snow this morning. It will melt off and warm weather is on the way, so they say. We are used to this kind of uncertainty in the spring but now we have to wait out this terrible virus pandemic. I still can't figure out how this got so big and dangerous in such a short time. I am worried that this is going to impact our season as tracks are waiting to see if they will get to open and then will the crowds come out to watch racing if there is still a chance that this virus is spreading.

We have dates at some tracks but other have not gotten back to us, so we are going to put out what we have so far and hope for additional dates as things improve.

We had to cancel the spring board meeting and at this time we are looking at other ways to conduct our business. It's always good to get together and go over things in person but that may not happen till the fall meeting. I plan on sending some thoughts and ideas to the board members as a form of a brain teaser. Our VP John Morton has sent out some ideas he has been working on. These are for your review and comments.

We would like you to go over our Rule Book and the By-Laws. They are posted on the web site or Melinda can mail you a copy. There have been changes and we need to get the book updated. Give this some thought and if there is something that we need to look at send me a note. If there is anything that you think would

make this a better organization, please express your thoughts.

Putting on a good show is paramount to our success. This requires everyone to run their cars in a safe and sensible manner. Safety is of the utmost importance for the drivers and fans. Not to mention the potential damage to our classic vintage racing cars. Parts for these cars are not just a phone call away as you all are aware. Some parts are just not available or at best, very hard to find.

A couple things that would help our shows are additional 4 wheeler drivers to push cars around the pits. If you don't have your car ready we can still use your help. We are always in need of a member to act as our pit steward at the tracks. I would really like to have someone be VARC's announcer. Many times the track announcer is not too familiar with our types of cars and the history of our drivers.

RACEceiver were used last season and they were helpful whenever the track officials remembered we had them. This season, if and when it gets under way, we will have a transmitting radio that can be used by a VARC member to aid in keeping our drivers informed. This will be useful on initial line ups to help get lined up faster and look more professional. Anytime there is an on track problem information can be sent to the drivers. Restart info as well as laps remaining will be helpful also. If you are in need of one, we have some available. Call me for pricing. We also have extra foam pieces for the ear buds and can get any additional RACEceiver supplies.

## Notes from our Vice-President John Morton

I hope all of you are safe at home and avoiding this virus. I have not heard of anyone that has contracted this miserable flu. This home quarantine is getting me bored as all heck and leads to spending too much time reading social media. I have never been so amazed at the mean- spirited and down-right vulgar comments that people of this country heave at one another. It appears that having a different opinion is no longer acceptable in this country. Our political system seems broken at times but it is only because those of one persuasion won't listen to anyone else's ideas. Sad but true. Seems to me that only two things are missing in this thought process: honesty and integrity. They have been replaced by party loyalty and re-electability.

Well maybe it's time that we elect a racer to these offices. I bet there would be a boom in new race tracks in this country. It would give people something useful to do on a Saturday night rather than complain about the other political party. Heaven knows that all racers are an honest bunch that never cuss out their opponents or cheats on the rules~!!!! Wait a minute that was in the old days. You never see vintage car drivers mad at anyone just happy to be on the track in their restored vintage iron. See how this attitude would help the world? No one thought we had a valuable purpose. I knew all along.... We all answered to a higher calling..... Make America Closer Together Again !!!!!!!

Jim McDermott



Noah Barker  
Miami Valley Centre Mall Show

Wow "Who Da Think it". Here it is, Easter and we still are not sure of what kind of season we will have. We have a partial schedule but a lot of tracks still haven't reported back with us on a date. All of this being said, I know the safety and good health of people is far more important than our desires to participate in any racing at this time. I do miss the smell and noise, however, maybe a good whiff of that racing fuel would put Corona Virus on the run. That would be great all would have to race to be healthy. Not a bad dream.

Well I am trying to figure out how to get my midget down to Butch Evans to have some body panels made. With the travel restrictions on in Ohio I might get quarantined in Ohio if I get caught. I might just have to call Gene Steele to put me up for a time. That might be a bad idea as I know he can get anyone in trouble.

I hope all are ready with their rides and can come out and participate in as many events as possible. The more people who come out, the more fun we can have. Also we can put on a much better show for our fans.

Well what do you think of the new NASCAR virtual racing going on now? It is amazing to me how they can program all the track conditions and car conditions into a game. That is so real. The only complaint from the drivers is that there is not that feel of a racecar in the seat of your pants. I am sure someone will come up with something to cover that. It is interesting but not like the real thing. No yelling, no fights, no flipping anyone off. Not real racing but fun. Well I have run out of words so it is time to shut up. I hope all have a good Easter Holiday and give thanks for all we have.

See you Soon, John Morton

P.S. Drop Bill Layton and Mike Mason a card as they are going through some medical issues.

Our prayers are with you my friends.

## Gene Steele's Florida Report

Car counts were about average, 80 cars for the beach parade. A lot of people showed up to watch the one lap on the original Daytona race track. The drive-in church was on a weekday so not many of the local street rods showed up. It was a surprise that this parade also got us on the beach, however it was where sunbathers like to hang out they were surprised! The Ponce lighthouse was its usual treat. That place is a hidden treasure.

Hank Lower rode down with me, and he and his son Jeff rode in the RU21. They seemed to have a real good time.



I took some photos but my camera died and the pictures didn't come out. So I can't share the neat event at the nudist camp.

Had some trouble with the toter on the way home, fellow VARC member's Dave & Dori Ordos came to my rescue.

Since my return from Florida I've been working on the 37 slant back, a side x side, & a street sweeper. Just when I get done getting the sweeper to market, this virus hit. Guess what, there ain't much of a market for street sweepers during lock-downs.

I realize this ain't very exciting stuff, but Melinda needs some filler stuff for the next newsletter. So don't blame her.

Gene Steele



## Detroit AutoRama



Thank you to John Morton, David Morton, Jim McDermott, Terry Wells, Mike & Melinda Ahleman for helping out at the booth.



## Notes from our Secretary Melinda Ahleman

I want to see pictures of your cars while they are being restored. Send me photos from the time you purchased the car to the finished project. 6 to 12 photos would be great. I would also like some history of the car.

Former racers if you have any photos of you racing back in the old days I would love to have them also. Along with that send me some history of your racing accomplishments.

You can mail or email me the information.

# 2020 VARC Schedule

May 15	Spartan Speedway Mason, MI
May 16	Springport Speedway Springport, MI
May 23-24	Angola Speedway Angola, IN
May 30	Shady Bowl Speedway Degroff, OH
June 27	I-96 Speedway Lake Odessa, MI
July 11-12	Oakshade Speedway Wauseon, OH
July 25	Butler Speedway Quincy, MI
Aug 1	Old Portsmouth Speedway Portsmouth, OH
Aug 1	Atomic Speedway Waverly, OH
Aug 15	Sandusky Speedway Sandusky, OH
Sept. 5-6	Angola Speedway Angola, IN
Sept 18-19	Rebel Run Car Show Lima, OH

Still waiting to hear from:  
Wayne County Speedway  
Moler Speedway  
Portsmouth Speedway

## Notes from Charlie Brock Veterans Motorports Assoc.

There is not much to report so far. With everything going on most everything has come to a stop. Since we partner with some of the local schools and them being closed we are not able to schedule anything at this time. We will wait until the fall and start working on the 2021 schedule.



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