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**JULY & AUGUST META MEETINGS ON THURSDAY...**

Remember that both Summer meetings will be held on Thursday July 27 & Thursday August 24!

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**META PUTS ON A DISPLAY  
AT THE MOLSON INDY**

An exciting addition at this years Molson Indy Vancouver will be a "Motorsport Clubs Showcase" inside the stadium. As a Motorsport Club it is anticipated that META will have a display. The problem is that all our active members will be involved on track. The Solution; 10 volunteers, each to work 1/2 day in groups of two. I do not expect we will staff the display during the race (who in their right mind would wander the stadium during the race). Please contact Marc Rovner at 986-3497 to express your willingness to donate one morning or afternoon during the race weekend. This could be fun!!

**\* \* Editors Note \* \***

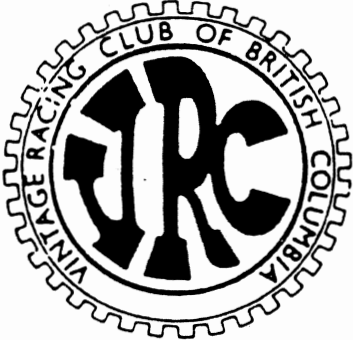
When you think about supporting Motorsport racing in BC, please remember that supporting local racing goes beyond turning up for one big race each year. A positive turnout at small events convinces local promoters and sponsors to invest in racing to advertise locally all year round.

If you live in the Vancouver area and you plan to work at the Vancouver Indy as a flagger or communicator, then you must work at least three (3) local race weekends to qualify. (There have been seven Mission weekends scheduled in the Mayday between March and August)

# FAST TALKING

DATE:	EVENT:	LOCATION:
July 1-2	SCCA/Regional	Portland, Or.
July 1-2	Sovren - 7th Historics	Seattle, Wa.
July 2-3	Street Solo Event	Squamish, B.C.
July 7-9	Norm Thompson Vintage	Portland, Or.
<b>July 8-9</b>	<b>ICSCC/SCCBC (plus training)</b>	<b>Mission, B.C.</b>
July 8-9	SCCA/Regional	Bremerton, Wa.
July 14	Driving School	Portland, Or.
July 15-16	ICSCC	Portland, Or.
<b>July 21-23</b>	<b>CANCELLED - IMSA</b>	<b>Portland, Or.</b>
July 22	Driving School	Seattle, Wa.
<b>July 29-30</b>	<b>CANCELLED - ICSCC</b>	<b>Victoria, B.C.</b>
August 4-6	SCCA/Double Regional	Portland, Or.
August 5-6	ICSCC/SCCBC	Mission, B.C.
August 12	Driving School	Portland, Or.
August 19-20	ICSCC	Seattle, Wa.
September 1-3	Molson Indycar	Vancouver, B.C.
September 1-4	Team Continental	Port Orford, Or.
September 8-10	SCCA Regional	Portland, Or.
September 9-10	Ioco Hillclimb	Ioco, B.C.
September 9-10	Sovren - Vintage/Fords	Seattle, Wa.
September 16-17	ICSCC	Portland, Or.
September 23-24	ICSCC	Mission, B.C.
September 30-Oct 1	SCCA Regional	Bremerton, Wa.

\* \* \* All race dates are subject to change or cancellation without notice \* \* \*



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MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month

INFORMATION: Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

## Wanna Spend Some Money?

META has about \$1,200 from the lottery fund and the rules say we have to spend it by September. Our original idea was to spend half on computer equipment and half on radios. We've since learned that half will just cover the purchase of one radio (not including license fee). We still need computers for timing/scoring as people have been using their personal systems to keep the races running.

Please bring your ideas to the next META meeting so that we can decide before the deadline. You should come prepared with a couple of quotes so that the purchase amount can be voted on as well. Some of the other suggestions have included: upgrading the timing scoring tower at Mission; building turnworker stations at Mission; tent/awnings for turn shelter; Cappuccino machines at each turn, etc.

## BULLETIN BOARD...

### WCIRABC BARBEQUE & POOL PARTY JULY 8....

The annual summer BBQ at Murray and Dorothy's starts at 3:00pm. If you'd like to go to the Potluck, please confirm your attendance by calling 271-6598.

