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Date	Event	Location
July 10	ASN/SCCBC	Mission
July 8-10	Vintage	Portland
July 23/24	SCCA	Bremerton
July 23/24	SCCBC	Mission
August 5-7	IMSA	Portland
August 13-14	Conference	Portland
August 20-21	Conference	Seattle
September 2-4	Molson INDY	Vancouver
September 3-5	Conference	Port Orford
September 10	Vintage	Seattle
September 11	SCCA	Seattle

PLEASE NOTE!!!!

The next two monthly meetings will be held on the fourth **THURSDAY** of the month ie on July 28th and August 25th. Please make a note of the change in dates.

The following article is reprinted from the Mayday of June 1976 - It may bring back memories for some of our members!

CAMPING WEEKEND AT COPPER CREEK

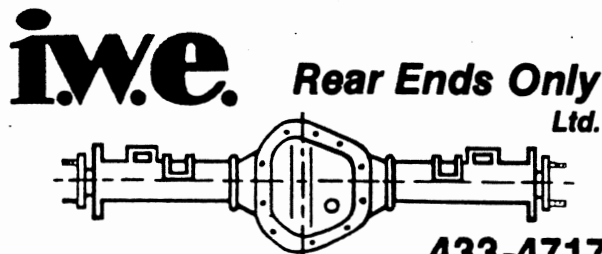
On the Victoria Day weekend about ten club members and their families enjoyed a few days away from "it all". Seth Adams allowed us the use of his property at Copper Creek, just 8 miles outside of Manning Park. A caravan to the campsite left Gullford Shopping Centre at 6:30 Saturday morning and, driving through the wilds of British Columbia, the caravan observed such creatures as the ferocious four-wheeled one-eyed speedy lane-changer, the ever present hidden-shrill radar-trap, and the elusive "driver normallus"!

After setting up camp Saturday morning, the afternoon was spent playing badminton and volleyball, lazing in the sun, exploring the surrounding woods and imblbing in river-cooled "hop water". As evening fell, a sing-song developed around the campfire. Needless to say, the next morning found a few nameless members with the dreaded 26 oz flu.

Sunday's weather was not as warm and clear as Saturday's but in spite of this a baseball game was arranged between ourselves and a group of dirt-biking families, who were camping nearby. The casualties were high in the game, ranging from baseball bats in the groin to tripping in gopher holes and spraining one's ankle. Did these injuries affect our playing ability? Sure as hell did! We lost 27-14! That evening the fireside sing-song was considerably tamer than Saturday's.

Monday morning found some of us exploring and panning for gold in the Similkameen River, (found a few flakes, but nothing to retire on) and by lunch-time the camp began to break up.

I am sure everyone there thoroughly enjoyed themselves and look forward to our next outing. Thanks go out to Seth Adams for allowing us to use his property for the weekend.



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BENVENUTO MARIO

So there I was talking to one of my idols, Mario Andretti. I introduced myself as the president of M.E.T.A., whose members help out at the Vancouver Indy and he smiled and said "Oh, thank you, you people do a great job" and although I don't usually collect autographs, I got him to sign a photograph of himself. Then I handed him a M.E.T.A. pin on behalf of the club, and told him that he would be in good company as Rena Shanaman and Phil Heard both have one also. Again he laughed and said "Thank you". So was I dreaming or was this for real? Even as I think of it now, I find it a bit hard to believe, but yes, it is all true.

It began with a phone call from Molsons, asking if I would be able to attend a Press Conference with Mario on Thursday June 23rd, to promote his "Arrivederci Mario" tour and naturally I said yes straight away, and then began to wonder how I was going to get the time off work! However, things worked out perfectly and off I went to the South Terminal of the Vancouver airport, hoping that I didn't get lost on the way and miss the whole thing. I took the road right to the end, as far as you can go and sure enough, there was the Shell Aero Centre, which is a collection of offices, etc. and a beautiful reception room overlooking the airport runways. As we waited, a Korean Airlines jet landed almost in front of the building, or so it seemed, but it was hard to see anything for all the spray it kicked up from the wet runway! It was quite a sight to see it landing so close. Those of you who rate places you have been by the standard of the washrooms would probably give this one a 10 - beautifully decorated with real towels, soap and a whole assortment of mouthwash, hairspray, deodorant etc - very civilized! There was also a wonderful assortment of goodies to eat, including a race car made from a watermelon, complete with steering wheel and one wing mirror - very appropriate! I am not too good at judging how many people were there, but I would say around 50 maybe, including the local TV sportscasters, people from Molsons, from REVV, and from many of the sponsors of the Indy race in Vancouver. It was hosted by David Kincaid - watch out for him at the opening of the track at Mission, we hope - and before too long he informed us that Mario's plane was about to touch down close to the building. The sleek-looking executive jet pulled up, the red carpet was rolled out and a few moments later, Mario arrived in the room, dressed all in black and looking very relaxed. (By the way, the plane has a logo depicting three helmets on it - one for each of the Andrettis - pretty neat!). David Kincaid welcomed Mario to Vancouver, although he did say that several people had commented that it was great to have Rena Shanaman back here and wasn't it nice that she had brought Mario with her! This was all taken very well by Mario, and from the replies he made to various questions, it is very obvious that he realizes that he made the right choice in choosing her for his farewell tour team, and he is extremely happy to have her around. He answered many questions and it looks like he really has not made up his mind yet as to what he will be doing when he retires, but he will definitely still be around racing in some capacity. He did say he would like to drive in Le Mans again, but other than that, everything was left wide open.

