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FAST TALKING

DATE:	EVENT:	LOCATION:
March 2-3	WCIRABC - Barnes Lake	Ashcroft, BC
March 9	IRDC School	Seattle, Wa
March 16	Driver Training	Portland, Or
March 16	WCIRABC AGM/BANQUET	Ladner, BC
March 23	Driver Training	Victoria, BC
March 23	TC Driver Training	Portland, Or
March 30	Driver School	Mission, BC
March 31	SCCA Regional Race	Portland, Or
April 13-14	SCCA Regional Race	Bremerton, Wa
April 20-21	ICSCC	Portland, Or
April 27-28	ICSCC	Mission, BC
May 3	Driver Training	Portland, Or
May 4-5	SCCA Dbl. Regional Race	Portland, Or
May 11-12	IRDC Race	Spokane
May 18-19	Knox Mountain Hill Climb	Kelowna, BC
May 18-19	SOVREN Spring Sprints	Seattle, Wa
May 25-26	ICSCC	Mission, BC
May 25-27	SCCA Dbl. National Race Seattle, Wa	
	* * All race dates are subject to change or cancellation	n without notice * *



LET'S TALK

M.E.T.A. has been in existence for over 20 years now, and during that time it has grown in many ways - in numbers, in experience and in reputation throughout the racing community. As the current president, I take pride in telling people that I belong to M.E.T.A. and what we do to ensure safe racing for all, from the local club racer who races on a shoestring, to the professionals such as those in Indycar or Formula 1.

I personally have learned a lot in the last six years since I first came up to Westwood on a wet June weekend, and not only about racing. I have learned a lot about myself - if anyone had told me when I started that I would soon be talking in front of a crowd of people every month, and most times even enjoying it - I would have said they were "away with the fairies" as we used to say back home! I have learned about the many different people who are involved in one way or another with making motors port fun and safe, some at a local level, some at a higher level. Equally important to me, I have learned about the other M.E.T.A members, their personalities, and, yes, their peculiarities, all of which makes each one of us a very special individual.

Our club Executive has always stressed the importance of open communication, that we are here to listen and to try to solve problems that arise. If you are not comfortable speaking up at a meeting, either call one of us or write to us - I have said this many times before. If we don't know about the problem, we can't try to fix it - it is that simple. All too often it seems that some members talk amongst themselves about what's wrong or could be better but do nothing to approach the Executive directly. I hear rumblings about people not coming to the meetings any more, but get no input from anyone as to why they don't want to come along. I hear that our training sessions are not what they should be, but all too often those who could help improve them do not come to the Executive with suggestions. We all have our strengths and our weaknesses - let's try to make one of the strengths in M.E.T.A. open, honest communication and put an end to the constant bickering and backbiting amongst individuals so that we as a club can continue to grow and develop, and go from strength to strength.

Ann Peters

ONLY ONE MORE "MAYDAY" BEFORE MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE!

At only \$15.00, it would be a great value at twice the price! Yes, your META membership is quality value for money. Where else can you be tuned in to the latest local racing schedules, news, updates, and just plain opinionated rumours. Send your cheque, money order, visa/amex/mc card (cards not guaranteed to be returned), gold bars, rubies, etc payable to META c/o our friendly membership coordinator:

Thomas Liesner 13425 - 87B Avenue Surrey, B.C. V3W 6G7

(Don't forget to attach a note indicating any change of name, address or phone number)

The Buliten Board.....

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.

COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND "CASINO MONEY" PURCHASES...

If you have an idea for an item(s) to purchase with the casino money, contact Rick Neyedli, Steven Bibby, Mike Zoziak, Irene Mitchell, Brian Meakings, Ashley Chester or Ann Peters. This committee will be coming to the club with recommendations of what we should purchase before the deadline. We need to determine what we will be purchasing if it isn't the radios & computer equipment that were planned for the original casino application.

CALLING ALL ARTISTIC MEMBERS...

If you can draw, design, or just be creative, bring your ideas for a new laminated membership card to the next META meeting. We may also change the design of the logbook to suit the information we now record for club records. Send in your ideas or bring them to the meeting!

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).

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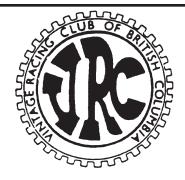
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MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month

INFORMATION: Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

COOPERATION WINS AGAIN

Many thanks to the Editors of the Northwest Sports Car News, The Pit Pass, The International Race Drivers Club News and the Western Canadian Ice Racing Association of BC newsletters. All of these organizations now share their newsletter with the Mayday staff so that we can ensure the most accurate and up to date reporting of your racing news. The racing schedule on the following page is provided courtesy of Tim Dutton and the Northwest Sports Car News.

