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58th annual Rose Cup Races Featuring the Pirelli World Challenge announces 2018 supporting races

PORTLAND, Ore. (Jan. 2, 2018) – Event promoter [Friends of PIR](#) announced today the supporting races for the [58th annual Rose Cup Races](#), taking place July 13 to July 15 at [Portland International Raceway](#) (PIR). Four support race groups will join four race groups from the [Pirelli World Challenge](#), North America's top GT production-based road racing sports car series, which is returning to PIR following a 13-year hiatus.

A sanctioned event of the Portland Rose Festival, the Rose Cup Races is the premier amateur road racing event in the Pacific Northwest, featuring racing competitors from both the Oregon Region Sports Car Club of America and the Cascade Sports Car Club.

The 2018 four supporting race groups include:

- **Great American Stock Car Series:** Known as the GASS series, these high-powered stock cars are a fan favorite.
- **Spec Miata Challenge presented by Wyatt Fire & Midas Auto:** Famous for tight battles and finishes that are just inches apart, these Mazda Miatas are also in a fight for a season-long championship in the Northwest Spec Miata Tour.
- **Spec Racer Ford Showdown:** Open cockpit identical sports racer cars powered by 1.6-liter Ford engines put the focus on the drivers in this highly competitive group, with multiple lead changes per lap a common occurrence.
- **Vintage Grand Prix presented by Columbia Roofing:** A Rose Cup Races tradition with a wide variety of brands and iconic models that will have fans reminiscing about their favorite cars growing up.

These four amateur race groups will augment the four professional race groups that feature all seven of the Pirelli World Challenge professional racing classes, which will compete in doubleheader Saturday/Sunday races: two 60-minute GT SprintX events, two 60-minute GTS SprintX races, two 40-minute Touring Car (TCR and TCA) and two 40-minute TC Car contests (TC). Over 100 Pirelli World Challenge cars and drivers are expected for the event.

The Rose Cup Races weekend will feature practice and qualifying on July 13, and racing events on July 14 and July 15. Tickets for the event will go on sale no later than March 15; visit [PortlandRaceway.com](#) or follow [@PortlandRaceway](#) on social media for the latest information.

Learn more about the Rose Cup Races and all the 2018 events taking place at PIR – including the latest for sponsorship, ticketing and hospitality offerings – at the PIR booth at the [Portland International Auto Show](#), Jan. 25 to Jan. 28 at the Oregon Convention Center.

The Rose Cup Races was the first major event ever held at PIR in 1961 and has taken place annually ever since. Learn more at RoseCup.com and follow @RoseCupRaces on social media (#RoseCup2018 #RoseCup58 #RoseCupRaces).

About Friends of PIR

Friends of PIR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to the preservation and enhancement of Portland International Raceway (PIR) as a resource for those who use it, including both participants and spectators; sustaining and expanding PIR's civic contribution as an institution in North Portland; and providing guidance and support for the ongoing management of PIR in a manner that assures its ongoing value as a venue for motorsports and other diverse forms of recreation and entertainment.

About Portland International Raceway

Portland International Raceway (PIR) plays host to a diverse array of events for participants and spectators of all ages, ranging from high speed road racing to motocross, car cruise-ins to bicycle racing, and swap meets to foot relays. Unique in that it receives zero tax dollars, the City of Portland park provides entertainment to approximately 400,000 visitors each year.

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