

VINTAGE AMERICAN
RACE CARS
TRAVELING MUSEUM



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1. About Vintage American Race Cars

Vintage American Race Cars events are held at tracks in Ohio, western Indiana, and southern Michigan, with a focus to hold events close to most club members. Events are held at top race tracks with a lot of history and are professionally operated. VARC strives to maintain a reputation for putting on good quality shows.

Membership brings you in contact with other vintage car owners, drivers, and car minded people who share the love of old racing cars and heroes of the past. Members really enjoy talking with fans, young and old, about how things have changed from the past and how the race cars have evolved. Anyone, of any age that shares an interest in the past history of circle track racing in this country is welcome.

Your membership allows you to participate on track in exhibition style races. This means running cars to the level of speed that you, as the driver, feel comfortable with and not pushing the car beyond its limit. Passing on the track is permitted, but you are expected to use a great deal of judgment when passing slower cars. It is asked that you take into consideration the type of cars, your experience level and the experience of other members. Our members appreciate that VARC does not want to delay the other track events by causing spin outs or accidents.

2. Vintage American Race Cars: Membership

Membership in VARC requires payment of annual dues in the amount of \$50.00. Membership runs from November 1 of the current year through October 31 of the following year. Dues are not pro-rated and will always expire October 31. An Associate membership will be \$25.00.

What do you get with your membership?

1. What you get with your Membership

Your Full Membership gives you the opportunity to display your vintage race car and participate in on track exhibition style races at VARC events. You will also receive two pit passes at each event you attend and a quarterly newsletter.

An Associate Membership will allow you to display your car and participate in on track activities for one event. If you attend more than one event a Full Membership will be required. You will also receive two pit passes at the track you attend and a quarterly newsletter.

Ownership of a vintage race car is not required for those that wish to participate by becoming Associate members.

3. Membership Expectations

- 1.** Have fun – that’s what this is all about.
- 2.** Follow the rules as they are there for everyone’s safety.
- 3.** Participate at events as often as you can. A good showing of cars is necessary at every event to deliver a quality show to the hosting tracks.
- 4.** Help out at events when you can. Help is always needed getting cars parked on display and ready to run on the track. Four wheeler push vehicles are very helpful, and it’s helpful to have an assistant with each car.
- 5.** Sign in at each event. We need to know who is there and information about your car, including if you plan to drive that day. You must also sign in at the track pit gate/window.
- 6.** Be civil and courteous to all VARC members and track officials
- 7.** If you have a problem, notify one of the VARC officials. We will try to resolve the problem quickly.

8. Have your car ready for races so that we do not delay the show. This can be hard to do some nights.
9. Clean up your pit area before you leave.
10. Refer to #1—Have fun!

4. General Rules

1. You will need to RSVP the week prior to each event. You will need to contact the Pit Steward. Watch our Website and Facebook for information for each event.
2. Sign up at the track! All participants (owners and drivers) are required to sign a release form for the track and also sign a release form for VARC. Anyone failing to sign in can be asked to leave the premises (required for insurance purposes.) You may be required to pay fees if the track does not grant free pit passes. There is a limit of two pit passes per car. Without a current VARC membership, you may NOT run on the track at a VARC sponsored event.

3. For each VARC event, we will assign a Pit Steward. It is the responsibility of the Pit Steward to arrange with the promoter or designated track official for the proper placement of the VARC cars for display, the parking of haulers and trailers, and the arrangement of the lineup of the cars for on track activities. The Pit Steward shall keep abreast of the schedule of events so that our cars are ready and does not cause delay to the track schedule. The Pit Steward will have the full authority of VARC and will have the last word on these matters.

4. We **MUST** be courteous and respectful to all track officials. We are the guest of the host tracks and must respect their decisions with regard to placing, parking, and running our cars, changes to their schedule, etc. Respect the club officials, pit stewards and other members of VARC! We are all here to enjoy our cars and vintage racing, so let it be fun.

