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Welcome

This edition of The Aficionado contains articles from directors and members and collects together information from our club forums. Thank you to everyone that contributes to and maintains the forums. Check them regularly for the most up-to-date information on club activities: http://forums.wscc.mb.ca.

Please distribute this newsletter to anyone that is interested in joining, competing or volunteering with the Winnipeg Sports Car Club.

Club Information

The Winnipeg Sports Car Club is a non-profit corporation and at 68 years old is Canada's oldest continuously operating sports car club. Since 1952 the WSCC has organized motorsport events in and around Winnipeg and since the 1970's primarily at the Gimli Motorsports Park. WSCC membership currently stands at 228.

These motorsports events are sanctioned by the Western Canada Motorsport Association and include road racing, time attack, autoslalom, TDS rally, track days, high performance driving education (HPDE) race schools as well as ice racing in the winter.

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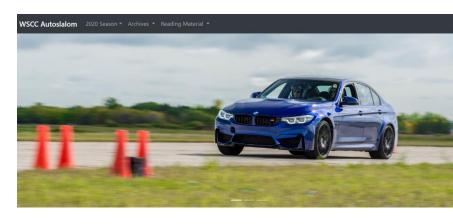
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2020 Autoslalom

Corey Dyck

The 2020 autocross season was looking like it might not happen at all with the coronavirus pandemic changing almost every aspect of our lives. The province of Manitoba opened up outdoor gatherings of 50 or more in late May, and our dedicated team of volunteers sprung into action. Nine days later we were at the track with



41 participants eager to play with their cars in a controlled environment!

We couldn't ask for a better start to the racing season; the weather was beautiful, the track layout was fun, and all participants managed to get out of their pajamas and find the pants that they hadn't seen in about 3 months.

A new group of novice racers showed up to kick off 2020, and as always, it was inspiring to see everyone improve through their runs. The veteran drivers dusted of their skills and put on a show of precision driving. We have a very friendly and competitive group of racers attending our events. Tight battles ensued all through the field, as is common with WSCC autocross events!

The world of motorsports is growing in Manitoba, with Motion Performance setting up a 1/8-mile drag strip at the St. Andrews airport. Unfortunately, this means that WSCC has lost a little more than a third of our racing surface. We adjusted our courses to match and we continue our search for alternate venues, but St. Andrews continues to be our best option as it has a nice balance of a good surface and is a very short drive from Winnipeg.



August 16th Gimli Motorsports Park - Skid Pad 9:00AM



August 29th Gimli Motorsports Park - Skid Pad 9:00AM



August 30th Gimli Motorsports Park - Skid Pad 9:00AM

We've had near-record attendance numbers and enthusiasm is very high. The 2020 autocross season is shaping up to be another great season, despite a rocky start! We hope to see you there! For more information check out www.wsccautoslalom.com





The Quarantine Kicker

Finally, after several months of waiting, GMP was opened and the club had its first track event on the June 20-21 weekend!

The weekend started with beautiful blue skies but unfortunately, the rain moved in on Saturday and stuck around for most of the weekend. However, cars kept lapping only stopping a few times when the rain/water was too heavy.

Due to the provincial COVID restrictions the event was kept small, limited to local, licenced and experienced club members. Still 33 cars were



registered for Saturday and 31 cars on Sunday. Volunteer track workers were limited as well so a big thank you to the small but dedicated crew that made it all possible!











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So Long, Jimmy King

The club lost a long-time member recently when Jim King died following a long struggle with Alzheimer's. People who raced here in the 80's and 90's would remember Jim well.

There are probably many stories of Jim at the track. Scott MacDonald recalls one interesting race that emphisies Jim's competitiveness!

James (Jim) King, was a colorful and highly skilled racer in his time. When I attended my first race back in '80 or '81 Jim was one of the racers who was friendly and welcoming to me and, although we were not

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Photo supplied by J Armatas

Photo by Scott McDonald

close, we retained our enjoyment of one another.

Jim drove a rotary powered Saab Sonnet with a Porsche transmission installed backwards to drive the front wheels for ice racing.

