

Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee Meeting
Agenda

Monday, September 17, 2018, 7:00 pm
Tecumseh Town Hall
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Monday, October 15, 2018
10. **Adjournment**

Minutes of the Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee
for the Corporation of The Town of Tecumseh

A meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee for the Town of Tecumseh was scheduled to be held on Monday, April 16, 2018, in the Sandwich South Meeting Room at Town Hall, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh at 7:00 pm.

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 7:14 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Councillor
Councillor
Chair
Member
Member

Brian Houston
Rita Ossington
Marian Drouillard
Ian Froese
Christopher McNamara

Also Present:

Manager Committee & Community Services

Christina Hebert

Absent:

Vice-Chair
Member
Member

Rhonda Dupuis
Dwayne Ellis
Phil Kane

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None reported.

4. Delegations

None.

5. Communications

a. Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee Minutes - February 12, 2018

b. Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee Minutes - March 19, 2018

Motion: CAAC – 10/18

Moved By	Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded By	Member Ian Froese

That the Minutes of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee meeting held February 12, 2018 and March 19, 2018, be approved.

Carried

6. Reports

None.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Soirée Coffee House

The Manager Committee & Community Services reviews the Event Matrix and provides updates respecting the Soirée Coffee House.

Advertising

- Notices were placed in the Shoreline Week and Essex Free Press, as well as promotion on the Town's social media.
- Information relating to the event details will be prepared and circulated closer to the date.
- Chair Marian Drouillard will contact Snapd to advise of the event.

Program

- Chair Marian Drouillard has offered to be the Master of Ceremony, together with a representative from l'Essor.
- The event poster has been circulated to the Members.

Performers

- The Members review the ten (10) applications received to date. The l'Essor Jazz Band and Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Band will be performing once again.
- It is suggested the performers submit a brief biography to assist the MC's when introducing each performance.
- l'Essor is making arrangements with the Sound/Lighting technician and live streaming.

Refreshments

- The Tecumseh Area Historical Society will be providing the popcorn again and l'Essor's Culinary Department will be providing the hors d'oeuvres.
- Refreshments and pastries will be provided by the Committee.
- The Committee will again arrange for the paper tablecloths and crayons for artistic doodling.
- The centrepieces will be arranged by the Committee. l'Essor will provide decorative pots for use.
- The Members' assistance in set up/take down the night of the event is appreciated.
- l'Essor's janitors will be providing cleaning services following the event.

b. Street Name Recognition

The Members review the detailed information relating to Col. Paul Poisson.

The Committee commits to researching George Hayes, as it relates to the significance of the naming recognition of Hayes Avenue.

Member Ian Froese will inquire if the Tecumseh Area Historical Society has historical information.

c. 2021 100th Anniversary

Councillor Rita Ossington advises as an amalgamated community, recognition of events, anniversaries, etc. need to be inclusive of the community as a whole.

The Tecumseh Fire Services will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2021, which serviced both Tecumseh and former Village of St. Clair Beach.

Additionally, it is suggested the Tecumseh Area Historical Society could organize an event, such a 'Tecumseh Days' in recognition of the anniversary.

d. Outdoor Recreation Games

The Chair Marian Drouillard and Member Ian Froese convey the discussion held with the Director Parks & Recreation Services in regards to the outdoor recreation games.

It is noted the chess/checker cement structure serves multi-purpose use versus the ping pong table. Liability and weather/maintenance issues are discussed.

The Parks Master Plan is scheduled for review and provides an opportunity to assess if there is a desire/interest by residents for such outdoor recreation games.

8. New Business

None.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, May 28, 2018.

10. Adjournment

Motion: CAAC – 11/18

Moved By	Councillor Brian Houston
Seconded By	Member Chris McNamara

That there being no further business, the April 16, 2018 meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee now adjourn at 8:16 pm.

