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RPM Definitions

- Leagues - A league is the top level of the database, all other items must be part of a league. You can have more than one league, you must create at least one.
- Seasons - A season is the next level of the database, each league can have more than one season, each league must have at least one season.
- Events - These are the races. Each season must have one or more events.
- Roster - The list of drivers participating in the current Season.
- Drivers - Each season has one or more drivers, you can create these manually or create them automatically during the results import process.
- Teams - This is an optional category. You can edit the Driver's information and assign them to a team for keeping team statistics. Teams are not required.
- Results - The outcome of an event that has been imported from the Papyrus standings file.

Each of these items is related in a parent/child fashion, so if you want to delete stuff you have to start at the lowest level and move your way up. Delete order: results, roster, events, seasons and leagues.

Setup

The first time that you run RPM, it will create blank databases and give you a message with basic instructions to get started. The tracks table will be populated with the default track information from Papyrus' Nascar Racing 2002 Season. You need to manually add new tracks.

Track	Long Name	Length	Nights?
Atlanta	Atlanta Motor Speedway	1.540	
Bristol	Bristol Motor Speedway	0.533	✓
California	California Speedway	2.000	
Chicago	Chicagoland Speedway	1.500	
Coca Cola	Coca Cola Speedway	3.000	
Darlington	Darlington Raceway	1.366	
Daytona	Daytona International Speedway	2.500	✓
Dover	Dover Downs International Speedway	1.000	
Homestead	Homestead-Miami Speedway	1.500	
Indy	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	2.500	
Kansas	Kansas Motor Speedway	1.500	
Kentucky	Kentucky Speedway	1.500	

The nights checkbox on the track screen means that night events are **possible** at this track. The nights checkbox on the Events screen means that the event was held at night. I intend at some point to allow the option to split out night events in the stats.

Editing Data

Each data screen in RPM has the following toolbar:



The buttons on this bar are for Add, Edit, Delete, Save and Undo respectively. When you add or edit data, the toolbar changes to give you access to the save / undo buttons:

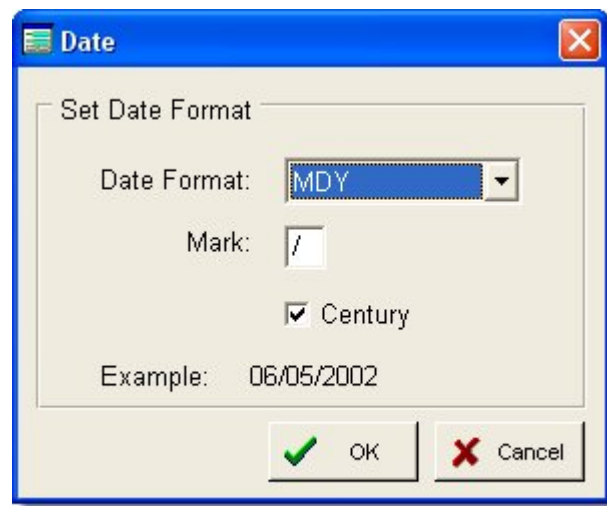


You can also use keyboard shortcuts to access these buttons:

- Add (Ctrl-A)
- Edit (Ctrl-E)
- Save (Ctrl-S)
- Undo (Ctrl-U)