Jim was a highly skilled racer but as far as the officials were concerned, a bit cantankerous. He had a habit of getting in their faces when he was upset with their decisions. This finally resulted in an expulsion in a mid 90's race in Brandon, at the "Canadian Ice Race Championship" (as billed by our one attempt at hiring a promoter). The race was even taped and broadcast by TSN. For those who've heard stories about this race, it was the one where an early thaw turned it into a it of a boat race and cars were throwing up impressive rooster tails of spray!

The officials decided to accept Jim's entry on the condition that he not be the driver and that he not communicate in any way with the officials. Anything he wanted to say was to be passed on by a club member agreed on by Jim and the club. To my discomfort they chose me. I think I must have been President or something that year.

So Jim hired Tom Jones's son from Thunder Bay to drive in his place. John Jones was enjoying a beginning career in Indy Car but was not too busy in the winter. Unfortunately, the car was incredibly hard to drive and John never reached Jimmy's skill level so it wasn't running at the front as it usually did. Jim behaved very well and I was never pressed into service.

Jim's summer race car was a Datsun 710 which looked exactly like the 710 that Johnny Armatas currently runs. That's not too surprising as it is the same car. Johnny lived next door to Jimmy and the car passed to him as Jim was starting to suffer the effects of Alzheimer's. Johnny has made a beautiful restoration of the car and is driving it very well both right side up and upside down.

James (Kim) Colin King 1938-2020

Jim was an accomplished racer. He was a co-owner of a race prep shop here in Winnipeg and raced throughout the US and Canada: Datsuns, Formula Ford and Formula Super Vee with a Ralt RT4 before he retired - Matt Corrie







WSCC e-Racing

By Spencer Green

It all started with every event being cancelled around the world. Racers from the WSCC were concerned when they heard their favorite sport they have been partaking in for years would not open the same.

Many of us didn't want to believe the race season wouldn't start as planned and thus, we got to thinking. The e-Racing community has been substantially growing over the past few months as more and more Real Life drivers took to the virtual roads for racing competition.



We wanted to find a way to implement this into our ever growing car club. Discussion started happening on what platform (System and Game) would be in everyone's best interest. That included entry price, PC/Console compatibility, even cross-platform was talked about. (No racing games have the ability for cross platform game play) There are many, many options when picking out the "right" Simulator. Because the "best" sim racing game won't necessarily be the right pick to get the most people involved. I won't bore you with those details.

We settled on Assetto Corsa due to the endless (Or so it seems) amount of mod tracks and cars you can download. It is very simple, very easy, and is almost done for you if you have Content Manager installed and running correctly. It makes it easy as clicking a button.



Fast forward to April 11th, the first checkered flag was dropped and with 3 racers on the track - the first WSCC e-Racing event has begun! Battling it out, in the Tatuusfa1 Formula car. Despite only 3 racers on track, it was a show for WSCC history books. Not long after (The next day) The second Race was set up and more and more drivers flocked to the scene.

Laguna Seca, April 12th. Still in the "testing" faze of our new journey together into the would of e-Racing. 14 Racers hit the track in the Tatuusfa1 Formula car. The turn out was incredible, showman ship at its peak, and competition fierce. We knew at this point e-Racing in the WSCC was a for sure hit.

The end of April (26th) GMP was introduced to the racers! Files converted from rFactor (Another sim racing game) to work in Assetto Corsa. Practice was held all day to figure out what needed tweaking, what needed improving and what really worked.

May 24th 2020: Very first GMP Honda Civic event held. After re-working the track, we all had the chance to jump into the Civics and battle on our home track. Everything felt great, racers were happy, spectators were happy and growing interest from the club seemed at this point, inevitable.

Jump to June 8th and to date there has been 17 races held, one Time Attack event, countless hours of testing, and YES Even Lawnmower Races on Mondays. (Mower Monday)!