Carried

Marian Drouillard, Chair

Christina Hebert, Manager Committee &
Community Services

Minutes of the Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee
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A meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee for the Town of Tecumseh was scheduled to be held on Monday, May 28, 2018, in the Sandwich South Meeting Room at Town Hall, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh at 7:00 pm.

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Councillor

Brian Houston

Chair Marian Drouillard

Vice-Chair

Rhonda Dupuis

Member

Dwayne Ellis

Member

Ian Froese

Member

Phil Kane

Also Present:

Manager Committee & Community Services

Christina Hebert

Absent:

Councillor

Rita Ossington

Member

Christopher McNamara

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None reported.

4. Delegations

None.

5. Communications

None.

6. Reports

None.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Soirée Coffee House Wrap Up

Discussion ensues regarding the Soirée Coffee House and the positive feedback the Members received from the performers, l'Essor and attendees.

The event was very well attended, with excellent performances contributing to a successful evening. Appreciation is extended to the Members for their contributions to the event.

It is suggested to utilize more tables for sitting as it is challenging to serve the hors d'oeuvres to attendees sitting in the bleachers.

Also, incorporating the special thanks and acknowledgement throughout the evening, rather than at the end, is recommended.

b. Street Name Recognition

The Members are continuing to research George Hayes, as well as potential other streets named in recognition.

A suggestion is made to consider making application for a student grant(s) to research Tecumseh streets to assist in compiling a list of all streets named in honour of veterans and others who have significantly contributed to the community.

c. Feather Sculptures Update

The Manager Committee & Community Services advises that the remaining seven (7) feather sculptures are now complete and ready for installation. The Members are reminded of the locations previously selected by the Committee.

Arrangements are being made for the seven new feathers to be on display at the Tree Carving Dedication to be held on June 5 at Lakewood Park.

8. New Business

a. Cada Library Complex Renovations

The Members review the proposed Cada Library Complex Renovations and provide the following comments:

- Suggest build up the floor in the Program Room, rather than removal of the elevated portion, for cost efficiency purposes
- Make the Program Room multipurpose and functional to offer a variety of programming options
- The information desk should be located closer to the main entrance
- Recommend the 'Refresh' option

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, June 18, 2018.

10. Adjournment

Motion: CAAC – 12/18

Moved By	Member Ian Froese
Seconded By	Councillor Brian Houston

That there being no further business, the May 28, 2018 meeting of Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee now adjourn at 8:08 pm.

Carried

Marian Drouillard, Chair

Rhonda Dupuis, Vice-Chair

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The meeting was adjourned due to a lack of quorum. No discussion was held and no decisions were made.

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Christina Hebert

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5. Communications

a. Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee Minutes

April 16, 2018

b. Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee Minutes

May 28, 2018

Motion: CAAC - 13/18

That the minutes of the April 16 and May 28, 2018 meeting of the Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee be approved.

6. Reports

7. Unfinished Business

a. Street Name Recognition

b. Feather Sculptures Update

8. New Business

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cultural & Arts Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, , 2018.

10. Adjournment

Motion: CAAC - 14/18

That there being no further business, the June 18, 2018 meeting of Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee now adjourn at pm.

