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Emergency & Turnworkers Association**

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FAST TALKING

DATE:	EVENT:	LOCATION:
February 3-4	WCIRABC - Barnes Lake	Ashcroft, BC
February 17-18	WCIRABC - Barnes Lake	Ashcroft, BC
March 2-3	WCIRABC - Barnes Lake	Ashcroft, BC
March 9	IRDC School	Seattle, Wa
March 16	Driver Training	Portland, Or
March 23	Driver Training	Victoria, BC
March 23	TC Driver Training	Portland, Or .
March 30	Driver School	Mission, BC
April 20-21	ICSCC	Portland, Or
April 27-28	ICSCC	Mission, BC

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MARCH	2	Homestead Motorsport Complex (with Indy Car) Homestead, Fla.
APRIL	13	Toyota Grand Prix (with Indy Car) Long Beach, Calif.
	27	Bosch Spark Plug Grand Prix (with Indy Car) Nazareth, Pa. (oval)
JUNE	1	Miller Genuine Draft 200 (with Indy Car) West Allis, Wise. (oval)
	8	Grand Prix Molson du Canada (with Formula One) Montreal, Que. (near Mark Miller)
JULY	13	Molson Indy Toronto (with guess who) Toronto, Ont.
AUGUST	4	**TENTATIVE** Grand Prix Player's Ltee de Trois-Rivieres (with Trans Am) Trois Rivieres, Que.
	11	Miller Genuine Draft 200 (with Indy Car) Lexington, Ohio
	18	Texaco/Havoline 200 (with Indy Car) Elkhart Lake, Wise.
	31	Molson Indy Vancouver (with most of us) • Vancouver, BC
SEPTEMBER	7	Toyota Grand Prix of Monterey (with Indy Car) Laguna Seca, CA

HIGHLIGHTS FROM ICE RACING AT BARNES LAKE!

January 27 & 28 sparked the start of the 24th annual season for WCIRABC. The 2.8 km course was plowed in such a way that most cars wouldn't see top speed, but would certainly have to know their turning ability. The low point of the weekend was the temperature, minus 26 with another minus 12 wind chill on top. Karnloops was reporting minus 40 degrees so we figured we were pretty close. The highlights, in a nutshell, included:

- Saturday mornings' alert, when Fred barrel rolled his car over a 4 wheel drive subaru stuffed in a snow bank between turns 2 & 3. Both drivers OK but a spectacular launch off the snow.
- Rescue ranger Fred and Mighty Mike riding behind the truck on a tire like sub zero water skiers.
- Both of them rope towing 26 (yes 26!) cars out of the snow in only two races!
- A certain unnamed dog eating the waivers, the turn books, lunch bowls, chip bags, etc, etc.

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A BIG THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING MAYDAY CONTRIBUTORS:

Jeanette Horwood. Barb Moewes,

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE RACE SCHEDULE FOR 1996

	DATE	TRACK	SANCTION
MARCH	9	SIR	IRDC SCHOOL
	16	PIR	DRIVER TRAINING
	23-24	VICTORIA	DRIVER TRAINING
	23	PIR	TC DRIVER TRAINING
	30	MISSION	DRIVER SCHOOL
APRIL	20-21	PIR	RACE
	27-28	MISSION	RACE
MAY	3	PIR	TC DRIVER TRAINING
	11-12	SPOKANE	RACE
	25-26	MISSION	RACE (TENTATIVE)
JUNE	1	SIR	IRDC SCHOOL
	8-9	PIR	RACE
JULY	6-7	MISSION	RACE
	19	PIR	DRIVER TRAINING
	20-21	PIR	RACE
	27-28	SIR	SCHOOL
	27-28	SPOKANE	RACE
AUGUST	3-4	MISSION	RACE
	10-11	VICTORIA	RACE
	17-18	SEATTLE	IRDC RACE
	30	PIR	TC DRIVER SCHOOL
	31-SEPT 2	PORT ORFORD	TC RACE
SEPTEMBER	7-8	MISSION	DRIVER TRAINING
	14-15	PIR	RACE
	21-22	MISSION	RACE
	28	PIR	TC DRIVER SCHOOL
OCTOBER	5-6	SIR	IRDC RACE
	12	PIR	ENDURO
	13-14	MISSION	ENDURO/FORMULA FESTIVAL
	19	SIR	ENDURO
NOVEMBER	26	PIR	DRIVING SCHOOL
	9-10	SEATTLE?	ICSCC BANQUET
	16	PIR	DRIVING SCHOOL

The Buliten Board.....