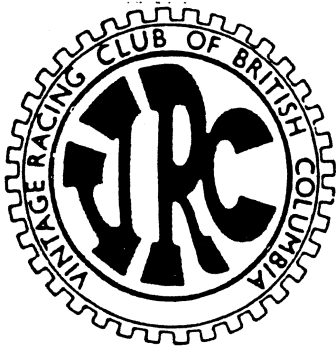
After all the formal questions, he gave one-on-one interviews and this is where I was lucky enough to be able to talk to him. He was very patient, and answered all the questions as best he could and stayed longer than planned, I suspect. Apparently he hates to say no to anyone, and so Rena has to keep hurrying him along from one appointment to the next. As I was off to Portland that evening myself, I did think about hitching a ride on the plane with Mario, but decided that I couldn't break my promise to share an exciting ride in a motorhome with Roger, Marc Rovner and Mikko - more of that epic adventure later!

So there you have it, Mario now has his very own M.E.T.A. pin, and I have some very special memories of saying "Bienvenuto Vancouver, Mario" on behalf of the club. Thank you, M.E.T.A.!

At the June meeting, we discussed challenging REVV to a volleyball, soccer tournament or a summer games fun event. However, it has become apparent that there just is no available date this summer which would be suitable for all involved. Perhaps if our intrepid rally-meister and his crew arrange another epic tour of the Lower Mainland for next Spring, then we could invite REVV to participate. Thanks to all who volunteered to help.

FIRE TRAINING

The North Vancouver Fire Department has confirmed the date of Wednesday, August 24th at 7:00pm. The fire department will show a short training film on fire extinguishers followed by a brief presentation and question period. We will then go down to the fire training facility on the waterfront for a hands on session. Parkway Towing has offered to provide a vehicle to burn and the fire department will be providing fire pots and back-up. Meet at the fire department at 165 E. 13th St., N. Van., (just off Lonsdale) 7:00pm sharp. Please R.S.V.P. to Marc Rovner 986-3497.



"..to restore, race, and exchange information... concerning vintage sports and racing automobiles"

MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month

INFORMATION: Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

META MEETING
June 22, 1994

Meeting was called to order by Ann Peters at 7:40 pm. In attendance were 30 members and 1 guest...Mark Miller. Minutes were amended and adopted as read by Kathy, seconded by Joe.

Treasurer: Doris (absent)

General \$3394.61, Equipment \$7.66 and \$5194.79 in term deposit

Correspondence: Sandy

Letter sent to Robin Bentley

Social: Joe

Beer, t-shirt, Indy poster and other stuff

Mayday: Krystyna (absent)

Needs articles!!!! Will publish in next month's issue a reminder that the July and August meetings are on the fourth Thursday, not the Wednesday.

Membership: Mikko

79 regular and 9 honorary=88 in total
Mikko nominates Mark Miller and Darryl Ness for membership. Both accepted and welcomed.

Historian: Joe

Albums and more albums!!!!

Training Committee: Roger (absent)

Turn Marshall meeting went really well! Lots of good topics got discussed. Looking forward to a fire training session in North Vancouver with their Fire Dept. Date will be announced. Hoping to get ahold of one formula car and one sedan to practice emergency response. Will keep you posted.

Race Chairmen: Dave Forster and Bruce Yeo (both absent)

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Course Marshall: Mikko

June 11 went well. Sunday, July 10 is a one day ASN/SCCBC. First Conference race is on July 23-24. It's also the official track opening. Last but not least....August 1 and 6 we have driver training. Come out and support these fine events!!!

Old Business

- Correction to requirements for working the Vancouver Indy.... This is for flaggers and communicators only...If you are not classed as a new worker and you live in the Vancouver/Lower Mainland area you must work a minimum of 1 race at Mission.
- Rick suggests not having old passes from worked races visible when going thru the border.
- In Squamish there is a 2 day solo event. Lunch will be 2 hours guaranteed due to the Royal Hudson. Rooms are available. Need workers. So far 80 entries.
- Keep those log books up-to-date and pass it on to Rick
- WCMA, same old ???????

Vice President: Thomas

We got tickets!!! Lots of raffle tickets!!!!
You sign out the books and are responsible for them.
\$2 each in books of 25. Sell!! Sell!! Sell!!

New Business

- Discussed forming a committee to go thru P+P manual and do housekeeping on it
- Steve received a copy of the racetrack in Hawaii. Their grids consist of around 7-8 cars!!
- Rick found some very effective and inexpensive whistles at Taiga. Prices are approx. \$2-\$3. Address is 2200 Yukon in Vancouver
- If you are able to work races at SIR, please let Dani know in advance
- Steve met someone from the crash-up derby for the PNE and found they might be interested in having META there

President's Report: Ann

????(A lady of few words!)

Good and Welfare


- Mark went to F440 track in Tsawassen. Anyone interested in going as a META group, let him know. Seven laps-\$35.
- Ann mentioned getting together with REVV socially before Indy. Great idea! Hoping to form a Bar-B-Que July 17 or July 30. The last being the preferred date.

Swap and Shop ??????????

Raffle: George-coffee mug, Thomas-Beer, Sandy-Indy poster
50/50 Vic

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm by John, seconded by Kathy. Motion carried.

TTFN


Sandy Meggyesi
Secretary