### IS THAT A RESPIRATOR IN YOUR POCKET, OR ARE YOU JUST HAPPY TO SEE ME....

We still have a few pocket respirators left. If you put up your hand at the training session in Mission earlier this season, please contact Marc Rovner at 986-3497. The price including tax is only \$16.25 (a word of caution; if you do not have a valid CPR or advanced first aid certificate you should not get a pocket respirator. It may be more of a hinderance than an asset)

### WANTED, RACING INCIDENTS ON VIDEO....

If you have video tape of any racing incidents, racing contact, crashes, etc, where the pictures are taken from the view of a turn station, please contact John Mocyk. He is creating a "training" video to assist new communicators and workers and may be able to use the footage.

### CANADIANS WIN BIG AT SEATTLE VINTAGE....

Congratulations to Tim Sparrow, who won the "Trip for Two" to Anywhere that Alaska Airlines flies! Tim was the lucky recipient of the Vintage Clubs appreciation prize during the Canada Day long weekend. (Rumour has it that he's looking for some lucky person to share his good fortune with!)

### 510 SPONSORS AN "ALL CLUBS" DAY AT MISSION....

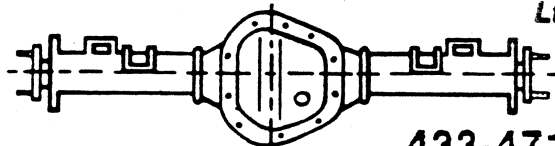
The 510 Club is sponsoring an All Clubs event at Mission on October 9.

## META JACKETS & SWEATSHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

Jackets	\$49.95 plus GST
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Articles received by the fourth Wednesday of the month will be printed in the following months' Mayday. Members can run their non-business classified ads (maximum three lines) in the Mayday for FREE. For business advertisements, you can choose from the many options listed below:

Size:	<u>Full Page</u>	<u>1/2 Page</u>	<u>1/4 Page</u>	<u>Business Card</u>
Per Year:	\$130.00	\$85.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Per Issue:	\$80.00	\$45.00	\$20.00	\$10.00

## TRACK TALK???

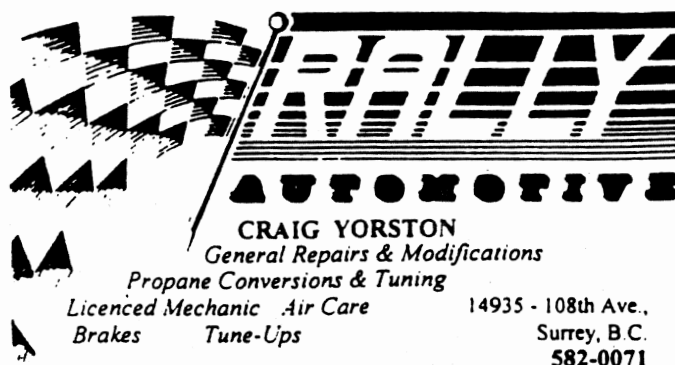
IF A.S.N.'S G.M. CALLS F.I.A. ABOUT W.C.I.R.A.B.C., THEN IS I.C.S.C.C. THINKING THAT S.C.C.A. CAN DO B.C.M.A.'S U.B.C.S.C.C. BEFORE S.C.C.B.C. OR B.C.M.S.A. TO C.A.R.T. WITHOUT A G.C.R. & END UP S.O.L.?

ASN - Association Sportif National  
BCMSA - BC Motor Sport Association  
CART - Championship Auto Racing Teams (now INDYCAR)  
FIA - Federation International Automobile  
ICSCC - International Conference of Sports Car Clubs  
IRDC - International Race Drivers Club  
PIR - Portland International Raceway  
SCCA - Sports Car Club of America  
SCCBC - Sports Car Club of BC  
SIR - Seattle International Raceway  
VRC - Vintage Racing Club of BC  
WCIRABC - Western Canadian Ice Racing Association of BC  
WCMA - Western Canadian Motorsport Association

## MALL SHOW TIME

The following SCCBC/META mall shows offer an excellent opportunity for our club to enhance its image in the community and build membership. With any luck we will have a new (and improved) brochure to hand out to the seething hoards. If you are able to spend any time at these displays, please call Marc Rovner at 986-3497.

