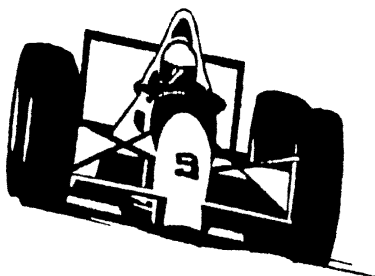




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## SPEED READING

| DATE      | ORGANIZATION | EVENT          | LOCATION      |
|-----------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Oct 4-5   | IRDC         | ICSCC          | Seattle, WA   |
| Oct 11    | CSCC         | Endurance      | Portland, OR  |
| Oct 18-19 | SCCBC        | CACC           | Mission, BC   |
| Oct 25-26 | SCCBC        | CACC/Endurance | Mission, BC   |
| Nov 8     | ICSCC        | Banquet        | Seattle, WA   |
| Nov 15    | SCCBC        | Banquet        | Guildford, BC |

## AGM...

Meta's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 26, 1997. We will be voting in a new executive, so if you wish to run for office or have a say in next years executive, please attend the meeting.

## wcircbc...

WCIRCBC is holding their first meeting of the season on October 8 at the Venue Place Restaurant in New Westminster Phone Brian @ 467-7510 for more information.

## THE END... of another Molson Indy Vancouver



# WORKER PROFILE

Barb Moewes

as told to Vic Kennedy

HOMETOWN RICHMOND B.C.

OCCUPATION PARTIME 911 CALL TAKER, POLICE DISPATCHER

MAIN JOB AT THE TRACK

HAS DONE ASST. RACE CONTROL, TURN MARSHALL, RAN THE FIRST ALL FEMALE TURN CREW AT WESTWOOD, PRE GRID. DUTIES NOW - PRE GRID FOR THE KOOL TOYOTA ATLANTIC SERIES, TIRE MARKING & TECH, STANDING START PERSONELLE

ACTIVITIES OUT SIDE RACING

VOLUNTEER AT THE VARIETY CLUB TELETHON [THANKS VIC], VOLUNTEER AT THE WORLD FREESTYLE SKIING, VOLUTEER AT THE POLICE SUBSTATION IN STEVESTON, SKIING, HORSE BACK RIDING, MALIBUING AND KARTING, SLALOMING WHEN SHE CAN BORROW A CAR

INTEREST IN RACING

HAD WATCHED RACING ON TV, WAS AT THE PRO WEEKEND WESTWOOD 1967, SAW THE MALL DISPLAY AT LANSDOWN MALL, WORKED HER FIRST RACE IN MAY 1985 AND HAS NEVER LOOKED BACK

MOSTGRATFYING

THE PEOPLE - THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS, THE LOVE OF THE SPORT, GETTING INVOLVED WITH A SPORT I LOVE, PEOPLE MAKE OR BREAK THE SPORT

PET PEEVE

HIGH HEELS & NICE HAIR AFTER A LONG HOT DAY

FAVORITE TRACK

WESTWOOD

FAVORITE TURN

TURN 4 WESTWOOD, TURN 10 PORTLAND

FAVORITE FIRST EVENT

WORKING ATLANTICS AT WESTWOOD, BLUE FLAGGING GTPTURN 3 PORTLAND

FAVORITE FOOD

SEAFOOD & PASTA

FAVORITE RELAXATION

ROOLERBLADING AROND THE SEAWALL/STANLEY PARK

FAVORITE MOVIE

E.T.

ADVICE TO NEW WORKERS

TRY ALL THE DIFFERENT AREAS AVAILABLE TO WORKERS BEFORE YOU SPECIALIZE

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

TURN 2 AT WESTWOOD.EQUIPMENT STILL AT THE SIDE OF THE TRACK AND BOTH BARB AND THE TM MISS THE CARS ON COARSE, IN THE SCRAMBLE TO GET SET UP SHE STUMBLED, TWO VEES SPUN AT THE EXIT OF 2 AND SHE WAS WAVING A YELLOW FLAG FROM HER HANDS AND KNEES.

