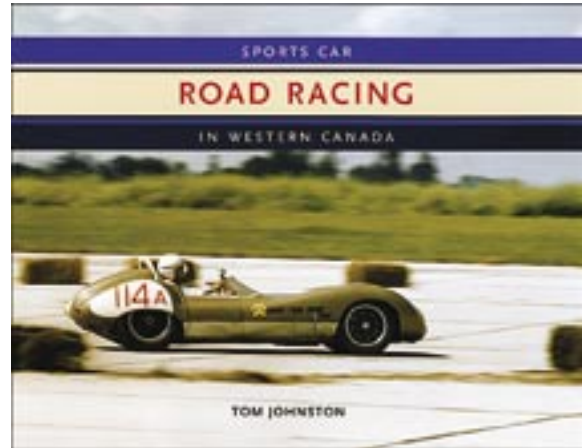


# Sports Car Road Racing in Western Canada

*Tom Johnston*

*This book details the last 50 years of road racing in Western Canada. It is a fascinating look at the uniquely Canadian experience.... The aficionado will appreciate it for its accuracy and completeness.*

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**T**om Johnston is one of Canada's all-round motorsport personalities. Over a 35-year period, he drove, designed, built and entered race cars in more than 300 events across North America.

In 2000, Tom suffered a serious stroke which left him unable to walk or swallow. He fought his way back to health by doing something else really well — he researched and wrote this book.

This is an invaluable historical study of sports car road racing in Western Canada. The book principally covers the post-World War II period but also reaches back to the first road race in Canadian history, at Winnipeg in 1904, and forward to the Vancouver Molson Indy event one hundred years later.

After racing at more than 50 facilities throughout North America, Tom Johnston visited all of the Western Canadian active or abandoned road racing tracks that ever hosted events, and also investigated numerous failed attempts to build more. Highlights of this book include the unlikely legacy of the large number of RCAF airports that became race tracks, and a detailed look at the long tradition of amateur home-built "specials," including several he built himself.

*Tom Johnston was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba and grew up in Regina, Saskatchewan. He began racing in 1962 at the age of 20. In 1969 he left the Prairies for the North Shore of Vancouver, where he founded Thomas E. Johnston Engineering to coordinate his many racing activities. In 1998 he was inducted into the Canadian Motorsport Hall of Fame.*

*Johnston also built a successful career at Keen Engineering Co. Ltd., becoming president and CEO. He was awarded the Government of Canada's Award for Business Excellence in 1990.*

*Recently, Tom has put two of his racing cars back on the track in historic racing events across the continent. He has completed two Motorsport Hall of Fame books and is working on three others.*

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