It goes without saying, this hasn't been easy,





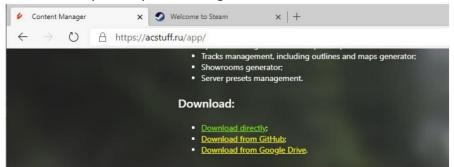
with lots of ups and downs, learning curves and hick ups. The persistent work done by the team to make sure (or try to) everything runs smoothly has resulted in everyone having a great time. We encourage the club to check out the events and if interested, join us.

How to get started with WSCC e-Racing

1. Install Assetto Corsa through Steam. If you don't have a steam account, you will have to create one. You can download steam from the following page: https://store.steampowered.com/

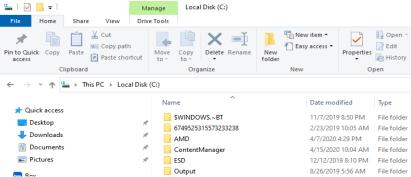


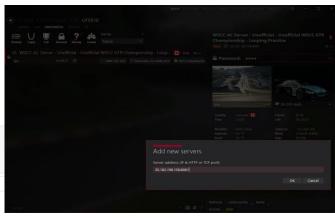
- 2. Once your game is installed, launch it and set your controls/video settings.
- 3. You will next download Assetto Corsa Content Manager to easily join the WSCC server and also download content that you may be missing.



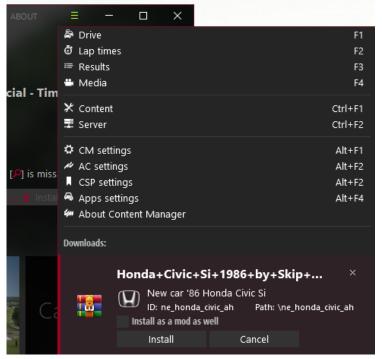
4. It's a standalone file, so you can extract it to some place where you can easily access it. I would suggest making a folder and copy the contentmanager.exe file into it.

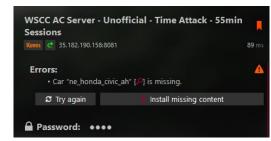
5. Once you launch the Content Manager application, click on Drive and then online. Then click on favourites and the "+" symbol at the bottom of the page. Enter "35.182.190.158:8081" to save the WSCC server as a favourite.





- 6. If you are missing any content when joining the server, there will be a button you can click to install missing content. You will notice a green menu at the top of the application.
- 7. Once you have everything set, just click on a join and you're ready to race!







For more information on races, set up, spectating, and anything virtual check out E-sports on the WSCC Forums:

http://forums.wscc.mb.ca/index.php?/forum/273-e-sports/







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e-Racing for the Spectator

By Brad Epp

Virtual racing is a blast to compete in but surprisingly it's just as enjoyable for spectators too. All race series had to explore sim racing this year because of the worldwide pandemic including F1, NASCAR, and IndyCar. I started watching the Formula-E season in January and was disappointed in March when the remaining races were canceled. I was more than skeptical

when they announced the ABB Formula E Race at Home Challenge. It would fill the void with two separate grids running in parallel, one comprised of drivers from the Formula E racing from their homes and the other filled by some of the fastest gamers.



It was weird at first but turned out to be surprisingly entertaining! It was easy to watch, available on many platforms so I could watch it on my own time without having to set my PVR. The qualifying was quick and racing was a good length. It was exciting as spectator because drivers took a few more risks than they would normally driving their open wheeled Mercedes and Porsches through the streets of Monaco!

24 Hours of Le Mans Virtual

The big event for me every year is

following the 24 hours of Le Mans. Someday I will get there but until then, it is all just a virtual experience so why not check out this year's 24 Hours of Le Mans Virtual race.

I really enjoyed this race and with its coverage again being on YouTube, it was easy to watch, pause, rewind, leave for a few hours and come back to. The coverage professional was very with commentary, interviews with race legends all from their homes. They did have issues just like in a real 24 hour races like crashes and cars running out of fuel, but also new issues like when a driver's sim rig stopped working he had to pull to the side of the track and swap in new parts (in his home office)! There was one server crash but it was treated like any other endurance race situation, the safety car came out, gathered up all the cars for a restart.





