

VRG Race Schedule

2017

- March 11, 2017 **Winter Tech in Clifton, NJ**
- April 7-9, 2017 **VDCA Wild Hare Run – Virginia International Raceway, Alton, VA**
Event Chairman: Mike Jackson, Tel: 561-622-7554, Email: vdca@vintagedrive.com
- May 17-21, 2017 **Jefferson 500 – Summit Point, WV**
VRG Drivers School (May 17-18)
with FREE Open Test Day (May 18)
Co-Event Chairmen: Cal Trumbo & Jim Karamanis
Tel: 304-449-7050 Email: j500@vrgonline.org
- June 22-24, 2017 **The Vintage Motorsports Festival – Thompson Speedway, Thompson, CT**
Oldest Road Course in the USA, Co-Sanctioned with the VSCCA
Royale Formula Ford Feature Race
Event Chairmen: Paul King, Chairman, and Mark Gunsalus, Co-Chairman
Tel: 508-847-4809. Email: paulking@charter.net
- Sept. 15-17, 2017 **New Jersey Historics – Lightning Circuit, NJ Motorsports Park, Millville, NJ**
MG Vintage Racers Focus Event, Royale Formula Ford Feature Race
Event Chairman: Butch O'Connor, Tel: 973-295-3674, Email: bfo@spsk.com
- ✓ Oct. 6-8, 2017 **VRG at The Glen – Watkins Glen, NY**
Royale Formula Ford Feature Race
Event Chairman: Mike Lawton, Tel: 978-274-5935, Email: Lawton@vrgonline.org
- Oct. 20-22, 2017 **The Vintage Pumpkin Run – Dominion Raceway, Thornburg, VA**
Royale Formula Ford Feature Race IMSA RS/Trans Am 2.5 Reunion
Event Chairmen: Cal Trumbo and Jim Karamanis, Tel: 304-449-7050
Email: jim@vrgonline.org.
- Nov. 24-26, 2017 **Annual Turkey Bowl XXI – Summit Point, WV**
Event Chairman: Michael Oritt, Tel: 305-420-4929, Email: Michael@vrgonline.org

Snapshot 2017 #2

by Bill Stoler

This “snapshot” is a recap of the VRG Jefferson 500 and the Royale Formula Ford Series Challenge participation at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. It’s being wrapped up only a few days prior to the VRG New Jersey Historics at New Jersey Motorsports Park and it is my hope that the photos may just inspire you enough to load up the trailer and bring the race car out to one of my favorite VRG events of the year! Butch O’Conner and the Joisey Boyz put on a great event at the track located on the site of the WWII Army Airfield at Millville NJ. Lots of track time on the Lightning Circuit and a Saturday Night BBQ at the Millville Air Museum combine for a fun-filled weekend in the Garden State.

The Jefferson 500 at Summit Point WV held in May attracted 250 entries overall including a return of the Royale Formula Ford Challenge Series which included

over 40 Formula Ford entries. It was appropriate that the historic racing facility in Jefferson County West would be a stop during the 50th anniversary year of the iconic race car. One of the first races held at Summit Point was the 1970 IMSA Pro Formula Ford Race. Brian Walsh and the IMSA RS/SCCA 2.5 Reunion returned to the Jefferson 500 weekend this year too. Brian participated again with his father’s purple Ford Pinto and it’s with a heavy heart that I write this, as his father, Jerry passed away about a month later after a battle with ALS or “Lou Gehrig’s disease.” Although I never had a chance to meet Jerry, I felt a profound sense of loss due to the great job Brian does promoting the reunion series and racing his father’s Pinto. It’s good to see Jerry’s legacy live on through Brian’s efforts with the Racer Walsh Pinto Parts Co. and the Decal Shop, while raising awareness of ALS by campaigning the iconic “purple Pinto!”

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The Jefferson 500 weekend also saw another visit by Grand Marshal, Brian Redman to the race weekend. It all started back in 1991. That was the year that the track owner, Bill Scott offered “the track, the corner workers, the ambulance and everything!” for only \$1.00 a day. The “gentleman’s agreement” led to the first Jefferson 500 in 1991 and continues today as a joint effort between Barbara Scott (widow of Bill) and the Vintage Racer Group. The Saturday night dinner is a Jefferson 500 tradition and there is nothing better than having Brian Redman as the guest speaker. He delighted the crowd with stories of growing up in England. His pre-racing years, making “mop heads” and delivery the product in a Morris 1000 Traveller “Woody!” This delivery vehicle would be modified and become Redman’s first race car on Easter Sunday 1959 at Rufforth Airfield circuit near York!

The VRG Royale Formula Ford Challenge Series sponsored by Hoosier Tire participated in the 2017 edition of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix with a feature weekend at Pitt-Race and an exhibition race the following weekend at Schenley Park. Led by Chris Shoemaker/Bernard Bradpiece/Andrew Stein the series drew 24 entries to Pitt-Race and the open wheel series put on a terrific display of racing and was arguably (in my humble opinion) the most competitive racing of the weekend at Pitt-Race! The RFFCS put on a very entertaining (and safe) exhibition race at Schenley Park and was well received again by the fans at Pittsburgh!



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Jeff 500 photos -Bill Stoler



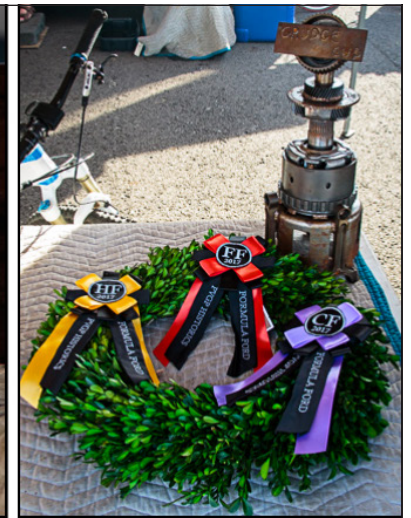
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