

## Ticket Package Offered for Petty Award Dinner, NASCAR Races at Watkins Glen International

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (July 2, 2015) – Watkins Glen International and the International Motor Racing Research Center are partnering to offer Richard Petty fans an unforgettable experience during NASCAR week in August.

The Racing Research Center is honoring Petty with the annual Cameron R. Argetsinger Award for Outstanding Contributions to Motorsports. The award will be presented on Aug. 6, the Thursday prior to the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Cheez-It 355 at WGI.

Richard Petty Motorsports will be fielding teams in the NASCAR XFINITY Series Zippo 200 on Saturday, Aug. 8, and the Cheez-It 355 on Sunday, Aug. 9.

For a single price of \$300 per person, Petty fans can experience the award dinner and a weekend of racing at the famed upstate New York race track.

The price covers a ticket to the dinner at the Corning Museum of Glass in nearby Corning, N.Y., and a discounted, reserved grandstand, weekend ticket for WGI.

Tickets are limited and available only from the Racing Research Center. This offer expires on July 22.

Tickets may be purchased online at <u>http://racingarchives.org/special\_event.php</u> or by calling the Racing Research Center at (607) 535-9044. Full details about the event can be viewed at <u>www.racingarchives.org</u>.

The dinner, presented by NASCAR, International Speedway Corp. and Watkins Glen International, will feature Dr. Jerry Punch, noted racing commentator, as master of ceremonies, and leaders in motorsports, including Bobby Rahal, champion Indy car driver and team owner. Rahal is chairman of the Racing Research Center's Governing Council.

Petty is the most decorated driver in the history of NASCAR. He earned a record 200 career races and seven NASCAR Cup championships during his 30-year driving career. Today Petty spends much of his time overseeing the operations of Richard Petty Motorsports, a three-car team competing in NASCAR's highest levels. Petty took the role of car owner after retiring from behind the wheel in 1992.

The award memorializes Cameron R. Argetsinger, founder and organizer of the first races at Watkins Glen.

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