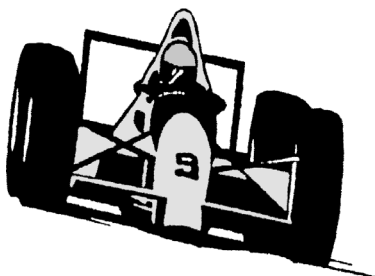




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SPEED READING

DATE	CLUB	EVENT	LOCATION
June 1	JRDC	Driver School	Seattle, WA
June 8-9	CSCC	ICSCC	Portland, OR
June 14-16	SCCA	Rose Cup	Portland, OR
June 21-23	IndyCar	GIJoe200	Portland, OR
June 22-23	Westwood Karting	Go-Carts	Abbotsford, B.C.
June 29-30	Westwood Karting	Go-Carts	Abbotsford, B.C.
June 29-30	CACC	Solo	Squamish, B.C.
July 1	VRC	Vintage Club Day	Mission, B.C.
July 5-7	Sovren	Histories	Seattle, WA
July 5-7	SCCA	Double Regional	Portland, OR
July 13-16	Westwood Karting	Go-Carts	Abbotsford, B.C.
July 12-14	IndyCar	Molson Indy	Toronto, ON
July 19	CSCC	Driver Training	Portland, OR
July 20-21	CSCC	ICSCC	Portland, OR
July 27-28	IRDC	Driver School	Seattle, WA
Aug 2-4	SCCA	Regional	Portland, OR
Aug 3-4	SCCBC	ICSCC	Mission, B.C.
Aug 5	SCCBC	ASN Regional/Vintage	Mission, B.C.
Aug 10-11	VMSC	ICSCC - tentative	Victoria, B.C.
Aug 17-18	IRDC	ICSCC	Spokane, WA
Aug 17-18	Westwood Karting	Go-Carts	Abbotsford, B.C.
Aug 30	TC	Driver School	Port Orford, OR

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

e-mail the editor

For those members who are surfing the net, I have recently joined the ranks of the computer crazed Yes I have acquired an internet account to try my clumsy typing fingers at surfing the net. If you have articles you wish to submit to the mayday you can submit them via e-mail at "tliesner@axio.net.com". And by some strange coincidence you can also reach the membership chairman at the same e-mail address (small world huh !).

a friendly reminder

Just another reminder to all local members of META that to work at the 1996 Vancouver Indy as a turnworker or communicator, you will be required to work a minimum of three races at Mission. There have already been three events at Mission as of May 27 and there are another three events scheduled before September, which gives you lots of time to get your three races in.

Thanks go to this month's contributors Ann Peters, Roger Salomon, Vic Kennedy and Steve Bibby.

The Bulletin Board

BOBBY RAHAL TO RUN SIR

This years Pacific Northwest Histories to be held on July 6 & 7, is happy to announce that Bobby Rahal will be attending the event and driving some of the rare cars.

INDYCAR SWEEPS IROC

The April 28 IROC race held at Talladega, was the first race in the 20 year 78 race history of the series to boast a full podium of Indy Car drivers. Al Unser Jr. finished first, Robby Gordon came in second and Scott Pruett was third.

STREETS OF SQUAMISH

The Streets of Squamish solo even is being held in Squamish on June 29 and 30. If you wish to attend as a worker please contact Vic Kenndy at 876-5981 or Barb Moewes at 277-7951.

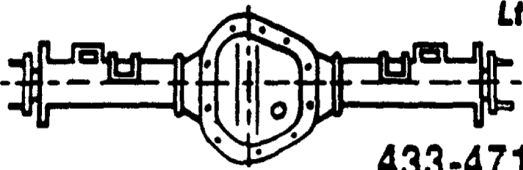
TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF META:

I have been the editor of the Mayday for less than one month and find that I have to put certain procedures in place for anyone wishing to contact me. For those of you that don't know my day job is driving truck for Neptune Foods working a 4 day week, 10 hours a day. My work days can start anywhere between 3:30 AM - 6:00 AM (that's the times that I am not working graveyard shifts), which means I have to get up anywhere between 2:30 AM to 5:00 AM, so I am usually going to sleep at 9:00 PM.

