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## **2020 Virginia Festival of the Wheel Cancelled**

July 14, 2020 – Charlottesville, VA: Due to COVID-19 and insurmountable planning complications, the Advisory Board and Planning Teams for the Virginia Festival of the Wheel have announced that this year’s event has been cancelled.

“We are extremely disappointed at this turn of events, but the COVID-19 pandemic and its unpredictability have simply been too much to overcome”, says Selection Committee Chair, Bob Garland.

Originally planned to mirror the previous two years as a three-day event, the festival’s planning board later considered scaling back to a single day event with limited capacity for spectators and participants in response to COVID-19. However, as planning progressed, it was determined that the obstacles would not allow the event to proceed for 2020.

The Virginia Festival of the Wheel would have been presenting its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event this September at the Boar’s Head Resort in Charlottesville, VA. As a 501.C.3 Corporation, proceeds from each event support the UVA Cancer Center Patient Assistance Fund.

While this year’s event has now been cancelled, plans are already underway to return to the full 3-day format slated to begin Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 and concluding with the Concours on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Garland adds, “Our plan is to have the *Ford vs Ferrari* theme, featuring significant Shelby and Ferrari automobiles as well as our guest of honor, Peter Brock. Of course, there will also be classes for other special automobiles and the public will be invited and encouraged to attend.”

Information on the Virginia Festival of the Wheel, including photos from previous events, can be found at [www.vafestivalofthewheel.com](http://www.vafestivalofthewheel.com).

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