FAVORITE CARS

RACING-GTP AND ATLANTICS  
STREET-VIPER, F-40, PORSCHE BOXSTER

BIGGEST THRILL

BEING ASKED TO JOIN THE ATLANTIC SERIES STAFF

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO

WIN THE LOTTERY TRAVEL AND GO RACING!

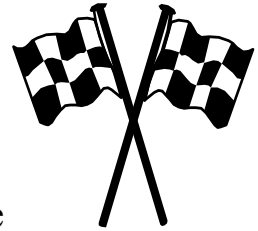
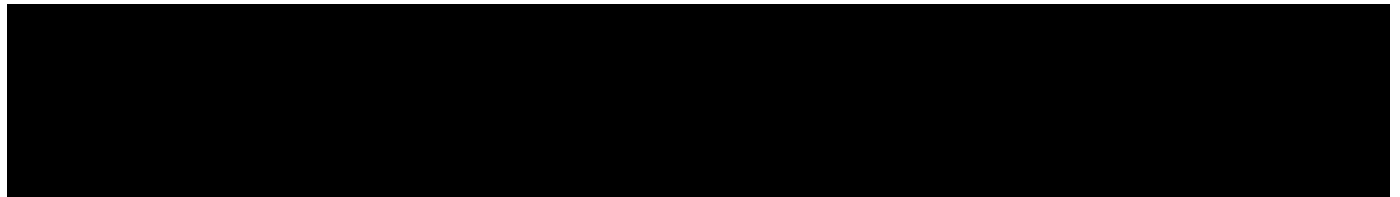
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING 3 YEARS FROM NOW?

HAVING JUST MADE A CAREER CHANGE, THE SAME THINGS I AM DOING NOW.

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## Change of Address



For only \$20.00, you could have your name embroidered onto the flag that turnworkers will wave for years to come! What better gift than to see the name of your team, your sponsor, yourself or just your good friend waving on the turn. Help support your local turnworkers and have your name added to one of the new META turn working flags. Contact Steven Bibby at (604) 942-6041 to make the arrangements.

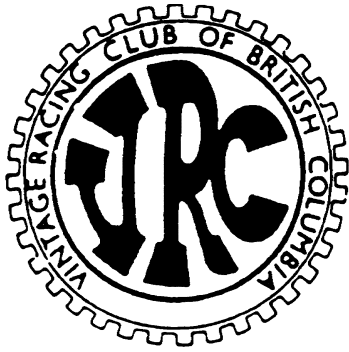
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## ICSCC BANQUET

This years Conference banquet is being held on November 8. Once again its at the Seattle Marriott- SeaTac @ 3201 South 176<sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle Wa. You can phone them at (800) 228-9290 for room reservations. Conference has arranged for a block of rooms reserved for Friday and Saturday Nights at a cost of \$84 per night for either singles or doubles.

Banquet tickets are US\$35 per person. You can get your tickets from Donna Gibson 921 NE Avenue Portland OR 97230, Phone # (503) 665-5961. Tickets need to be purchased before October 30<sup>th</sup>.



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

**MEETINGS:** 2nd Tuesday of every month

**INFORMATION:** Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

The following is part of Nigel Roebucks column from Autosport magazine August 7.97 which some of you might find interesting, and also raises some questions.

"I remember the last few laps at Silverstone very well because I was very hot and thirsty, and every time I went through Becketts the marshals were standing there, drinking beer from pint mugs and taunting me as I went through. On the last lap I signaled to them that I would like a drink myself., so after I got the flag I stopped at Becketts, and was given a pint I had my crash hat off, and drove in with a drink-it foxed a lot of people ...

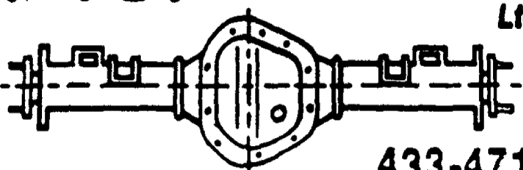
The story of the beer and the slowing down lap comes from an earlier era in Formula 1. The quote comes from Mike Hawthorns book, CHAMPION YEAR, and concerns the 58 British Grand Prix, in which he finished second to Ferrari team mate Peter Collins.

Now as a member of M.E.T.A. this raises several questions for me, as follows.