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

Pat Moffat as the Member of the Year, Randy Rahn as the “Rookie of the Year” and Lyn Yeo as the “Non-META member of the year! The lucky recipients were given the awards at the META Banquet on January 20, when a. good time was had by all. Many thanks again to Charmaine Meakings for organizing such a great event!

ACCURATE RACE SCHEDULES NEEDED FOR MAYDAY ...

Being on a limited budget, the Mayday staff do not join all of the clubs, and therefore do not receive all of the racing schedules to provide updates. If you belong to a club that would like to have their schedule printed, please forward an accurate copy to the Editor for (space permitting) publishing.

VARIETY CLUB TELETHON; DRIVERS AND PHONE PEOPLE NEEDED ...

Now is your last chance to help out with the 30th annual telethon. If you would like to drive people around in a new rental car for a couple of hours on the Telethon Weekend (Feb 10 & 11), please come out to show your support. Other assistance is usually required, so if you don't like to drive they still need assistance with the phones and such. Please contact Vic Kennedy or Barb Moewes to register or for more information.

NO ALCOHOL PLEASE ...

To acknowledge the concerns over bylaws and obvious liability issues, race days at Mission will end with the traditional burger feast, but will now include non-alcoholic beverages.

MONEY TO SPEND ..

If you have an idea for an item(s) to purchase with the casino money, send it in to the executive so that we can start planning before the purchase deadline. We need to determine what we will be purchasing instead of the radios & computer equipment that were planned for the original casino application.

VANCOUVER MOTORSPORT SHOW....

META will have a display at the show on March 1, 2 & 3. If you can assist by attending the display at the PNE fairgrounds, please contact Marc Rovner at 986-3497.

CALLING ALL ARTISTIC MEMBERS ...

If you can draw, design, or just be creative, bring your ideas for a new laminated membership card to the META meeting in February.

IT'S R.O.D. TIME AGAIN ...

If you would like to obtain the ICSCC newsletter and have a chance at winning a worker award at their annual awards banquet, then contact Roger Salomon for your membership application to the Race Officials Division (ROD).

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pam Reynolds

FROM: Jeanette Horwood

DATE: January 3, 1996

SUBJECT: MOLSON INDY VANCOUVER

Hi Pam,

Andrew Watts of REVV, e-mailed us and asked that we pass on this information to you. So here it is:

"Flag marshals interested in working at the 1996 Grand Prix are invited to contact:"

Automobile Club de l'Île Notre Dame
Comptoir Postal Centre Duvernay
CP 41014
Laval QC Canada
H7E 5H1

E-Mail address: otiosport@aei.ca

Voice Phone: (514) 664-7011
Contact: Claude Giroux, General Manager

That's it. Thx!

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MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month

INFORMATION: Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

And In That Split Second

by Steven Bibby

The turnmarshall yells for everyone's attention on the car. You turn and see two thousand pounds of screaming metal come hurtling towards your station, spinning out of control at nearly 100 miles per hour. There is no question that the impact will occur, only a question of where. Your eyes are locked on the car as it gets closer, and you dare not look away in the hopes of some hint to the direction it will take. Things appear to happen in slow motion, as if choreographed by some twisted producer of racing carnage.

At the last moment, the ground reaches up and grabs a corner of the car, the sudden traction turning it viciously away from your station to careen off the wall next to you. As you and the other workers dive to the ground, your mind begins racing through a checklist of thoughts that were to have prepared you for this moment.

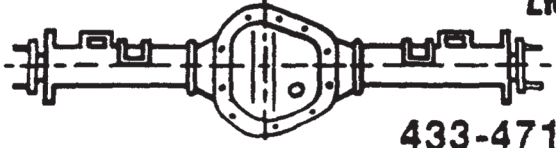
The car goes sliding past and you jump to your feet ready to start your response. In that split second, your body has switched to auto pilot and you begin to react as "first out" with the knowledge that comes from years of watching, listening and training. The checklist has begun, and a simultaneous questionnaire is asked and answered in the microsecond before your feet begin to move.

- Was anyone or anything hit? Are the other workers OK? Is the driver OK? Have we called an ALERT? What caused the car to spin? Is another car involved? Is there still debris on the track and will it cause another car to spin? Is my back covered? Have appropriate warning flags gone up? Has the communicator radioed in? Do the other drivers know? Have they slowed down enough for me to respond? Where will the car land? Can I make it to the car safely? Where will the closest extinguisher be? Is there smoke or fire? Can the car still be driven? Will I need extraction equipment? Is there a safe place to bring the driver? Flat tow, lift tow, dry Sweep what help will I need?

