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## ***I AM ADDRESSING THIS LETTER TO THE READERS – THE FANS!***

It is with a very heavy heart that I pen this letter to you, our loyal supporters, some of you for more than the past 51 years of the Acura Grand Prix and formerly The Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. Nevertheless, I want you to know something about the man I have known for the past 51 years and worked with for more than 26 years before I left the company. In June of 1975, I met Jim Michaelian at a Coastal Commission hearing in the Port of Long Beach; Jim was there out of curiosity about the proposed Formula 5000 and the next year a Formula 1 race. As we rode down in the elevator from the meeting, he approached one of our Directors and offered to volunteer his services! Little did we know just how lucky we were that day!

Jim became first our Comptroller in July 1975, then our CFO and then our COO and finally when I left the Company in 2001, the CEO, but let me tell you about some of things that you enjoy today that were Jim innovations at Long Beach because he was more than just a CFO and COO!

From Day 1 in 1975 we had 'preached' "Customer Experience" – easy ingress and egress – have a fun day at the venue including watching racing cars rush around Long Beach streets – as you left the Circuit on Sunday evening, we wanted you to say " THAT WAS A FUN DAY, A FUN WEEKEND, WHAT'S THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR!?"

Jim Michaelian created those "FUN DAYS, THOSE FUN WEEKENDS."

The Lifestyle and Motorsports Expo was 'born' in 1978; Jim wanted something for you to do between practice, qualifying and racing! The multiple specialty food stands throughout the venue..Jim wanted you to have further choices other than hot dogs and potato chips and maybe you could then drink more beer in a relatively sober fashion! Music on the Plaza was another Jim Michaelian innovation; Long Beach was the first motor sports venue to add free concerts to the Friday and Saturday show! How about all those Vision Boards – .they were called Diamond Vision back in 1982 when Jim introduced them to Long Beach and road racing in the USA! Oh yes and one more little gem: do not forget The Toyota Celebrity Race, it was Jim Michaelian who managed that on our's and Toyota's behalf!

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In addition to all these “Customer Experience” enhancements, he was responsible for the annual budget, ticketing, financial management, advertising and was the “sounding board” to yours truly as Chairman and CEO of The Grand Prix Association of Long Beach.

He was not only your “advocate.” he was also my advisor for 26 years, through thick and thin; the most loyal and supportive Executive that any CEO could ask for and for which this former CEO can stand proud. Over the past 25 years, Jim has successfully guided the company through some of the most tumultuous times – the CART/Indy Car ‘War’ and the 2019/2020 pandemic.

This year is tragic. It is so hard to understand why he is not at the helm of the company for his last time as CEO but let me assure you that he has everything in place to make the weekend run like clockwork. His team is THE BEST in motorsports. And one more big bright light he has left you: the company is now owned by Roger Penske. You did good Jim – THANK YOU!

Enjoy yourselves again this weekend and PLEASE spare a minute to say a little prayer for James P. Michaelian – Grand Prix of Long Beach, 1975-2026 – he is with you this weekend, as is my Co-Originator, the late Daniel Sexton Gurney, as you enjoy the 51st running of the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach.

Sincerely,  
Christopher R Pook  
Founder, Grand Prix of Long Beach





# WEEKEND SCHEDULE

NTT INDYCAR Series – INDYCAR  
 IMSA SportsCar Grand Prix of Long Beach – IMSA  
 SPEED Energy Stadium SUPER Trucks – SST

## Friday, April 17

Spectator Gates Open .....	7:30 AM
Porsche Carrera Cup Practice #1 .....	7:45 AM – 8:15 AM
Historic Sports Car Practice #1 .....	8:25 AM – 8:45 AM
IMSA Practice #1 .....	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
SST Practice #1 .....	10:15 AM – 10:45 AM
Porsche Carrera Cup Practice #2 .....	11:45 AM – 12:15 PM
Historic Sports Car Practice #2 .....	12:30 PM – 12:50 PM
IMSA Practice #2 .....	1:10 PM – 2:40 PM
INDYCAR Practice #1 .....	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Porsche Carrera Cup Qualifying .....	4:40 PM – 5:10 PM
<b>NTT INDYCAR SERIES Autograph Session.....</b>	<b>5:15 PM – 6:15 PM</b>
<b>(Convention Center Grand Ballroom – FREE to all spectators)</b>	
IMSA Qualifying .....	5:25 PM – 6:00 PM
<b>Super Drift Challenge #1 (Turns 9-11) .....</b>	<b>6:30 PM – 8:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday Concert presented by Acura starring Lupe Fiasco.....</b>	<b>6:30 PM – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>(Terrace Plaza in front of the Terrace Theater)</b>	

## Saturday, April 18

Spectator Gates Open .....	7:30 AM
<b>Historic Sports Car Challenge #1 .....</b>	<b>8:30 AM – 8:50 AM</b>
<b>Porsche Carrera Cup Race #1 .....</b>	<b>9:05 AM – 9:45 AM</b>
INDYCAR Practice #2 .....	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
<b>IMSA WeatherTech Autograph Session (paddock) 10:30-11 AM</b>	
IMSA Pre-Race .....	12:05PM – 1:00 PM
<b>IMSA SportsCar Grand Prix of Long Beach.....</b>	<b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>
<b>(Race #3 of the 2026 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship - 100 min)</b>	
INDYCAR Qualifying & FIRESTONE FAST 6 .....	3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
<b>SST Race #1 .....</b>	<b>5:15 PM – 5:45 PM</b>
<b>Super Drift Challenge #2 (Turns 9-11) .....</b>	<b>6:30 PM – 8:30 PM</b>
<b>Saturday Concert starring Kings of Chaos .....</b>	<b>6:30 PM – 8:00 PM</b>
<b>(Terrace Plaza in front of the Terrace Theater)</b>	

# EXPERIENCE THE LONG BEACH VIBE!

## Sunday, April 19

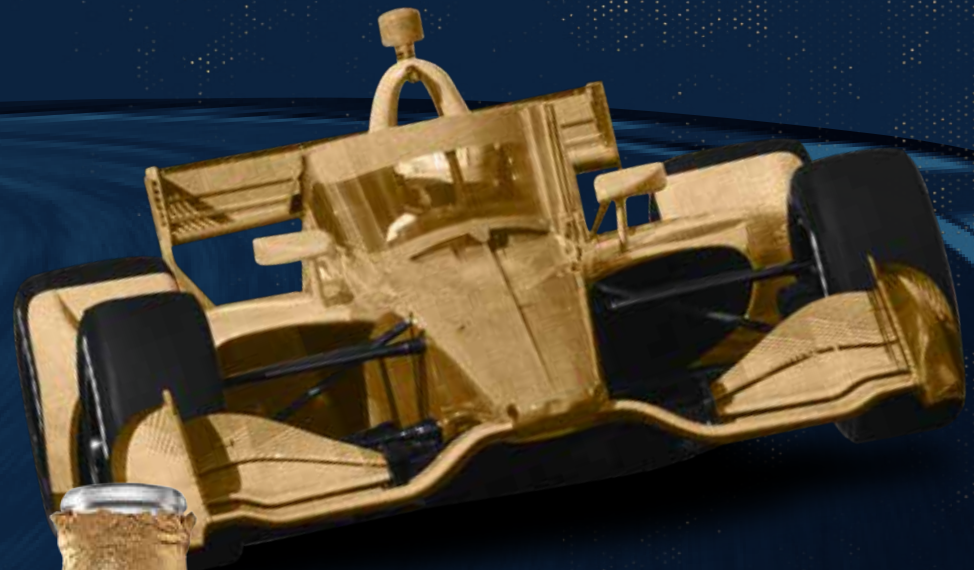
Spectator Gates Open .....	7:30 AM
<b>Historic Sports Car Challenge #2</b> .....	<b>9:20 AM – 9:40 AM</b>
INDYCAR Warm Up.....	10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
<b>Porsche Carrera Cup Race #2</b> .....	<b>11:20 AM – 12:00 PM</b>
<b>SST Race #2</b> .....	<b>12:15 PM – 12:45 PM</b>
Mornings CARnival Car Parade .....	12:55 – 1:00 PM
NTT INDYCAR SERIES Pre-Race Begins .....	1:30 PM
“Drivers Start Your Engines”.....	2:40 PM
<b>ACURA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH</b> .....	<b>2:45 PM – 5:00 PM</b>
<b>(Race #5 of the 2026 NTT INDYCAR SERIES - 90 Laps)</b>	

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Greetings, Race Fans,

Welcome to the 51st running of the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach!

As we celebrate the 40th anniversary of Acura, we're thrilled to be supporting this special Southern California event as title sponsor for the sixth year.

Featuring a wide range of on-and off-track activities for the entire family, the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach will be headlined by the NTT INDYCAR SERIES and the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.

With our U.S. headquarters nearby in Torrance, this is a true 'home' event for the Acura and Honda brands. The Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach is one of North America's premier motorsports events and an institution in Southern California. Acura is proud to be part of this iconic event.

This weekend's races will feature many of the most talented teams and drivers from around the world, including a pair of Acura hybrid ARX-06 prototypes fielded by the championship-winning Acura Meyer Shank Racing with Curb Agajanian team in Saturday's WeatherTech SportsCar Championship race.

On Sunday, 13 Honda-powered IndyCar drivers will compete to extend Honda's three-year win streak on the streets of Long Beach, following victories by Scott Dixon (2024) and Kyle Kirkwood (2023, 2025).

Native Californian Jimmy Vasser made history in 1996 with Honda's first-ever victory on the streets of Long Beach. Over the past 30 years, Honda-powered drivers have claimed 18 wins, including Alex Zanardi (1997-98), Michael Andretti (2002), Dario Franchitti (2009), Takuma Sato (2013), James Hinchcliffe (2017), Alexander Rossi (2018-19) and Colton Herta (2021).

We hope you enjoy the races—and all the other exciting activities at America's #1 street circuit event. Have a great weekend!

Hundy Liu

Manager, Acura Marketing, American Honda



**HUNDY LIU**  
**MANAGER, ACURA MARKETING**

# THE PROOF IS IN THE PROTOTYPE



## ACURA | Type S

Since returning to IMSA prototype racing in 2018, Acura and Honda Racing Corporation have achieved success at unusual speeds.

In that small window of time, the Acura-powered ARX-05 and ARX-06 prototype programs have already produced more than 50 trophies in IMSA's top class, including three Manufacturers', three Drivers', and three Teams' Championships, along with endurance victories at Daytona, Sebring, Watkins Glen, and Petit Le Mans.

And what's won there doesn't stay there. It goes on to power every Acura on the road. So, to anyone wondering about the performance of Acura, look no further than the prototype.



# WELCOME TO THE



**MAYOR**  
**REX RICHARDSON**

Office of Mayor Rex Richardson  
City of Long Beach

Dear Racing Fans and Grand Prix Crews,

Welcome to the 2026 Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, more than 50 years strong and the longest-running major street race in North America.

This is an exciting time for Long Beach, the Grand Prix is part of who we are. For generations, the roar of engines along Shoreline Drive has brought our community together and drawn fans from around the world. Now, with the race televised nationally and internationally, millions more experience the energy of our city and the world-class competition that defines this event.



Through our continued partnership with Penske Entertainment, the Grand Prix continues to expand its global reach while remaining rooted right here at home. It fuels economic opportunity, supports local businesses, and shines a spotlight on our vibrant waterfront.

While you are here, take time to explore all that Long Beach has to offer, from our scenic coastline and downtown dining to the historic Queen Mary and waterfront destinations just steps from the racecourse.

Our sincere thanks to the organizers, teams, sponsors, volunteers, and public safety personnel who make this extraordinary weekend possible.

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, thank you for being part of this incredible tradition. Enjoy the races and the spirit of our city.

Best,

A handwritten signature of Rex Richardson in black ink.

**Rex Richardson**  
Mayor of Long Beach



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# WELCOME TO THE



Dear Race Fans:

Welcome to the 51st Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach.

We have a full weekend of activities throughout the three days and we encourage you to enjoy them during your time with us.

As I take over the role of President and CEO from Jim Michaelian, it is my goal to keep doing the things he created and helped to build that have made this race such a huge success for so long. And that is to provide outstanding entertainment along with exciting racing action to form a memorable customer experience.

On the track, you will see the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, the IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Challenge, the Stadium SUPER Trucks, the Super Drift Challenge, the Porsche Carrera Cup and a Historic Sports Car Challenge.

Another big part of the Grand Prix are all the extra activities. The AAA Lifestyle Expo in the Convention Center has more than 100 displays in automotive, lifestyle recreation and entertainment as well as the Green Power Prix-View with cutting-edge green technology exhibits. The NTT INDYCAR autograph session will also take place here for the first time.

Be sure and also visit the Family Fun Zone with rock climbing walls, carnival rides, video games, "Li'l Lightning" race cars and multiple race paddocks.

We also again have two concerts, one on Friday night presented by Acura featuring Lupe Fiasco and the Kings of Chaos rock 'n roll all-stars on Saturday.

You will also notice new elements around the track, such as enhanced signage, paintings by local artists inside the pedestrian bridges and new Premium Pit Row Suites.

As we continue to improve America's #1 street race, we know it would not be possible without you, our dedicated fans. I would also like to thank those in our sponsor family, in particular Acura, and all the staff and volunteers who have made, and continue to make, this race such a huge success.

Enjoy the weekend!

Jim Liaw  
President and CEO  
Grand Prix Association of Long Beach



**JIM LIAW**  
**PRESIDENT AND CEO GRAND PRIX ASSOCIATION OF LONG BEACH**

# WELCOME TO THE



Dear INDYCAR fans:

Welcome to the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, the fifth race on the 2026 NTT INDYCAR SERIES schedule.

INDYCAR is committed to delivering a complete fan experience through outstanding entertainment and thrilling competition as our drivers and teams take on the challenges presented by Long Beach's famed 11-turn, 1.968-mile street circuit.

Whether this is your first time at an INDYCAR race weekend or you have been attending for years, we are thrilled for you to experience the excitement of INDYCAR SERIES racing. This weekend is one of INDYCAR's crown jewel events, so we urge you to take in as much as possible and enjoy it all.

All weekend, you'll see the fastest racing on earth, which serves as a true proving ground for our talented drivers as they compete for the most challenging championship in motorsports.

I think you'll find the NTT INDYCAR SERIES offers some of the most daring athletes in sports, including reigning NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Alex Palou, who is seeking a record-tying fourth-straight INDYCAR SERIES crown. But you can also cheer for newcomers like Mick Schumacher and Dennis Hauger, established stars like Pato O'Ward, Kyle Kirkwood, Christian Lundgaard, Scott McLaughlin and David Malukas, or record-chasing legends in the making such as Scott Dixon, Josef Newgarden and Will Power.

While visiting Southern California, we invite you to download the INDYCAR App powered by NTT DATA on your smartphone to get behind-the-scenes driver features, live timing and scoring, in-car cameras and more information to help you follow the action.

Also, follow the NTT INDYCAR SERIES on television all season long on FOX or online at INDYCAR.com, on Instagram, X, Facebook, YouTube and TikTok (@INDYCAR), and keep track of the future stars of the sport competing in INDY NXT by Firestone on television on FS1 or FS2 and at indynxt.com or on Instagram, X, Facebook and TikTok (@indynxt)

Thank you for your continued support. INDYCAR appreciates your attendance this weekend.

We are glad you can experience the speed, action and excitement that defines INDYCAR SERIES racing.

Enjoy the weekend!

Mark Miles  
President and CEO, Penske Entertainment  
Parent company of INDYCAR and Indianapolis Motor Speedway



**MARK MILES**  
**PRESIDENT AND CEO, PENSKE ENTERTAINMENT**

# WELCOME TO THE



Dear IMSA Fans,

On behalf of the France Family, we are honored to welcome you to the 2026 Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, as our IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship kicks off its sprint race season with our annual 100-minute dash after a pair of grueling, iconic endurance race events at Daytona International Speedway and Sebring International Raceway.

The pinnacle of North American sports car competition greets the historic streets of Long Beach, where IMSA has been present consistently since the mid-2000s after our first races here in the early 1990s.

Our two WeatherTech Championship classes, Grand Touring Prototype (GTP) and Grand Touring Daytona (GTD), represent a host of world-class manufacturers and teams set to tackle the nearly 2-mile concrete canyons at Long Beach.