Oakridge Mall	July 5-9
Pacific Center	August 2-6
Willowbrook Mall	August 14-20



# I Need a Vacation!!! Gotta Get Away!!!!

(Part one of two)

I figure after 3 years of membership-an article from me was about due. I must say though-I'd rather write it up and have Bonnie redo it. I can't answer for everyone, but I know how much I enjoy reading anything she writes. Anyway, here goes nothing.

The flights down to L.A. were quite enjoyable. I'd never flown in first class before so it was pretty nice. (Thanks again Mark!) The drinks were free and plentiful if you wanted them. I'm sure Mark can vouch for quality but not the quantity for I'm sure he lost count by the time we landed in L.A. Unfortunately though, I have no wild stories to tell you of him dancing on the tables or picking up strange women. Although I thought I saw him eyeing one of the flight attendants..... We stayed overnight in L.A. and caught an early flight into Phoenix. It was nice to see the morning sun as we flew to the first of our destinations.

Once we landed and collected our luggage-we packed up our land yacht (Lincoln Continental) and proceeded to our motel. The scenery was nice and it didn't take us long to get there. The only problem we encountered was that Mark's name wasn't on the reservation list, so the desk clerk would not give us a key without Barb being there. Oh well....off to PIR!!!! Finding the track was fairly easy as I thought to myself how interesting this weekend was going to be. The weather had been unusually wet and one of the roads to the track was flooded. That did not leave a lot of options as there are only three ways to get there. I must say it does sound kind of funny to know that a road has flooded in a desert!! But hey-only in America!!

Once we got close to the registration trailer, we asked a security guard where to park. According to him, the reason they made a 4x4 foot sign to tell people where to park and put it a quarter of a mile down the road was so that no one could miss it. I didn't see that sign, did you? Oh well, I'm sure he got a lot of that during the weekend. So after we parked we went into the trailer and who do we see....Madge Perez!!! Kind of nice to see a familiar face in a strange new land.

Obviously no problems with registration.

We parked the car in lot G by Turn two and made our way towards the track.

As we wandered around and watched the vendors prepare for the weekend, I could hardly hold back the anticipation of that first glance of cars speeding around the track!! The sound was enough to get your adrenaline going!!!! We finally walked up to the spectator side of the track and a blur of color went by. WOW!!! That pretty much sums it up!! When you watch an oval race on t.v. you have no real idea how fast these cars are travelling. In my opinion, it makes almost everything that happens on a road course seem to be in slow motion. To a certain extent anyway.

After watching the cars go round for a bit, as luck would have it, the track went yellow for lunch and we crossed the track in our never-ending quest to find Barb. I asked a few of the Atlantic crews if they knew where Barb was, but had no luck. Oh well, the day was hot and there was lots to see, so we decided not to rush. As we wandered around, we bumped into Gary Barnard. We chatted for a bit then after the warm welcome we continued on our way. Lots of wandering and a few questions led us to the Players/Atlantic trailer where we found Barb. As we talked, she mentioned how it was too bad that Bonnie could not be here as the Atlantic trailer had seen lots of Rick Mears. She wasn't kidding either, for a few minutes later he was there again. I can honestly say he looks as good or better in person than he does on t.v. We got ourselves organized and decided to hang around the track for the rest of the day as this would probably be the best time to sight see anyway.

The day passed by quickly and as we left the track, we went by turn 2 to visit the workers there and see what it was like. As I stood beside the barrier (which came up to my shoulder!) I did not know whether I wanted to duck behind the barrier or stay standing as the cars came by. My legs were kind of shaky for the first few minutes and then I started to get a handle on the situation. Sort of. Does this look like a fun weekend up ahead or what!!!

The next three days went by so fast. I was on Turn 1B which was half way between 1 and 2 on Driver's left. We were right beside the pit road coming back out on track. If anything were to happen, i.e. a car spinning out of control towards us, we had a barrier approximately 14 inches high to crouch behind. I felt safe, NOT!!! Not that you should feel safe on any corner you are in, but it helps to know you have a fighting chance when #\$\$%\$#@# happens!!!

I learned a lot and saw some incredible racing!!!! The experience cannot be explained to the full extent. I met some wonderful people who shared their expertise and had a lot of fun spending time with Mark, Barb and Irene. Thanks again guys!!!