Thomas Lends a Hand, Again.

.... and as the ship goes hurtling out of control, our courageous Hero Spiff fights madly to bring a sense of order to the insanity and chaos. Thrashing blindly against the onslaught of bizarre information, our hero finally succumbs and is temporarily enslaved with the ruthless mind altering power known as, "Editors Syndrome"! Who will save the world now???? Stay tuned....

HELP WANTED

Have you ever planned a meal, listened to music, phoned somebody or made a decision about arranging something? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then META needs your help! Charmaine is planning our next META banquet, and she needs the assistance of three or so helpful people to plan, organize and then schedule the banquet. If you can assist, please call her directly at 46 7-7 510.

WESTWOOD KARTING ASSOCIATION

Cordially invites any META members to flag at their races, held at the Tradex Center in the Abbotsford Airport. Racing starts at approx 11:00 am on the following dates. Any questions, please contact: Steve Walters at 433-8320 or Jack Taylor at 922-9548.

March 23-24	Race	June 22-23	Race
April 6-7	Race	June 29-30	Gold Cup Race
April 14	1 Day Practice	July 13-14	Race
May 11-12	Race	August 17-18	Race
May 18-19	Race	September 7-8	Race



Making Tracks

The Meta Car Rally Committee proudly presents

The 1996 Meta Car Rally

to be held on March 24, 1996
this year starting at the Pinetree Village Mall in Coquitlam
(east of Coquitlam Center. lougheed Hwy & Barnet Hwy)
in tha .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
(or if you prefer opens Valentine's Day closes St. Patrick's Day)
please make your cheques payable to Meta
and entry Fees and names of your term to

Vic Kennedy 1342 E 27 Aue. Vancouver, B.C. VSV 2L8

Please be sure to note the new starting location and new starting time.

Because of the location of the BBO, there will be no alchohol allowed at this META Function.

ROGER'S INFORMATION UPDATE

Yes - the 1996 season has begun, even if it is only on TV. It looks like it is going to be a good and exciting year, local and out of town. The Executive, newsletter editors, Rally committee etc have been busy all winter to make 1996 an even better year.

As you probably already know, this year Conference changed the point system thus making winning the championship harder. I think it will encourage more drivers in Conference to visit Mission Raceway, this being a plus for us. Latest news is that the first race in Spokane will happen and I am sure they need all the help they can get. Travelling time to Spokane is approx. 7 to 8 hours - a long way from home.

M.E. T.A. got the OK to build the workstations in Tum 4, 5 and 6 at Mission so as soon as the weather gets a little warmer there will be a work party - date will be announced.

I think that we as M.E.T.A. members are committed to help the growth of our Club. Just think if every member were to bring a new worker to the track, all of a sudden we would be well staffed and could devote some time to giving everyone a chance to work in different departments to see how the other side lives, thus giving a better understanding all round of the organizing aspect of running a race. Let's make it happen.

Two dates to make a note of -

There will be a turn marshalls meeting on Tuesday March 19th at 7:30 pm sharp at M.E.T.A.'s headquarters 10952 McAdam Road, Delta.

Open Forum training for all members Tuesday April 2nd at 7:30 pm sharp also at M.E.T.A.'s headquarters 10952 McAdam Road, Delta.

Racetalk

- There is talk of increasing R.O.D. membership dues for 1997 more details later this year.
- Portland plans to have Winston Cup yes, the big boys hopefully in 1998. Keep everything crossed for that one happening what a show!
- Saturday March 30th NASCAR North West Tour in Monroe, Washington.
- Driver Training at Mission on March 30 and 31.