Most of the leading-edge GTP prototypes expected to race have an internal combustion engine prepared by the participating global automobile manufacturers and in the case of Le Mans Daytona h (LMDh) specification cars, pairs those engines with a common high performance electrified hybrid powertrain which elevates sustainability. Aston Martin's new Valkyrie is the first of these cars built to the Le Mans Hypercar (LMH) specification and is set to race alongside four LMDh-specification entries from Acura, BMW, Cadillac and Porsche, which speaks to the top-level convergence achieved across global sports car racing.

Our hugely popular GTD class, featuring cars that resemble those you see on the streets but built to specific racing regulations, will be in action alongside from nine different manufacturers. Entries from Aston Martin, BMW, Chevrolet, Ferrari, Ford, Lamborghini, Lexus, Mercedes-AMG and Porsche make up the grid and will shine in front of an audience that leans heavily into the California car culture.

Our fan-friendly, open paddock is designed to be as accommodating as possible. Be sure to get your hands on one of our free Fan Guides located around the track, which provide a spotter's guide of car illustrations and handy weekend tidbits.

Plan to head to the paddock, which is located over the bridge on the outside of Turn 9, to get an up close-and-personal look at our full field and meet the drivers during the WeatherTech Championship driver autograph session Saturday morning.

You'll also notice digital displays on all WeatherTech Championship race cars. These inform you where each is running in its class throughout a race. Also, be sure to download the IMSA app for live Timing & Scoring, onboard cameras and up-to-the-minute news and information.

Whenever you can't be with us at the racetrack, be sure to tune into NBC Sports' outstanding coverage, which at Long Beach airs on network NBC and streams on Peacock. And you can follow our official social media and YouTube channels for more original content throughout the weekend and all season long.

Whether this is your first time attending an IMSA race or a regular Long Beach attendee as part of your annual tradition, we are pleased to have you with us here in Long Beach! Thanks again for joining us this weekend!

Best regards,  
Ed Bennett / CEO      John Doonan / President



**ED BENNETT**  
CEO, IMSA



**JOHN DOONAN**  
PRESIDENT, IMSA



# KYLE KIRKWOOD

DEFENDING CHAMPION IS THE 'PRINCE OF PINE' BECAUSE OF ONE TURN

By Joey Barnes

**K**yle Kirkwood isn't exactly King of the Beach yet, but he's making waves to enter the palace grounds.

With two wins, four top 10s – with a 4.8 average finish – and two poles in four starts at the 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit, he comes into this year's Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach as defending champion driving the No. 27 Andretti Global Honda.

Not only that, but he's led 100 of 345 possible laps (28.9%) during that span. That may not put him in the same room as six-time winner Al Unser, Jr., – who has earned the title "King of the Beach – but perhaps calling him the "Prince of Pine" fits because of his expertise with one turn in particular.

"In comparison to others and my teammates in recent years, it's been Turn 6 where I have gained the most time," Kirkwood said. Turn 6 is the entrance onto Pine Ave.

"It's just a corner that's been really good to me," he said. "Some drivers have their corners and some don't have your corners. I can name a few corners off the top of my head across the entire schedule that we go to where I'm not good at for some reason, Turn 6 at Long Beach is one of my better corners. It's pretty rare that I'm not near the top of the timechart there."

He also added that "there's characteristics to that track that I really enjoy, especially the Turns 1-5 section. I tend to be really good at the areas where you float a lot of entry speed and you have to be comfortable with your car to just float speed and carry it all the way to the wall on exit. I tend to be good in corners like that. I would say that's probably the one thing.

"It's just street courses in general and being comfortable near walls and maximizing every piece of real estate on the track that's available to me is where you're stuck in a confined area that if you go over those limits you destroy a car."

The Florida native has already put his name among the most legendary names in the history of Indy car racing that have won on the Streets of Long Beach, drawing level with former team owner Michael Andretti, Scott Dixon, Will Power, Alexander Rossi and Alex Zanardi. The



**“WINNING IN INDYCAR IS INCREDIBLY TOUGH, SO EVERY VICTORY MEANS EVERYTHING.”**



only drivers to have more wins down Shoreline Drive are Sebastien Bourdais (3), Mario Andretti (4), Paul Tracy (4), and, of course, Unser Jr., with his six..

Although Kirkwood has immense respect in putting his name alongside the rare company he keeps in the record books, the driver that pulled his attention was 2011 Long Beach winner Mike Conway.

“I remember watching Conway,” Kirkwood said. “He was so good around Long Beach. I looked up to him massively and now, I’ve kind of done the same thing as him in a shorter period of my career.

“But it doesn’t really feel like it because you’re just a competitor and you’re just always focused on the next race and the next win and the next opportunity to win. And you tend to forget what you’ve actually done, which has pros and cons. The pros are that when you have a bad race, you also forget about the bad races and you don’t dwell on them, but the con is you also don’t really dwell on the wins that you’ve gotten.

“It is cool to say and put my name in the hat of many legendary drivers that have won around that circuit, not only once but twice.”

When Kirkwood held off Chip Ganassi Racing’s Alex Palou last year to win by 2.689 seconds, it ignited a run that

resulted in a career-best season of three wins, five top fives, 10 top 10s and one pole en route to fourth in the championship standings. While there was little he, or anyone, could do to prevent Palou from claiming eight wins and a fourth IndyCar title, fending off the Spaniard in Long Beach gave Kirkwood confidence and proved his rival is beatable.

Long Beach has become a near-lock as a place to generate that “momentum.”

For Kirkwood, the venue matters, too. The points count the same everywhere, but there is something special about winning at a place that has such a storied history of 50 years that includes hosting both Formula One during its formative years before a switch to Indy car racing in the early 1980’s.

“There are races that IndyCar drivers want to win, right?” Kirkwood said. “Everybody is going to put the Indianapolis 500 at the top. But after that, I’d say you probably want to win Long Beach because it’s not only the prestige and the number of fans that have gone out there, but also the history behind it; being an old F1 track, being around for 51 years - the second-oldest race on the calendar. There’s just a lot of history behind it.



## 2026 SCHEDULE

### NTT INDYCAR SERIES

- MARCH 1 | FIRESTONE GRAND PRIX OF ST. PETERSBURG
- MARCH 7 | GOOD RANCHERS 250
- MARCH 15 | JAVA HOUSE GRAND PRIX OF ARLINGTON
- MARCH 29 | CHILDREN’S OF ALABAMA INDY GRAND PRIX
- APRIL 19 | ACURA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH
- MAY 9 | SONSIO GRAND PRIX
- MAY 24 | 110TH RUNNING OF THE INDIANAPOLIS 500
- MAY 31 | CHEVROLET DETROIT GRAND PRIX
- JUNE 7 | BOMMARITO AUTOMOTIVE GROUP 500 WWT RACEWAY
- JUNE 21 | XPEL GRAND PRIX AT ROAD AMERICA
- JULY 5 | HONDA INDY 200 AT MID-OHIO
- JULY 19 | BORCHETTA BOURBON MUSIC CITY GRAND PRIX
- AUG 9 | BITNILE.COM GRAND PRIX OF PORTLAND
- AUG 16 | ONTARIO HONDA DEALERS INDY AT MARKHAM
- AUG 23 | FIRESTONE FREEDOM 250 GRAND PRIX
- AUG 29 | MILWAUKEE MILE RACE 1
- AUG 30 | MILWAUKEE MILE RACE 2
- SEPT 6 | INDYCAR GRAND PRIX OF MONTEREY

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# IN MEMORY

## CEO JIM MICHAELIAN WAS PART OF THE GRAND PRIX FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS



After seeing the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach through its 50th anniversary last year and steering it into its 51st, Jim Michaelian passed away just weeks prior to this year's event. He was 83.

Michaelian, who had already planned to hand over the keys as President and CEO of the Grand Prix over to Jim Liaw in June, was as much of a fixture of the race as the palm trees along Shoreline Drive. As a tribute to him, every car in this year's Grand Prix will display a special sticker in his memory.

He came on board prior to the first race in 1975 as the Grand Prix Association's Controller, Chief Operating Officer. Michaelian was a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles with a B.S. in Physics and an M.B.A., making him a perfect fit to help get the Grand Prix to the starting line and to help see it flourish for more than half a century. He became President and CEO in December of 2001 and was inducted into the Long Beach Motorsports Hall of Fame prior to last year's 50th anniversary.

Michaelian also served on multiple boards during the five decades he worked with the Grand Prix, including the

Grand Prix Foundation of Long Beach, Visit Long Beach and the Los Angeles Sports Council.

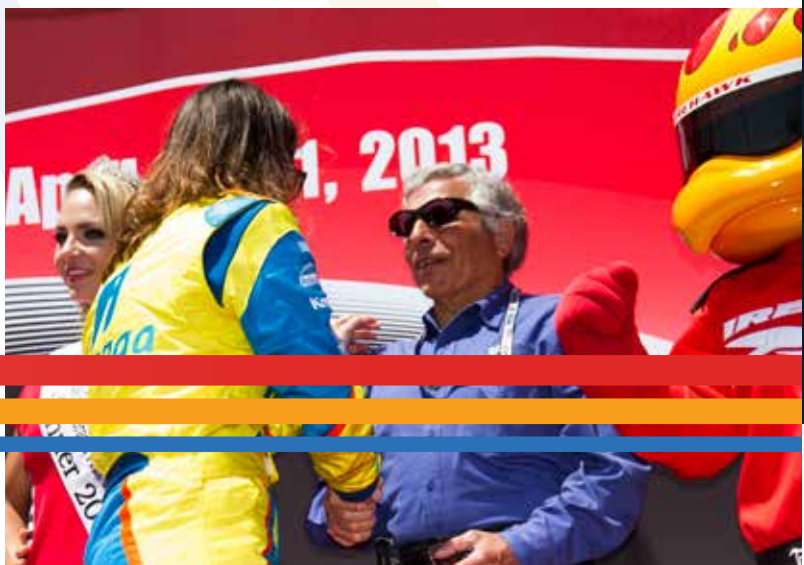
An avid race fan and even a professional racer himself – he competed at LeMans, Daytona, Dubai, Nürburgring, Sebring, Spa and Watkins Glen – Michaelian well understood the challenges and rewards of putting on a first-class event.

Before his passing, he reflected on his long career with the Grand Prix when announcing his retirement.

“Leading the Grand Prix Association and the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach has been the privilege of a lifetime” he said. “This event and this community mean a great deal to me, and I’m proud of what our team has built together. Coming off our very successful 50th celebration, I feel this is the right time to make this transition. For 50 years, I have been given the unique opportunity to merge my passion for motorsports with involvement with the longest-running street race in America, which has been a distinct privilege.

“I’m grateful to the City of Long Beach, our sponsor partners, participants, volunteers, and fans for their continued support, and thanks also to Chris Pook, the originator of the Grand Prix of Long Beach, and Kevin Kalkhoven and Jerry Forsythe for their invaluable support during the challenging times in the past 50 years. And with the leadership of Penske Entertainment, the new owners of the Grand Prix Association, the future of the event is in excellent hands.”

Yet there was more Michaelian than racing and the Grand Prix. He was a loving and devoted husband and nothing meant more to him than his family. He especially treasured the time he spent with his two boys, creating memories that will be carried forever. One of the ways he brought everyone together was through Sunday family dinners, which became a cherished tradition.





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# REMEMBERING

## THE MOTORSPORTS WORLD REMEMBERS CEO JIM MICHAELIAN

**On the eve of this year's race, Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach President and CEO Jim Michaelian passed away. Several notable people in motorsports provided these tributes to him.**

### Roger Penske

Everyone at Penske Entertainment and within the IndyCar community is deeply saddened by the passing of Jim Michaelian. Jim was a leader of a small, passionate group who believed in the concept of bringing elite open-wheel competition to Long Beach in the 1970s, worked tirelessly to make it happen despite steep odds and then helped nurture the Grand Prix of Long Beach into becoming America's premier street race.

His vision and energy surrounding this great event remained boundless for 50 years, as no task was too small for Jim even while he served in numerous leadership roles. Penske Entertainment is committed to honoring Jim's legacy of putting fans and competitors first as we continue to build on the strong foundation he and his staff created for a half-century in Long Beach. Our deepest sympathies are with his wife, Mary, and their sons, Bob and Mike.

### Mario Andretti

I was so looking forward to seeing Jim Michaelian in April and cheering him on. We had a true and pure friendship. It was as natural as family to feel affection for him. I say this honestly and sincerely. The news of his passing is really devastating. He was such a fixture in Long Beach.



### Al Unser, Jr.

Jim was the team manager and crew chief of the Long Beach Grand Prix! He did the big and little chores. He gave his heart to the race. No matter who owned the Grand Prix, they chose Jim to run it!!! I will love him forever!

### IMSA President John Doonan

All of us here at IMSA are shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of longtime Grand Prix Association of Long Beach President and CEO Jim Michaelian. Jim was a racer's racer and a dear friend to IMSA and the motorsports community at large. In addition to his stewardship of the Long Beach event, Jim was a frequent competitor in IMSA races over the years. We will sorely miss his presence at Long Beach and racetracks everywhere. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim's family, friends and colleagues. This is a devastating loss for our motorsports family.

### Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Jim Michaelian, President of the Long Beach Grand Prix Association and a beloved figure in our city.



# JIM MICHAELIAN

His passion, warmth, and dedication turned an event into a tradition, and a tradition into a source of pride for generations of Long Beach residents. Under his leadership, the Grand Prix became a global event and a defining part of Long Beach's identity.

He will be remembered not only for what he built, but for the relationships he nurtured and the pride he inspired.

Our thoughts are with his loved ones and the entire Grand Prix family.

His legacy will live on in the sound of the engines, the roar of the crowd, and the spirit of Long Beach.

**JIM DIDN'T JUST LEAD THE GRAND PRIX—HE LIVED IT.**

## The City of Long Beach

The City of Long Beach is mourning the loss of a beloved member of our community, Jim Michaelian, who passed away over the weekend at the age of 83. Beyond his love and dedication to his family, Jim spent 50 years feeding his passion, street racing. We are forever grateful to him for his

partnership and for putting Long Beach on the map with the legendary and internationally renowned Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, America's greatest street race. We already miss him very much, and our thoughts are with his family, friends and the team who are hard at work right now putting on the next race this April. Rest in peace Jim.

## John "Jack" Queen, Jr., Long Beach Grand Prix Founders Association

I've known Jim since almost the very beginning. There was a time that, let's say, we were a little short of cash. I was at my other work office one day when a person we owed a lot of money to came in demanding somehow to be paid. Jim was there, somehow held him off and satisfied him. He was a wonderful part of the organization. My involvement ended pretty much after the first race and I didn't see him often except at the races. I would see him zooming around on his scooter. He was always in the best frame of mind. He will be a great loss to the organization and he was a good friend for a long time.