5. Any time we have a “Play Day” there will be a pit steward/flagman to signal cars entering the track. No car may enter the track without permission.

5. Vintage Car Rules

A vintage race car is defined as a retired race car from 1980 or older. If a car can compete in current race classes it is not eligible to run as a vintage car regardless of the age of the car. No down tube chassis cars are permitted. Just because a race car is obsolete, it does not make it a vintage race car.

1. Your car must be equipped as closely as possible with the type of originally installed parts for the period in which the car would have competed. This includes body parts, axles, hoods, roll bars, bumpers, engine types, etc. In keeping with our desired safety levels however, newer parts may be used where appropriate.

2. No car will be allowed on the track without working brakes, a minimum of two throttle return springs, and a toe strap on the gas pedal, regardless if carbureted or injected.

3. An ignition kill switch and fuel shut-off valve are **MANDATORY** and must be accessible by the driver while strapped in. They must be in working order and must be **LABELED**.

- 4.** Self- starter cars must have an approved battery disconnect to disable the cranking and ignition systems while the cars are on display or in the pits.

- 5.** Seat belts and harness: A five point safety harness is mandatory and must be installed in a safe manner and be in good condition (recommend no more than 5 years old). No old military aircraft belts will be allowed on the track.

- 6.** Roll bar: All cars that are in the running exhibitions are required to have a roll bar in back of the cockpit. Roll cages are allowed in place of a roll bar. Exception: If you run an original open wheel car that did not have a roll bar as original equipment, you are allowed to run that car without a roll bar during VARC events.

- 7.** Cars with hair pin or wishbone type suspension links must have a safety cable or equivalent device installed.

- 8.** Spindles: all cars that don't have the international type spindles are required to have a safety skid or shoe under the right side of the front axle.

9. Wheels and tires must be in serviceable condition and sized to the period when the car ran. The maximum width for the right rear is 18" and the left rear 15".

10. Wings are permitted if they are period correct for size and construction. Documentation may be necessary in the form of dated photos of the car, etc.

11. Any car leaking excess fluids of any type will not be permitted on the track until corrections are made. Any car operating on asphalt tracks must use only water in the cooling systems (no antifreeze).

6. Safety Requirements

- 1.** An ABC or better fire extinguisher is required on each car or in the pits for that car. We recommend that it be installed on the car within reach of the driver.
- 2.** Driving Suits: No driver will be permitted on the track without a fire retardant driving suit made of Nomex, Kevlar, or similar fabric as approved by USAC or SCCA. We highly recommend additional fire retardant equipment such as gloves, underwear, hoods, and boots. We recommend the use of arm restraints for open wheel car drivers.
- 3.** Helmets: A Snell 2000 “SA” grade or better helmets must be used. We recommend an SA 2010, full face helmet. No motorcycle helmets. It is mandatory that a helmet be worn any time the car is on the track, including any play day track time.
- 4.** Fuel tanks must be of sound construction and properly anchored to the frame. Fuel cells are recommended. Pay attention to the fuel line location and attachment!

5. The owner and driver are responsible for the pre track inspection of their cars. Check the tire pressure and tire condition, wheel tightness, working brakes, body panels and suspension parts are correctly attached, and look for any other safety defects. If the owner requests a technical inspection from a VARC official it will be a courtesy inspection and in no way constitutes an endorsement by the inspector or VARC that the car is completely free of safety defects. No car will be allowed to participate without the owner/driver inspection.

6. RACEceivers will be used for all on track activities. They can purchase them from VARC officials or rent one for the evening for a cost of \$10.00 plus \$15.00 security deposit to be refunded when turned in at the end of the evening. Any rental a fee will be applied to the purchase price of a new one.

