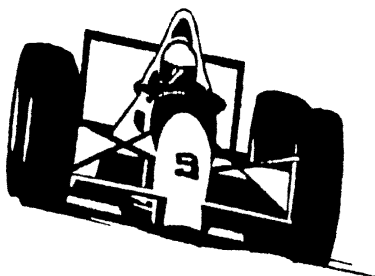




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DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVENT	LOCATION
Jan 3-4	WCIRCBC	Ice Race	Barnes Lake, BC
Jan 10-11	WCIRCBC	Ice Race	Barnes Lake, BC
Jan 17-18	WCIRCBC	Alternate	Barnes Lake, BC
Jan 24-25	WCIRCBC	Ice Race	Barnes Lake, BC
Jan 31	META	Banquet	Gui!dford. BC
Feb 7-8	WCIRCBC	Ice Race	Barnes Lake, BC
Feb 14-15	WCIRCBC	Ice Race -Tentative	Vernon, B C
Feb 21-22	WCIRCBC	Enduro	Barnes Lake, BC

the doctor is in ...

With the mail strike over (at least for now) it's time to get back to the business at hand. The membership desk is now open for business. For the low low cost of \$15 you receive your 1998 membership in MET A. and if you net now we will throw in, at no extra cost to you, a years supply of the Mayday, Meta's official newsletter filled with humorous stories, embarrassing photos and the occasional tidbit of gossip. So don't delay and act now. Offer is void where prohibited. Membership dues are payable to Meta (not me). Send your fees to:

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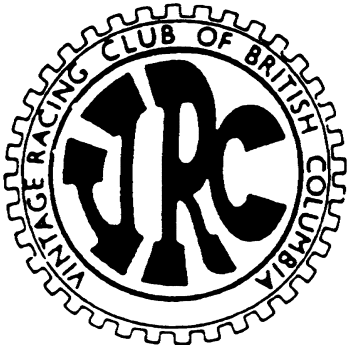
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"..to restore, race, and exchange information...
concerning vintage sports and racing automobiles"

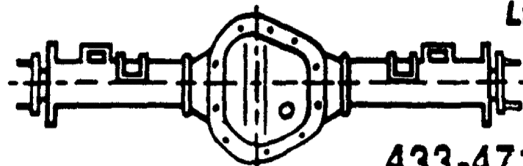
MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month

INFORMATION: Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

For Sale: Cannon BJC-240L Color bubble jet printer. Brand new, hasn't even been taken out of the box.
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The executive is looking for door prizes for our annual banquet. If you can help out please contact the executive so they can co-ordinate their efforts and prevent any attempts of asking the same sponsor twice.

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RESTORING AN OLD CAR

During the winter of 1994/5 I was tempted by the urge to restore an old car. It had to be British, of course, it had to be unusual and restoration had to be feasible. I had seen, from time to time, an advert in the Western Driver for a 1950 Jowett Javelin. Now every one asks what is a Jowett Javelin. The answer is: it was made by the Jowett Car Company in Bradford Yorkshire from about 1948 to 1954 when the company went out of business. They had been around since 1901, but had taken on a car design which they did not have adequate resources to manufacture at a high enough rate to be profitable. The Javelin model was a fast back styled car that had a 1.5 litre flat four water cooled engine, independent front suspension, and a rear axle located by twin parallel links and a panhard rod. The suspension was by longitudinal torsion bars. The body and frame were constructed as a unitized structure. The interior was carpeted, and had a wooden dash board and leather upholstery. The whole car was designed by one man, Gerald Thomas, who was hired in 1942 from the MG Car Company. He later went back to the MG car company and later designed a number of cars for BMC. The Javelin has recently been discovered by the British Classic Car magazine, and selected as the best 1950's sports sedan. More recent aerodynamic assessment gives a Cd factor of 0.39, which is comparable to many current designs.

I remembered these cars from my school days when one of our local doctors used them. They had a reputation for being very fast for their class, and in fact scored a number of victories in races and rallies. About 23,000 were made, the car I eventually bought was one of 416 imported into Canada, and had originally been sold in Vancouver. It finished up in Naramata, and was taken off the road in 1958. It spent some time in an orchard and was stored inside for a while. When I bought it, it had been purchased with the intent of restoration and was stored outside again, but well wrapped up. The engine had been taken out in 1958 and was in pieces. I was able to get a colleague to inspect it for me and to take some pictures, he reported that it appeared to be rust free and in sound condition. I succumbed and duly had it transported to my home near Prince George.

The first summer was spent cleaning a lot the mud from inside, and from off the underside. A local builder of stock car race engines took on the task of putting the engine back together. I was fortunate to obtain a lot of technical information about the car, and the detailed parts list and diagrams helped enormously. There is a Jowett Car Club and they maintain a parts service. I also discovered someone in England who rebuilt these engines as a sideline, so had lots of help at the end of the telephone.

Work only proceeds in the summer as our daily car has to go into the garage during the winter. My Corvette is the other inhabitant of the garage, and that does not live outside in any season. Winter tends to be spent researching sources for parts, and getting things redone. This winter the door panels will be recovered, and I hope to get the dashboard back from a cabinet maker who is repairing some water damage in his spare time.

The engine is now back in the car, and I have had the starter motor turning the engine over to try and get the oil circulating. I have found some leaks and they are fixed. Next year should see the engine firing, and the car mobile under its own power. I would like to get the body painted, and a start on reinstalling the interior. The seats will be the last project. As they will take five skins of leather, as I dread to think of the cost.