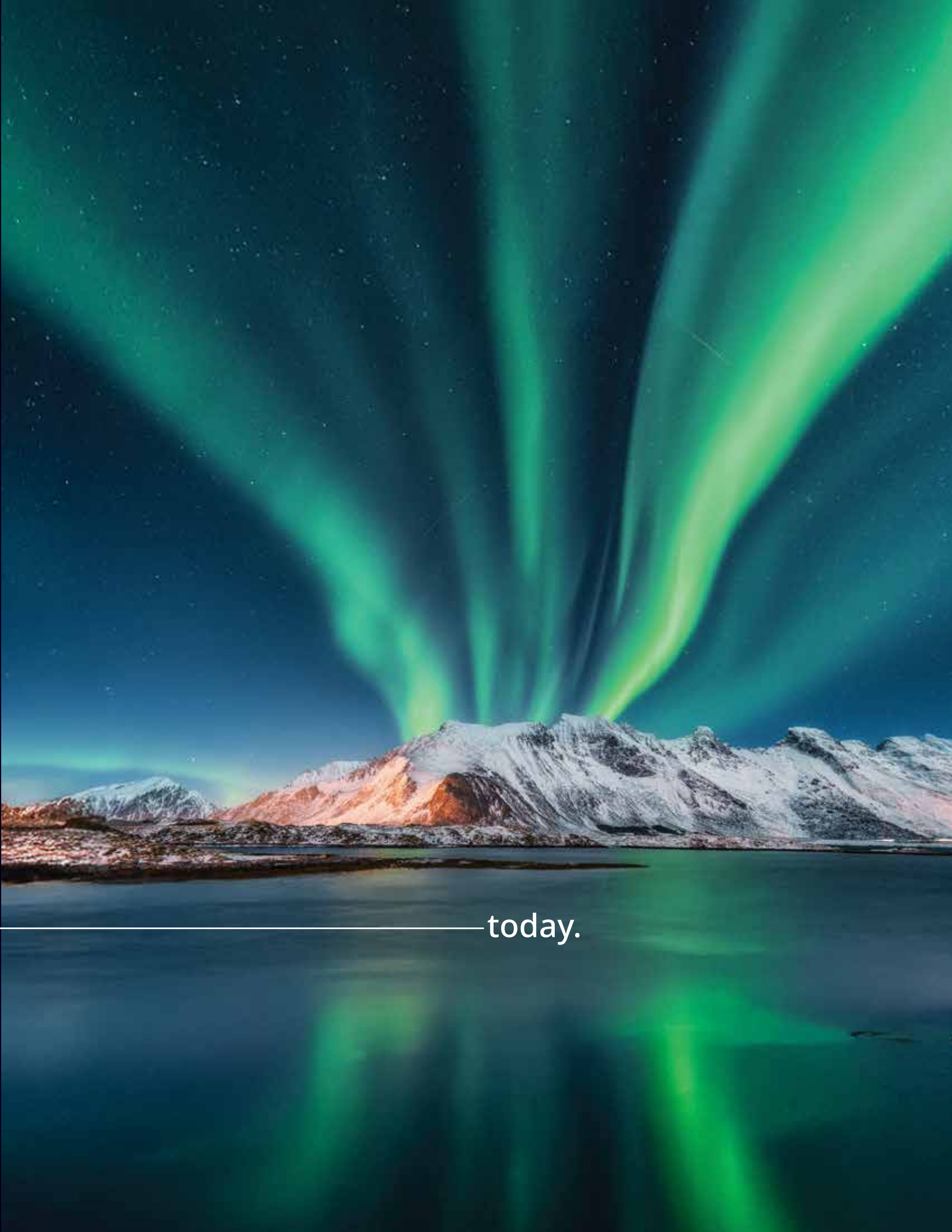
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The 2023 and 2024 Indy 500 champion and 2022 Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach winner is in his 15th season and 10th with Team Penske. With 33 career wins – including at Phoenix earlier this year – the two-time NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion (2017 & 2019) is the winningest active American driver in the series. Josef ended the 2025 season on a high note, winning the final race in front of his home fans in Nashville. He is a proud supporter of the SeriousFun Children's Network started by Paul Newman and is an avid winter sports and fitness enthusiast. He is married to Ashley and together they have two sons, Kota and Nicolai.

Nashville, TN, Championships: 2  
Wins: 33, Poles: 19, 2025 Long Beach: 27th



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TEAM PENSKE

*JOSEF NEWGARDEN*

Scott began this season by grabbing the pole at the first race, St. Pete, and went on to finish second. He was 10th in the 2025 NTT INDYCAR SERIES standings with three podiums, third in the Children's of Alabama Indy Grand Prix, Snap-on Milwaukee Mile 250 and Borchetta Bourbon Music City Grand Prix. He was named NTT INDYCAR SERIES Rookie of the Year in 2021, along with winning Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year honors. Off the track, he has played golf at the most notable courses in the sport, among them, Augusta National, Pebble Beach, Bay Hill and Whistling Straits. He's a big sports fan that follows the Carolina Panthers, the New York Knicks and Rangers and the Wisconsin Badgers.

Christchurch, New Zealand, Championships: 0  
Wins: 7, Poles: 12, 2025 Long Beach: 6th



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TEAM PENSKE

*SCOTT MCLAUGHLIN*

Entering his first season as a rookie with AJ Foyt Racing, Caio graduated from the INDY NXT by Firestone where he finished second in the series. He won three INDY NXT races, grabbed three poles and won Rookie of the Year in 2024. In 2018, he won the French F4 Championship and was runner-up in the 2020 Formula Renault Eurocup. Off the track Caio enjoys cycling, running and bungee jumping. From Sao Paulo, his racing heroes are fellow Brazilians Tony Kanaan and Helio Castroneves, the latter being the 2001 Long Beach champion.

Sao Paulo, Brazil, Championships: 0  
Wins: 0, Poles: 0, 2025 Long Beach: N/A



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AJ FOYT RACING

*CAIO COLLET*

INDYCAR DRIVER PROFILES



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The nine-time NTT INDYCAR SERIES race winner has 51 career top fives, including fourth at Phoenix and fifth at Arlington this year. Pato had two wins last season (Iowa Speedway and Toronto) and was the runner up in driver standings. He was the 2020 Indy 500 Rookie of the Year and the 2018 INDY NXT by Firestone champion. He joined the INDYCAR SERIES with Arrow McLaren in 2020. His first name is Patricio but he goes by Pato. Originally from Mexico, he grew up in San Antonio, Texas. Some of his hobbies are boxing and weight training. He enjoys eating chilaquiles and sushi and has a Corgi dog, Norbi, that travels with him to races.

Monterrey, Mexico, Championships: 0  
Wins: 9, Poles: 7, 2025 Long Beach: 13th

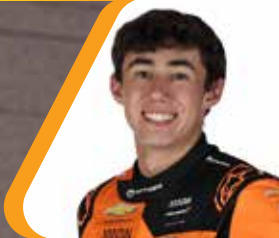


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ARROW MCLAREN  
*PATO O'WARD*

Nolan enters 2026 on the heels of a 2025 season in which he posted two top-10 finishes, qualified twice into the Firestone Fast Six and made his first Indianapolis 500 start where he finished 13th after gaining 11 positions during the race. He ended the season 22nd in the championship, showing steady growth as he adapted to top-level open-wheel competition. Siegel began his professional career in INDY NXT by Firestone, earning Rookie of the Year honors in 2023 with two wins and five podiums. He's also found success in sports car racing, including a class victory at the 2024 24 Hours of Le Mans in LMP2. He is known for his laid-back demeanor off the track, enjoys playing guitar, sailing and flying after recently acquiring his Pilot's license.

Palo Alto, CA, Championships: 0  
Wins: 0, Poles: 0, 2025 Long Beach: 20th



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ARROW MCLAREN  
*NOLAN SIEGEL*

The season began with a podium finish at St. Pete and he followed that up most recently by finishing second at the Children's of Alabama Indy Grand Prix. Last season, The 2022 NTT INDYCAR SERIES Rookie of the Year was fifth in the driver standings with six podiums. He won his first INDYCAR SERIES race in 2023 at Toronto after sitting on the pole. The son of European Rally champion Henrik Lundgaard, he has won various Danish and European karting titles as a youth and spent two seasons in the FIA Formula 2 series, scoring two wins and six podiums in 2020. Off the track, a passion for golf keeps him busy as he plays in pro-am tournaments as a 3-handicap and attends major tournaments.

Hedensted, Denmark, Championships: 0  
Wins: 1, Poles: 3, 2025 Long Beach: 3rd



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ARROW MCLAREN  
*CHRISTIAN LUNDGAARD*

INDYCAR DRIVER PROFILES

2026 NTT INDYCAR SERIES

# SCHEDULE

LONG BEACH

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IMS ROAD COURSE

6  **MAY 09**

FIFTY EIGHTH ANNUAL  
INDIANAPOLIS 500

7  **MAY 24**

DETROIT

8  **MAY 31**

ST. LOUIS

9  **JUN 07**

ROAD AMERICA

10  **JUN 21**

MID-OHIO

11  **JUL 05**

NASHVILLE

12  **JUL 19**

PORTLAND

13  **AUG 09**

MARKHAM

14  **AUG 16**

WASHINGTON, D.C.

15 **AUG 23**

MILWAUKEE

16  **AUG 29**

MILWAUKEE

17  **AUG 30**

MONTEREY

18  **SEP 06**

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Kyffin enters his third NTT INDYCAR SERIES season with Chip Ganassi Racing behind the wheel of the No. 8 Sunoco Honda. After showing steady improvement in his first two seasons, including a career-first podium in 2025 and multiple top-five finishes, He is considered a potential breakout talent in the series. Kyffin began his professional career in INDY NXT by Firestone and has achieved success in sports car racing, including a victory at the 2023 IMSA 12 Hours of Sebring and overall LMP2 class wins in the European Le Mans Series' 4 Hours of Le Castellet and the Asian Le Mans Series' 4 Hours of Dubai. Off the track, he enjoys surfing, swimming, cycling and training.



Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, Championships: 0  
Wins: 0, Poles: 0, 2025 Long Beach: 10th

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CHIP GANASSI RACING  
*KYFFIN SIMPSON*

A six-time NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion (2003, 2008, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2020) and the 2008 Indianapolis 500 winner, Scott is now in his 25th season driving for Chip Ganassi Racing, the longest tenure for any driver in team history. In his remarkable career, he has 59 wins, 145 podium's and 217 top fives. He started off 2025 strong, with a second-place finish at St. Pete. He set the all-time record for series starts in 2025 and is in his 26th season overall in the INDYCAR SERIES. Off the track, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Emma, a former track champion, and three children, Poppy, Tilly and Kit.



Auckland, New Zealand, Championships: 6  
Wins: 59, Poles: 28, 2025 Long Beach: 8th

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CHIP GANASSI RACING  
*SCOTT DIXON*

Alex began this season with a dominating win at St. Pete and won again at Barber from the pole. He now has 60 career top-five finishes and is coming off a 2025 season in which he won his fourth NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship by winning eight races – including the Indy 500 – and finishing 14 times in the top five. It was his third consecutive driver championship with his other title coming in 2021. He notched his first NTT INDYCAR SERIES victory in 2021 in the season-opening event at Barber Motorsports Park. Palou made his debut in open-wheel racing competing in the Euroformula Open Championship in 2014 and ran the Formula 3 Series in 2015. He speaks three languages – English, Spanish and Italian – and is an avid pickleball player. His interest in racing began when he saw a go-kart track while walking to school with his father.



Barcelona, Spain, Championships: 4  
Wins: 21, Poles: 13, 2025 Long Beach: 2nd

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CHIP GANASSI RACING  
*ALEX PALOU*

INDYCAR DRIVER PROFILES

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Entering his fifth season in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, David already has a top-three finish, at Phoenix, after earning his first pole. He continues to establish himself as one of the series' top young talents and comes into Long Beach having finished fourth at Barber. In 2025, he recorded multiple top-five and top-10 finishes, highlighted by a career-best second at the Indianapolis 500. Previously, Malukas earned two top-five finishes in 2023 and posted his first INDYCAR SERIES podium with a runner-up result at World Wide Technology Raceway in 2022. Off track, his favorite meal is Reese's Puff cereal, enjoys gaming, and hi-fidelity music.

Chicago, Illinois, Championships: 0  
Wins: 0, Poles: 1, 2025 Long Beach: 17th

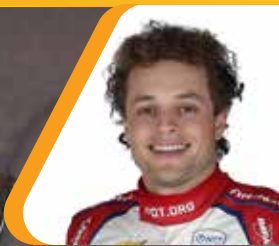


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TEAM PENSKE  
*DAVID MALUKAS*

Santino enters the 2026 season in his fourth year with A. J. Foyt Enterprises after a strong 2025 campaign in which had two podium finishes, including second at Detroit. Overall he had six finishes in the top eight and further solidified his reputation as one of the series' most consistent performers. Santino was the 2019 Indianapolis 500 Rookie of the Year and finished third in the 2023 Indianapolis 500, while his junior career includes becoming the youngest winner of a British Formula 3 race at age 16. Away from the track, he enjoys golf, movies from the Marvel Cinematic Universe and lists steak and Italian cuisine as his favorite foods.

Woodbury, Connecticut, Championships: 0  
Wins: 0, Poles: 1, 2025 Long Beach: 11th

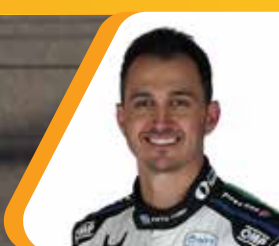


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AJ FOYT ENTERPRISES  
*SANTINO FERRUCCI*

Graham is a six-time INDYCAR SERIES race winner who also has 33 podiums and 72 top 10s in his career. He comes into Long Beach having finished third in the Children's of Alabama Indy Grand Prix. In 2025, he had a high finish of fourth at Portland, one of his three top-10 finishes. He drives for the team co-owned by his legendary father, Bobby, late night talk show icon David Letterman and businessman Mike Lanigan. He was the second youngest driver to compete in an INDYCAR SERIES race when he made his debut in 2007 at the age of 18. Along with his wife Courtney Force, daughter of NHRA legend John Force, founded the Graham and Courtney Rahal Foundation, which has donated more than \$2 million to support veterans, cancer research, and family-focused causes.

New Albany, OH, Championships: 0  
Wins: 6, Poles: 5, 2025 Long Beach: 22nd



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RAHAL LETTERMAN LANIGAN RACING  
*GRAHAM RAHAL*

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Romain returns to Dale Coyne Racing for his fifth NTT INDYCAR SERIES season. He spent 2025 as a reserve driver with PREMA Racing and is back with the DCR team in which he made his INDYCAR debut. In 2023, He finished second at Alabama in 2023 and was sixth in Nashville. Overall, he has three poles, six podiums and nine top-five finishes. A long-time Formula 1 racer with 180 starts, he was on the podium 10 times in that series, including two career-best second-place finishes at Montreal and Circuit of the Americas in Texas. Away from the track, the Swiss native is a passionate cook and has co-authored a cookbook with his wife Marion. He also supports his own eSports team and can speak French, English, and Italian.

Geneva, Switzerland, Championships: 0  
Wins: 0, Poles: 3, 2025 Long Beach: N/A



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DALE COYNE RACING  
*ROMAIN GROSJEAN*

Dennis is in his rookie season, racing for Dayle Coyone in a technical partnership with Andretti Global. In 2025 he was dominant in the INDY NXT by Firestone. Driving for Andretti Global, he won six races, had eight poles and was series champion. He raced in Formula 2 from 2022-2024 and was the 2021 FIA Formula 3 champion. His nickname is the "Norwegian Nightmare."

Oslo, Norway, Championships: 0  
Wins: 0, Poles: 0, 2025 Long Beach: N/A



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DALE COYNE RACING  
*DENNIS HAUGER*

The eight-time INDYCAR SERIES race winner is aiming for his third victory on the streets of Long Beach after winning back-to-back races in 2018 and 2019. He has 52 top-five finishes and 30 podiums. In 2025, he finished fourth at Milwaukee and fifth at Portland. He won the 2016 Indy 500, the 100th running of the race, becoming the first rookie to win the 500 since 2001 and the first American rookie to win there since 1928. He co-hosts a popular podcast with former driver James Hinchcliffe called "Off Track with Hinch & Rossi." He also competed on season 30 of The Amazing Race with other INDYCAR SERIES driver Conor Daly, they finished in fourth place that season.

Nevada City, CA, Championships: 0  
Wins: 8, Poles: 7, 2025 Long Beach: 15th



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*ALEXANDER ROSSI*

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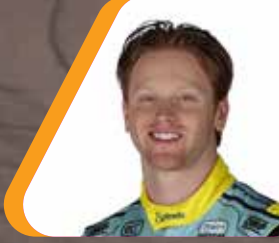
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Christian comes into 2026 after a breakthrough 2025 campaign when he captured his first career victory at the Milwaukee Mile and was third at World Wide Technology Raceway. He consistently ran in the Top 10 across a mix of ovals and road courses, and finished 13th in the championship standings. He also delivered a strong sixth-place finish at the Indianapolis 500. The 2023 INDY NXT by Firestone champion remains only the second driver in history to win championships in all three divisions that feed the NTT INDYCAR SERIES – USF2000 (2020), USF Pro 2000 (2021), and INDY NXT (2023). When he’s off the track, he enjoys playing pickleball, has a passion for classic cars, and is known as a self-described “big car guy.”

