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Deadline for newsletter submissions and advertising for inclusion in the next issue is the 21st of the month. Articles and advertisements should be camera ready, and ideas and suggestions should be written as clearly as possible.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

What's to say? It's January. Yes, Brian, I realize that that means it's Ice Racing season. But for anyone who doesn't fancy leaving part of their tush frozen onto some obscure little lake somewhere, January is just the middle of winter. There is absolutely nothing on what passes for the local sports network - wait, there's (no, I am not making this up) Jump Rope Championships! Okay, maybe Ice Racing is a rational choice after all. **But wait!** If it's January the META Banquet must be coming up! Whatever you do don't let me hibernate right through that long-awaited event!

Also in the "Long-Awaited Events" department... the first (probably over-optimistic, but who cares when we're this desperate!) of the tentative 1992 racing schedules has arrived, in the IRDC News. I won't reprint it in full here as it is quite long (good!) and still unconfirmed (not so good), but here are a few highlights:

First event is a drivers' school February 8, PIR, hosted by TC. (With the final event another drivers' school, also at PIR, on November 6/7, this promises to be a long season!) First IRDC school, March 13/14 at SIR... First ICSOC race of 1992 at (!) Sears, hosted by TC. I wish... SOVREN Vintage at SIR on May 9, followed by another on July 4/5; IRDC at PIR May 2/3 and at SIR May 30/31, etcetera. There is a race planned for Mountain Aire on August 29/30... it will cost us more time and money to get there than to Seattle - almost as much as to Portland - but what the hell, we're looking forward to it anyway. **NOW REMEMBER!** These are all unofficial - merely printed here to give you a reason to survive the winter.

Let's see... what else? Ah, yes. **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!** It's that time again. The February issue will be the last you receive unless you make sure that you have sent in your 1992 dues (\$15, no GST; what a bargain, eh?). Postage rates have gone up again, so we cannot send you things you have not paid for! (After watching the Moosehead Grand Prix we understand where all the money goes... we had just time to see the Canada Post logos on the sides of Jacques Villeneuve's car before he stuffed it emphatically into the wall about five minutes into the race. Perhaps if they gave him a mail truck our postal service would be quicker and cheaper. Then again, maybe it wouldn't.)

See you all at the festivities!

Danielle

META BANQUET

Join the fun at the META Awards Banquet, January 25, 1992
MANDO'S Restaurant, 5505 Kingsway, Burnaby. Tickets are
available through:

CHARMAINE DEFY	467-7510
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ROGER SALOMON	581-7189

Members \$10 (after \$10 club subsidy), non-members \$20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check EVERYTHING on your mailing label, and on the membership list! If you know of a member who is not getting their newsletter, tell someone on the Mayday staff! Call either Mikko (533-0260) or Danielle (533-8851) and help us cut down the cost and frustration of misdirected mail and neglected club members! If we don't know about it, we can't fix it.

META is selling ENTERTAINMENT '92 coupon books to raise money for the club. The cost is \$43.00 per book, of which \$8.00 goes to META. Contact Roger Salomon (581-7189) or Ann Peters (327-1171).

META BANQUET is coming up on January 25, at Mando's on Kingsway, as last year. Tickets are available from Charmaine Defry (467-7510), Dani Kasburg (251-4591), or Roger Salomon (581-7189). Cost is \$20 per person, with META refunding \$10 for members only. Please order your tickets early! Out-of-town members are encouraged to attend - lots of us have room to put up visitors!

1992 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE NOW! Please note that as of January 1, 1992 annual META membership dues will be \$15.

Remember: also new in January will be a starting time of 7:30 p.m. for all regular META meetings. Place, dates, etc. remain unchanged.

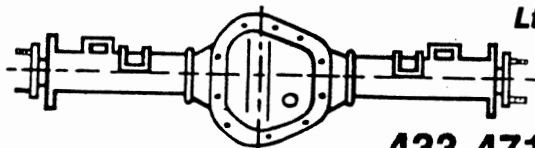
Beware! They're at it again! Coming up in March or early April (depending on the yet-to-be-confirmed race schedule) is the next and best yet META Car Rally! Cost is \$10 per person pre-registering or \$15 on rally day. Pre-registration details will follow in the Myday as soon as they are confirmed. So dust off your compass, and wake up the Saint Bernard dog...

SPEED READING

January 18	Ice Racing Banquet	Chum's Restaurant, Cache Creek
January 25	META Banquet	Mando's, Burnaby
February 1	IRDC Banquet	Triples Restaurant
February 8	Drivers' School (TC)	PIR } Unofficial dates
March 7	Drivers' School (CASC)	PIR }
March 13/14	Drivers' School (IRDC)	SIR }
March 14	Drivers' School (TC)	PIR }

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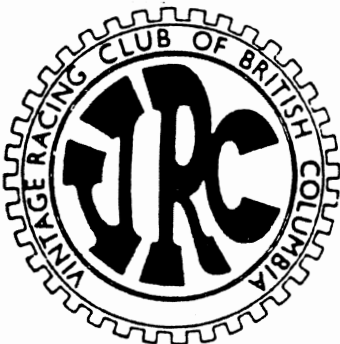
Communicators are a special breed of people. The two main pre-requisites for being a communicator are you must love to listen to people gabble over barely working radios, and you must love to talk. I enjoy doing both and have been told on many occasions that I do the latter very well.