Before you move in the direction of the car, you have answered most of these questions to yourself. The trust you hold in your fellow turnworkers blindly answers the larger portion. Once you determined that they were still standing you had no hesitation about doing your part. The Turn Marshalls instructions in the morning meeting, your experience, and the hypothetical situations that were discussed have answered the second portion. You know where to respond, what to bring, and who will be there to back you up.

The name of the game is teamwork. With the right amount of training and forethought, the response will be handled like a well oiled machine. While calls are radioed, flags go up, assistance is dispatched and the track is cleared. When the dust settles, you think back to the incident and realize that you can't even remember the car number. Not to worry: your co-workers have taken care of that for you.

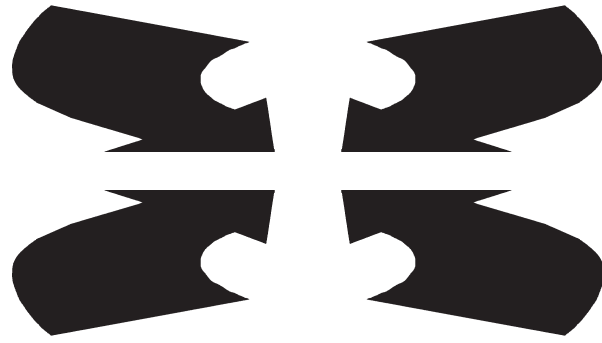
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in the Mozarella's parking lot- Pinetree Way & Lincoln Avenue
drives meeting @ 9:45 A.M.. First car out @ 10:00 A.M.
entry is by pre-registration. Cost \$10 per person, late registration is \$15
registration opens Feb. 14, 1996 closes March 17, 1996
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please make your cheques payable to Meta
and entry fees and names of your team to

Vic Kennedy
1342 E 27 Ave.
Vancouver, B.C.
V5V 2L8

- please bring a chair and tv tray type table if you got one •
- Please be sure to note the new starting location and new starting time. •

Dear M.E.T.A. member,

I would like to say thank you for making my trip to Canada the best holiday I've had. When I arrived, I had no idea what to expect. As I had only seen marshal's (turnworkers) from the other side of the fence. But now I know how to use a fire extinguisher. Also how to blue flag, even if the cars in front of minis seemed to be blue flagged more than most other cars.

I would like to say that I know how to yellow flag, but Roger seemed to need help in that department, as he got told off many a time by our communicator, especially going to the loo or was that because of eating all of them berries at station 6, or the overnight motel we stayed at?

I will never forget the Indy race and the race preparation on the Thursday. I never knew how much hard work goes into such a race to make it a success.

I suppose I had better say congratulations to J. Villeneuve on winning the Indy Championship. Now we will see what he can do in Formula 1 against British drivers. I won't say more on that subject as bombs might come through the post.

Well, because I had such a great time over there, I thought it was right to send some 15 dollars out to join META as an international member, so when you take the vote I won't look through the glass to your left.

So again thank you to:-

Ann,(President)

Roger, (poojer of Canada)

Bonnie, (I won't say that Seattle quote)

Mark, (RX7)

Mark (worldwide reporter)

Timing and scoring ladies at the Indy (sorry I've forgotten their names)

and any other members I met that made my holiday the greatest of them all!

Might see you next year.

From

Matthew Bower

PS The photo shows how Turn 6 in Seattle was hard at work, answers on a postcard to the mystery person.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The enclosed photograph was confiscated by the President- no explanation given! So JERRY + SUE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING "INDICAR ACTION ALTERNATIVES".



**MINUTES OF M.E.T.A. MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 24, 1996**

Meeting called to order at 7.35 pm. 27 members and one guest, Derek Plumbetz, in attendance. Minutes of AGM November 22 1995 were read and amended. Moved by Vic Kennedy, seconded by Don Souter to adopt the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Treasurer - Doris

Accounts*- General revenue \$2,204.51, Equipment fund \$5,373.77, Gaming account \$11,505.30 for a total of \$19,083.58. Banquet- greater participation expected. Club had to pay for 50 dinners - subsidized banquet by \$489.00. Ian Wood IWE Rear Ends Only donated \$125 for wine at banquet. Joe remitted \$50 from social, Don Souter \$170 from sale of pins, decals, etc. Reminder that membership renewals are due now.

Correspondence - Marc

Letter from motorsport fan/collector in Malaysia soliciting T-shirt/decal/pin in return for same. Marc to send requested items. Letter from Christine Henderson, Volunteer coordinator Molson Indy Vancouver thanking club for hospitality at banquet and requesting meeting with Executive to discuss potential improvements for Indy activities. Ann and Marc to attend. IRDC newsletter.