7. Driving Rules

- 1.** You **MUST** attend the drivers meeting for each event. If you do not attend the VARC driver meeting you will not be permitted on the race track. We recommend that you attend the track's drivers meeting if possible.
- 2.** All cars will line up in the order given at the Driver's Meeting.
- 3.** Be ready when it is your turn on the track. We do not want to delay the track's program. Our goal is to put on a good show and to look professional.
- 4.** When entering the track, be watchful for other cars already moving on the track. Watch for push start cars and push trucks – give them room. Line up quickly in 2x2 fashion, moderate your speed keeping in mind the dog clutch cars can't run very slowly.
- 5.** Observe and obey the flagman at all times. Watch for track lights and comply with them. Understand all the different color flags and lights. If you have questions about starting procedures, ask them at our drivers meeting.

6. When the green flag starts the race, be on the look-out for slower cars ahead. Be prepared for an emergency stop or sudden move by other cars. Give yourself room when passing. Remember some cars and drivers may choose to run slower. We have drivers of various skill levels and cars with different handling qualities.

7. Passing is allowed on the outside only,

8. Slower cars will remain to the lower two lanes of the track at all times.

9. Only pass 2 cars at the most per lap.

10. Anytime you have to leave the track for a mechanical reason you **MUST** go to the infield – **NO** exiting on the outside of the track during green flag racing !

11. When exiting the track after the checkered flag you will go to the assigned place and shut off your vehicle. Push vehicles will pick you up and push you to your trailer. No going through the pits under your own power.

12. Do not overdrive. Moderate your speed. We are running an EXHIBITION- not racing. Do not charge through the pack. If you get out front, do not lead for more than a lap or two. Slow down and let someone else have a chance to lead. Remember – we are trying to put on a good show for the fans, not win the race for your own fan club.

13. For everyone's safety, develop safe driving habits. Do not make unnecessary or sudden moves and do not slow down abruptly unless necessary. If you are involved in an on track accident, remain in your car until you get instructions from track safety personnel, except in cases where fuel is leaking or a fire is evident.

14. Un-sportsman like conduct, aggressive or unsafe driving will result in penalties ranging from a warning to a permanent expulsion from the VARC. Vintage American Race Cars and their officials cannot be held responsible for your neglect or non-compliance with these rules.

8. Displaying Cars

- 1.** All cars will be on display in the designated area for all the fans to see.
- 2.** Drivers/Owners are asked to please stay with your Race Car to answer any questions from fans and help promote the organization.
- 3.** It would be nice to have a Display Board about your car and its history.
- 4.** Fan/Car pictures are encouraged.
- 5.** Keep cars clean and presentable.

9. Vintage American Race Cars: Pit Steward Duties

A member assigned the role of Pit Steward for an event will be in charge of the following items:

1. Communicate with track officials before a scheduled event. This will be done a week prior to the event by phone conversation or email. After arriving at the event, they will contact the designated track official to assist in parking VARC tow rigs, to arrange the location to park our cars on display, and coordinate with track officials as to the time and place to line up for our on track times.

2. Ensure that all members with cars sign in at the pit window. Ensure that all drivers and assistants sign in on the VARC sign in sheet. Determine if the car will run on the track that day.

3. The pit steward can use other members to assist with the duties as this is a difficult job for one person. Ultimately, the assigned pit steward is in charge. We expect VARC members to assist if asked.

10. Vintage American Race Cars: Points System

Points are awarded at VARC sponsored events as follows

- 1.** Only VARC members are eligible for points.
- 2.** One point is awarded for arriving at the track. Even if not being able to display or run due to weather. You will also get one point if you are en-route to the track and the event was cancelled due to weather. You must notify the Pit Steward or VARC Officer that you are en-route.
- 3.** One point is awarded for placing your car on display. If the track does not have an area to display your car, you must unload the car in the pit area for display.
- 4.** One point is awarded for running on the track, whether it is a heat race or the feature event.
- 5.** If the event is solely a VARC sponsored event all points will be doubled.
- 6.** If the event is a shared program (such as Michiana Vintage Racing) points will NOT be doubled.