This year's situation has made e-racing an even more legitimate sport. As a spectator it has almost everything real racing has including all the drama with several real racers losing their real rides and sponsors over their real bad behavior.

I'm glad racing is back and being broadcasted again, but e-Racing has been a good distraction that I plan to keep watching.



*** SAFETY REMINDER to Open Lap participants or anyone new to running your car at the track***

GMP is a safe track with many fairly-open grass run-off areas if you lose grip. However if you do put a wheel off or your whole car into the grass, remember you may have sustained some damage. We'd recommend at your earliest opportunity to complete a thorough inspection (wheels, suspension, undercarriage etc.) to ensure your car is safe to continue.



During the June Open Lapping weekend, I hit the grass just before corner 5 near the flag station. I made a mess in the wet grass but didn't feel anything significant so I safely re-entered the track and continued to drive. A few laps later, I felt vibrations from the front of my car and pitted immediately. I was lucky to pull off when I did because my rim had cracked through in three places and would likely have failed spectacularly sometime on the next lap! Please keep checking your equipment and no jokes about the NASCAR rims!



WCMA Affiliates with GDS

In spring 2020, The FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile) announce the appointment of GDS (Groupe de développement sportif) as the new National Sporting Authority in Canada (ASN).

Effective July 21, 2020, the Western Canada Motorsport Association (WCMA) is pleased to announce that we are now affiliated with the new Canadian ASN, Groupe de Développement Sportif (GDS). Sports Development Group in English.



Road Racing is Back in Gimli!

The first regular Road Race and Time Attack event of the season was held on July 18th and 19th. It was a little different, a little smaller than usually for this time of year but there was no change to the enthusiasm and friendliness of all the people – it was great to see all the drivers and volunteers again! Nineteen cars were out for Friday's Test 'n Tune with 25 and 21 entries in total for Saturday and Sunday respectively.

The next race weekend will be August 15th and 16th with open Lapping and Test 'n Tune on Friday August 14th.

Then at the end of the month is the ULTIMATE TRACK BATTLE! On August 29th and 30th come out for chance to win some of the \$2000 prize money. Raw Time, four Class Time Attack (see last page for details). September also has events tentatively scheduled. For more information and upcoming events check out the club calendar at forums.wscc.mb.ca/index.php?/calendar





Race Cars for Sale

1985 Toyota MR2

It's a sad fact that I have been dreading for years however this car deserves to be on the track and not stuck in the garage. I raced this car at GMP from 2007 - 2011. Car was running in IT3 after the rule changes at that time. Since then the vehicle has been stored.

1.6L DOHC 4AGE, Full vehicle log books, Complete role cage, Recaro racing seat, Removable steering wheel, Full coil over suspension w/camber plates, Racing header, shorty exhaust w/Borla racing tip, TRD Limited Slip Differential, Racing Clutch & Pressure Plate, Steel breaded brakelines, lots of extras Vehicle will come with plenty of spares:

3 sets of wheels (2 sets with used RA1s - always stored indoors) 2 new RA1 tires

.040 bored engine block, .040 Wiseco pistons on rods, engine internals, transmission internals, Miscellaneous other extras Things that will need to be replaced/fixed to get back on the track: Updated belts, Updated window mesh, Manual transmission repair - Stuck in 3rd gear, New Battery, New Fluids Asking \$5,000 obo. Contact on WSCC forums



1984 Reynard F 2000 Hayabusa swap

Still available...1984 chassis 1999 hayabusa engine all mounted aluminum box built off engine for chain drive.. drive set up built....just needs to be finished..Gord was my right hand man on this deal and I don't have it in me anymore to go through with it ... life changes... 1 306 561 8069 5k Kyle



Formula Vee For Sale

1975 Lynx B Caracal. Ex championship car from Gimli track. Originally from the US. Many spare parts and info to get started. May need trans work. A bargain at \$4500.00 Call 204-291-4056

#11 Honda Civic Ice Racer

Multiple Championship winning Rubber to Ice car, including the last 3 seasons in a row. Low mileage JDM D16A6 engine, welded diff, caged with FIA bar. Ready to win another championship! Comes with a bunch of hand cut tires including last years set that will do another season competitively. Maintained and stored by Al Marcoux.