Marian Drouillard, Chair

Rhonda Dupuis, Vice-Chair

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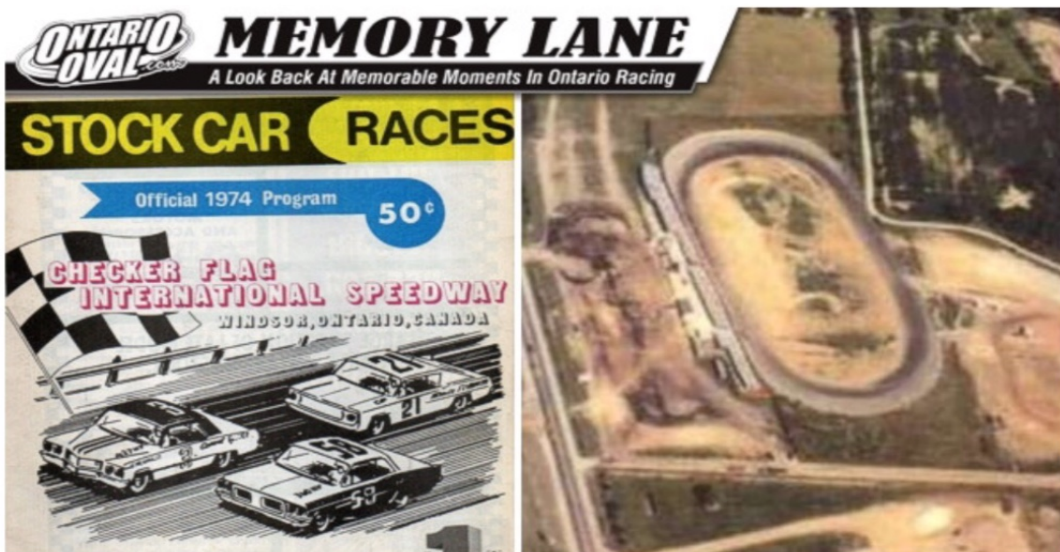
10. Adjournment

Motion: CAAC - 14/18

That there being no further business, the July 23, 2018 meeting of Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee now adjourn at ____ pm.

Marian Drouillard, Chair

Rhonda Dupuis, Vice-Chair



By Randy Spencer / OntarioOval.com – This spring will mark the 20th anniversary of the final season of stock car racing in Canada's southernmost city of Windsor. It's been 20 years since the thunder of cars on the old Highway 2 oval have been heard, but several websites are helping to keep the memories alive.

Racing in Windsor first started back in 1948 and that original track closed in 1952. Dayus Speedway followed and ran from 1951-1958. Bluebird Raceway operated from 1959 until it closed in 1962. The final track opened to go karts in 1960 and was known as Pratt Raceway. The following year the go kart track was changed to a 1/4 mile flat dirt track and the name of the track was changed to Checker Flag Raceway. Vintage cars from the 30's and 40's raced under sanction of the Western Ontario Stock Car Racing Association. In the early days a few of the stars included, Stan "The Man" Earish, Joe Holden and "Speedy" Jack Monaghan. In 1966, the track expanded to 1/3 mile banked oval and 1,000 new seats were added. Three years later the track grew once again, this time to a 3/8 mile oval and even more seating was added.

1974 brought a big change to racing in Windsor. The name of the track was changed to the Checker Flag International Raceway to help attract more American drivers and to better reflect the fact that NASCAR was now the new sanctioning body over the track. Some of the biggest players in racing at the time in Canada became major sponsors at the track. Export 'A' and Molson Breweries came on

HISTORY OF CHECKER FLAG RACEWAY

by George Oldnall
submitted by
Mickey Moulder

For over four decades, Checker Flag Raceway, located on the east side of the Windsor city limits, proved to be one of the areas most popular summer attractions. Originally the facility started out as a go-kart race track, and was known as Pratt Raceway. The karts competed on a tiny road course that first season. In 1961 a group of drivers formed the Western Ontario Stock Car Racing Association. Many of the competitors competed at Tilbury Speedway, Dayus Raceway and the Bluebird Raceway. With the demise of these tracks, the club was formed and Checker Flag Raceway was then constructed.

The quarter-mile high-banked dirt facility featured new grandstands, lighting and a new public announcing (P.A.) system. The original owners of the speedway were Francis Pratt, Herman Modlinsky and Dennis Fauteux. Back in the early 1960's the racing featured the then-popular 1932 to 1934 coupes and coaches body styles. There was an abundance of race cars, so many race cars in fact, that a qualifying would split the cars into two classes. The "A" and "B" classes would feature the fastest qualifiers in the "A" feature and the slower cars going into the "B" main event.

