

NASCAR Welcomes ARCA To The Family

Deal Affirms Commitment to Growth of Stock Car Racing in the US

In a move designed to strengthen a relationship that dates back more than 60 years, NASCAR announced today the acquisition of the Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA).

Both NASCAR and ARCA, a Midwest-based sanctioning body for stock car auto racing, share a long history: ARCA founder John Marcum raced against Bill France Sr. and worked as a NASCAR official. More recently, the series has provided a valuable platform for talented drivers looking to make it to NASCAR's national series.

"Our NASCAR family has long had a special connection with our friends at

ARCA



can Le Mans Series in 2012, creating the modernized International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) in 2014.

ARCA began racing at Daytona International Speedway in 1964 at the behest of Bill France Sr. It kicked off its 66th season with 20-year-old Natalie Decker

bond between the two sanctioning bodies.

"We are proud of the history and tradition of the ARCA Racing Series and the relationship we've built over six decades with NASCAR," said Ron Drager, ARCA president and grandson of John Marcum. "We look forward to the opportunity to be more fully integrated with NASCAR and help shape the future of our sport."

About NASCAR

The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, Inc. (NASCAR) is the sanctioning body for the No. 1 form of motorsports in the United States. NASCAR consists of three national series (Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series(tm), NASCAR XFINITY Series(tm), and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series(tm)), four regional series, one local grassroots series and three international series. The International Motor Sports Association(tm) (IMSA(r)) governs the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship(tm), the premier U.S. sports car series. Based in

Daytona Beach, Fla., with offices in eight cities across North America, NASCAR sanctions more than 1,200 races in more than 30 U.S. states, Canada, Mexico and Europe. For more information visit <http://www.NASCAR.com> and <http://www.IMSA.com>, and follow NASCAR on Facebook<<https://www.facebook.com/NASCAR>>, Twitter<<https://twitter.com/nascar>>, Instagram<<https://www.instagram.com/nascar/>>, and Snapchat ('NASCAR').

About ARCA

The Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA) is among the leading and most versatile auto racing sanctioning bodies in the country. Founded in 1953 by John and Mildred Marcum, the organization administers nearly 100 events each year in multiple racing series, including the ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards, the ARCA/CRA Super Series and the ARCA Midwest Tour, plus weekly racing at Toledo and Flat Rock Speedways.



Ron Drager, President of ARCA, and Jim France, Vice Chairman and Executive Vice President, NASCAR, signing the agreement to officially welcome ARCA to the NASCAR family in Daytona Beach, Florida

ARCA, and this is a logical step in demonstrating our commitment to the next generation of racers," said Jim France, NASCAR vice chairman, executive vice president and member of the sport's founding family. "This continues the legacy our sport was built upon and will deliver the great racing our fans expect."

France was the driving force behind the merger of GRAND-AM and the Ameri-

becoming the third female in the series to win a pole at Daytona and NASCAR Next alumnus Michael Self winning.

The ARCA Racing Series will continue to operate under its current structure through the 2019 season. This year's schedule of 20 races includes nine events at NASCAR national series venues, and three others at NASCAR Whelen All-American Series tracks - illustrating the



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