



Newsletter Editor

May the “force” be with you! May is the ‘traditional’ start of the Canadian racing season, and racing is well underway...(more below).

Respecting The Super Production Challenge Series, we are looking at 50 registered entrants for the Victoria Day Sprints Weekend, at CTMP!, which I believe will make SPC the largest attended series in Canada?

Fifty cars..standing start...lights out, and three categories of vehicles lighting up their NAN-KANG Taiwanese tires...the new tire sponsor for the SPC Series, which after the “test”day at ICAR seem to provide greater grip than their BFG predecessors! It should provide a dollop of adrenaline for the Race Director. no?

Forty years gone!! Gilles Villeneuve...May 8, 1982, Zolder, Belgium. It was pissing rain here in Ottawa that fateful day; vividly recall I was painting a room in the house, when I heard the news. I admit, I cried. But, what a Legacy this ‘phenom’ left here and around the world! Salut Gilles.

- Ron Woltman



THE 'V8 THUNDER CARS CANADA POWERED BY TOMLINSON SERIES'

OK – say the name of Canada’s newest race series fast three time – go ahead, I dare ya!!!

It all started back in 2019 when Steve Petty contacted me – a racer who I had met when working the NATCC/SuperTouring Championship in 1996. Steve is a very successful businessman in California who has many interests, including building Trans Am chassis and much more. Steve was reaching out as he was working on building a lower cost Trans Am-like Series that would appeal to the racer who did not want to run a full professional series program. (Steve pointed out that he was building and delivering chassis to a similar then 5 year old program in Australia called the 'V8 Supercars' and that they were averaging 45 car entries!!!!) He was calling his prototype program 'The American V8 Thunder Series' and he was looking at running an East and West Coast schedule and wanted to know if I was interested in being involved. The obvious answer was a resounding 'YES' - and then we started talking about the 'what if's'. 'What if' there was a similar series in Canada that had the same rules in place so that a racer could pick one or two events and run in a 'V8 Thunder Series Race' in either the US or Canada?

The next step was to contact Calabogie Motorsports Park management who immediately replied with a very positive mandate to find out more about how to make this work at CMP and other Canadian race tracks. And then.....COVID hit – hard - and everything got put on the shelf.

So then, as things started easing off and racing got back into action in 2021, the idea was dragged back out and the gaps were worked on to see if this concept could be transformed into reality! The 'KISS' Theory was front and center during this planning phase.

FIRST – Safety was Priority #1. Pre-existing and well detailed rules for everything from roll cage structures to driver's safety equipment were put into the V8 Thunder Car Series Rules, referencing already the already well established and detailed requirements.



SECOND - was establishing the eligibility requirements for the Series. OK – so.....do you have a race car that has a V8 motor? Yes? Then you are eligible to enter it in the V8 Thunder Car Canada Powered by Tomlinson Series!!! Its that simple!! Want to throw tons of money at it to make it go faster? Have at it – the classes are set by ‘Break Out’ times. Go too fast than what the class says is allowed? OK – you are moving up a class. Done – now keep racing. We are not going to tear your car down – I don’t care what you have in it. The PRIMARY concern is if it meets the safety rules and there are no exceptions to that one!

This season, there are two race events scheduled, both at Calabogie Motorsports Park. The CMP Spring Classic June 3-5 and the CMP Summer Classic August 19-21! Want to feel the ground shake under your feet and see a wide range of real race cars racing on Canada’s Longest Race Track? Then you just have to make plans right now to come out and see what this is all about!!! Use this link to find out more about it right here - <https://calabogiemotorsports.com/search?q=v8+thunder>

- Terry Dale, Race Director, V8 Thunder Cars Canada

OSCC Social Night Report at Top Karting on April 27

This was our first face to face OSCC social event in many months due to the COVID restrictions. The event was well attended with 18 kart entries and about 15 social persons - track competition was fierce and close while the social interaction was appreciated. Special thanks to TWOth Autosport and Mortimer Racing for their generous involvement and kudos to Laura Rance for financial and administration help. The results of the two race groups indicate that wise old racers are always a force to be reckoned with at the checkered flag. Sam Mandia had a birthday cake that night – he does not look or act his age.

- Steve Rocque



Calabogie Challenge Report

Unfortunately, there were only five entries in the GT race. We are hoping to see more entries by making people aware that it is a very safe format with point-by-passing. We would encourage people that currently do HPDE sessions, Club Calabogie or Calabogie Track Nights (formerly called One More Lap) to enter (and win trophies!).

The PT class was well represented with 18 entries. Marc Steenbakkers took first overall with a hard fought battle taking place between Jeff Cavanaugh in second, and Mike Cavanaugh in third in PT1!

In PT2, Jim Licari was first, Marc Hannah second, and Cameron Dean third. Owen Clarke was 7th in his new Scion.

In PT 3, James Beach finished first, followed by Andre Corriveau in second, and Kim Holden in third.

In Miata M1, Connor Bell was first, Steve Hulaj second, and Glen Clarke third.



In Miata M2, Adam Mortimer was first, Huw Leahy second, and Ken Brough third. Richard L'Abbe fifth, and Steve Rocque eleventh.

In Libre 1, Myles Kraut took the win with Norm Wong in second, and Eric Labrecque third.

Libre 2, Lew MacKenzie was first followed by Kimm MacKenzie in second.

Libre 3 was won by Steve McCamus.

All in all, it was a great kickoff for the new season.

In terms of upcoming events:

May 14 and 15 is the AISA school. We would like to extend a big welcome to new racers.

The next races in the Calabogie Challenge series are May 27 and 28 and spectators are welcome. The Calabogie Libre Challenge and Calabogie Miata Challenge are on May 27, and the Calabogie GT Challenge and Calabogie Platinum Challenge are on May 28. For the Miata race, there are currently 17 Miatas entered, and there are more to come!

- Nigel Mortimer

CALABOGIE MOTORSPORTS PARK

Calabogie Spring Classic June 3-5

The first of two major race weekends at Calabogie Motorsports Park is fast approaching, and the Ottawa SportsCar Club has been part of the planning and will be an important part of the running of the event.

The Calabogie Spring Classic is June 3-5, and all expectations are that it will be a fantastic weekend of racing.

It will be the second round for both the 2022 FEL Sports Car Challenge Canada (SCCC) and Emzone Radical Cup Canada (ERCC). Both series have grown since their inaugural 2021 season. SCCC features homologated GT4 and TCR classes. The Radical Cup series features the popular sports racer manufacturer and has strong competitors.

Super Production Challenge returns to Calabogie, and all indications are that it will be the biggest field of GT racing in Canada.

The weekend will be the kick-off event for the V8 Thunder Cars Canada Powered by Tomlinson series. See the article by Terry Dale above. Who doesn't want to hear the pack of V8 roar when the green flag waves!? Who will take home part of the prize fund?

Rounding off the schedule is the Calabogie Miata Invitational. Run to the same ruleset as the Calabogie Miata Challenge, it should be a blast for the drivers. Miatas are available for rent from local shops if you are interested in putting tire to pavement for the weekend.

An organizational committee was formed earlier in the year, consisting of CMP Track Manager Jane Blinn, and club members Ted Rance, and Richard Muise. The organization is building on the extensive work already done by Terry. The current Schedule and event Supplementary Regulations are posted on the Calabogie website: <https://calabogiemotorsports.com/pages/fel-motor-sports-race-weekend> . Registration for the V8 Thunder Cars and Miata Invitational are both open:



- <https://calabogiemotorsports.com/products/v8-thunder-cars-canada-race-entry>
- <https://calabogiemotorsports.com/products/spring-classic-miata-invitational>

Most of the volunteers and officials for the event are from the Ottawa SportsCar Club. Staffing is mostly complete. And we are planning for something Saturday evening – details to be announced later.

Tickets are \$20 for the weekend; children 12 & under are free. So plan to come out and watch Canada's best road racers on Canada's largest road course!

If you have any questions, reach out to myself, Ted or Jane.
See you at the track

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Upcoming Events

Below are events in the area that may be of interest to our members. Some events may change due to the provincial guidelines and closures. Please check the updated event information at the sites listed below.

- May 19-22 – Victoria Day Speedfest
- May 26-28 – Mont Tremblant Classique du Printemps
- May 27 – Calabogie Libre and Miata Challenge
- May 28 – Calabogie GT & Platinum Challenge
- May 29 – LRKC Race 2

Full local and international calendar available on our web site. Bookmark this link: <https://www.ottawasportscarclub.ca/consolidated-calendar/>