That's all for now - Roger

Feb.	4	Road Racing Seminar, Redmond		7	Trans Am, Minneapolis
1 00.	10-11	VetteHiPerf swap meet, Puyallup		13	Formula Atlantic, Toronto
	24-25			13-14	
	25	Trans Am, St. Petersburg, FL.		14	WW Solo #5, location tba
Mar	2-3	NWR Comp. Driving School, Bremerton		14	IMSA weekend, Sears Point
17141	2-3	SFR Comp. Driving School, Thunderhill Park		14	F-1, Silverstone, UK
	17	WWSCC Solo #1, Kent		20-21	NWR Solo II National Tour, Kent
	9	OR Test'n Tune, Portland		20-21	Hill Climb. Kalamath Falls, OR.
	10	F- L Australia		21	BSCC Solo# 5, Bremerton
	16-17	SFR Regional, Sears Point		27-28	SFR Solo II Divisional San Francisco
	17	Trans Am. Homestead, FL.			PRO Rallysprints. ORV Park, Elma
	17	IndyCar, Rio de Janiero, Brazil		27-28	
	23-24				IRDC race, Spokane
	30	OR Comp. Driving School, Portland		28 28	SSSCC Solo, Tri Cities F-1, Hockenheim
	31	OR Regional Race, Portland	Ana	2-4	
	31	BSCC Solo # 1, Bremerton	Aug.	3-4	OR (race format not set), Portland SCCBC race, Mission
_	31	F-1, Brazil		3-4	Hill Climb, Willow Creek, CA.
Apr.	7	F-1, Buenos Aires		4	BSCC Solo #6, Bremerton
	12-13	,		4	Trans Am, Trois Rivieres, Canada
	13-14	Regional Race, Bremerton SFR National, Thunderhill		9-11	SFR National, Sears Point
	13-14	Blue Mountain Solo #I, Walla Walla		10-11	Hill Climb, Williamina, OR.
	14	WW Solo #2, Kent		10	Trans Am, Watkins Glen
	13	Formula Atlantic, Long Beach		11	Blue Mountain Solo #3, Walla Walla
	14	Trans Am, Long Beach		11	IndyCar & Atlantics, Mid Ohio
	21	Trans Am, Phoenix		11	F-1, Hungary
	20	NWR Solo II School, Kent		16-18	Monterey Histories
	21	NWR Solo II #I, Kent		17	Trans Am, Road America, Wis.
	27-28	SCCBC race, Mission B.C.		18	NWR Solo II #5, Everett
	28	BSCC Solo #2, Bremerton		18	Formula Atlantics, Road America, Wis.
	28	SSSCC Solo, Tri Cities		18 17-18	IndyCar, Road America, Wis. IRDC race, SIR
	28	F-1, Nurburgring		24-25	Hill Climb. Billings, MT.
May	3-5	Rim of the World PRO Rally, CA.		25	WW Solo #7. Kent
	4-5	OR Double Regional races, Portland		25	SSSCC Solo, Tri Cities
	5	F-1, San Marino		25	F-1. Belgium
	11-12 18-19	, 1		31-9/1	_
	18-19			31	Formula Atlantic, Vancouver BC
	19	Solo II event #2, Kent	Sep.	1	NWR Solo II #6, Kent
	19	Trans Am, Mosport, Quebec		1	Trans Am, Dallas
	19	F-1, Monaco		1	IndyCar, Vancouver BC
	26	NWR Solo II #3, Bremerton		7-8	OR Double Regional races, Portland
	25-27	*		7-8	Pro Solo Finals, Topeka
		SCCBC race, Mission		7	Formula Atlantics, Sears Point, CA.
	26-27	SSSCC Double Solo, Tri Cities		6-8 8	IndyCar, Laguna Seca, CA. F-L Monza
	27	BSCC Solo #3, Bremerton		10-13	
	27	Trans Am. Lime Rock			Pacific Coast Road Racing Championship,
June	2	WW Solo #3, location tba		10 10	Sears Point, Sonoma CA.
	2 7-9	F-L Barcelona. Spain Wine Country Histories, Sears Point		14-15	Hill Climb, Targhee, WY.
	8	Oregon Trail PRO Rally			SOVREN Fall Finale. SIR
	8	Trans Am. Detroit		21-22	SCCBC race, Mission
	8	Formula Atlantic, Montreal		21-22	,
	9	Blue Mountain "Air Fair" Solo #2. Walla Walla		22	BSCC Solo #7, Bremerton
	14-16	Rose Cup (Rgl/Natl w/chicane), Portland		22	Trans Am, Reno
	15	WW Solo Practice. Chehalis		22	U.S. FF2000 series, Reno
	16	WW Solo #4, Kent		22	F-1, Portugal
	16	F-1. Montreal		29 28-29	NWR Solo II #7, Kent
	21-23		Ont	5-6	Regional Race, Bremerton
		SFR Double Regional, Sears Point	Oct.	6	Prescott Forest PRO Rally (co-ef3), Arizona Blue Mountain Solo #4, Walla Walla
	23	BSCC Solo #4, Bremerton		12	NWR Solo II #8. Bremerton
		I.T & PRO weekend, S.I.R.		13	BSCC Solo #8, Bremerton
	29-30 29	Hill Climb. Emmett. ID.		13	F-1, Suzuka
	30	Trans Am, Cleveland NWR Solo II #4. Kent		19-20	· ·
	30	SSSCC Solo, Tri Cities		26	SCCBC Enduro, Mission
	30	F-L France Nov.	Nov.	8-10	Pacific Forest PRO Rally
July	5-7	SOVREN 8th Annual Histories, SIR			
3	5-7	OR Double Regional races, Portland			
	6	PRO Rally, Reno			EDULE COURTESY OF
	6-7	SCCBC race, Mission		TIM	DUTTON & SCCA
	6-7	Hill Climb. Oakridge, OR.			

