



April 15, 2020 (*updated May 14, 2020*)

Dear 2020 Indianapolis Historic Racing Exhibition participant:

We hope that this letter finds you and your families in good health and coping with these unprecedented times.

Last week we had the opportunity to discuss with IMS officials whether the Indianapolis Historic Racing Exhibition fits into the rescheduled Indy 500 festivities. Due to IMS's commitment to run the 2020 Indianapolis 500, and their desire to be flexible with the track schedule, they informed us we can host the exhibition as a static event only, without any on-track exhibition sessions.

With this development, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Indianapolis Historic Racing Exhibition. We made this decision because we believe many participants spend significant sums to bring their cars and crew to support our event, with the primary intention of taking their vintage Indy car around the oval. We believe that without the track laps, we cannot provide the event experience that our participants have come to expect.

The Indianapolis Historic Racing Exhibition not only offers participants a chance to be included in the "500" festivities and comradery amongst vintage Indy car owners, but it also provides funding for Museum programming.

We are very fortunate to have great partners. We would like to especially thank IHRE participant Joe Freeman and Racemaker Press for the long-time support of the Exhibition and sponsoring the Historic Racing Reception each year. We are excited to announce that Racemaker Press will be continuing its support of the Museum this year through other programs, including sponsorship of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony presented by Firestone. We would also like to thank Firestone for its support of the Historic Racing Exhibition and Mecum Auctions, who joined us last year and will continue as a sponsor of the Corvette Pace Car Homecoming and Hall of Fame this year.

If you want to join our partners in supporting the Museum, here are a few suggestions:

- If you are in town, please join us at the IMS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on August 21st at the J.W. Marriott, as we welcome 2020 inductees Janet Guthrie and Dale Earnhardt into the Hall of Fame.
- If you live nearby, please join us for Revolanté on August 31, 2020, in Carmel, Indiana, a Concours d'Elegance that will benefit the Museum. More information may be found at <https://www.artomobiliaweekend.com/revolante>
- Or, you can turn your entry fee into a donation if already submitted and/or send us a separate check in support of our programming.

For information on any of these options, please reach out to Dianna Crain at 317-492-6746.

If you sent us a check for your registration fee, we have not cashed it, and we will be in touch with you to determine how you'd like us to handle its return. We are picking up our mail about once every two weeks while we are working from home, so our records may not be complete at this time.

Despite the disappointment for us all, we look forward to a renewed Indianapolis Historic Racing Exhibition in 2021. We plan on hosting it during our normal time in May with all the festivities leading up to the 2021 Indianapolis 500.

We offer heartfelt appreciation for your understanding and support of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Vansickle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "V".

Jason Vansickle, Curator of Vehicles
Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum