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“Taking pictures is savoring life intensely, every hundredth of a second.”

– Marc Riboud



Things happen fast out there

This photo was shot in April at the first racing weekend of the year for Radical race cars at Area 27 here in BC. I love the feel of this shot, as if this car is making its way through water with a real sense of flow in this image

Marc Riboud (quoted above) was an incredibly successful French photographer who had no issues with putting himself into situations where he was not comfortable. I have to say that described my feelings as the racing season started in April and I had to step up to a commitment to the Radical Canada West race series. That commitment was to cover all of their races this year providing a high level of quality for a whole series consisting of up to 25 cars and teams. That

image above was from the first day that started with some nervous anticipation intensified by a bag of new equipment that I hadn't used at a track before, and this single photo went a long way to making me feel I could do what I set out to do. Even though you have 1000's of shots after a race weekend there are always a few images that tell you how you're doing, Seeing this shot was a great relief. You can't go back and ask the driver of the 58 car to do this again - it is a once-in-time event and you need to be ready for it. I was reminded yet again that you don't know what you can accomplish until you put yourself out there and put your experience and training to work. They say luck is the result of an intersection of preparation and opportunity, and so far this year I've been feeling more than a little lucky to be able to provide this service, and I feel good about the results. We are two weekends into the year, with four more to go and I'm really looking forward to the rest of the season.

There are shorts and short video clips from the first two weekends at the link below.

Links to 2024 Radical Cars photos



Wall-Art update - new website content

My original website, davecavanphotographics.com, is now a lot simpler and more focused on the wall-art space since the larger volume of action photos are now on my associated website, dynamiccaptures.com. I'm really enjoying managing the best wall-art images on the original website, making regular updates as new content is processed.

One of the good things about covering the Radical race series is that it happens in Okanagan valley, a 4.5 hour drive east from my home into central BC. It is, surprisingly, a semi-arid area with lots of fresh-water lakes which has become filled with orchards, vineyards, and wineries. There is a marked increase in tourists

interested in these things and the associated restaurants and resorts. Despite the handicap brought on by all this wonderfulness I've forced myself to spend time getting to know the products and locations, and that leads to nice trips on backroads with great views and ambience. Some of the associated photography is making its way onto my wall-art website - it truly has a different look than most people expect from a British Columbia location. A link is below to the new content page of the website. You will also find an image from a day I spent at the local Cloverdale Rodeo, apparently a well-respected small rodeo. I'm just working my way through those photos as well. My objective remains to keep the wall-art website pared down to a smaller number of quality images with regular updates from a handful of quality images. I would be very interested in your feedback on this new approach, and on the images that are displayed this month.

Of course, everything on the website is for sale in digital and large print format - that's one of the reasons for this business. These images are custom printed in the size and media options that fit your needs. And I'm sure they would look fantastic on your walls.

[Link to wall-art website new images](#)



Two quick closing thoughts...

There's lots more opportunities to create images already booked for this summer. A day at the Calgary Stampede, superbike racing at Mission raceway, and some potential racing events in Alberta are all on the list over the next 3 months. Of course, that means I have to be in some very nice places that need to be photographed, and that's a welcome additional opportunity for new content. Watch for a lot of new images on daily social media posts (links below), and ultimately on the website.

Finally (and quite important to me) many of you know that we had the Celebration of Life for Callyann in May. I've been working with BC Cancer to have a fund-raising component to this but it's soon time to close down that page, it is scheduled for closure in early June. If you had planned to donate, or would like to do that the page can be found at the link below. Thank you for considering this.

[Link to BC Cancer website for Callyann](#)



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