But there is more to it than that. It has been said many times that the communicator is the eyes of the tower and the ears of the corner. Boy, is that the truth! No one else on the turn knows what is developing around the track. We have to keep everyone updated when a car and/or driver has a specific problem, if there is an alert on another turn and emergency vehicles are being released, if we get a lunch break, and so on. On the other hand, the communicator has to keep the tower aware of what is happening on the turn. The people in the tower need to know if a driver does something silly, if the track condition changes, if a car is developing a problem, if we have an alert and what emergency vehicles will be needed, etc.

This isn't always as simple as it sounds. Most of the time when you need to make a call, you have to fight for air space. You sometimes lose. Many times you have the tower and your turn personnel trying to talk to you at the same time. This tends to cause a bit of grumbling from all sides when you just plain can't hear either of them. We just smile and do our best. All I can say is never talk to us when you notice we have the microphone halfway down our throats trying to be heard, or if we are mashing the headset against our ears trying to hear. Nothing is so important that it can't wait a few seconds, and if anything major does happen just blow your whistle - we'll hear it and respond accordingly. Trust me.

Communicators have other duties as well. We are peace makers when the turn personnel and tower have a difference of opinion. We sign everyone in at the morning meeting as well as participate in the meeting itself. There are spin sheets to fill out and various reports to write up when everyone else on the turn loses the ability to write (as they frequently do after mayhem breaks out on the track - sweeper's cramp, or some such condition...) We are also backup flaggers and/or quick response should the need arise. We really are a versatile group of people.

I enjoy being a communicator more than any other job at the track. It can be frustrating and there are times when I just want to scream - and occasionally do, much to the amusement of fellow turn workers. But all in all, I wouldn't want to be anywhere or doing anything else.



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MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month
Officer's Mess, 4100 W.4th
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THE REAL METHOD TO OUR MADNESS

Danielle Brandfors, o/w #488

After reading his recent article in the IRDC News I can say I agree with Chris Arcoleo's conclusion that when all arguments have been examined it is preferable to take up racing than to have an extramarital affair. I think that actually it may be much more sensible to have a race car than a spouse. But perhaps the reasons need to be further explored...

Contrary to Chris' first argument, racing only costs less than an extramarital affair until you decide you want to go FAST. (Then it is an extramarital affair.) Or until your spouse decides that he/she wants to go racing, too. Then you are doomed: it is only a matter of time until your household finances begin to resemble those of an obscure third world country, with the notable difference that no one is lining up to forgive your debts, hold rock concerts to finance your trip to the Run-offs, or send you cargo planes full of spare parts.

From what I've seen my neighbours don't lose any sleep over getting to church on time anyway, but to be roused by the sound of a racing engine revving to 8000 rpm would be infinitely preferable to waking, as my neighbors and I do on spring mornings, to the din of some 400 or so fascist geese next door greeting the dawn with a deafening cacaphony and a couple of ritual executions. Wanna know a performance secret? Try goose grease for all those little lubrication jobs. (On the car, guys.)

How else would you spend \$1500 a year on tires? Why else would you want to? Anyway I'm sure you would find some way to dispose of the portion of your budget allotted to rubber items.

No women left for the single guys? Don't give yourself airs. What do you think your wife is doing while you're at the track? She's meeting some nice man with clean finger nails, who doesn't liven up life's duller moments by imitating his favorite Formula One engine in full song, or read the TrueSports catalogue during dinner.

No. The real reasons for having a race car instead of a lover are as follows:

Race cars do not snore. They do not politely agree with the disparaging things you say about yourself. They do not say "Yes, dear" in that tone we all know and love. They do not think unprintable things about your mother, no matter what she thinks (unprintable) about them. After a race you can sit around and tell blatantly exaggerated stories about your exploits, without blowing anything but your credibility, which was likely a little worn in the tread anyway. When you are thoroughly fed up with the car you can sell it - for parts, if you're really pissed off.

Finally, and most importantly, to quote an unknown source, "A race car is an inanimate object and must therefore, eventually, respond to reason."

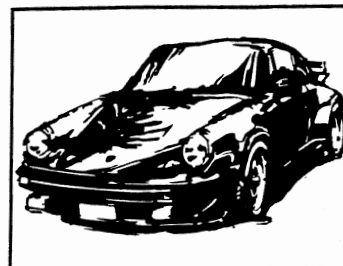


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