- (a) Should the driver have to keep his helmet on while drinking and driving?
- (b) Should you serve a drink to the race winner first?
- And most important
- (c) Do we have to share our beer with the bloody drivers.?

From  
Steve Cooper.

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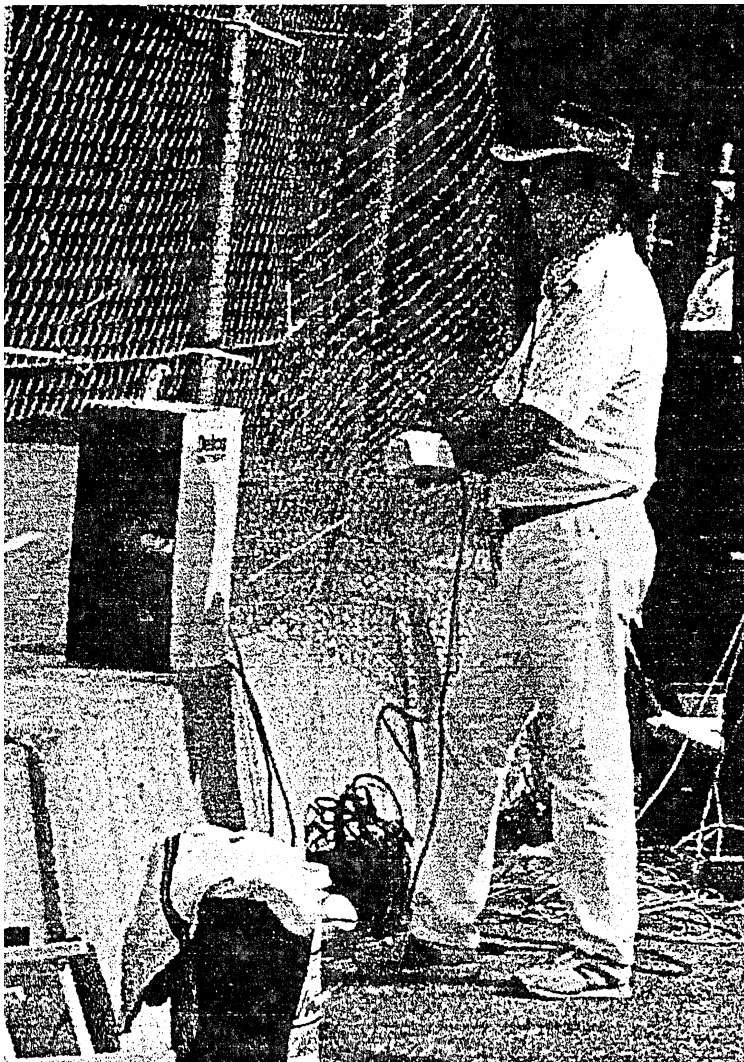


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hard at work at the  
vancouver indy**

# SIMPSON

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESTRAINT SYSTEMS

FIGURE 1

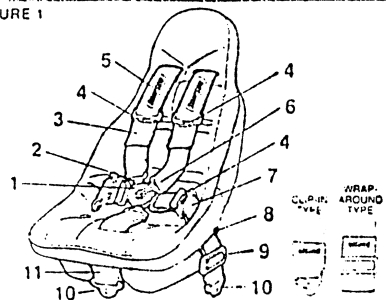


FIGURE 1

Shown: 5-Way CamLock Type Restraint System

- 1) CamLock Buckle System CNC machined from 6061-T-6 billet aluminum alloy with hardened steel tumblers.
- 2) Stainless steel tabs (CamLock only).
- 3) Looped webbing adjuster.
- 4) Forged roller adjuster with slotted release tabs.
- 5) Shoulder Harness: Military specification nylon webbing.
- 6) Computerized double tacked cross box sewing construction.
- 7) Lap Belt: Military specification nylon webbing.
- 8) Heat cut and sealed webbing ends.
- 9) 3-Bar slide adjuster.
- 10) Forged bolt-in type hardware.
- 11) Anti-submarine belt: Military specification nylon webbing.