If you wish to call me please do it before 9:00 PM. The best time to call is between 6:00 and 9:00 PM. Since I usually work Saturdays, I get 2 days off during the week, You have a good chance of getting hold of me at home during the day. I do have an answering machine so you can leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. If I am on graveyards it may take a couple of days to get back to you. For those of you who are surfing the net I have recently acquired an e-mail address. You can e-mail me on the www at tliesner@axionet.com , Thank - you.

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A-KARTING WE WILL GO!

As you may remember, earlier this year, M.E.T.A. was asked if we could provide some cornerworkers for the go-karting events, held at Tradex Centre, on the edge of Abbotsford airport. We sent our intrepid scout, aka Bonnie, to check it out at their first event of the year, which happened to coincide with our own (infamous) car rally. The weather looked perfect - lots of sunshine and not a cloud in the sky, although the temperatures were more in keeping with the middle of winter than late March in Vancouver. There was a biting wind blowing and in the open spaces at the airport, poor Bonnie soon turned into a pillar of ice. However, in the true M.E. T.A. tradition, she persevered and in spite of the cold, found that she enjoyed her day and the good racing that was to be seen. So much so, that she persuaded a few more of us to join her at the next event.

Roger, Nick and myself did not know quite what to expect, but we were welcomed with open arms and given such a grand introduction, that we felt we really had to make a good impression and earn the lunch money that had been handed to us as soon as we arrived! It was certainly a lot different to road racing - usually our drivers don't pick up their vehicle to get it off the track quickly - and we used only the yellow flag, but there was some excellent racing. There were also a few scary moments during the races when the whole pack seemed to be using me as a target as they came swarming around the hairpins, but for the most part they all made it through safely and no damage done. In fact, my worst moments came not from the drivers, but from the extra help who insisted on running with his yellow flag to where the incident was and then calmly replacing the tire barriers with his back to the traffic in the impact area, while the whole field was coming through. I am sure I added a few more grey hairs to my head that day!

At the end of the day, it was incredible the number of people who came up to thank us for being there - they genuinely appreciated the help, and we were more than happy to turn out again a few weeks later under similar circumstances, although this time the cornerworker known as the invincible man was nowhere to be seen which made me breathe a lot easier! I know that on another weekend, two more of our members went to help and they were also made to feel very welcome.

If you would like to give it a try, I can highly recommend it. The hours are very civilized, usually from around 10 a.m. to 5 p.m, and often for Sunday only, so give Bonnie a call and she will give you all the information you will need. Try it- you might just love it!

KNOX MOUNTAIN HILLCLIMB 1996

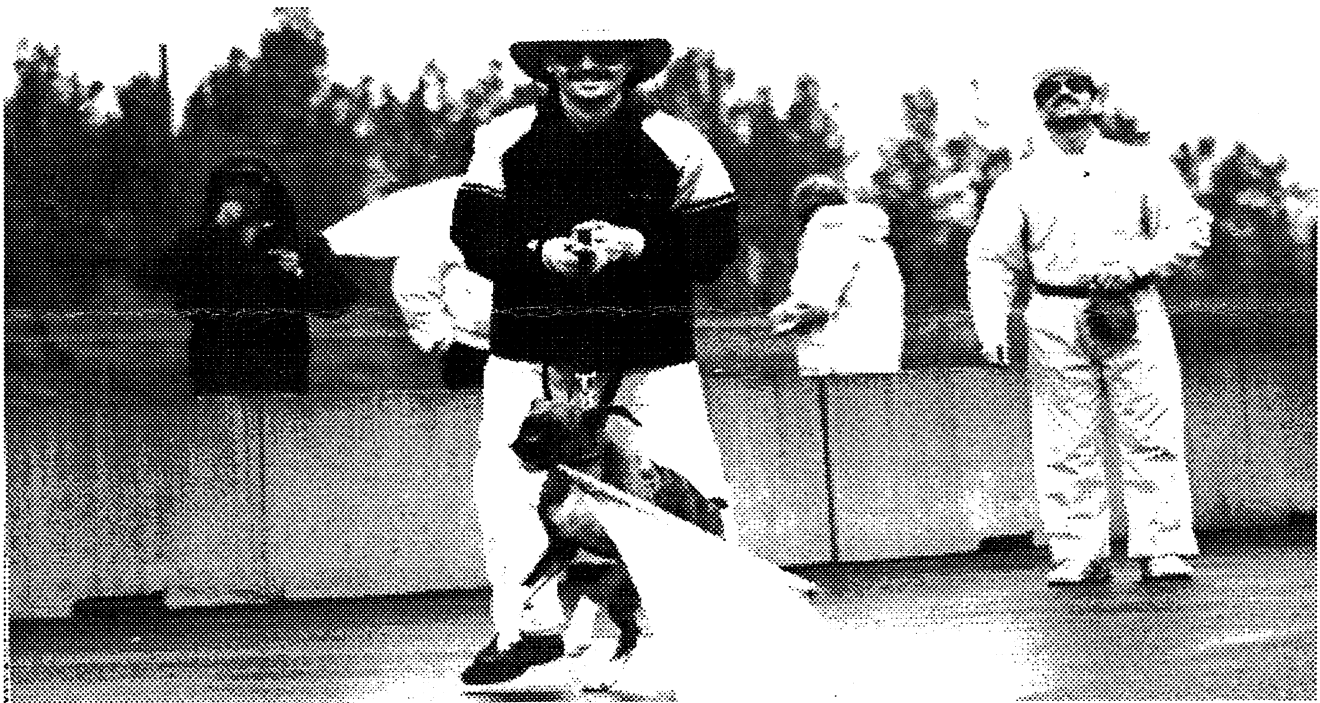
This years Hillclimb had less off road activity than any I have been to recently. Other than one particular pink Dodge Charger and a few stalls, hail caused most of the delays. The drivers were warned at the start of the wet track conditions on the course.