Social - Joe

A fine selection of assorted brand name paraphernalia to satisfy even the most eclectic tastes for the draw, also beer. Ann noted many door prizes from the banquet left over would be used for future events such as the META rally.

Mayday - Steve

Wants Vintage racing schedule. Needs articles. Deadline for articles is close of monthly META meeting. Thomas noted that he now has a fax machine (home #) for anyone wanting to avoid long distance charges when faxing to Steve.

Membership - Thomas

18 regular and 10 honorary. Membership renewal time has just arrived.

Historian - Joe

Photos album at meeting. Graham Moffat donated 15 to 20 year old ice racing photos to archives.

Training - Roger

Planning open forums starting March. Would like to hold Turn Marshall training session. Training sessions will be publicized to attract new members. Jo has been working on communicators training program and now has race simulation table built by Vic.

Race Chairman

Roger announced that Irene Mitchell is new assistant Race Chairperson with Bruce Yeo.

Course Marshall - Roger

Received approval through SCCBC to build turnstation shelters. Lumber already purchased. Plan to build in early March.

Old Business

Banquet - Ann thanked everybody who attended banquet. Guests appeared to have a good time. Executive plans to discuss next year's banquet soon with a view to finding a new location.

Trophies - Ann advised that Member of the Year trophy was full, so keeper trophy was to be awarded at the banquet pending completion of new perpetual trophy being made by Nick. Pat Moffat presented with worker of the year trophy as she was unable to attend banquet.

Membership cards - Ann noted that a discussion on laminated membership cards had been held previously with input on design requested by current meeting. To date no input received. Input will be accepted and encouraged for February meeting.

Policy and Procedures - Ann advised that copies of revised document available from Thomas.

Club Affiliations - it was moved by Steve Bibby seconded by Barb Moewes that "prior to joining or renewing membership in another organization, notice of intent be distributed to the members at least 14 days prior to a general meeting where the proposed renewal or joining must be voted upon." Ann advised that at the last meeting Steve incorrectly advised that a similar motion had already been passed. A general discussion on merits and efficiency of voting on renewals ensued. Graham Moffat called the question. Voting - 7 Yes, 1 - No, 9 abstentions. Motion passed.

Break 8:10 to 8:30

Race Logs - Rick Neyedli has given Ann the records submitted to him. Sign in at race events is an ongoing problem. Club needs to implement a better system for next year.

Fire Extinguishers - Steve requested information on replacement product for halon. New product has apparently been approved for computer room systems but not for portable extinguishers. Mike Zosiak advised E•crew will look into matter.

New Business

META rally - Vic advised date set for March 24. Rally to start from Pinetree Center in Coquitlam meeting in parking lot across from Mozzarella's restaurant at 9:45 am.

Telethon - Participants must complete a registration form -see Vic.

Race Classes - Brian Meakings advised a new race class has been approved by Conference for 96 called Prepared Street that is between Showroom Stock and Production in degree of modification.

Worker Injuries - Mike Zosiak noted that worker injuries were not being handled in an efficient and timely manner, notably the injury to Craig Yorston at last year's Knox Mountain Hillclimb which was finally reported to the insurance company in the last month. A general discussion ensued on the correct procedures and the need to clearly delineate those procedures for all concerned. Irene and Mike volunteered to research and draft a set of procedures and policies.

Motorsport Show - Marc advised that show will be held March 1, 2, 3, 1996 and that META will have a display. Contact Marc to volunteer to staff booth. Marc to organize.

Equipment - Ann advised that SCCBC has requested an equipment wish list. A list has been faxed to SCCBC.

President's Report

Ann gave a big thank you and a round of applause to Charmaine for hard work put into banquet. Ann said she was very pleased with the interest in and willingness to work with META shown by Christine Henderson. She is very supportive of META's efforts and would like to meet with executive. META decal has been placed on the Indy show car.

Good and Welfare

Driver training - Pat Moffet advised that per Al Ores, workers will be fed on driver training weekend.

Survival packs - Steve presented information on a company offering various emergency survival packs. More information to appear in Mayday. Lisa Schinzel has had a baby boy 7lbs 4 ozs named Andre Christopher Michael. Executive to send card from Club. Trans-Am - A Trans-Am race will be held in Reno on September 22. Mission - Beer will no longer be supplied to workers at end of the day. Soft drinks, coffee etc will continue to be provided.

Draw.

Thomas - beer - Bryan Nuttall - hat and anti-fog cloth - Genevieve - hat and calendar - 50/50 draw - Vic

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm moved by Roger, seconded by Irene. Motion carried.

Marc Rovner, Acting Secretary