FIGURE 2

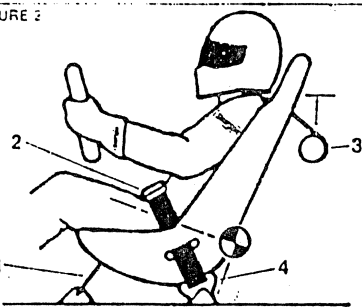


FIGURE 2

Become familiar with the installation, use, and operation of your system.

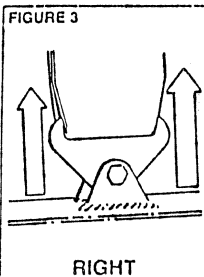
- 1) Anti-submarine belt should be anchored behind the chest line.
- 2) Seat belts anchored apart, the width of driver, at an angle of 45 degrees to the floor of the car.
- 3) Anchor shoulder straps at a point four inches below top of shoulder.

- 4) Seat belt anchor should be positioned 2-1/2" forward of the driver's extended back line.

All mounting brackets should be attached directly to the frame or chassis of car, and installed to limit the driver's body travel both upward and forward. **DO NOT MOUNT TO THE SHEET METAL FLOORBOARD.**

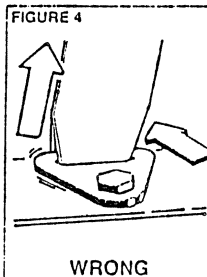
Information taken from the "1993 NHRA RULEBOOK".

FIGURE 3



RIGHT

FIGURE 4



WRONG

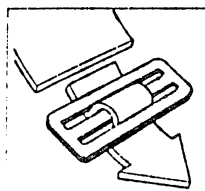
FIGURE 3 & 4

Mounting brackets should be installed at an angle that is compatible with the direction of pull on the webbing under full load.

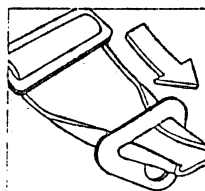
Minimum specification for bolts and washers to attach the seat belts, harnesses and anti-submarine belt hardware are Grade 8.

#### STRAP INSTALLATION

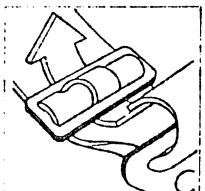
**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE BOLTS INSERTED THROUGH BELT WEBBING ACCEPTABLE FOR MOUNTING.**



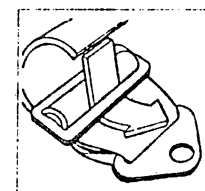
STEP 1: Insert strap through lightning buckle



STEP 2: Pull strap to 8"-10" beyond buckle fold edges and insert into mounting bracket.



STEP 3: Fold back strap and re-insert through buckle as shown



STEP 4: Fold back strap again and insert through bottom portion of buckle

#### ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT RESTRAINT SYSTEMS

**Q: Why doesn't Simpson stock belts and restraint systems?**

**A:** Every system is made when ordered to insure a current SFI date.

**Q: How often should I reweb my belts or have my belts inspected?**

**A:** Some Sanctioning Bodies require the belts or system be rewebed two years after the date stamped on the SFI tag. However a belt that is fraying, been exposed to harmful chemicals or the environment may need to be rewebed sooner. Consult your Sanctioning Body for more information. In any event other than normal use, **DO NOT USE THE SYSTEM AGAIN, EVEN IF IT APPEARS OK.** Return to Simpson for inspection. Simpson will inspect and reweb only Simpson Products.

**Q: What is the advantage to "Pull-up" or "Pull-down" type belts?**

**A:** Which one you use is a matter of personal preference and the equipment you're using. For example, does the belt go through the seat? Will you adjust it, or someone on the crew? What hardware works best with your set-up? Bolt-in, Clip-in, or Wrap-around? The "Pull-ups" are 62" in length. The "Pull-downs" are 52" in length.

**Q: Are Simpson Restraint Systems DOT (Department of Transportation) approved?**

**A:** No. Simpson Systems are SFI approved and dated.

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**MINUTES**  
**META MEETING**  
**AUGUST 28, 1997**

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

**GUESTS:** Shirley Olund, Matthew Bower and Gail Fetterman, (not really guests but long distance members here for Indy), Dan Olson, Jake Davis, Rachelle Rovner

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and one error was noted. Membership numbers were wrong. We have 77 Regular, 9 Honourary for a Total of 86. With the correction noted, the minutes were adopted.