Copenhagen, Denmark, Championships: 0  
Wins: 1, Poles: 0, 2025 Long Beach: 23rd



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EGR

## CHRISTIAN RASMUSSEN

A powerful force in the INDYCAR SERIES, Will is in his 20th season and is one of the most successful series drivers of all time. Now with Andretti Global, Power is a two-time series champion, in 2014 and 2022, and has been a championship runner-up four times and this year will start his record 20th Grand Prix of Long Beach. With a remarkable 109 podiums, he is showing no signs of slowing down, as evident from his third-place finish at Arlington earlier this year and a win at Portland last year. His 71 poles puts him first on the all-time list (Mario Andretti is second with 67). The 2018 Indianapolis 500 winner has 45 career wins, fourth on the all-time list, including two at Long Beach, in 2008 and 2012.

Toowoomba, Australia, Championships: 2  
Wins: 45, Poles: 71, 2025 Long Beach: 5th



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ANDRETTI GLOBAL

## WILL POWER

The defending race champion and two-time Long Beach winner comes into this race with one street win already, at Arlington. He also finished second at Phoenix and most recently was fifth at Barber. He had a spectacular 2025 season with three wins, five Top 5 and 10 Top 10 finishes. He finished fourth in the driver standings. Kyle, also won Long Beach in 2023, has won numerous karting titles as a youngster and won the INDY NXT by Firestone crown in 2021 with 10 victories. Away from racing, he likes to go on top of the waves (surfing) and below them (scuba diving). Prior to winning last year’s race he surfed at Trestles, site of the surfing competition for the 2028 LA Olympics.

Jupiter FL, Championships: 0  
Wins: 6, Poles: 3, 2025 Long Beach: 1st



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ANDRETTI GLOBAL

## KYLE KIRKWOOD

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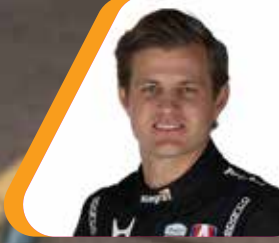
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Marcus is in his third year with Andretti Global after moving over from Chip Ganassi Racing. The 2022 Indy 500 winner captured his first career pole earlier this year at Arlington, where he finished fourth. He is coming off a 2025 season in which he finished fifth at Toronto and sixth at St. Pete. Prior to his ventures in INDYCAR, the Swede competed in Formula 1 racing with Sauber from 2015 to 2018. Ericsson is an avid hockey fan and grew up idolizing Swedish hometown heroes such as Peter Forsberg and Henrik Lundqvist.

Kumla, Sweden, Championships: 0  
Wins: 4, Poles: 1, 2025 Long Beach: 12th



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ANDRETTI GLOBAL

*MARCUS ERICSSON*

Louis is looking to build on a promising rookie campaign in 2025 in which he was Rookie of the Year. He earned his first NTT P1 Award at Road America and posted a 11th twice. He is also the 2024 INDY NXT by Firestone Champion. Off track, Foster rode across Snowdonia and the Brecon Beacons in 2017 to raise funds for Cardiac Risk for the Young (CRY), and he enjoys going to the gym, sim racing and cycling. He studied marketing at Loyola Marymount before focusing on racing.

Odiham, England, Championships: 0  
Wins: 0, Poles: 1, 2025 Long Beach: 16th



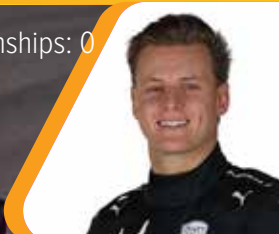
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RAHAL LETTERMAN LANIGAN RACING

*LOUIS FOSTER*

The son of seven-time Formula One champion Michael Schumacher, Mick makes his INDYCAR SERIES debut for Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing. He has won two championships, in FIA European Formula 2 (2020) and Formula 3 in 2018. He raced in Formula 1 with Haas from 2021 to 2022, later serving as a reserve driver for Mercedes and McLaren before joining Alpine's World Endurance Championship program in 2024. He has a sense of adventure off the track as he enjoys skydiving as well as cycling and squash.

Vufflens-le-Château, Switzerland, Championships: 0  
Wins: 0, Poles: 0, 2025 Long Beach: N/A



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Felix enters his eighth season in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES following a solid 2025 campaign highlighted by four top-five finishes and nine in the top 10, including a runner-up result at Road America and fourth in the Indianapolis 500. He joined Meyer Shank Racing ahead of the 2024 season and has been a consistent contender on road and street courses, earning pole position at Long Beach in 2024. Rosenqvist entered The INDYCAR SERIES in 2019, captured Rookie of the Year honors, and scored his lone series victory in 2020 at Race 2 at Road America. A highly accomplished open-wheel racer, he is the 2015 FIA Formula 3 European Champion, a three-time Formula Renault title winner, and a two-time winner of both the Masters of Formula 3 and the Macau Grand Prix, and he enjoys skiing, skateboarding, hiking, and video games away from the track.



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MEYER SHANK RACING  
*FELIX ROSENQVIST*

Christchurch, New Zealand, Championships: 0  
Wins: 0, Poles: 0, 2025 Long Beach: 14th

Marcus is a fourth-year driver and the 2023 NTT INDYCAR SERIES Rookie of the Year. He had two solid finishes this year, fifth at Phoenix and sixth at Barber. In 2025, he tied his best race result with a third-place finish at Iowa and had 10 top-10 finishes. He came over from FIA Formula 2 where he won four races in three seasons of competition. Won five karting championships in native New Zealand. Prefers podcasts to music. He is an avid tennis player and sneakerhead. He's trying to break the world record in planking.

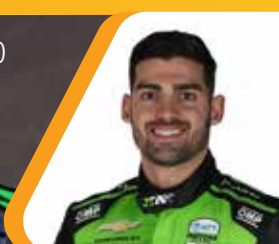


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MEYER SHANK RACING  
*MARCUS ARMSTRONG*

Hoofddorp, Netherlands, Championships: 0  
Wins: 1, Poles: 2, 2025 Long Beach: 19th

Rinus joins Juncos Hollinger Racing after a strong season with Dale Coyne Racing, highlighted by seven top-10 finishes and a runner-up result on the streets of Toronto. The Dutch driver is back with the organization where he won the 2018 USF Pro 2000 Championship and finishing second in INDY NXT by Firestone in 2019. He was the NTT INDYCAR SERIES Rookie of the Year in 2020 and earned his first career win at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course in 2021. Off the track, Rinus enjoys cycling and has the unique ability to speak his native language backward as fast as he can forward.



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*RINUS VEEKAY*

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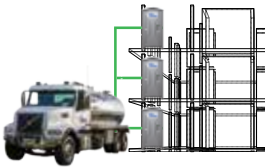
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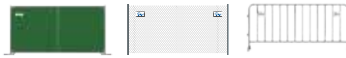
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Sting Ray – that’s his real name – posted his best INDYCAR SERIES result in 2025 with a ninth-place finish in the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, where he led 12 laps in a standout performance for Juncos Hollinger Racing. He won the 2020 USF Pro 2000 championship and has also raced Formula Car Challenge and NASCAR K&N Pro Series West. Sting Ray’s parents named him after the Corvette. He enjoys the outdoors in Idaho’s mountains, snow skiing, hunting, and rock climbing.

Payette, Idaho, Championships: 0  
Wins: 0, Poles: 0, 2025 Long Beach: 9th



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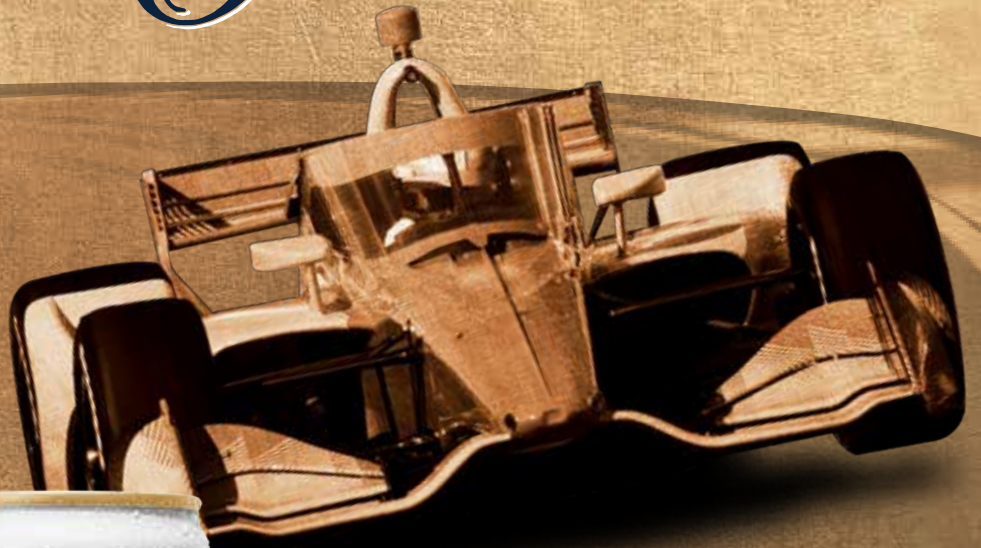
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**I**MSA and the streets of Long Beach have a great history together. This year marks the 20-year anniversary of IMSA becoming a full part of the Grand Prix weekend, which first took place in 2006. IMSA made occasional appearances in the early 1990s with GT cars before prototypes were added in the 2000s.

This year, the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach marks the first of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship's annual "California race double." The series' other Golden State event is the Monterey SportsCar Championship at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca from May 1-3

At least 25 cars are expected at Long Beach across two IMSA classes: Grand Touring Prototype (GTP) and Grand Touring Daytona (GTD) for the 100-minute "street fight." The race starts Saturday at 1:05 p.m., around Long Beach's 1.968-mile, 11-turn street course and will air live on network NBC.

IMSA has gone from strength-to-strength in its time at Long Beach, including the first three years of the GTP prototype

formula. Most of the leading-edge GTP prototypes expected to race have an internal combustion engine prepared by the participating global automobile manufacturers and in the case of Le Mans Daytona h (LMDh) specification cars, pairs those engines with a common high performance electrified hybrid powertrain which elevates sustainability.

Aston Martin's new Valkyrie is the first of these cars built to the Le Mans Hypercar (LMH) specification and is set to race alongside four LMDh-specification entries from Acura, BMW, Cadillac and Porsche, which speaks to the top-level convergence achieved across global sports car racing. These five brands should field 11 GTP cars at Long Beach.

In each of the three years of GTP at Long Beach, the winning entry has opted to not take tires at the one scheduled pit stop, so that will push the crews to be as quick as possible on pit lane to maximize track position.

Porsche Penske Motorsport's No. 7 Porsche 963 of Felipe Nasr, Julien Andlauer and Laurin Heinrich leads the

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championship heading into Long Beach. They won both the Rolex 24 At Daytona and the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring to start the year.

There are 14 full-season GTD entries with cars that are closer to day-to-day production models than the GTP class. Cars from nine manufacturers (Aston Martin, BMW, Chevrolet, Ferrari, Ford, Lamborghini, Lexus, Mercedes-AMG, Porsche) are expected to compete. The GTD class features cars built to international GT3 specifications and drivers ranging from successful businesspeople to up-and-coming young drivers to experienced professionals.

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Winward Racing's No. 57 Mercedes-AMG GT3 (Philip Ellis, Russell Ward, Indy Dontje, Lucas Auer) won in GTD at Daytona while the No. 21 Af Corse USA Ferrari 296 GT3 EVO (Antonio Fuoco, Lilou Wadoux, Simon Mann) won at Sebring.

Long Beach has been part of a top-level, North American sports car championship for the past two decades. With three Long Beach wins apiece, brothers Ricky and Jordan Taylor are the most successful active drivers in the field; they are split between the Nos. 10 and

40 Cadillac Wayne Taylor Racing Cadillac V-Series.Rs. Acura seeks a win in front of its home base with the Nos. 60 and 93 Acura Meyer Shank Racing with Curb Agajanian Acura ARX-06 entries.

The Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach is the third of 11 events on the 2026 WeatherTech Championship schedule. The season concludes with the traditional Motul Petit Le Mans at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta from Oct. 1-3.

## 2026 SCHEDULE

### IMSA WEATHERTECH SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP

- JAN. 21-25 | ROLEX 24 AT DAYTONA
- MARCH 18-21 | MOBIL 12 HOURS OF SEBRING
- APRIL 18 | ACURA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH
- MAY 3 | IMSA SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP OF MONTEREY
- MAY 30 | DETROIT GRAND PRIX STREETS OF DETROIT
- JUNE 28 | SAHLEN'S SIX HOURS AT THE GLEN
- JULY 12 | CHEVROLET GRAND PRIX
- AUG. 2 | MOTUL SPORTSCAR ENDURANCE GRAND PRIX ROAD AMERICA
- AUG. 23 | MICHELIN GT CHALLENGE AT VIR
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# 2026 RACE SCHEDULE



**1** DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY  
JANUARY 21-25, 2026

**7** WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL  
JUNE 25-28, 2026

**2** SEBRING INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY  
MARCH 18-21, 2026

**8** CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK  
JULY 10-12, 2026

**3** LONG BEACH STREET CIRCUIT  
APRIL 17-18, 2026

**9** ROAD AMERICA  
JULY 30 - AUGUST 2, 2026

**4** WEATHERTECH RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA  
MAY 1-3, 2026

**10** VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY  
AUGUST 21-23, 2026

**5** DETROIT STREET CIRCUIT  
MAY 29-30, 2026

**11** INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY  
SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026

**6** MID-OHIO SPORTS CAR COURSE  
JUNE 5-7, 2026

**12** MICHELIN RACEWAY ROAD ATLANTA  
SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 3, 2026



# COLIN BRAUN

ACURA'S IMSA GTP DRIVER IS A MAN OF MANY RACING MACHINES

By Joey Barnes

**G**rowing up, Colin Braun looked up to the likes of Mario Andretti, A.J. Foyt and Tony Stewart, so it should come as no surprise that he has built a career racing in a variety of disciplines.

"I think people don't realize how much stuff I've driven," he said. "You name it, I've driven it."

Braun, 37, has now established home behind the wheel of Acura Meyer Shank Racing's #60 Acura ARX-06 in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. That isn't to suggest, though, he doesn't continue to step out into other areas to showcase his versatility. The most recent example happened in February on the Streets of St. Petersburg where he drove in the NASCAR Truck Series – for the first time since 2011 – and guided Kaulig Racing's "free agent" RAM 1500 to a ninth-place finish.

The saying "have helmet, will race" is practically the mantra for Braun. The son of a race engineer, he grew up being able to lean on connections and knowledge despite limited funding; everything was about trying to find the next chance to drive anything.

"I'd like to say there was some nicely laid out, beautiful plan that we executed to get where I am," Braun said. "When an opportunity popped up, I was like, 'Yeah.' I just want to drive race cars and be able to make a living, doing what I love to do."

A native of Ovalo, Texas, Braun progressed through karting and junior formula ranks and broke into the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona in 2005 where, at just 16 years old, he finished seventh in the GT class with a Porsche 996 GT3 Cup. Two years later he debuted in the 24 Hours of Le Mans while also driving for Roush Fenway Racing in NASCAR's Craftsman Truck Series and the O'Reilly Auto Parts Series.

"That was going pretty good, but then the economy sort of tipped over – not for the better – in 2010 or so," said Braun, who has one Truck Series win (Michigan International Speedway, 2009). "And that sort of dried up and put me back in the sports car world where I got a lot of great opportunities and have had success."

Braun has since driven in nearly every class in a sports car career that spans more than two decades.



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The accolades are nearly endless, beginning with an overall victory in the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona (2023) along with two class wins (Prototype Challenge, 2014; LMP2, 2020), an LMP2 class win in the 24 Hours of Le Mans (2023), and three championships (Prototype Challenge, 2014, 2015; LMP3, 2022). Additionally, he has amassed a total of 24 wins – either in class or overall – during his sports car career.

One element that's unique is how, despite the changes in horsepower, downforce levels, or even drivability of all the different cars Braun has driven over his career, there's one fundamental element that's transitional.

"Probably the thing that I've tried to focus on in my career is trying to feel the tire," he said.

Understanding that has perhaps never been more important than now in Braun's role in IMSA's top class: Grand Touring Prototype (GTP). It's there his feedback, paired with fellow full-time co-driver Tom Blomqvist, along with teammates Renger van der Zande and Nick Yelloly in the #93 sister car, have been crucial in the gains made by Honda Racing Corporation USA (HRC US) and Meyer Shank Racing.