So if one day you see a strange British car at Mission, that looks like a small Lincoln Zephyr, it might be my Jowett Javelin.

Robin Fairservice



Photo by Sue Phypers

Here come the men in
blue ... (I know you can't see
it but they are wearing blue suits)

There go the men in
orange ... (hey, it's a theme)



Photo by Gerry Frechette

ANNUAL M. E. T. A. AWARDS
BANQUET

"SHIFT INTO PARTY GEAR"

COCTAILS: 6:30 PM

DINNER: 7:30 PM

AWARDS: 8:30 PM



SEE YOU THERE !

ANNUAL M. E. T. A. AWARDS BANQUET

"SHIFT INTO PARTY GEAR"

M. E. T. A. Banquet Tickets are now available through Charmaine Meakings. The new location for the Banquet will be the SHERATON GUILDFORD INN, Surrey, on January 31, 1998. Ticket price has been increased to \$30 per Person. Please purchase your tickets in advance of January 28/98: any tickets purchased at the door will be subject to an additional \$5.00 late payment fee, per ticket. For more information contact Charmaine at (604) 467-7510. To order tickets, please fill in the form below and send in with cheque or money order to:

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**MINUTES
META MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 1997**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

GUESTS: Mike Hebert, Dave Bell and Albert Duncan.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and one error was noted. The minutes stated that the President was there, but he wasn't -- he just showed up for coffee after the meeting.

TREASURER: General: \$2,709.50 Equipment: \$5,515.97 Gaming: \$21.67

TOTAL: \$8,247.14

We have received the \$2,000 from SCCBC for our participation in the Molson Indy.

Pat Moffatt has agreed to do our books for year end.

We also have some 1998 Entertainment Books for sale -- see Anne.

CORRESPONDENCE: NW Sports Car News

SOCIAL: Odds and sods, and beer. There are also some Cart patches and pins from the Indy.

MAYDAY: Nothing to say - it's all been said. More articles please !!

MEMBERSHIP: 81 - Regular 9 - Honorary. Total - 90

HISTORIAN: Photo albums are here.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: We will hold a membership drive in the spring.

Training Discussion: No discussion was held. It was noted that the Oct 18 & 19 weekend only had 2 people per turn and everything worked well. Everybody helped out - it was great !

RACE CHAIRMAN: Oct 18 & 19 weekend went well. Thanks to everyone for a great job. We are missing one radio - please check for it.

COURSE MARSHALL: Good weekend on Oct. 18 & 19. We were very short of workers and had to get drivers and crews out for awhile on Saturday. Sunny weekend once the fog burned off. Race this weekend. See you there.

OLD BUSINESS: Flags are ready - \$20 per flag to sponsor a flag, contact Steve Bibby deadline is October 31, 1997.

The new fire bottles are here. We will be putting Racers Tape on the bottles to identify them. Roger also noted that the large water bottles were missing. Believe they are in the SCCBC trailer. We will have to mark those as well.

Insurance for trailer - Irene to follow up.

Infoline - On hold until the new brochures are printed up.

Irene to talk to Mike Z about the bars for the windows on the trailer, as well as purchasing a flat strap, a 1" tow rope, tarp and bungee cords.

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.

Roger, Thomas, Rick Z., and Brian N. Put the awning up last week. Looks great- THANKS GUYS !!

Bear Fund -We will be giving our bears from the 1st drive to the N. Vancouver Fire Department. Marc is co-ordinating things. The Mission Fire Department will try to be out this weekend to pick up their bears. Irene stated that they may bring their Fire Trucks and the local media have been contacted.

META Banquet - Charmaine presented two options for the banquet on January 31. One was for the Royal Towers in New West, at \$26.00 per person, minimum of 65 people. The other was for the Sheraton Guilford in Surrey, at \$30.00 per person, minimum of 40 people. A discussion was held and then a vote taken. The vote was for the Sheraton Guilford. A motion was then put forward to increase the ticket price for the banquet to \$30.00. A vote was held and the motion carried.

Nomination Committee was formed - The members are Vic Kennedy, Joe Proud, and Nick Roche. Expect a phone call from them!

WCIRABC- First Meeting October 8, 7:00pm. There will be another meeting held November 21 at the Venus Restaurant in New West.

510 Club- Vic advised that they had a good day. Not many workers showed up.

NEW BUSINESS: Awards Committee has been set up. The members are: Steve Bibby, Doris Gildemeister, Mike Zosiak, Joe Proud, and Irene Chambers. Be sure to turn in your ballots.

ICSCC Banquet is November 8. The ROD meeting will be at 11:00 am.

Website - Kedre would like any and all input regarding our website.

VP REPORT: Said it all above.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: There is a driver that is a member of the Vancouver City Police Dog Squad.

The City has given him permission to use VCP colours on his race car. The VCP are very involved in the Children's Wish Foundation and are very supportive of tying in with our Bear Drives. They are trying to get the message out that racing is a family affair. More info later.

Will have a report in the Mayday.

GOOD AND WELFARE: None.

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

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

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

Brian M. has access to miscellaneous used tires.

DRAW: Karen - Beer Irene - Hat Darryl Ness - Patch Doris - 50/50.

NEXT MEETING: ***Annual General Meeting November 26, 1997 •7:30pm***

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Forward, Secretary