Asking \$2000, no seat.

Call Damon @ 204-471-4495 or email damon@nomaddigital.ca



Magnum MKIV Formula Ford

Former WSCC member Dan Tremblay is selling his Ford with delivery to Winnipeg a possibility. *Complete rebuilt was done 10 years ago but only did one race weekend since. (Mosport 2015)*

Dan can be <u>contacted at danielturbo23@yahoo.ca or 515-791-0881</u>. He is <u>asking \$12,000 obo.</u> (currently resides in Montreal, Quebec) Full info at :



68 Chevelle drag car

513 Merlin - Just Rebuilt - Drag Mark Winnipeg. \$25,000 on the motor 860 HP just motor. Only one run on motor 9.69 - 1/4 mile Gimli AFR. Aluminum Heads Runs on C12 Fuel 400 Turbo. Trans w/ 4000 stall Torque Convertor Trans. Brake Line Lock Progressive Nitrous 456 Gears Includes new Hoosier tires 33X22-5X15LT. New coil shocks. All setup for



the 1/4 Mile. *Looking to trade for heavy equipment, skidsteer, semi tractor, etc of equal value, otherwise asking \$45,000 obo.
Contact on WSCC forums.

Ice Racer - 1991 Suzuki Swift GT - Parts or Fix

The swift is up for sale. Many of you know the car, and many of you were in Gimli yesterday to witness me put a rod through the block - what a way to go! 1991 Suzuki Swift 1.3L DOHC GT Engine - was torn down and rebuilt by Bill Langner a few years ago Bottom end is blown - I threw a rod and theres a hole in the block. Head is still in excellent shape, engine ran very well prior to blowing

New spark plugs, new cap/rfotor/plug wires. MAF cleaned, has cone filter adapter, brand new K&N cone filter GT 5-speed tranmission - newly rebuilt by Asperline Transmission (over \$750 last fall) - new synchros, gears, etc. Only has 4 race days on it, and is in excellent shape Tons of other new parts: New front CV axles New front and rear brakes (calipers, pads, lines, etc.) New e-brake cables Newer battery New Oxygen Sensor New PCV Valve New HPDE Shifter bushings - nice and tight! Has 5 tractionized winter tires on rims, plus 1 non-tractionized. Front and rear push bars, full lexan windows (windshield is OEM Glass), new blue paint job (has marks from a full season of door to door action). Rear fog light, all lighting, wiper, and fan circuits on individual toggle switches in the cockpit. Car has a good roll cage, built by Bill L. Very light car, and very competitive. Was a previous winner before I bought it just over a year ago, and I had many podium finishes in the car. 1st place finisher with the right driver. Car will need an X-brace fabricated for the front end - common Swift problem. Comes with tons of spare parts - 2 transmissions, axle shafts, newer aluminum radiator. Can include a new Sparco 6-point Harness (2017 dated, FIA, good until 2022) for additional cost. No racing seat included

Price: \$1500 Contact: Jared Halpin @ (204) 294-0286

Focus for Sale

2001 Ford Focus 2.0 Zetec. Was raced at RRCS. Amazing build quality, ultra safe cage, all new parts, tons of spares. 2015 build. 2016 Championship car. Will discuss details with buyer. Turn key. Asking \$3000 to \$4000 depending on how you want It.



Formula Vee \$4500

With a heavy heart, I am selling my Formula Vee!

This Vee was purchased as a fully disassembled car, everything is here. I have spent several thousand dollars on getting a brand new rebuilt engine and transmission for it - built by Vallis Motorsport in Ontario. This car has won championships in its previous life, and when assembled with the right driver, will do so again.

While coming with the parts to complete the kit, included is a ton of other part which includes 6 rims, another complete engine that has been disassembled, extra brake parts, and the list goes on. The chassis is solid and requires no work to be race spec.



This Vee is also fitted with a bladder style fuel tank which is an expensive upgrade.