Next year will be # 40. If you know anyone who competed in the early years, contact them or the O.A.S.C.

Vic Kennedy

P.S. One driver who won his class also received the honour of the slowest time of the weekend. Maybe if you cruise you can find all the apexes.

RACING CAN BE A DOGDAY AFTERNOON



I just want to know which one is the Tum Marshall ?

COURSE MARSHALL'S REPORT

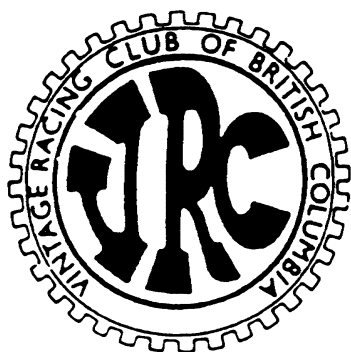
With two ICSCC races in Mission behind us, it was very refreshing to see all those new faces around the track. First race we had 58 workers, not including E-crew and Tech - pretty good, eh? Second race we were less fortunate - 29 workers, but we had quite a few regulars absent. Both races were very successful and we had very few problems, so it all went very smoothly, apart from one M.E.T.A. member driver who almost changed that, going through Turn 5!

As you may have noticed, we changed a few things at the second race to help E-crew speed up the end of the day and there were no complaints so we will continue bringing in the equipment on Sunday night.

So now we only have one more problem – who's gonna cook the hamburgers next race weekend? Any volunteers, please let me know. Let's give E-crew a break.

REMEMBER if you want to work Indy, you have to support amateur racing in Mission. Only two more events left before September 1st!

Roger



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MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month

INFORMATION: Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

MINUTES
META MINUTES
MAY 22, 1996

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with 29 members present and 2 guests - Fred Shelley and Steve Walters from the Karting Club.

Minutes from the previous meeting of April 24, 1996 were read. Motion to adopt the minutes as read - Nick Roche seconded by Don Souter.

TREASURERS REPORT:

General Account	\$2081.64	Equipment	\$78.19
Term Deposit	\$5300.00	Gaming	\$11,051.38
TOTAL:		\$18,511.21	
GST Tax Return received - \$507.72 with \$2.42 interest.			
Westwood Karting Club - \$100.00			
Joe - Social - \$50.00			

Steve Walters thanked the members who had come out to work their events and presented them with Greg Moore posters. Ann expressed her appreciation and enjoyment at working the events.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Westwood Karting News Gaming BC Newsletter

SOCIAL:

Odds and Sods - T-shirts, hats etc.

MAYDAY:

Thomas is in need for more articles for the Mayday. He has also set up an e-mail address.

Graham advises that the July 6 & 7 race dates scheduled for Mission are incorrect.

Ian Wood has expressed interest in sponsoring the Saturday night banquet at Mission for the event in August in conjunction with Molson Indy and REVV. Mrs. Hamm would like to cater the function providing Baron of Beef, mashed potatoes and vegetables.

Squamish Solo Event: June 29/30 if you would like to participate please contact Barb or Vic.