February 28, 1996 - Minutes of Monthly Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:40p.m. In attendance were 43 members and 2 guests - Steve Walters and Jack Taylor, Westwood Karting Club. Minutes read. Amended to show Irene as being interested in a training position as Assistant Race Chair. Amended to show Steve not saying he would put more info in Mayday about survival packs.

Vic moved minutes be adopted, Brian seconded.

Ann introduced Karting Club members Steve Walters and Jack Taylor. Presentation made re: Karting Club. Tradex Centre home track. 10 races, will need 5 workers per race. Also need an official starter, would be at all races. Lunch money and donation to META for each day corner workers there. Schedule submitted. Flaggers needed at 10:30 or 11:00 a.m. We will publish information in Mayday.

Treasurer's report

Collected some membership money. \$1,580.14 in general; \$4,375.99 in equipment; \$11,509.99 in gaming. At last Exec. meeting decided to take money from equipment fund and put it in 6 month term deposit. If we need the money we can take it out.

Correspondence

Karting brochure. One B.C. Outdoor newsletter Ann forgot.

Social

Beer, assortment of odds'n sods, hats, shirts, posters.

Membership

50 paid, 10 honourary, bunch of people for new membership - Ian Cook from California, Gerald Nemenishin (works with Dr. Wong), Lynn Yeo (non-member of the year), Kedre Murray, Candy Christolear. All in favour, none against, no abstentions.

Historian

Brought photo albums, will be looking for more pictures from different specialties, pre-grid, timing and scoring, safety, etc.

Training Committee

Advertising campaign go to local newspapers prior to first conference race. Reason is we get better results if we have an exciting race for new workers. Turn Marshalls meeting March 19, Tuesday night, 7:30p.m., at Roger and Ann's, for all Turn Marshalls and those who want to be, talk about setting up proper booklet with information to go to turns with accident reports, etc., so they know what to put into report, and train workers. April 2nd, 7:30, also at Roger and Ann's, open forum, discuss different incidents. Will have small meeting prior to race day to talk to new workers, then talk to them afterwards. Marc is going to contact Capilano College to check out cost of training video. Vic came up with helmet camcorder, he and Ann wrote to Sony, they couldn't give us one for nothing, but we can talk.

Race Chairman

Bruce Yeo still working on race committee. Injecting new blood, some new changes to be announced by Sports Car Club meeting in couple of weeks, should be finalized. Everyone should be pleased, try things a little differently.

Course Marshall

Roger says Nick. Nick says Roger. Rogers says it was a good year. let's make this year even gooder.

Mayday

Steve should have accurate up to date information on schedules. We will put each club's full schedule in once, then every three months will print chronological information. Big thank to Tim Dutton who sent a copy of racing schedule that includes most of entire west coast, including professional racing series. Plus he has articles and new exciting stories. Thomas will be Editor for next little while Steve takes another course.

Old Business

Redesigning META log book. Marc has come up They were not given any ideas. with a sample. He says they're very inexpensive to reproduce. Laminated type membership card - Marc has an idea for a new card, would have room for photo, logo of Club. Ann asked for any other ideas to be brought forward,

Charmaine came to Exec. meeting, discussed changing banquet date to Saturday after January META meeting to allow members to buy tickets at META meeting. Also discussed charging extra \$5.00 per person if tickets bought at last minute. We would also like to set up a banquet committee. Would like one person from possibly three different areas. If we go for the change in banquet date, next year would fall on Robbie Burn's Day, so may be a problem to get a facility. Would be okay if we book now. Roger suggested an early bird draw for a door prize. Membership asked how they felt, need to change policy and procedure manual. Roger says good idea, any tickets purchased after Wednesday META meeting would be charged late fee. Brian made motion, Graham seconded, to change META banquet to be held on Saturday following January META meeting. Unanimous, none against, no abstentions. Will leave forming of committee until next meeting.