11. Vintage American Race Cars: Checklist for Drivers Meeting

- 1.** Determine that all drivers are present and have signed in.
- 2.** Discuss the location of the track entrance and exit, and any procedures that are unique to the track. Use a chalk board if necessary.
- 3.** Explain the number of laps for each race and when our races are scheduled in the track's program.
- 4.** Explain where cars may not be run under power! Examples include around grand stands where fans including children may be walking around.
- 5.** Review the flag stand location and track lights. Review the meaning of the flags used on the track.

6. Review driving procedures on the track. Remind VARC drivers to get on the track in a 2 x 2 lineup as quickly as possible. We do not want to delay the program by taking a long time to get into our starting lineup. Remind members that this is an exhibition style race and not all-out racing. We will black flag a member for reckless and unsafe driving. VARC officials will review a black flagged driver and your driving may result in a suspension if warranted.

7. Review that restarts for VARC events are single file. Review that if a yellow is displayed, when you get slowed down you are to get into a single file line and keep close to the car in front of you. We will not be lining up by your last track position, just get into an orderly line.

8. Ask the drivers if they have any questions!

12. Rule Book Disclaimer

The rules and /or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and by participating in these events all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules.

NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM THE PUBLICATION OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND /OR REGULATIONS. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator or official.

The VARC Pit Steward is empowered to permit reasonable and appropriate deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in his/her opinion does not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH ALTERATION OF SPECIFICATIONS. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final.

By the Officers of Vintage American Race Cars (VARC)

VARC BY-LAWS

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Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be Vintage American Race Cars Traveling Museum Inc. "VARC Inc." as an abbreviation.

Article II Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- (A) The mission of VARC Inc. with its members and race promoters, is to keep the history of American oval track racing in the public's eye, in a safe and entertaining environment. Preservation and the education of this history for today's younger fans are our primary goal.

- (B) We educate the public with our "Traveling Museum". Museum quality vintage racing cars are taken to the public in a variety of states including Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. The cars are owned by members and displayed at the various events throughout the year including car shows, static displays and at race tracks. This provides the public with an opportunity to learn about the history of the earlier days of oval track racing. They can see the construction techniques used on the various types of racing car and learn about the famous drivers that drove these cars from the 1930's thru the 1980's. At race tracks the cars are also driven on the track in

an exhibition style race. By running the cars at racing speed it also gives fans the opportunity to experience the sights, sounds and thrills of historical auto racing cars and the heroes of the past. This is done through the invitation of the track promoters so VARC Inc. can participate in their racing program and bring this living, moving, educational museum to the racing fans of today.

(C) Expanding participation is critical in achieving our stated goal of educating the public. We aim to recruit new members and maintain active Membership files.

Article III Members

Any individual is eligible for membership if he or she supports the goals and purpose of VARC and is willing to pay the required annual dues and abide by the Bylaws and rules of VARC. Only members in good standing will be permitted to participate in VARC sponsored events. No one shall be denied membership in VARC Inc. based on race, color, sex, religious, or political views.

Article IV Board of Directors

(A) The board shall consist of eight members in good standing. The members of the board shall be nominated from the membership and voted on by the current board members when a replacement is needed. The number of positions shall be determined based on current membership numbers.

1. Board members must have the interest of the VARC organization as their top priority.
2. They must be objective and unbiased using sound judgment when voting.
3. Must be willing to attend all board meetings. Spring, summer, annual fall meeting and any special meetings called by the President.

(B) The term limit for the board positions shall be four positions with three year limits and four positions with a two year limit.

(C) The Board of Directors shall have the general supervision and charge of the property, affairs, and finances of the Corporation. This includes changes to the rules, points system, approval of the schedule, and any matter involving sanctions against a member.

The board will also be responsible for fundraising efforts. They will also be responsible for approving the budget submitted by the President.

(D) At any meeting the Quorum shall be at least 50% of the board. In order to vote on any proposal a quorum must be present. If a tie vote Vice President will vote to break the tie.

(E) The Board of Directors shall adopt by-laws for the government of VARC Inc. not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation of the State of Ohio.

(F) Removal of a board member or officer must be for the following reasons.