Only thing I can think of that you will need to get is a motorcycle battery to get the vehicle going.
I am taking a large loss on this project, so please only reasonable offers; looking to send this car to someone looking to get racing!
Call or text for more information! Vas - 204-230-0221



'94 Civic Road Racer

Car is ready to compete in ST5/6. Interior is stripped, giant tach strapped to the dash, legal cage, etc. Weight should be in the 2,300 range with your average driver. This car ran in ST6 last year and at the last event developed a slight off-throttle knock in the engine. Car runs and drives fine but will require a new engine to race.

I have a B18 with Crower cams that is ready to be dropped in and this car will be good to go, making a touch more power than it does now. This should put the car into ST5. Other items include Acura Legend dual piston front calipers, adjustable front A arms, KYB adjustable coilovers, rear brace, strut tower brace, aluminum half rad and a sickening wing that will make your pants tight.

Passed tech last year without issue and comes complete with all safety gear you'll need - valid camlock harness, window net, etc. The only safety item you'll require is a seat as I would like to keep the one currently in the car. Asking \$2,000 obo.



*Now coming on old wheels and tires <u>Contact on WSCC forums if interested. Full info on forum listing.</u>

A quick way to get into racing is to start with an existing race car. Check the club forum for further information and contact info:

http://forums.wscc.mb.ca/index.php?/forum/73race-cars-currentcompleterunningincomplete/

4 Cylinder ice racer/dirt track

1995 Ford Escort GT 4Cylinder/hornet 1.8 DOHC 5speed W/ parts car Many feature wins and always a front running car. Races at Red River Coop Speedway (winnipeg), ALH Motor Speedway (Morden), Lake of the woods speedway, and various tracks in the states, would also make for a wicked ice racer. -Welded tranny -Comes with spare head plus the motor and tranny in the parts car -102L tote full of parts (intakes, injectors, distributors, suspension parts, etc) -Newer injectors, new spark plugs, new struts, new harness belts -Spare doors and bumpers -Full containment seat not included -Comes with 6 hoosiers and a bunch of spare wheels/tires -Aftermarket fuel cell, fuel lines and fittings. Price: \$2,000 obo. Contact on WSCC Forums



Club Sponsors

Thank you to all the organizations that are sponsoring the club in 2020, your support is very much appreciated!

If you would like your organization to have direct access to hundreds of sport car enthusiasts by sponsoring the Winnipeg Sports Car Club then please contact: publicity@wscc.mb.ca

\$250 - Website business cards ads

\$250 - Booth display at an event

\$600 - Title name on T-Shirts/discipline

\$800 - Weekend Event/Banquet naming rights

\$1,500 - Title Sponsor/Large signage

\$2,000 - Racing Series Title Sponsor

2020 WSCC Meetings

Below is the tentative schedule for WSCC regular club meetings for 2020. Until further notice the meetings will be held remotely. The conference call information will be posted prior to each meeting. The 2020 WSCC meeting schedule is as follows:

- August 19th 7:00 pm
- September 17th 7:00 pm
- October 22nd 7:00 pm
- November 19th 7:00 pm Annual General Meeting
- December no regular Club meeting
- December 10th 7:00 pm Joint Board Meeting (incoming and outgoing Directors and Officers)

License Applications

Go to MotorsportReg.com to get your 2020 licenses and to register for WSCC events:



Amateur - http://msreg.com/amateur-20
Basic Ice Race - http://msreg.com/basic-20
Endurance - http://msreg.com/endurance-20
Race Official - http://msreg.com/official-20
Time Attack - http://msreg.com/time-attack-20
Annual Waiver Hard Card http://msreg.com/waiver-20
Car Number & Classification - http://msreg.com/number-20

Archived Aficionados

We have begun scanning a recent donation of previous Aficionados dating back many years. Check out the forum page as they will be uploaded over the next few months. More recent editions of the Aficionado can also be found on the WSCC forum and website: wscc-aficionado



TRACK BAT **GIMLI MOTORSPORTS PARK** GIMLI, MANITOBA CANADA AUG 29-30 2020

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LTHE 1:00 BARRIER SHATTER?

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