The only advice I can give is that if you have the chance to work an oval, go for it!!!! Even if you never do it again, you will never forget the feeling!!!

by Sandy Meggyesi

IMPORTANT - for all track officials

Every race weekend we are looking forward to some exciting racing and having a good time, but maybe we might forget one important thing. Of course, we hope it never happens, but what do you do or who do you get in contact with if you get injured? We are all guilty of neglecting the importance of having any injuries ie. sprained ankle, cuts etc reported at the time they happen.

Here are the guidelines. Report the injury to your Course Marshall or the Chief in your department. Ask to have a report filled put by the Operating Steward or Clerk of the Course. It is very important to have everything recorded the same day of the incident so that the insurance claim can be filed.

Roger Salomon

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TWO MONTHS TO VANCOUVER INDY

INDY INDY INDY INDY

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET WITH THE VANCOUVER INDY COURSE MARSHALL? DO IT NOW!! IN CASE YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN, THE COURSE MARSHALL IS THE ONE AND ONLY DAVE FORSTER. HE NEEDS TO KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO WORK, AND IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR PERSONAL INFORMATION. SEND HIM A LETTER, NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE.

ADDRESS: #2 1336 PITT RIVER ROAD,  
PORT COQUITLAM, B.C. V3C 5Y7

DO IT NOW! DO IT NOW! DO IT NOW! DO IT NOW! DO IT NOW!

Dear Roger:

Thank you for being there when I needed you when I wrecked at the Rose Cup races. Physically I'm fine except for a few sore shoulder strap muscles. The cars a mess but we all know what risks we take and I'm sure I'll be repaired soon.

We drivers don't often enough show our appreciation to you workers, but believe me, this driver thanks you a lot. You were there quickly and immediately knew what to do. You gave me confidence so that I didn't have to do anything but do as you instructed. If, I ever do this again (drive into a wall), I want to know what corner your on so I can aim for that one!

Thanks - Tom Busic #35

*Tom*

# **META MEETING**

## **JUNE 28, 1995**

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. In attendance were 38 members and 1 guest-Jarl Johner. There were two errors in the minutes. The President's report was left out and also the fact that Ian Wood was voted in as an Honorary member. A motion to adopt the minutes as amended was put forth by Jo, seconded by Vic. Motion carried.

### Treasurer: Doris

Equipment fund \$5,357.90, general revenue \$2,525.04 and gaming fund \$12,123.94. Keep in mind that the raffle money must be spent by September. If you have any ideas, please let the Executive know.

Doris talked about the Indy 500 breakfast she got to attend.

### Correspondence: Sandy

2 Conference newsletters and 1 Treadmarks

### Social: Joe

Large pieces of paper with pictures on them, bottles with liquid in them and a half of the proceeds raffle (lots of other stuff too!!!)

### Mayday: Steve

WCIRABC Bar-b-que is on Saturday July 8 at 3:00 pm. Phone Murray at 271-6598 if you are interested. The Datsun 510 club has reserved Mission for October 9. Will keep you advised. IMSA is cancelled in Sears Point and Portland. Victoria race is also cancelled. Sandy owes the newsletter an article. **JULY AND AUGUST MEETINGS ARE ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH!!!!**

### Membership: Mikko

83 regular and 10 honorary for a total of 93!!! Mikko nominates Randy Rahn for membership. Seconded by Marc. Bonnie nominates Jerry Guzak, seconded by Russ. Both are accepted and welcomed!!

### Historian: Joe

Lots of pictures and albums. Looking for pictures from Timing and Scoring, Tech, E-crew etc.

### Training Committee: Roger, Jo, Thomas, Rick, Barb and Brian

Jo updated us on the video...needs lots of work.

Roger-this weekend's Conference race we need all the experienced people we can get to adequately train the new people that will be showing up this weekend. We would like to have one experienced worker to stay with each new worker that shows up to handle the questions and explanations. Saturday night we hope to have an incident scenario set up for the new workers to observe and ask questions about. Talked about an incident in Portland which Roger received a Thank-you card for.

### Race Chairmen: Dave and Friends

Only the Shadow knows!!!! We do have info though.

