

Press Release

New Scotland Road Rally postponed until 2021

“The uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic has resulted in an upheaval of lives, business and the economy, education, and any number of other facets of our normal existence. The curtailment of travel across borders and the restrictions on group gatherings have had a disastrous effect on sports events, including motor sport. In Atlantic Canada, the Atlantic Region Motor Sports (ARMS) governing body has cancelled all motor sport events until at least June 1. Ongoing public health-imposed and necessary restrictions could extend that date into the summer and beyond.

As a three-day event which covers a large portion of the province of Nova Scotia, the New Scotland Road Rally is a significant undertaking with a number of logistical and organizational challenges. Due to park and hotel closures and recommendations from our public health and government officials to reduce non-essential road travel, even rally route reconnaissance is near impossible. The small businesses which comprise a significant percentage of our potential sponsors are either temporarily closed or are weathering an economic storm due to the ongoing shutdown. Ongoing travel restrictions and limitations on the size of gatherings may decimate our entry list and prohibit us from conducting what is by nature a social/group event.

For these and other reasons, the Bluenose Autosport Club and its small team of NSRR rally coordinators has decided to postpone the 2020 New Scotland Road Rally until 2021. We are currently targeting new tentative dates of June 18-20 2021, with the same general schedule and activities. While it was a painful decision, we wanted to make a go/no-go call before our targeted opening date for registrations (May 1) to eliminate any administrative burden for the Bluenose Autosport Club.

Again, we are sorry for this decision but we feel it is in the best interest of everyone involved. Please stay healthy, stay at home, and thanks for your help to flatten the curve so we can get our motorsport lives back to normal as soon as possible.”

For immediate release.