"We've got to have good feedback to those guys to be able to give them what they need to do what they do on their end," Braun said. "When it works as well as it has over the years, it's definitely pretty cool to see."

Braun first joined the program for the 2023 season, and

he's seen several differences over that span.

"The progression of knowledge and the way that the folks at HRC and Acura are able to continue to develop that car, it's pretty incredible," he said.

Braun hopes to repay HRC's efforts in the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach.

"Everyone that comes out, the support they put into that race, it's a huge one," said Braun, a previous class winner (Prototype Challenge, 2013) at the iconic 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit.

"On top of that, to get a chance to win overall is incredible. Long Beach, globally, as far as racetrack venues go, it's one of the ones people always talk about. The number of times I've raced in Europe and fans have come up and they say, 'Hey, I want to go to Long Beach and experience that venue, the fans and the energy.' It's such a great race weekend, such a cool track, such a well-run event. I've never won it overall, so certainly would love to get that done.

"I think we'd definitely have an enjoyable evening out in Long Beach that night if we could get it done."

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# IMSA WEATHERTECH SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES



GRAND TOURING PROTOTYPE (GTP)

CAR #	DRIVERS & NATIONALITY	TEAM & SPONSOR	Car Type	Tire	Engine	Gas
5	(G) Tijmen van der Helm NLD (G) Laurin Heinrich DEU	JDC-Miller MotorSports Mustang Sampling / St Jude / Wiha / Cram-a-Lot / Hexagon / OMP / Trofi Pack	Porsche 963	Michelin	Porsche	VP R80
6	(P) Laurens Vanthoor BEL (P) Kevin Estre FRA	Porsche Penske Motorsport	Porsche 963	Michelin	Porsche	VP R80
7	(P) Felipe Nasr BRA (G) Julien Andlauer FRA	Porsche Penske Motorsport	Porsche 963	Michelin	Porsche	VP R80
10	(P) Ricky Taylor USA (P) Filipe Albuquerque PRT	Cadillac Wayne Taylor Racing DEX	Cadillac V-Series.R	Michelin	Cadillac	VP R80
23	(P) Ross Gunn GBR (G) Roman De Angelis CAN	ASTON MARTIN THOR Team	Aston Martin Valkyrie	Michelin	Aston Martin	VP R80
24	(P) Sheldon van der Linde ZAF (P) Dries Vanthoor BEL	BMW M Team WRT	BMW M Hybrid V8	Michelin	BMW	VP R80
25	(P) Philipp Eng AUT (P) Marco Wittmann DEU	BMW M Team WRT	BMW M Hybrid V8	Michelin	BMW	VP R80
31	(P) Frederik Vesti DNK (P) Jack Aitken GBR	Cadillac Whelen Cadillac / Whelen	Cadillac V-Series.R	Michelin	Cadillac	VP R80
40	(P) Jordan Taylor USA (G) Louis Deletraz CHE	Cadillac Wayne Taylor Racing DEX	Cadillac V-Series.R	Michelin	Cadillac	VP R80
60	(P) Tom Blomqvist GBR (G) Colin Braun USA	Acura Meyer Shank Racing	Acura ARX-06	Michelin	Acura	VP R80
93	(P) Renger van der Zande NLD (P) Nick Yelloly GBR	Acura Meyer Shank Racing	Acura ARX-06	Michelin	Acura	VP R80

GT DAYTONA (GTD)

CAR #	DRIVERS & NATIONALITY	TEAM & SPONSOR	Car Type	Tire	Engine	Gas
12	(G) Aaron Telitz USA (S) Benjamin Pedersen USA	Vasser Sullivan Racing	Lexus RC F GT3	Michelin	Lexus	E-10
13	(B) Orey Fidani CAN (G) Matthew Bell GBR	13 Autosport Orlando Corp / Sabelt / Motul / Sonic	Corvette Z06 GT3.R	Michelin	Chevrolet	E-10
16	(B) Sheena Monk USA (G) Felipe Fraga BRA	Myers Riley Motorsports	Ford Mustang GT3	Michelin	Ford	E-10
19	(G) Valentin Hasse Clot FRA (S) Rory van der Steur USA	van der Steur Racing EFC Systems / Dragonfire Tool Storage / Hexis / XShield	Aston Martin Vantage GT3 Evo	Michelin	Aston Martin	E-10
27	(S) Dudu Barrichello BRA (S) Spencer Pumpelly USA	Heart of Racing Team	Aston Martin Vantage GT3 Evo	Michelin	Aston Martin	E-10
34	(S) Manny Franco USA (P) Albert Costa ESP	Conquest Racing CORSA HORIZON	Ferrari 296 GT3 EVO	Michelin	Ferrari	E-10
36	(S) Mason Filippi USA (S) Robert Wickens CAN	DXDT Racing Hanley Motorsports / Bosch / Wealthspire	Corvette Z06 GT3.R	Michelin	Chevrolet	E-10
45	(S) Danny Forman CRI (G) Trent Hindman USA	Wayne Taylor Racing DEX	Lamborghini Huracan GT3 EVO2	Michelin	Lamborghini	E-10
46	(P) Andrea Caldarelli ITA (S) Zachary Vanier CAN	Pfaff Motorsports Lithia & Driveway / Motomaster / Motul / XPEL	Lamborghini Temerario GT3	Michelin	Lamborghini	E-10
57	(S) Russell Ward USA (G) Philip Ellis GBR	WINWARD RACING TECHEMET / FIRST HORIZON / RAVENOL / CRAIN GROUP	Mercedes-AMG GT3	Michelin	Mercedes-AMG	E-10
66	(S) Jake Walker USA (S) Corey Lewis USA	Gradient Racing Myota / Strategic Wealth Designers / MOTUL	Ford Mustang GT3	Michelin	Ford	E-10
70	(B) Brendan Iribe USA (G) Frederik Schandorff DNK	Inception Racing	Ferrari 296 GT3 EVO	Michelin	Ferrari	E-10
81	(B) Henrik Hedman SWE (G) Giacomo Altoè ITA	DragonSpeed 10 Star	Corvette Z06 GT3.R	Michelin	Chevrolet	E-10
89	(G) Jack Hawksworth GBR (S) Frankie Montecalvo USA	Vasser Sullivan Racing	Lexus RC F GT3	Michelin	Lexus	E-10
96	(S) Patrick Gallagher USA (G) Robby Foley USA	Turner Motorsport Liqui Moly / H&R Springs / Belle Haven	BMW M4 GT3 EVO	Michelin	BMW	E-10
120	(S) Adam Adelson USA (P) Callum Iloft GBR	Wright Motorsports	Porsche 911 GT3 R (992)	Michelin	Porsche	E-10
177	(G) Harry King GBR (S) Mikkel Pedersen DNK	AO Racing Mobil 1	Porsche 911 GT3 R (992)	Michelin	Porsche	E-10



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Fans will recognize Camaros, Mustangs, Oldsmobile Cutlasses, an Audi Quattro, a Pontiac, the Nissan 240SX and 300ZX plus a Mercury Capri and Merkur in a pair of 20-minute races. They were originally driven by sports car legends.

For example, the #15 1991 Ford Mustang was driven by Lyn St James, Dorsey Schroeder and Robby Gordon, who is driving another vehicle in this year's Grand Prix in the SPEED Energy Stadium SUPER Trucks. The #30 1993 Camaro was driven by John Paul Jr., and Wally Dallenbach. The #11 Mercury was driven by Chris Kneifel in 1986 and Scott Pruett used it to win Daytona in 1988 as the MAC Tools car.



Several championship-winning cars are in the field, too. The #95 Nissan 240SX won four IMSA GTU titles with Bob Litzinger behind the wheel. The #44 Audi Quattro driven by Hurley Haywood won the 1988 IMSA GTO title and finished second at Long Beach. The #6 Cutlass driven by Irv Hoerr took the 1992 GTO championship. The #29 Camaro, driven by David Hobbs, won a championship in 1983.

"These cars represent an important chapter in sports car racing history," said Cris Vandagriff, President of Historic Motor Sports Association. "Manufacturers built these cars to push the limits of design and technology. They were driven by many of the sport's most accomplished competitors. Bringing them back to the track at the Grand Prix of Long Beach, allows fans to experience that history in motion."

**HISTORIC SPORTS CAR CHALLENGE**  
**SATURDAY @ 8:30 AM**  
**SUNDAY @ 9:20 AM**



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 SATURDAY @ 9:05 AM  
 SUNDAY @ 11:20 AM

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- MARCH 18-20 | SEBRING INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY
- APRIL 17-19 | ACURA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH
- MAY 1-3 | MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AUTODROME
- JUNE 25-27 | WATKINS GLEN INTERNATIONAL
- JULY 30-AUG. 1 | ROAD AMERICA
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While the Firestone brand celebrates 125 years, racing has been instrumental in the development of tires since the early 1900s. Motorsport remains a vital proving ground for advanced materials and technologies, shaping innovations and tire development that extend far beyond the racetrack.

This weekend, fans will see the NTT INDYCAR SERIES race on the streets of Long Beach with Firestone Firehawk primary and alternate race tires that incorporate key components<sup>[1]</sup> of Bridgestone global ENLITEN™ Technology. These include renewable soybean oil to replace petroleum-based oils traditionally used in tire compounds, as well as recycled steel bead wire and recycled carbon black.

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The inclusion of ENLITEN technology and materials in Firestone Racing tires underscores an approach focused on improving resource efficiency and increasing material circularity, while delivering the extreme performance demanded by North America's premier open-wheel racing series.

Follow along via @FirestoneRacing and @Firestone on Instagram as well as @Firestone and @FirestoneFirehawk on TikTok.

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## Driver

Aurimas "Odi" Bakchis  
Trenton Beechum  
Rome Charpentier  
Jeff Jones  
Margaritis Katsanidis  
Kasey Kohl  
Sam Maghmoumi  
Connor O'Sullivan

## Sponsor/Car

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LS Doctor E46 BMW  
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961 Motorsport E36 BMW  
US ARMY / O'Sully Racing BMW

# STADIUM SUPER TRUCKS ENTRIES



## Car#

## Driver

## Sponsor

7	Robby Gordon	SPEED UTV
21	Zoey Edenholm	Lucy Breakers
28	JC Meynet	B Bar Ranch
50	Trey Hernquist	Alliance Air Products / Schaeffer Oil
57	Bill Hynes	UFD/Think Loud Studios/Brumby Brew
77	Max Gordon	Eibach
83	Matt Brabham	Sponsor TBA
357	Blake Wilkey	Rugged Radios
444	Shaun Richardson	Road Rage Industries
957	Myles Cheek	Shell Roofing

# HISTORIC SPORTS CAR ENTRIES



## Car #

## Name

## Hometown

## Year

## Make/Model

## Color

01	Aaron Myers	Boyertown PA	1982	Ford Boss 302 Musta	Blue
01	Bob Riley	-	1983	Ford Mustang	Black
03	Tim Lynn	Kentfield CA	1986	Chevrolet Camaro	Wht/Green
10	Octavio Rincon	Beverly Hills CA	1986	Chevrolet Dillion Camaro	White
11	Myers Ross	Boyertown PA	1988	Mercury Merkur	Wht/Yellow
110	Gagen Mike	La Mesa CA	1988	Chevrolet Camaro	White
15	Chris Lienenberg	Boyertown PA	1991	Ford Mustang	Red/Wht/Blue
24	Bruce Raymond	Mooreville IN	1985	Pontiac TransAm	Blue/Wht
28	Walt Brown, Jr.	Scottsdale AZ	1987	Chevrolet Camaro	Pink
29	Steve Link	Monarch Beach CA	1983	Chevrolet Camaro	Red/Wht/Blue
30	Cary Eisenlohr	Signal Hill CA	1983	Chevrolet Camaro	Red/Wht
31	Jonathan Ornstein	Paradise Valley AZ	1990	Oldsmobile Cutlass	White/Teal
33	Mike Parsons	Olympia WA	1988	Nissan 300ZX	Red/Wht/Blue
33T	Chris Hines	Scottsdale AZ	1990	Oldsmobile Cutlass	Red/Wht/Blue
35	Alexandra Hainer	La Habra Heights CA	1981	Chevrolet Corvette	Orange/Wht
44	Zak Brown	Wakefield UK	1988	Audi 200 Quattro	Wht/Red/Gray
48	Thomas Klauer	Reno NV	1989	Chevrolet Camaro	Yellow
6	Gordon Johnson	Scottsdale AZ	1991	Oldsmobile Cutlass	Black
65	George Krass	Plainfield IL	1984	Ford Mustang	Wht/Red
6A	Mike McNamee	La Habra Heights CA	1985	Buick Somerset	White/Blk
74	Steve Schuler	Capistrano Beach CA	1986	Ford Mustang	Wht/Blue
8	Ken Davis	Ocean Isl Beach NC	1985	Mercury Capri	Orange
9	John Fudge	Oklahoma City OK	1987	Chevrolet Camaro	White
95	Phil Mendelovitz	Tarzana CA	1989	Nissan 240SX	Red/Wht/Blue

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**PORSCHE CARRERA CUP ENTRIES**

**CARRERA CUP  
NORTH AMERICA**

**PORSCHE PRO (PRO)**

CAR #	DRIVERS & NATIONALITY	TEAM & SPONSOR	Car Type	Tire	Engine
<b>3</b>	(R) Nikita Lastochkin / Los Angeles, CA	CSM - Reis Nichols <i>Reis Nichols / Stahlwille</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>6</b>	(R) Alex Pratt / Clearwater Beach, FL	ACI Motorsports <i>Good Boy Vodka</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>7</b>	(R) John Capestro-Dubets / San Diego, CA	GMG Racing <i>LVRY / Wine Country Motor Sports / The Topsy Cactus (Yuma) / Par 3 Golf Course Yuma / The Foothills Executive</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>9</b>	(J) Callum Hedge / Mt. Maunganui, New Zealand	JDX Racing <i>Byers Imports / Porsche Columbus / Race Brew</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>23</b>	Connor Bloum / San Diego, CA	JDX Racing <i>privé / JDX Racing</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>24</b>	Aaron Jeansonne / Fremont, CA	Kellymoss <i>Racing for Childrens / MPT</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>37</b>	(F) Sabre Cook / Grand Junction, CO	JDX Racing <i>privé / COTTON SOX / TraCorp / HAGERTY /</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>40</b>	(J) Janne Stiak / Wunstorf, Germany	ACI Motorsports <i>Scoters Coffee / ACI Motorsports</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>71</b>	(J) Paul Bocuse / Orlando, FL	Kellymoss		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>77</b>	(J) Tyler Maxson / Bogart, GA	Topp Racing <i>Apex Capital Corp</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>78</b>	(J) (R) Cole Kleck / San Antonio, TX	Topp Racing <i>TCS Fuel Card</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>96</b>	Jared Thomas / North Vernon, IN	JTR Motorsports Engineering <i>JTR Motorsports Engineering</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>99</b>	Alan Metni / Austin, TX	Kellymoss		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder

**PORSCHE PRO-AM  
(PRO-AM)**

CAR #	DRIVERS & NATIONALITY	TEAM & SPONSOR	Car Type	Tire	Engine
<b>14</b>	James Sofronas / Villa Park, CA	GMG Racing <i>Mobil 1 / The Thermal Club / EBOOST</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>29</b>	(R) Josh Conley / Chino, CA	Kellymoss		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>54</b>	Patrick Mulcahy / Huntington Beach, CA	ACI Motorsports <i>Juice Head / ACI Motorsports</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>58</b>	Steve Wetterau / Newport Beach, CA	Kellymoss		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder

**PORSCHE MASTERS (MAS)**

CAR #	DRIVERS & NATIONALITY	TEAM & SPONSOR	Car Type	Tire	Engine
<b>18</b>	Richard Edge / Atlanta, GA	ACI Motorsports <i>Staffzone / Porsche Perimeter Atlanta / ACI Motorsports</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>32</b>	Kyle Washington / Indio, CA	GMG Racing <i>EBOOST / BN3TH / Mobil1</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>45</b>	Scott Blind / St Louis, MO	Ruckus Racing		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>53</b>	Rob Walker / San Diego, CA	JTR Motorsports Engineering <i>RWR</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>60</b>	(R) Kevin Stadlander / Miami, FL	JDX Racing <i>Byers Imports / Porsche Columbus</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>68</b>	Chris Bellomo / Portola Valley, CA	Kellymoss		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder
<b>88</b>	Marco Cirono / Toronto, Canada	ACI Motorsports <i>Mark Motors</i>		Porsche 911 Cup (Type 992.2)	Porsche 4.0L 6 Cylinder



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# GRAND MARSHALS

SIX OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC ATHLETES SERVE AS GRAND MARSHALS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Jordan Stolz



Brenna Huckaby



In an Acura Grand Prix first, six Olympians and Paralympians are serving as Grand Marshals for the Saturday IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and Sunday's NTT INDYCAR SERIES races.