The stars of the early 1960's showcased names such as Stan Earish, John Banks, Jim

Vandelinder, Don Dame, Harry Bolton and Jack Monaghan just to name a few. The 1967 season saw a major change at the track. The track itself was increased in size to a larger one-third mile layout and the new look Semi-Late Model Division was introduced to the fans. The cars like 1957 Chevys and 1957 Fords seemed to be the trend to go faster in that period and lap speeds increased with the big V8 powered late models. The ever popular coupes were retained however, and competed in the new Sportsman Coupe division.

The track was packed each weekend as the competitors entertained throngs of racing fans from both sides of the border. Racing continued on the dirt right up until the 1973 racing season. At the start of the 1974 racing season the track was paved to a three-eighths of a mile oval with 18 degree banking in the turns. Added seating, improved lighting and track facilities greeted the fans for the 1974 opening day. NASCAR - Canada was the new sanctioning body and the cars changed drastically with the popular Camaros, Firebirds, Mustangs and Chevelle body styles being raced.

The elusive Export "A" Trophy Series came to Checker Flag bringing names like Jerry Makara, Joe Ruttman, Earl Ross, Norm Lelliot and Harold Brown etc. Throughout the late 1970's and right up through the 1980's, many competitors from both the U.S. and Canada would compete at Checker Flag. Legendary racers such as Junior Hanley, "Daytona" Don Biederman, Joy Fair, Danny

Byrd, Ed Howe and Mark Malcuit all would appear over the years in long distance special events. Many of the competitors would also move on to the big-time series. Earl Ross became a regular in the NASCAR Winston Cup Series and became the first driver from Canada to win a Cup event. He did this by winning the 1974 Old Dominion 500 at the Martinsville (Virginia) Speedway. And Joe Ruttman, Jerry Churchill and John Banks would also go on to compete in the NASCAR, U.S.A.C., and A.R.C.A Series in the U.S.

During the late 1970's and early 1980's the low cost Factory Stock and then Street Stock division were introduced to the fans. These divisions allowed competitors a chance to compete without the high-costs of the Late Model division. These races turned out to be the action divisions at the track with plenty of thrills and spills. Many new drivers showed up in the Stocker division such as Russel Wood, Len Couvillion, Al Delisle, Mark Desjardins and Jim Lucier, just to name a few. In the Late Model Division drivers like Don Mallat, Jack Monaghan, Bob Merrifield and Rusty Banks etc., would thrill the fans right up until the end of the 1980's.

In the early 1990's the end of racing, as we knew it, here in the Windsor area was beginning to be felt. The Late Models and the New Modified Divisions would be combined into one division. Unfortunately, the 1992 season would mark the end of racing at Checker Flag Raceway. The property

would be sold and what was once a mecca for motorsports in the Windsor area would become a real estate housing development. Throughout the years Checker Flag Raceway featured all sorts of motorsports events. The popular figure 8 racing, demolition derbies, roll-a-thons, and the crowd pleasing Hi-Ho Hot Dog Derby all became fan favourites at the speedway. Special events such as the open-wheel midgets, tractor-pulls and the Canadian Hell Drivers thrill show would never fail to electrify the crowd. Everyone loved the variety.

The track is now history, but the sights and sounds of the roaring engines, burning rubber, the large grandstand crowds and the aroma of the concession stands will live on in our hearts and minds forever.

A special thanks to all the track owners that promoted and brought stock car racing to us each week. Francis Pratt, Herman Modlinsky, Dennis and Gary Fauteux, John Fahringer, Mark Kable, Ed Soullierre, Jack Monaghan, Norm Hallowick and track promoter Bob Robinson. A special thank you also to all the race fans, competitors, track officials and crew members who supported the many styles of racing at Checker Flag site for over 40 years. As a special recognition of the thrills and spills that enlivened race fans in Canada South, the Canadian Transportation Museum in Essex Ontario will commemorate a new Checker Flag Raceway display for the 2008 season. See www.ctmnhv.com.