1. Resignation

2. Gross misconduct. (Voted on by the membership)

3. Failing to maintain membership in good standing. (not paying annual dues)

Article V Officers

(A) The elected Officers of the VARC Inc. shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These positions shall be elected by Board of Directors at the annual Banquet/Awards gathering held in the fall after the current season. Nomination for officers will come from the membership and must be a member in good standing.

(B) *The President shall:*

1. Preside at all meetings with the board.
2. Be the official spokesperson for the VARC Inc.
3. Exercise all powers and perform all duties normally incident to such offices.
4. Preside on any action involving members violation of the rules and disregard for VARC Inc. stated.

(C) *The Vice President shall;*

1. Perform all the duties of the President in absence of the latter.
2. Perform other such duties as The Board may authorize.

(D) *The Secretary shall:*

1. Keep minutes of the Board meetings
2. Handle correspondence as directed by the President.
3. Maintain the current active membership list.
4. Arrange for periodic newsletters.

(E) *The Treasurer shall:*

1. Collect all monies due the VARC Inc.
2. Deposit funds in the approved bank account.
3. Keep books for VARC Inc. accounts.
4. Sign for withdrawal of funds of VARC Inc.
5. Arrange for a treasurer report for any board meeting.

(F) *The Director of Marketing*

1. Shall be in charge of the marketing and fund raising efforts of VARC Inc.
2. Will oversee efforts in raffles, sale of merchandise, auctions.
3. Work with Board Members to form committees to aid in fund raising.

Article VI Indemnification

Each director, officer, agent, member, or volunteer of the Corporation and any director, officer, agent, member or volunteer of any other corporation serving as such at the request of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation under the standards set by and to the fullest extent allowable under the Ohio Revised Code, as the same shall be amended from time to time. Any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that

- (a) the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Corporation and
- (b) with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had reasonable cause to believe that his/her conduct was unlawful.

Article VII Action Against Members

(A) The President and the Board shall:

1. Convene a meeting whenever a serious complaint is brought against a member. These complaints will include but not be limited to:

a. Inappropriate behavior to another member, track promoter, or racing fan.

b. Serious disregard for the rules or instruction of the track officials. This will including being black flagged for aggressive, unsafe driving on the track.

c. Any other egregious act that brings discredit to the VARC Inc.

d. Complaints brought against a member by any other member must be submitted in writing. The details of the complaint and any witnesses listed.

(B) Issue appropriate sanctions against the offending member.

This can be in the form of written warning, suspension for a specified time limit, or expulsion from the organization. The sanction will be based on the seriousness of the complaint as determined by the board.

Article VIII Board Meetings

(A) Board meetings will be held in April, September and October. The locations will be in Ohio in Ashland, and Fremont unless otherwise indicated.

1. The April meeting will focus on upcoming schedule for the traveling museum. The best locations to conduct our mission will be determined
2. The September meeting will focus on the annual awards banquet and recap of the summer events. Ideas for changes or program enhancement will be discuss.

3. The October meeting will review financial records to include expenditures for the year, proposed budget for next year. Outstanding issues or new business with a focus on the next season goals.
 - a. Election of board of directors for any position nearing limit of term will be conducted.
4. Any issues that are deemed critical by an officer or director can be submitted at any meeting.
5. Special meetings can be called by the officers or board when necessary. Minimum of a ten day written notice is required for a special meeting.
6. Election of officers will be conducted at our annual awards banquet.

(B) The Board meetings will be chaired by the President. In his absence the Vice for open discussion of matters that concerns the operation, mission, or goals of VARC.

1. Any proposal for change shall be submitted in writing and include description of the condition, suggested changes, and expected outcome.
2. The meeting shall consist of one hour of open discussion on topics brought forth by the membership. After the first hour of open discussion the board will continue in closed session to move on and vote on proposals as necessary. The closed discussion will be limited to two hours. The purpose of this format is keep focus on the subject at hand and minimize distractions.

These By-Laws were adopted as revised by unanimous vote of Directors.

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