The Team Honda athletes are downhill Paralympic skier Audrey Crowley, Paralympic gold medalist ice sled hockey players Declan Farmer and Brody Roybal, five-time Paralympic medalist snowboarder Brenna Huckaby, bobsledder Kaysha Love and five-time medalist – including two golds and a silver at this year's Games – speed skater Jordan Stolz.

Declan Farmer



Audrey Crowley



Kaysha Love



Brody Roybal



## TEAM HONDA ATHLETES

Together, they will say the most famous words in racing: "Drivers Start Your Engines," bringing a new level of excitement to the pre-race ceremonies.

"It is a tremendous honor to recognize these remarkable Olympians and Paralympians as our Grand Marshals," said Grand Prix Association of Long Beach President and CEO Jim Liaw. "The Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach has long embraced the tradition of honoring champions from across the sports world, and this year's Grand Marshal group has thrilled audiences around the world at the 2026 Winter Games – we are proud to celebrate their accomplishments here in Long Beach."



**T**he pre-race ceremonies for this year's Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach include the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachuting onto the track, National Anthem renditions, car parades and more. There are pre-race ceremonies for Saturday's IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and Sunday's NTT INDYCAR SERIES races.

Six Olympic and Paralympic athletes will be Grand Marshals for both races. They are downhill Paralympic skier Audrey Crowley, Paralympic gold medalist ice sled hockey players Declan Farmer and Brody Roybal, five-time Paralympic medalist snowboarder Brenna Huckaby, bobsledder Kaysha Love and five-time medalist – including two golds and a silver at this year's Games – speed skater Jordan Stolz.

#### **SATURDAY**

The national anthem will be performed by LaShana Dendy – known as Shana Dee on social media – a pop, R&B, Hip-Hop and Gospel singer and actress. The elite Golden Knights parachute team will land in multiple places on the racetrack, including the start/finish line.

And then, Paralympian skier Audrey Crowley will serve as the honorary starter getting the IMSA sports cars on their way.

#### **SUNDAY**

The NTT INDYCAR SERIES race day begins with a tribute to long-time President and CEO Jim Michaelian, who passed away prior to this year's event. There will then be two car parades: the all-new Mornings CARNival, produced and operated by Morning Car Club, and an Acura Parade Lap that celebrates the 40th anniversary of the brand featuring NSX, TYPE R/S and cars from enthusiast clubs that span four decades of vehicle production.

The national anthem will be performed by recording artist and producer Tim Kepler, a Riverside native who is the regular anthem singer for the Anaheim Ducks and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Sunday's pre-race festivities will also feature the Golden Knights parachute team and the honorary starter is Olympic speed skater Jordan Stolz, who at the recent Milan Cortina Games won two gold medals and a silver.



# MORNINGS CARnival CREATES NEW RACE DAY EXPERIENCE

AUTOMOTIVE CULTURE AND COMMUNITY  
FROM MORNING CAR CLUB ON DISPLAY



An exciting new addition to race day at the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach is the Mornings CARnival, a vibrant attraction produced and operated by Morning Car Club that will bring an extra dose of style, creativity and automotive enthusiasm to Southern California's biggest race weekend.

Set against the backdrop of the fast-paced action and festival atmosphere of the Acura Grand Prix, Mornings CARnival will feature a full paddock with a curated lineup of vehicles selected to reflect quality, design, and overall presence. Each vehicle is reviewed and approved to ensure a cohesive and elevated display, contributing to a visually impactful and well-balanced show environment.

Founded in 2021 in Frogtown, Los Angeles and already known for building a strong following through its energetic gatherings, Mornings is a curated automotive platform rooted in coffee culture and community. Emerging from early gatherings at Mornings Coffee along the LA River, the brand has evolved into a tastemaker within the automotive space – blending design, lifestyle, and a refined selection of vehicles. Known for its intentional approach and elevated atmosphere, Mornings produces experiences that move beyond the traditional car meet, shaping a new standard for

how automotive culture is presented and experienced.

"Mornings has always been about curating an experience, not just a car meet," said Aldo Lihiang, who organizes Mornings events. "Being part of the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach allows us to bring that vision to a larger stage, with a carefully selected lineup that represents the best of automotive culture and community."

Expanding beyond Los Angeles, Mornings has also intersected with the art and cultural space, including a collaboration during Art Basel Miami with Paris Brosnan and Larry Warsh's CART Department, further cementing its position at the intersection of automotive, art, and contemporary culture.

"We're thrilled to welcome the all-new Mornings CARnival to Sunday at the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach," said Grand Prix Association of Long Beach General Manager Jim Liaw. "This is exactly the kind of high-energy, enthusiast-driven experience that complements our event so well. Mornings has built something truly special within the automotive community, and their CARnival will add even more excitement, personality and fan engagement to an already action-packed weekend."

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Visit the Grand Prix social media sites listed below to enter special prize contests, see photos, leave your feedback and get even MORE information – AND post your own photos, comments and stories – on all the fun during an action-packed weekend!

Our official website – [gplb.com](http://gplb.com) – has race and concert schedules and information on other race weekend happenings.



And, if you've got a favorite racing series, you can follow the cars and drivers year-round at their websites, listed below.

NTT INDYCAR SERIES: [INDYCAR.com](http://INDYCAR.com)

IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship: [imsa.com](http://imsa.com)

SPEED ENERGY Stadium Super Trucks: [stadiumsupertrucks.com](http://stadiumsupertrucks.com)

Porsche Carrera Cup: [porschecarreracup.us](http://porschecarreracup.us)

Formula Drift: [formulad.com](http://formulad.com)

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# GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES

## ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABLED GUESTS AT THE ACURA GRAND PRIX

**T**he Grand Prix complies with all ADA regulations and provides access and assistance throughout the facility. To call for an ADA-accessible golf cart to provide transport if needed, call (562) 624-3681 during race weekend. This number can also be used if guests need another form of assistance.

### TICKETS

Each ticketed disabled guest may be accompanied – and sit next to – one attendant/companion (ticket purchase required) in wheelchair-accessible grandstands. Tickets can be reserved in advance through the two main ticket offices, with information available at 888-827-7333.

### PARKING

Disabled parking is available for ticket buyers and must be reserved in advance. To park in one of these spaces on race weekend, you must have an official Acura Grand Prix Reserved Parking Pass along with your valid blue California disabled placard displayed on your car or it will be towed away at owner's expense if parked in a Disabled Parking space.



### WHEELCHAIR/ELEVATOR ACCESS POINTS:

**Red entry** – at the “Roller Coaster” Bridge

**Yellow entry (Pine Ave.)** – on the Promenade at the Birdcage

**Green entry (Long Beach Blvd.)** – elevator at Terrace Parking garage

**Blue entry** – via foot crossing at Firestone Bridge and at Linden Ave & Shoreline Dr. between Grandstands 26-27

### WHEELCHAIR/FOOT CROSSING POINTS:

- At the Firestone Bridge

- At Linden Ave. & Shoreline Dr. between Grandstands 26-27

- On Pine Ave. near the LiUNA bridge between Grandstand 7 and the Hyatt Hotel

- The Acura Grand Prix app has foot/wheelchair crossing times out via the user-enabled, opt-in notifications. The PA announcer will also give pre-announcements and announce when the crossings are open. Times are subject to change due to on-track activity.

### SERVICE ANIMALS

Service animals that are verified by the Accessibility Coordinator or Manager before entering the event are permitted. A Service Animal Agreement must be filled out in advance and must remain by the handler's side at all times and must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered. Anyone bringing an animal will be responsible for and liable for any damage or injury caused by the animal.

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## GREEN RACING

TOP-LEVEL SUSTAINABILITY MEASURES ARE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE GRAND PRIX

The Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach has thrown the “green” flag on sustainability in recent years and its efforts – and those of its partners – are producing positive environmental results.

- All water from Grand Prix sponsor Pepsi will be served in 100% recyclable aluminum bottles with a BPA-free liner and sodas in aluminum cans.
- The City of Long Beach is bringing its “Quench Buggy” to the Acura Grand Prix which will allow fans to refill their own water containers with filtered, City-sourced water.
- Specialized bins around the track will collect recyclable materials such as aluminum cans, plastic and cardboard.
- SAVOR food & beverage operations has world-class sanitation and quality controls powered by Ecolab wash technology, an rTurn app that tracks deliveries, pickups and sanitization services and provides reusable cups and containers.
- Concession operators no longer pour cans of beer into plastic cups, which cuts down on the amount of items that need to be recycled.
- In conjunction with Safety-Kleen, the Grand Prix recycles oil and petroleum waste from the race cars.

### Long Beach Convention Center

Here is a look at what LBCEC Food & Beverage and Health & Safety teams accomplished during last year’s race.

**Important Note on Waste Data:** These stats only cover the waste managed directly by our convention center staff. Since the Grand Prix uses its own trash company (Athens Services) for most of the event, we don’t have the grand totals for the entire weekend, so those aren’t included here.

### 2025 Waste Diversion (LBCEC Operational Areas)

Category	Amount Diverted
Compost (Food Prep Waste)	7 tons
Recycling	4.05 tons
Edible Food Recovery	603 lbs (donated to a local charity)

### 2025 On-Site Operational Support

- **Food Recovery Station:** Our F&B leaders, Chef Jesus and Chef Victor, coordinated a dedicated station at the Arena loading dock on Sunday afternoon to actively help vendors donate surplus food.
- **Targeted Recycling Deployment:** We deployed additional recycling bins specifically in high-traffic

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bar areas to capture more F&B waste, and adjusted bin placements across indoor areas in real-time based on crowd flow.

- **Continuous Servicing:** Our grounds team coordinated directly with Republic Services for increased pickups, while housekeeping maintained the bins consistently throughout the event.

## Facility-Wide Sustainability (Ongoing for 2026)

The following infrastructure supported your event last year and will continue to drive efficiency and reduce the carbon footprint for your upcoming April 17-19 event.

### Clean Energy & Grid Resilience

Our Battery Energy Storage System officially went live during the 2025 Grand Prix. This system actively enhances energy stability during your event while supporting cleaner operations by:

- Achieving a 3,844 kW reduction in peak demand.
- Shifting over 1.8 million kWh to off-peak periods.
- Generating over \$265,000 in energy savings through strategic load management.
- Significantly reducing strain on the local electrical grid during high-demand periods.

### Energy Efficiency Infrastructure

- High-efficiency LED lighting installed throughout the entire facility.
- Motion-sensing lighting controls activated in all meeting spaces.
- Cool roof systems actively reducing the building's heat absorption.
- Mandated reductions in lighting and HVAC usage during all move-in and move-out periods.

### Lower-Emission Fleet & Equipment

- Our active operational fleet includes one electric forklift, five propane-powered forklifts, one propane aerial lift, alongside fully electric carts and scissor lifts.
- We are engaged in an ongoing facility-wide transition toward lower-emission equipment.

## NTT INDYCAR SERIES

INDYCAR is striving to reduce race operations emissions by 50% by 2030.

In 2023, Shell, the Official Fuel of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, introduced a 100% renewably sourced racing fuel that reduces greenhouse gas emissions by at least 60%. This makes the NTT INDYCAR SERIES the first North American racing series to use 100% renewable racing fuel.

All INDYCAR and IMS Productions transporters are fueled with renewable diesel for all racing events, reducing greenhouse emissions by up to 85% compared to traditional diesel. Renewable diesel is considered a "drop in" fuel, meaning no alterations need to be made to the vehicle or engine, which leads to meeting or exceeding performance of traditional fossil-based diesel fuels.

Penske Entertainment works alongside NTT DATA to track emissions, using a state-of-the-art tracking platform. This process streamlines the data collection effort, reducing gaps while transforming impactful data in an efficient manner.

## IMSA

At IMSA, most cars in its Grand Touring Prototype (GTP) class uses a single-source hybrid powertrain developed by IMSA and its partners at the Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO) and suppliers Bosch, Fortescue Zero and Xtrac.

This hybrid powertrain system is coupled with internal combustion engines using a VP Racing Fuels blend that includes 80% sustainable content. Eventually, the fuel will be 100% sustainable, greatly reducing or eliminating greenhouse gas emissions. GTP regulations require the double-stinting of racing tires, thereby greatly reducing the sets of tires used during the course of the season.

Additionally, the IMSA Konica Minolta Business Center (KMBC) as well as its at-track business transporter have solar panels that power the units.

The new Michelin tire used was designed with enhanced sustainability being a major factor in its development.



# LIFESTYLE EXPO

EXHIBITS & FUN - AND FREE FOR ALL AGES!



The AAA Travel Lifestyle Expo Prix-View in the Convention Center features something for every member of the family! There will be more than 100 displays involving cars, home and outdoor, tech, health, recreation, travel and U.S. Armed Services organizations.

The Expo also hosts the popular NTT INDYCAR SERIES Fan Experience.

Cooler Master is bringing racing simulators and will be holding a sim racing tournament for Grand Prix fans. Additionally, the Expo features cutting-edge Green Technology exhibits featuring hybrid, electric, hydrogen and biodiesel cars, energy-saving home products and healthy lifestyle products.

## MORE THAN 100 DISPLAYS!

The Expo's Family Fun Zone in the Long Beach Arena has interactive games, simulators, kids' race cars, a video arcade, action sports demonstrations and more entertainment for the young race fans.

For some unique fun, try taking a tour of the lagoon area near Turn 6 and the Hyatt Long Beach Hotel in Long Beach's famous Swan Boats, which you can rent on site.

If you enjoy watching team mechanics work on their race cars, the Historic Formula Challenge and Stadium SUPER Trucks series paddocks are located in the Expo. And in the Arena see NTT INDYCAR SERIES technical inspections in progress along with the Super Drift cars positioned in their paddock.