1974 brought a big change to racing in Windsor. The name of the track was changed to the Checker Flag International Raceway to help attract more American drivers and to better reflect the fact that NASCAR was now the new sanctioning body over the track. Some of the biggest players in racing at the time in Canada became major sponsors at the track. Export 'A' and Molson Breweries came on board and the track was completely revamped. The track was paved, new cement walls were added with new lighting and fencing also installed. John Fahringer headed a group of new owners that included Jack Monaghan. Fahringer started as a spectator, but quickly moved to car owner, driver and President of the the Western Ontario Stock Car Racing Association. Big name drivers regularly appeared like Jack Monaghan, Jerry Makara, Joy Fair, Jr. Hanley, Earl Ross, Norm Lelliott and Joe Ruttman, who later raced in NASCAR, won a 100 lap invitational in '74.

As racing continued through the 70's and 80's fans were entertained by some of the finest racing around. Don Mallat, Len Couvillon, Bob Merrifield, Jr. Hanley and Jack Monaghan were among the fans. Big invitational events brought the fans out as well as big sponsors and big paydays for the racers. In 1986 the Coca Cola 100 for Super Late Models had a top prize of \$1,200 to the winner. That would be well over \$2,400 today. Amazing how the purses have been shrinking ever since. Entering the 90's, attendance at the track was starting to dwindle and the land was worth more money not being run as a race track. Issues on the track as well as with surrounding home owners concerned by the noise seemed to put the final nail in the coffin of racing in Windsor. As I mentioned there are some very interesting, informative and great historical websites with thousands of pictures devoted to the history of racing in Windsor. Please visit them:

Checker Flag Speedway

Windsor, ON

Years in Operation: 1961-1992

Name History:

Checker Flag Raceway (1961-1973)

Checker Flag International Speedway (1974-1983)

Checker Flag Motor Speedway (1984-?)

Windsor Speedway (1992)

Track Configurations:

1/4 mile dirt oval (1961-1966)

1/3 mile dirt oval (1966-68)

3/8 mile dirt oval (1969-1973)

3/8 mile paved oval (1974-1992)

Status

Closed

Photos:

Photos will appear in a new window

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Notes:

- Originally started out as a go-kart track, known as Pratt Raceway
- The land and go-kart track was owned by Francis Pratt who wanted to open a stock car track instead
- He found two partners - Herman Modlinsky and Dennis Fauteaux
- 1961 - a group of drivers formed the Western Ontario Stock Car Racing Association
- most of the drivers had competed at Tilbury, Dayus, Bluebird
- In the early years the cars were æ30s coupes and coaches
- The track shut down for a week in late May of 1966 to be reconfigured as a 1/3 mile
- Herman Modlinsky died in 1966 and Francis Pratt sold his share to Dennis Fateaux's sons Gary and Ron
- 1967 ù Semi-Late Models were introduced: Æ57 Chevs and Fords
- 1967- Coupes became the Sportsman class
- Bought by Jack Monahan, John Fahringer and Mark Cable in February of 1974
- 1974 ù NASCAR Canada was the sanction, Camaros and Firebirds were common
- Tom Hannan was the promoter in 1977-79
- Super Late Models were the top division until 1984
- Sold to Bob Robinson (who had been promoter) in 1983
- 1984 Street Stocks became Late Model Sportsman and Thunder and Thumpers were added
- 1985 added the Canadian National Stock Car class ù Monte Carlos, Regals, Thunderbirds
- By 1987 City of Windsor had grown and was getting close to the track. Large homes were right next door
- Track closed at the end of the 1992 season to become a subdivision