Regarding Indy: Has forms for those who have not filled one out. If you did last year, check to make sure the info is correct. Parking is the same as last year. Get your credentials at the Pan Pacific again. The times are Wed & Thurs Noon-2 and 4-8. On Friday they open at 6:30am

Saturday night party still under discussion. META might be asked once again to do the META shuffle on the Friday night. Talk to Ann if you are interested in doing it. the Sedan race will have a full grid as it has been oversubscribed. Chrysler is an Official sponsor for Indy and will be holding a Neon Celebrity race. Also, one week before Indy there is a go-kart event that would like META to help out at. Will keep you advised.

### Course Marshall D'Jour: Roger/Nick (anyone???)

8am morning meeting at Mission. No lunch on Saturday due to the Bar-B-Que.

### Old Business

-Banner design info is with Lorne Stead. It should be ready by the end of next week.

-T-shirt design is on hold for now

-Ideas for the dispersment of the raffle money is needed since there is not enough to purchase radios

-Auto extrication on July 21 for E-crew. Vic volunteered to video tape it if we are allowed. Craig will look into it.



- Steve suggested investing in wood for platforms for Turns 4,5 and 6 at Mission
- Marc Rover suggested brochures for the club
- George suggests more training courses for the workers-ie. First aid/CPR
- Long discussion continued on what to do with the Raffle money. No decision was made as of yet
- If interested in a jacket and have not talked to Brian , please let him know.
- Remember to keep your log books up-to-date!!!!

Vice President: Thomas

Too much work and not enough pay!!!!

#### New Business

- Rick will bring sign in sheets and records to the monthly meetings and to the next Mission race. Make sure you write down all of the races you've worked to keep an accurate permanent log.
- Bonnie suggests log book be redesigned to better accommodate description of races worked.
- Bonnie will redesign and bring to next meeting
- Don and Steve would like to remind those of you who will attend the Vintage race in Seattle about their 'Vintage Breakfast' on Sunday morning, rain or shine!!!
- For those who are not going to Seattle, Brian suggests going to Hannigan Speedway on Saturday night for the Mini-Sprint races. Gates open at 5 pm and racing starts at 7 pm.
- Graham asked if META has made a move in becoming a member of BCMSA yet. Due to lack of time we will discuss it at a later date.
- Roger and Rick would like to enforce that if you are injured at the track that you should tell someone and make sure it gets on record. It doesn't matter how slight the injury, better to be safe than sorry
- Marc thanks Rick, Roger and Barb for their help
- Barb would like to remind those who decide not to go to Seattle, to consider going to Squamish for the Solo event. Morning meeting is at 8am. Call her for more info!!
- Regarding the META statement. We took a vote and these are the results:  
Safety through teamwork etc...(Ann)-9 votes  
A volunteer organization etc...(Marc)-8 votes  
Safety in Motorsport(an oldie but a goody!!)-17 votes

President: Ann

Talked about being professional at the races. Please, obey the rules and have a good time.  
Talked about the NASCAR race. Talked about the Thank-you card from Portland Driver.

#### Good and Welfare

- Changes to amount of Duty Free you are allowed. 24 hrs \$50-no alcohol or cigarettes, 48 hrs \$200-1 litre of alcohol and 1 carton of cigarettes, 7 days or more(any number of times a year) \$500-1 litre of alcohol and 1 carton of cigarettes
- Pat Moffat would like some magazines for the tech trailer (or obscene/embarrassing pics of workers!)
- There will be a barrel at tech to recycle cans
- Anyone with old blankets/towels to donate to the SPCA please give to Pat
- Al thanks those who supported him financially in his 24 hr relay
- Marc showed off his Formula 1 stuff and talked a bit about his experience

#### Swap and Shop

- Ann is selling her Eagle Talon 90,000km \$10,500 OBO
- Marc needs a tent trailer-reasonably priced

#### Draw

Tim-Beer

Karen-cold thermal container

Randy-hat/windshield cleaner

50/50 draw-George

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:25 pm by Vic, seconded by Fran. Motion carried!!!!

Glad to be back!!

*Sandy Meggyes*  
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Secretary



# BARBEQUE

Saturday, July 29th

3:00 p.m. to ???

at

Irene, Krys & Jo's

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