The Expo is also expected to hold autograph sessions with drivers from various racing series. The INDYCAR autograph session is in a new location this year and will be in the Promenade Grand Ballroom on Friday from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

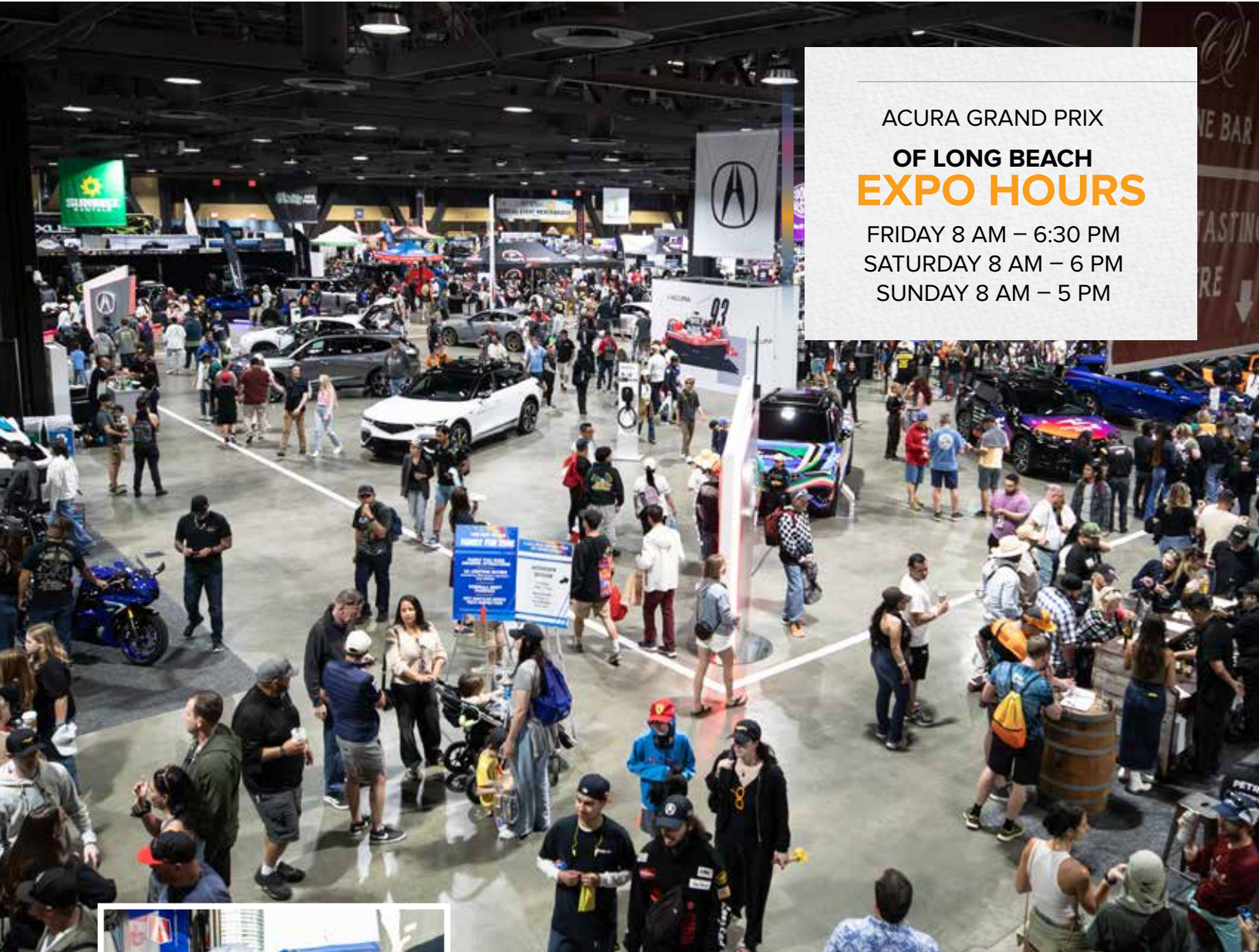
The Lifestyle Expo is open Friday from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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SUNDAY 8 AM – 5 PM



***THE INDYCAR AUTOGRAPH SESSION IS IN A NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR AND WILL BE IN THE PROMENADE GRAND BALLROOM ON FRIDAY FROM 5:15-6:15 P.M.***



# CONCERTS ROCK THE GRAND PRIX

LUPE FIASCO PERFORMS ON FRIDAY WHILE KINGS OF CHAOS RETURNS ON SATURDAY



One of the elements that makes the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach such a popular event are a pair of concerts that take place on Friday and Saturday nights.

Going from 6:30-8 p.m., they feature live music on the stage outside the Long Beach Terrace Theater. Those with a ticket to the race that day can take in the shows; no extra ticket is needed to attend.

On Friday, Lupe Fiasco, a popular rapper, singer, record producer and music educator, takes the stage in a performance presented by Acura.

He is known for his masterful lyricism, innovative style and chart-topping hits including “Kick, Push,” “Superstar,” “The Show Goes On” and “Battle Scars.”

His latest album, *Samurai*, continues his tradition of layered storytelling, exploring the rewards and disillusionments of the music industry while reflecting on identity, purpose and the journey back to yourself after reaching what you thought you wanted.

“I’ve always been a fan of racing and car culture, so I’m happy to be a part of the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach,” Fiasco said.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Lupe Fiasco to the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach for our Friday Concert Presented by Acura,” said Jim Liaw, President and CEO of the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach. “He’s an extraordinary artist with a dynamic stage presence, and this performance will be an exciting way for fans to finish off a great day of racing, entertainment and the Long Beach lifestyle.”

On Saturday, Kings of Chaos, the celebrated all-star rock collective created by legendary Guns N’ Roses drummer Matt Sorum, is back for another grand show at the Grand Prix. The high-energy show will feature special guest singers Ed Kowalczyk of LIVE, Nick Hexum of 311 and Aloe Blacc, along with renowned guitarist Orianthi, delivering a can’t-miss night of live music.

Known for once-in-a-lifetime collaborations and surprise-filled performances, Kings of Chaos has earned a reputation for bringing together elite talent for electrifying live shows. The lineup, in addition to Kowalczyk, Hexum, Blacc and Orianthi, features Sorum (drums), James LoMenzo (from Megadeth, bass) and Nuno Bettencourt (from Extreme, guitar). The setlist will include hits from LIVE, 311 and Aloe Blacc, as well as a few surprise covers of other artists.

“I’m honored to play the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach with Kings of Chaos – where speed meets rock & roll,” Sorum said.

Hexum said he is, “looking forward to jamming with the monster players in Kings of Chaos! Matt Sorum and I have been friends going back 30 years and it’s going to be great to rock out with him. Let there be chaos!”

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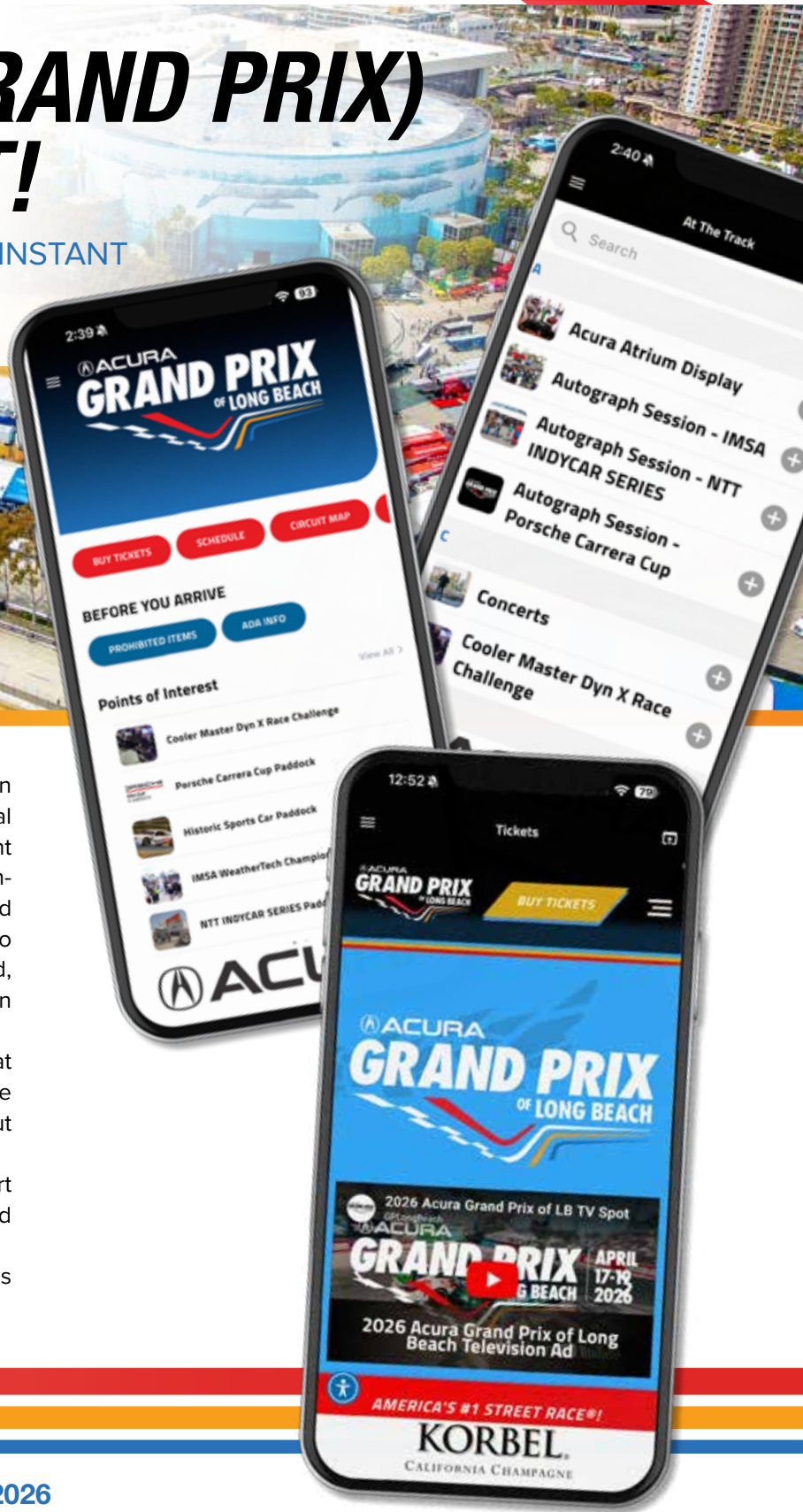


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A great additional feature is a GPS map that provides you with the best route to take to get to the various events and activities taking place throughout the venue.

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Aside from six great races and three days of non-stop fun in the AAA Travel Lifestyle Expo Prix-View, the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach also offers an unparalleled selection of great food and drink for all ages!

Located across the track, behind Grandstand 31 near Shoreline Village, the popular Food Truck Village offers the best in Southern California gourmet food trucks.

If you'd like a cold one, you can find Modelo beer at many locations within the Grand Prix track including two sports bars, the Modelo Lion's Den in Marina Park behind Grandstand 31 and another on the Promenade near the entrance to the Convention Center.

Enjoy a tasty Don Julio Margarita in the main Vendor Row at the Don Julio Hacienda as well as inside the Convention Center at the Bogarts Don Julio Hacienda.

Stop by and visit the Korbelt Champagne Bar in the Korbelt Welcome Plaza.

Be sure and try a new Surfside Vodka Lemonade RTD at various bar locations throughout the circuit.

NOS energy drink has samplings at locations at the circuit behind Grandstands 16 and 31; be sure and try the new flavor Grand Prix Guava!

And, thirst-quenchers Pepsi and Aquafina water are available throughout the race grounds.

At all circuit entry points, a Wayfinder Map will show you the many and varied food and beverage locations available around the race circuit. In addition, the Official Acura Grand Prix app (available FREE on iTunes and Google Play), will have up-to-date information on locations and types of food and beverage available.

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make the track safe so all concerned - fans and race teams - can enjoy America's #1 Street Race. LIUNA Local 1309 has also been responsible for developing and building much of the City of Long Beach and surrounding areas, including many of the parks, bridges, libraries, schools, freeways and city infrastructure used daily by residents. All LIUNA members are skilled and experienced to work safely in the public employee, construction, and energy industries. LIUNA is a strong advocate for projects that strengthen communities by creating family-supporting union jobs.

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To help the local community seek careers in the goods movement industry, the Port partners with the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach to offer educational programs, scholarships and internships for local students. In addition, the Port awards \$3 million annually in community sponsorships and has the largest environmental grants program of its type in the nation at nearly \$65 million.

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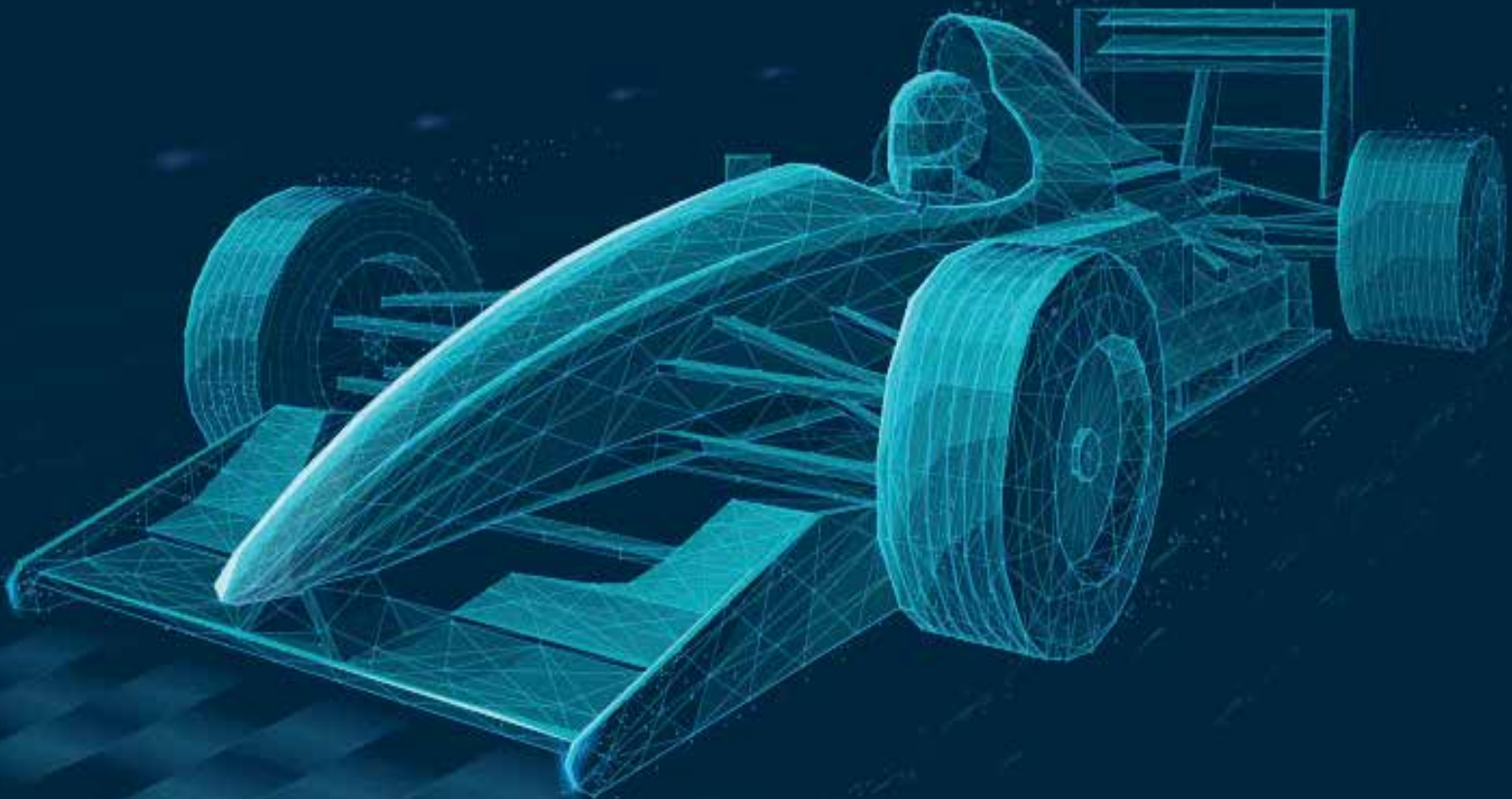
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# WALK OF FAME

ALEXANDER ROSSI AND FORMER MAYOR BOB FOSTER HONORED THIS YEAR



**ALEXANDER ROSSI**  
 EIGHT-TIME INDYCAR RACE WINNER



**ROBERT "BOB" FOSTER**  
 LONG BEACH MAYOR, 2006-2014

Prior to the start of the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, there is an annual tradition that sets the pace for the weekend. It is the induction ceremony into the Long Beach Motorsports Walk of Fame, a series of plaques put into the Pine Ave., sidewalk in front of the Convention Center that honors major contributors to the race throughout the years.

This year's recipients are NTT INDYCAR SERIES driver Alexander Rossi and the late Long Beach Mayor Robert "Bob" Foster. The free, open-to-the-public event annually takes place on Thursday and provides a look back to the

event's glorious past while also leading into the present. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Walk of Fame.

Rossi, an eight-time INDYCAR race winner, has won here twice. He is one of the most successful

American drivers of his generation, scoring and competing at the highest levels of international motorsport. Long before the Nevada City-native became a global racing star, he kicked off his career at just 10 years old racing go-karts, winning multiple national and international karting championships in the first few years. In 2016, Rossi made history when he became the first rookie to win the Indianapolis 500 since

# EXPERIENCE THE LONG BEACH VIBE!

2001, and the first American rookie to win since 1928.

Mayor Foster served two terms as Mayor of Long Beach from 2006 to 2014 through the worst economic downturn the City had seen since the Great Depression. Foster utilized his previous leadership experience as President of Southern California Edison and Chief of Staff for the Senate Public Utilities and the Transit and Energy Committee to navigate the instability the City faced. Under his leadership, the City achieved its first budget surplus in 14 years and the lowest violent crime rates seen in more than four decades.