Other Information

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Jack “Speedy” Monaghan



23 Larry LaMay
 # 78 Don Mallat
 # 40 Jim Aldrich
 # 03 Jack Monaghan





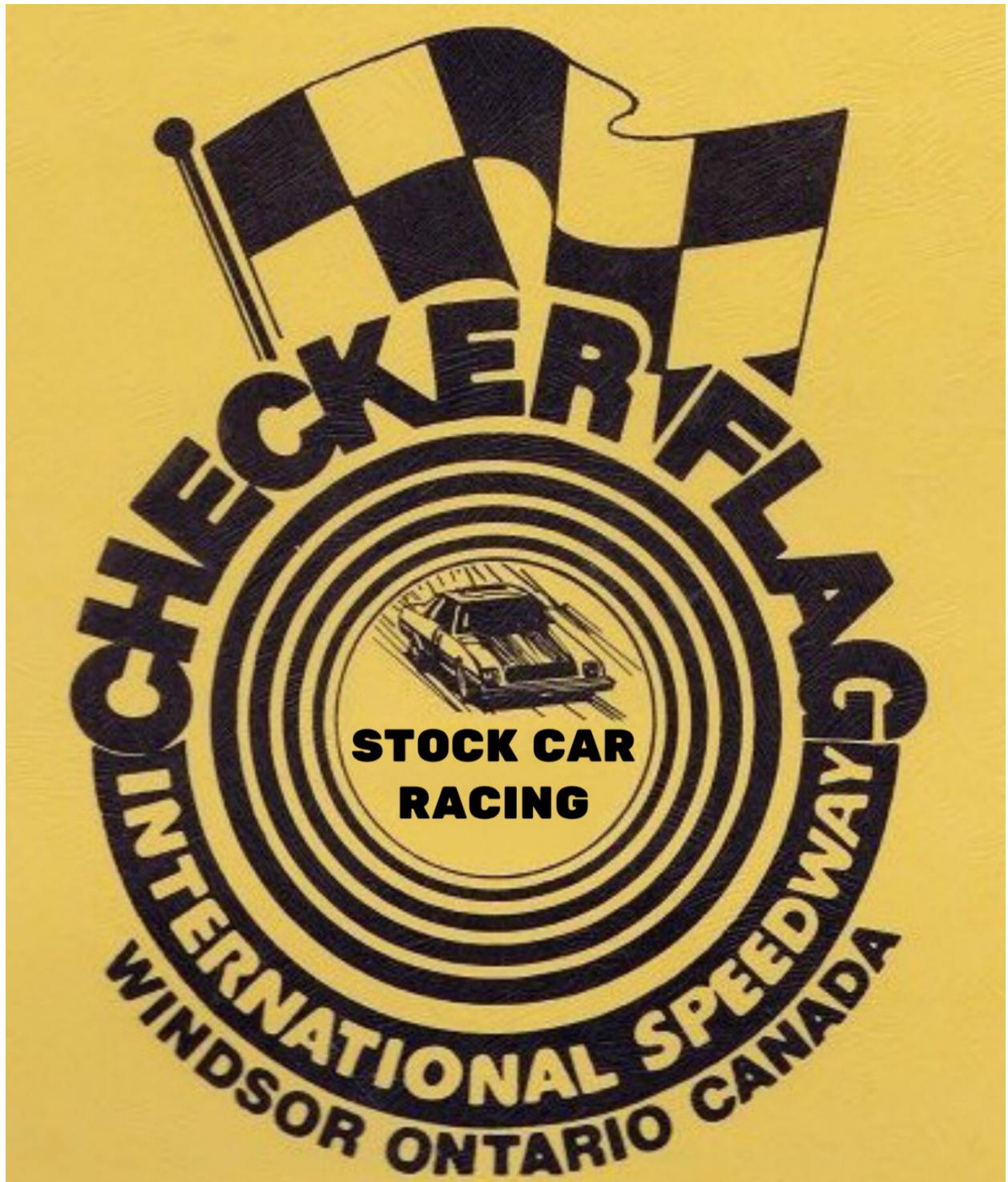


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