Dates

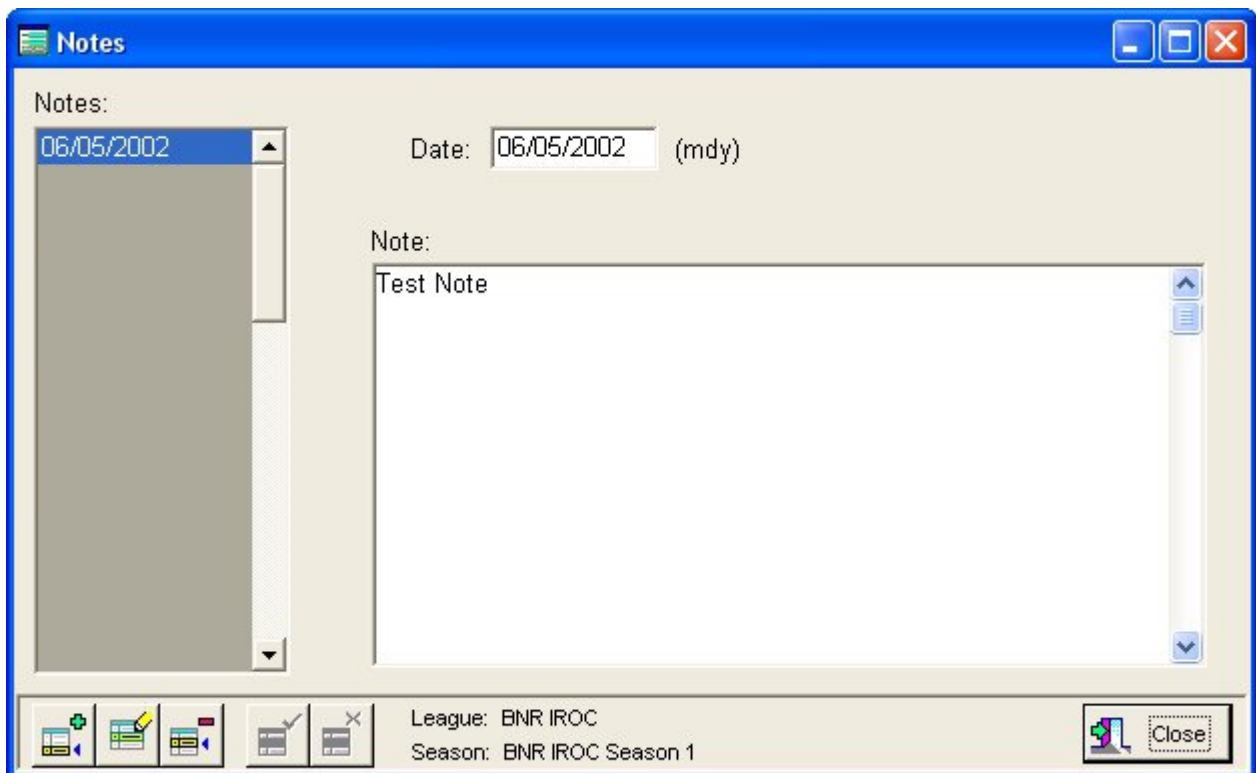
For all you Nascar fans that live outside the lower 48, I've added a screen so you can change your date format. You can find it under Help | Date Format:



Just pick the date format you want from the list, put in the separator mark you want and turn on/off the century. If there isn't a date format there you like, drop me a line and I'll see if I can add it.

Notes

A simple "Notes" screen has been added to help you keep track of changes or special circumstances that come up from time to time. Some league seasons can last a whole year and, lets face it, you're gonna forget why the Bristol standings from six months ago don't match what you have in the database. Record it here and you won't have to try to remember. Each season keeps it's own notes.



Known Issues

- Some of the entry fields don't behave as most other Windows apps when you click on them, they still work, but "oddly". (This was a workaround for another bug)

- When exporting with only the very first race completed, the position change values are wrong.
- There may be import issues with N3 .stn files. Please contact me if you have trouble with these.
- Long sessions with RPM on Win95/98/me may cause RPM to lock up. I am working to find the memory leak and plug it. If you do get a lockup in RPM, restart your computer before trying to use it again.
- RPM is written in American English. I have no plans to support other languages at this time. If there is enough demand and translators willing to help, I may reconsider this for a later release.

Things to remember

- Mangled standings files will not be importable. I tried downloading a race.html file from a web site and it wouldn't load because the format was changed when I saved it to my hard drive. Only original standings.html files from the game are sure to work.
- ANY CHANGES MADE ON THE EXPORT SCREEN ARE TEMPORARY. If you want permanent changes to file locations, color schemes etc then you HAVE to edit the league screen and save your changes.
- The half-way leader has to be selected manually if you want to use it, it's not included in the N2002 standings file.
- The addressing for background and logo files needs to be the SERVER address, if you use relative addressing then it will be faster loading but if you don't know what relative addressing is then you should use the entire web address to those files.

Support

I will try my best to address all issues related to operation of RPM but you get what you pay for. Please be patient and polite when contacting tonyseq at yahoo.com. You have to replace " at " with "@". I'd like to keep my spam content down to a dull roar. I welcome new ideas and constructive criticism. **Please also include "RPM" in the subject line.**

I have provided a reindex utility under Help | Re-Index Tables... but you should not need to normally use this.

PLEASE NOTE: CleanUpTables.bat DELETES ALL DATA FILES!

If you get really boogered up and I can't get back to you in time, you can always use the CleanUpTables.bat file provided with the install to start over. ;-)

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