MEMBERSHIP:

84 Regular 10 Honorary

TRAINING COMMITTEE:

Roger advises that we have been training some new personnel and it is going quite well. The TM evaluation sheet was well received. Roger calculated that we had 60 workers present for the past race weekend, these figures did not include E-Crew.

It was a great turn-out in comparison to the Spokane event where there were only 2 people per turn. Roger advises that we are expecting new people to come out this weekend. Roger would like to again switch the responsibility from TM to the

ATM to offer more cross-training. We are looking at a low number of workers for this weekend at this time. we were again informed that the TM needs to be informed of any calls and that the TM has the final say on the calls eg: Pace Car etc.

RACE CHAIRMAN: NOT PRESENT

Roger and Ann reiterated that Turn 6 is the designated turn to help E-Crew out at the end of the weekend with putting away the equipment, rain or shine. Mike Zosiak felt that assignment of the equipment be placed in the hands of the TM's and it can be picked up and turned in at the end of the day at the SCCBC trailer. Mike is feeling very discouraged by the lack of support by members for the end of the weekend clean-up. It is felt that there are always the same group of people who are always there doing the job. We all stand out elements and should share in the responsibilities of tearing down the track at the end of the weekend. The conversation was concluded, with the discussion and a plan of attack to be discussed with the members of the executive and Mike Zosiak during the break.

COURSE MARSHAL: Sign-up sheet for the weekend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike has researched information on Halon replacement (CFC foam). The approximate cost for a small non-refillable bottle is \$10.00. Mike advises there are different sizes available with a varying degree in cost. The brochure will be left at the front table for anyone who is interested in more information. With regards to the equipment from the Fire Department, Mike has been playing telephone tag with the Chief but will continue to follow up. Graham informed us that to replace a Halon system on a race car could cost anywhere from \$2-3,000.

META MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES:

Gerry Lomas	5 Years	Emil Hamm	5 Years
Dave Forster	15 Years	Pat Moffat	15 Years

Crests & T-Shirts - Follow up is required. Ann suggested that we give every worker at the Molson Indy this year a token of appreciation. Examples of some of the ideas are: shoelaces, bandanas, sunglass holders. Any and all ideas would be appreciated.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Speedy Muffler has sent us a cheque for \$250.00 along with 15% discount cards for use by members. We had a display at Lougheed Mall thanks were extended to Manfred and Brian for staffing the display. We have had a excellent response from the last race, all the feedback received was excellent. A letter was sent to SCCBC re: trailer and confirmation on the turn stations. Marc advised that Rob Currie has not yet had the opportunity to meet with the Kustom Kar Club on this issue but was hoping to do so within the next 10 days. REVV personnel are excited to have participation at the Mission

event in August and are looking forward to the functions planned for that weekend.

Marc is looking into arranging worker rides around the track. Should be a fun weekend of camaraderie. Race Weekend Donations for the Food Bank-this weekend we will highlight baby food. Ads will be running in the local newspapers for this weekends event. No new pavement has been laid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brian questioned if Meta had been approached to work the motorcycle race scheduled for the end of May? Barb felt that they would be supplying their own workers. Fred advised that he had 2 - 18" strobe bars for sale and a set of jaws. The jaws are valued at \$7,000. but he would sell them to Meta for \$5,000.00. Ann thanked Fred for his offer but we had decided to delay the purchase of jaws as a future endeavour.

Charmaine advised that the banquet committee has met and they are looking at facilities in New West, Burnaby and E. Vancouver.

Rule Update: Conference - glasses worn by drivers must be safety approved. CACC - Graham has a copy of the new CACC rule book, in which it states that during club days at Mission drivers must be wearing a 4 part harness.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Nothing that hasn't already been discussed.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Peter and Freddie Brandt say hi! Jim McRaes' birthday today. George has more gloves for sale. Meta has business cards available if you would like to have some please see Roger and Ann. Russ requested some Meta brochures for the Pre-Grid area.

We will again have a worker draw this race weekend with money donated by the Mazda drivers and merchandise left over from the Meta banquet.

SWAP & SHOP:

DRAW: Fred Shelley-Beer Mike Zosiak-Hats
Rick Neyedli-Hats Barb Moewes-50/50

Motion to adjourn the meeting; Russ Mitchell seconded by George Chambers 9:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Irene Mitchell