**TREASURER:** General: \$3,073.93    Equipment: \$5,497.57    Gaming: \$1,811.28

**TOTAL:** \$10,382.78

We have received the cheque from Bob Lefluffy.

We have \$1800 to spend by the end of September from the gaming account.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Jen one of the workers from last year, she is going to school now and cannot attend races, but hasn't forgotten about us. Very nice letter !!

**SOCIAL:** Odds and sods, and beer. Gail Fetterman has donated 2 hats and Brian Nuttall has donated some autographed posters.

**MAYDAY:** More articles please !!

**MEMBERSHIP:**            77 - Regular                            9 - Honorary.                            Total - 86.

Roger Bergman was nominated and voted in as a new member!

**HISTORIAN:** Photo albums are here. Joe advised he has some new pictures of the Fire Training that took place in North Vancouver.

**TRAINING COMMITTEE:** Fire Training - There was a light turn out for this training, but it was very successful. Roger noted that you should check to see how the pins are fastened in the fire bottles.

**Training Discussion:** The discussion centered around the upcoming Indy- Roger advised that the "EHoles" are much smaller this year. Roger also noted that for the Indy next year, we will need at least 25 more people, and the track is approximately 1 km longer and way faster.

**LETS START RECRUITING NOW !!**

**RACE CHAIRMAN:** Not present.

**COURSE MARSHALL:** Nothing to report. See you at Indy!

**OLD BUSINESS:** Have received quotes for \$1300.00 for a 16 x 20 awning and \$1500.00 for a 20 x 20 awning. Brian Nuttall also submitted a quote for approx. \$1800.00 as well for an awning. A decision needs to be made by the end of September.

Flags are ready- \$20 per flag to sponsor a flag, contact Steve Bibby with your requests.

The IWE barbeque was a great success.

Membership Cards - the new ones are available.

The new fire bottles are here. We just need to put our logo on them ..

Insurance for trailer- Letter to be re-sent to SCCBC getting clarification on coverage.

Infoline - Marc Rovner is working on it.

Teddy Bear Hug Fund -The bears from the Car Rally will be turned over to the Coquitlam Fire Department on August 23. This has been postponed because the Fire Marshall is on holidays. Irene to set up a new date and advise.

Trailer Security - Mike Z just needs to get the measurements for the windows, and the bars are in.

REVV/META/SCCBC Mixer - August 3- good time was had by all.

Indy - Registration will be at the Seaforth Amories. All other information was mailed out to the workers.

Mike Z. noted that the "E" truck needs a flat strap, a 1" tow rope, tarp and bungee cords.

Internet- Kedre advised that our file will be put on the Racer Ring. Kedre also noted that she would welcome any input for our file. The website address for our file is on the Mayday.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

We have META sweatshirts for sale, available in three colours (white, grey and green). They have the META logo and Molson Indy logo embroidered on them. \$30.00 each.

Work Party - a date to be decided on later.

**VP REPORT:** The Teddy Bear Fund Drive has been changed to the September 20 from August 2 weekend. The bears will be donated to the Mission Fire Department. Irene will advise when the bears for the Coquitlam Fire Department will be turned over.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Nothing new- still need volunteers for the booth at BC Place for Indy.

Mark also advised that the Indy Giveaway for this year will be a whistle.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:** Bob & Hilda Randall attended the meeting. Good to see you again !!

IOCO Hill Climb is Sept 6 & 7, if interested please contact Vic or Irene.

Roger mentioned that he heard Brian Nuttall was on the Latrimoe in the Morning Show.

Bonnie and Gail noted that the Fluella (Chief Recorder for CART) and her husband Bob would be celebrating their 50th anniversary Indy weekend. META will present them with some flowers at the morning meeting.

**SWAP & SHOP:** Marc Rovner is looking for a Formula Ford.

Nick Roche has four 13" Honda rims and tires for sale.

Bernie advised that he has an apartment size stackable washer & dryer for sale at \$350.00.

**DRAW:** Shirley - Beer      Andrew C - Hat      Rick - T-Shirt      Brian N. - 50/50.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 24, 1997 - 7:30 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 .

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Forward, Secretary