Still on banquet, outstanding business. Craig Yorston presented with trophy for boner award, service in the line of duty. Also gave Bruce Yeo Lynn's novice of the year trophy.

Gave our wish list to the Sports Car Club, was an "off the wall" list, they went through it with a big red pen, not much left. Leaf blower was on list, they said rent one first to see if it works. Ann priced them, \$650.00 each. SCCBC looking at replacing some of the fire bottles (dry chem) and looking to buy truck for use at track, workhorse truck. Steve brought up water bottles, but we have enough for now. Casino funds and equipment fund moneys still need to be spent. Casino funds - suggestion of Clubhouse in a portable building. Marc is checking into. A single or double wide 40 foot trailer, could have general meetings, microwave oven, focal point at the track. Marc can't go further until he gets a stronger sense from membership. Sports Car Club says no problem with having at track. Rick think a committee should be set up to decide how money should be spent to get members' input. Rick, Steve, Mike, Irene, Ashley, Brian, Ann are committee. Rick and Steve will decide on meeting date. Graham made a motion that we purchase jaws of life. Says would cost about \$8,000.00, Darren seconded. Ann says they've inquired into it, would cost about \$20,000.00, don't have that. If the committee wants to make that the object of the next Casino night, could do it that way. Bruce said jaws of life available through Duncan Anderson, arrangements made. Radios, did a lot of research a few years ago, it seems your best bet is to buy accessories you need, i.e. headsets, radios themselves should be rented. Roger asked about landline. Bruce says would have to make an agreement with Custom Car Club. Motion to buy jaws of life withdrawn.

Worker injuries. Irene and Mike have prepared an information sheet. Will put in Mayday, then will be put in race packets.

Ann discussed visit she and Marc had with Christine Henderson. Good session, exchange of information. She has ideas to bring people together; good P.R. Ann offered them four tickets for car rally. We're going to exchange club newsletters. Received schedule from Matthew for Brands Hatch. Ad at the back for BRSCC. Bonnie sending them letter telling them about us, asking for info from them.

Car shows - Marc says it is this weekend.

Driver training March 30 and 31. Saturday noon on need a few workers. Sunday will be a normal racing day, should end about 3:00. Marc has poster for driver training, asked that we distribute them. Graham says beverage and stew available for workers Sunday evening.

Fire extinguishers - replacement for halon. Mike says White Rock District Fire Chief says he knows a patent has gone through. As for any other information, Mike will keep us posted.

Car rally - Vic says registration open. Will close on the 17th, late entry of \$5.00. Location and time changed for start of car rally and party - see your Mayday. Party being held in public park, no alcohol. Registration \$10.00 per person.

Vice-President's report

Sent package off to Malaysia. Ad going into Western Driver, now is the time to get involved, very inexpensive for ad. Article will be appearing also. Need to look at truck for E-crew, looking into sponsorship. Motorsport show discussed.

New Business

Roger thinks should look at more crests. Brian spoke to home show person about pens on a string. Has his card.

President's Report

Ann discussed need for interaction. Too often we make suggestions and everyone just goes along. If we don't know about a problem, we can't fix it. If you have a problem, don't be anonymous, make yourself known and ask questions.

Good and Welfare

Graham in Tacoma on weekend, heard that Turn 5 at S.I.R. no longer exists, slipped down onto railway track. Says Double National in May has been cancelled. (Exec. will check this out.) Legend cars, 60 booked to go into B.C. Place, might be on our driver training or conference weekend.

Ann says at race admin. meeting, change to black flag, black flag all will mean standing black on all comers (instead of standing yellow) red flag start finish will be waving black, no passing under black flag (waving).

Deryk Forster had surgery. Bob Randall was in hospital for couple of days. Both thankfully doing better. Al Hewson's wife was in a serious accident last year. We didn't know about that until the telethon.

Brian talked about red flag at ice race, never saw it work so well. General discussion about ice racing goings-on.

Roger talked with Conference Race Steward, he wants to see fewer pace cars during races. As long as tow truck properly flagged through course shouldn't be a problem.

Ann said has ROD information.

Marc brought Indy posters. Also had brochure re: U.S. 500 in Michigan. Driver's Den doing race team pool. Left info re: all for members to review.

Nascar Northwest Tour March 30th season opener.

Swap and Shop

Marc needs racing car parts dual webbers, manifold, fuel cell, 280Z brakes & struts.

Raffle

Jerry Lomas – beer Don Souter - hat, cooler bottle Vic Kennedy - one odd and two sod's 50/50 – George

Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Bonnie Healy, Secretary