“As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Long Beach Motorsports Walk of Fame, it is our privilege to honor two legends who have been instrumental in shaping the history of the Grand Prix of Long Beach and the racing world,” Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson said. “This year, we are celebrating the accomplishments of the two-time Long Beach winning driver Alexander Rossi and paying a meaningful tribute to the life and legacy of our beloved Mayor Bob Foster, whose dedication and leadership guided our city through some of its most challenging times.”

First District Councilwoman Mary Zendejas said, “it’s an absolute honor to induct Alexander and Mayor Foster into our Walk of Fame. To be able to bestow this lasting recognition of these two individuals will enshrine the legacy they have left on the racing world and our City’s sporting history.”

Second District Councilwoman Cindy Allen said, “the Walk of Fame is a prestigious mark of honor and esteem that acknowledges the immeasurable contributions to our city and racing history,” said Second District Councilwoman Cindy Allen. “It is with great pride that we cement our late Mayor Bob Foster’s lasting influence and Alexander’s impressive racing legacy on our beautiful shoreline.”

The Motorsports Walk of Fame is a joint project of the City of Long Beach and the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach. It was created in 2006 to honor key contributors to the sport of auto racing, with Dan Gurney and Phil Hill as the inaugural honorees, both of whom greatly contributed to the success of the early days of the Grand Prix of Long Beach.

Since then, 40 honorees have been recognized. The Walk of Fame is located in front of the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment building, across from The Pike at Rainbow Harbor entertainment complex on South Pine Avenue. New members are inducted every year as part of the week-long series of events leading up to the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach. Now celebrating its 20th anniversary, the Motorsports Walk of Fame took a hiatus in 2021 due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## WALK OF FAME PAST HONOREES

<b>2006</b>	Dan Gurney, Phil Hill
<b>2007</b>	Newman/Haas Racing, Christopher Pook, Brian Redman
<b>2008</b>	Mario Andretti, Gary Gabelich, Parnelli Jones
<b>2009</b>	Bobby Rahal, Al Unser Jr.
<b>2010</b>	Michael Andretti, Danny Sullivan
<b>2011</b>	Chip Ganassi Racing, Jimmy Vasser
<b>2012</b>	Galles Racing, Scott Pruett
<b>2013</b>	Adrian Fernandez, Paul Tracy
<b>2014</b>	Gerald Forsythe, Dario Franchitti, Kevin Kalkhoven
<b>2015</b>	Robby Gordon, Bryan Herta
<b>2016</b>	Bruce Flanders, Roger Penske
<b>2017</b>	Emerson Fittipaldi, Tommy Kendall
<b>2018</b>	Helio Castroneves, Juan Pablo Montoya
<b>2019</b>	Sebastien Bourdais, Will Power
<b>2020</b>	Oriol Servia, Willy T. Ribbs
<b>2022</b>	Alex Zanardi, Bill Auberlen
<b>2023</b>	James Hinchcliffe, Ryan Hunter-Reay
<b>2024</b>	Takuma Satom, Katherine Legge
<b>2025</b>	Scott Dixon, Beverly O’Neill, Jim Michaelian

**“HONORING THE PAST WHILE  
CELEBRATING THOSE WHO CONTINUE  
TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF  
LONG BEACH RACING.”**

## PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ARTWORK

LOCAL ARTISTS ADD COLORFUL MURALS IN THE ACURA AND PORT OF LONG BEACH BRIDGES CONNECTING RACE TO LOCAL ART SCENE

When you are walking around the Acura Grand Prix this year, getting to your seats and going to the concession areas, you will notice something different and really cool as you cross through the pedestrian bridges.

Three of the bridges – the Port of Long Beach, Acura and small Acura bridges on Shoreline Drive – contain artwork from local artists. It is part of the Penske Entertainment effort to “beautify” the racetrack.

The colorful murals are from Long Beach non-profit Creative Class Collective and reflect the energy of the Acura Grand Prix as well as the creative spirit of the city.

### The artists are:

- **Eric Michael Rauseo**, a Venezuelan-American painter and visual artist whose work explores color, form and cultural memory.
- **Roshi**, whose work focuses on themes of transformation, illumination and personal narrative.
- **Brooks**, supported by **Sansone, Dlux and Dooms**, is the only African-American graffiti artist from the subway train era in New York City to come to Long Beach, and open a shop celebrating Hip Hop culture.
- **Steve Martinez**, a muralist, fine artist and curator known for blending traditional painting techniques with contemporary architectural elements and cultural symbolism.
- **LaJon Miller**, a Long Beach-based muralist whose vibrant work celebrates color, culture, storytelling and resilience.

By incorporating large-scale public art directly into the race circuit, the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach and Creative Class Collective are reimagining key pedestrian spaces as immersive landmarks that will welcome fans and showcase the city’s identity throughout race weekend.



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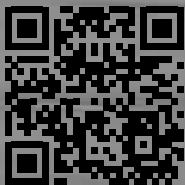
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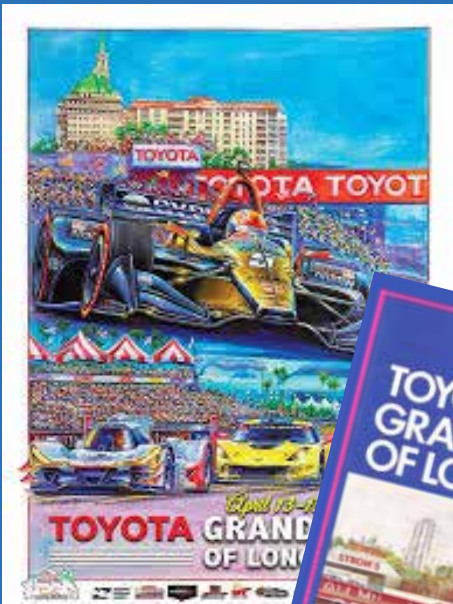
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# HECTOR CADEMARTORI

MEET THE MAN WHO CREATED THE GRAND PRIX POSTER

2018 POSTER



1984 POSTER



2026 POSTER



The beautiful Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach poster is the work of longtime motorsports artist Hector Cadematori.

Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Hector became interested in motor racing as a teenager and was very much influenced by the European drivers and events at the time: Juan Manuel Fangio, José Froilán Gonzalez, all the Formula One and sportscar stars of the 60s and 70s and the great racing teams of that era.

Now in his third year creating the poster artwork for the Grand Prix, Hector started selling his illustrations and paintings after he graduated from high school and moved to the U.S. in 1983 to specialize in motor racing art. He started showing his artwork to people in the automobile and motorcycle fields and the rest, as they say, is history. One of his first creations was the 1984 Grand Prix of Long Beach poster for the event's first Indy car race!

Hector's clients include racing teams, corporations, magazines and private parties, all of which help him make a living producing motor racing art.

You can find his art from Dan Gurney's All American Racers offices to Indianapolis 500 Yearbook covers to the Carrera Panamericana de Mexico posters to the NHRA as well as in car and motorcycle magazines and books. Manufacturers Kawasaki USA, American Honda and Yamaha USA, Toyota Motorsports, TRD (Toyota Racing Development), SVRA and HSR vintage racing, Motul, Lucas Oil Lubricants have also have utilized his artwork.

"I think that my art was just a vehicle to be around racing," he said. "I'm really a racer with a brush."

Héctor also gets out on the track, as he races his Datsun 240Z "Ferratsun" around the Southern California circuits and a 1991 Volvo 740 in local endurance events. He lives in La Verne, California with his wife Florencia.

To see more of his artwork, visit [hectorcademartori.com](http://hectorcademartori.com)



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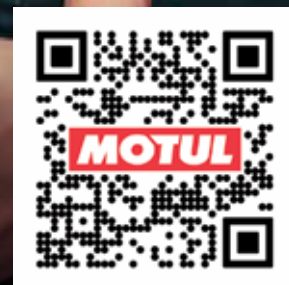
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THE ACURA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH GOES BEYOND WHAT HAPPENS ON THE TRACK. HERE'S A RUNDOWN OF EVERYTHING ELSE THAT HAPPENS ON THE WEEKEND



## FRIDAY, APRIL 17 5:15-6:15 P.M. – NTT INDYCAR FAN APPRECIATION AUTOGRAPH SESSION

Get the autographs of NTT INDYCAR SERIES stars like Rossi, defending Long Beach winner Kyle Kirkwood, Josef Newgarden and four-time Series champion Alex Palou at the NTT INDYCAR SERIES Fan Appreciation autograph session in the Promenade Grand Ballroom inside the Convention Center from 5:15-6:15 p.m. This is a new location this year so it will be better than ever!



## FRIDAY, APRIL 17 6:30-8 PM – LUPE FIASCO PRESENTED BY ACURA

Lupe Fiasco is the musical performer on Friday. The location is the stage at the Convention Center in front of the Long Beach Convention Center's Terrace Theater starting at 6:30 p.m. It is free with your race ticket, but space in the Plaza is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis so arrive early!



## SATURDAY, APRIL 18 6:30-8 PM – KINGS OF CHAOS CONCERT

Kings of Chaos is back. This rock 'n roll all-star band takes the stage at the Convention Center in front of the Long Beach Convention Center's Terrace Theater starting at 6:30 p.m. It is free with your race ticket, but space in the Plaza is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis so arrive early!



## SUNDAY, APRIL 19 – MORNINGS CARNIVAL

Among the many race-day events taking place is the Mornings CARNival, produced and operated by Morning Car Club and an Acura car parade.



## ALL WEEKEND

Add to your race weekend with a visit to the AAA Travel Lifestyle Expo and Family Fun Zone. The Expo features more than 100 exhibits with cars, home and outdoor, tech, health, recreation, travel and U.S. Armed Services organizations. The Family Fun Zone in the Arena section features interactive games, simulators, kids' Li'l Lightning race cars, a video arcade, action sports demonstrations and more entertainment for young fans. The Historic Sports Car, Porsche Carrera Cup and Stadium SUPER Trucks series paddocks are also located in the Expo. You'll also see NTT INDYCAR SERIES technical inspections in progress along with the Super Drift Challenge cars in their paddock inside the circular Long Beach Arena.

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Now in its 35th year, the Grand Prix Foundation of Long Beach raises and distributes funds to local nonprofit organizations while also funding a scholarship program with the Long Beach City College Automotive Technology Program through its events held in conjunction with the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach.

The Foundation also donates tickets and hospitality packages to the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach and tickets to the Foundation’s “Grand Prix Charity Days” events to charitable and civic organizations to assist in fund raising efforts or, in some cases, to bring the physically or mentally challenged to a “day at the races.”

The Foundation also supports the Robert E. Leslie Scholarship Program giving \$1,500 grants to seven Long Beach-area high school seniors.

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If you're looking for the ultimate VIP atmosphere, look no further than Club C300 located behind Grandstand 24. This exclusive three-day hospitality experience includes reserved grandstand seating, catered breakfast and lunch (Sat./Sun), closed-circuit TV, entertainment, a full no-host bar and access to the NTT INDYCAR SERIES Paddock.

Club C300 is presented by the Committee of 300, a prestigious volunteer organization founded in 1975 to support the inaugural Long Beach Grand Prix. For more than 50 years, C300 members have been an integral part of race weekend operations, serving as grandstand supervisors, fan ambassadors and information specialists who help guests find their seats, locations for food, restrooms and ATMs and share their expertise on local Long Beach attractions.

Beyond race weekend, the Committee of 300 is deeply committed to community service. Members proudly support and partner with local nonprofits such as Ronald McDonald House, the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA), the Boys & Girls Club, and other community organizations through fundraising, outreach and volunteer service.

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## REMEMBERING LIVES



**Charlie Engelbart**, a volunteer who worked in Grand Prix credentialing, passed away in December. He was 85. Charlie had a lifelong love of racing. He and his wife Linda were two of SCORE's first Baja volunteers, starting with Sal Fish at SCORE in 1975. He served in the U.S. Navy and was an L.A. County Deputy Sheriff for 35 years until his retirement in 1995.



**Rick Gettys** began volunteering at the Long Beach Grand Prix with the Long Beach MG Club in 1975 during the inaugural race. What started as a volunteer role became a remarkable 50-year career with the Race Management Team, where he held key positions. He began in Timing & Scoring, creating lap charts to track drivers throughout the race. Rick and his wife, Lois, later became Communications leads, managing radio coordination across the course and between Race Central and Race Management. Rick also supported credentialing before transitioning into a course support role, assisting with on-course operations and working with Director of Race Management, Bob Funk.



**Samuel "Skip" Keesal Jr.** A longtime high-profile Long Beach lawyer and supporter of the race, Skip passed away at age 86. He founded what became the city's foremost law firm, Keesal, Young & Logan and for years threw one of the most coveted parties each year for the Long Beach Grand Prix. It attracted 1,000 people to his Oceangate enclave to watch the race. He earned his nickname from his father because when he was away from home, Keesal was the "skipper of the ship."



**Joel Vest** was a member of The Founders Association, an original shareholder and the Grand Prix's first Clothing and Souvenir Concessionaire. He made a very popular shirt that sold 3,000 the first day and made 1,500 more and sold out of those, as well.



**Sam Kaskanian** Sarkis "Sam" Kaskanyan was born in Aleppo, Syria, later living in Beirut, Lebanon, before building his life in Los Angeles, where he pursued the American dream. In 1987, he opened Sam's Auto Land, an auto body shop in Gardena, California, where he built a reputation for dedication and craftsmanship. A passionate racing enthusiast, Sam was a proud supporter of the Long Beach Grand Prix and sponsored race cars and Formula Drift cars for many years. He will be remembered for his love of family and friends, his passion for racing, and the joy and energy he brought to every moment.



**Uncle Joe Benson** A longtime friend of the Grand Prix, national DJ personality "Uncle Joe" Benson passed away earlier this year at 76 from Parkinson's disease and related complications. Known to fans as "Uncle Joe," he was one of the country's top rock 'n' roll DJs, with a career spanning nearly 60 years. He worked at LA stations KLOS, KLSX, Arrow 93.1, and 100.3 The Sound, later streaming worldwide on Ultimate Classic Rock, interviewing many of rock's biggest names. A Grand Prix fixture, he hosted live radio broadcasts, interviewed drivers, and energized fans over the race PA. He is survived by his wife Jan and sons Jay and Jeremy.



**John Bosma** Longtime Grand Prix staff photographer John Bosma passed away after a short but vigorous battle with cancer. He was an accomplished sports photographer, capturing events such as the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach, the Special Olympics, and the World Police & Fire Games. He also photographed for the ALS Association, Run-to-Remember LA, NCAA sports, and Nike. He was recognized as one of the top event photographers in Los Angeles. His images of Death Valley National Park were displayed during the National Park Service centennial, and his work appeared in museums and galleries.

# REMEMBERING FRIENDS OF THE GRAND PRIX

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## LES UNGER

LONGTIME HEAD OF TOYOTA MOTORSPORTS A KEY FACE OF THE GRAND PRIX AND THE CELEBRITY RACE FOR DECADES

**H**e wasn't exactly warm and cuddly, but Les Unger got things done. He had a big-picture view and a long-term plan for getting Toyota into just about every form of motorsports in America, and the results of his hard work remain with us today.

As National Motorsports Manager at Toyota Motor Sales from 1984 to 2014, Unger oversaw: the Toyota Atlantic Championship, the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach including the annual Toyota Pro/Celebrity Race, and dozens of event sponsorships in virtually every form of motorsports in the US. Most notably it was under his watch that Toyota slowly and methodically entered the world of NASCAR, with eventual rousing success.

Unger's factory-backed programs have won 27 championships in IMSA sports cars, MTEG Off-Road Stadium Racing, and SCORE Desert racing. Individual victories include the Daytona 24 Hours, the 12 Hours of Sebring, the Baja 500, and Baja 1000, and a Toyota even took the overall Pikes Peak International Hill Climb title five times.

The Toyota Atlantic Championship, meanwhile, has helped develop some of open-wheel racing's best, including Jimmy Vasser, Michael Andretti, Sam Hornish Jr., Alex Barron, Patrick Carpentier, 1997 Formula 1 and 1995 Indy 500 champion Jacques Villeneuve, as well as Indy legends Bobby Rahal and Danny Sullivan.

He may be best-known for guiding Toyota's entry into NASCAR. Rather than just show up on the grid at the Daytona 500 with \$100 million and a couple Camrys, Unger played the long game. As the first Japanese manufacturer in stock car racing, he felt Toyota had to tiptoe into the roundy-round racing game.

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