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| Feb 1-2 | W.C.I.R.C.B.C. | Ice Race | Ashcroft, B.C. |
| Feb 8-9 | W.C.I.R.C.B.C. | Vernon Winter Carnival | Vernon, B.C. |
| Feb 15-16 | Variety Club | Telethon | Vancouver, B.C |
| Feb 15-16 | W.C.I.R.C.B.C. | Alternate Weekend | Ashcroft, B.C. |
| Feb 22-23 | W.C.I.R.C.B.C. | Ice Race - Enduro | Ashcroft, B.C. |
| Mar 1-2 | W.C.I.R.C.B.C. | Alternate Weekend | Ashcroft, B.C. |
| Mar 22 | W.C.I.R.C.B.C. | A.G.M. | |
| Mar 29-30 | SCCBC | Driver Training | Mission, B.C. |
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EVENT

LOCATION

congratulations...

to our annual awards winners

Worker of the Year **Thomas Liesner** Rookie of the Year **Manfred Zumm** Non Member of the Year Valerie Thompkins

send in your money...

With the new year it's also time to renew your membership in Meta. We are patiently awaiting your cheques so that we can send you your 1997 Membership cards (now with space for photo id) and logbooks. And as a special bonus if you act now you will receive a years subscription to Mayday- the official newsletter of Meta- at no extra cost. So send in your \$15.00 Canadian now, along with any changes to your name, address, phone number and send it to:

> Membership c/o Thomas Liesner 13425 87 B Avenue Surrey, B.C. V3W 6G7

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Cal Club's worker of the year

Meta's own Ian Cook

(hey Ian, how much did the fix cost you - Roger)

Training Bonanza

There is a Turn Marshall's meeting on March 5th at Roger's house, 7:30 P.M. There is an Open Session on March 28th at 11:00 P.M. at the Mission Track site

Work Party

There is a work party on March 16th at the track to work on our trailer.

Month to Mouth

Any members interested in taking a Basic CPR course, please contact George @ 944-7759. The course will cost \$29. Meta will pay \$15 of the cost for any Meta members who take the course.



meta car rally

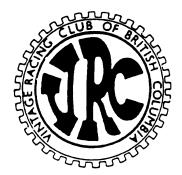
With the delays brought on by illness, our Vancouver weather, Variety Club Telethon, and other time constraints the car rally committee has decided that we cannot complete the rally for the usual March date. We felt that the rally as it now stands is not up to our strict standards, and rather than put on a substandard event we will delay the Meta Car Rally. We will announce the new date in the near future so stay tuned for details.

MISSION SCHEDULE

| March 29/30 | Driver Training |
|-------------|---|
| April 26/27 | ICSCC - Conference |
| May 24/25 | CACC - ASN |
| June 21/22 | Driver Training |
| July 19/20 | ICSCC - Conference |
| Aug 2/3 | ICSCC - Conference (co-hosted with Victoria Club) |
| Sept 20/21 | ICSCC - Conference |
| Oct 18/19 | CACC - ASN |

At this time this only a tentative schedule and is subject to changes

CACC - ASN



Oct 25/26

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

MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month

INFORMATION: Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

META BANQUET

For those that couldn't attend the banquet, you missed a good time. Besides our annual awards we gave away some fun awards. These included "The I couldn't get it up if I tried" award went to Manfred Zumm, Doris Gildemeister got a calendar with all the META meetings clearly marked so she won't miss any meetings, Krystyna Mitchell got the coat hanger award (ask her why yourself) and Roger Salomon was presented a bottle of "Ting" beer by REVV. We also made a couple of serious presentations: Joe Proud got a valise, Pat Moffat got a gift certificate, Vic Kennedy got a jacket (that actually fits) and Leslie Skinner "Hostess Extrordinaire", got a special META shirt. We also had a lot of door prizes. So many that everyone there walked away with something, and we still had some left over.

META would like to thank all those that donated prizes for our banquet. They were:

BF Goodrich, IWE Rear Ends Only, Twisted Racers Winery (a.k.a. Bernie & Emil Hamm)
Comp-tech, Proformance Driving School, Circuit Tire, Gerry Ferchette & Sue Phypers, SCCBC,
Intercity Packers (Gary Mathies), Planet Hollywood, International Karting,
Doris Gildemeister, Gail Fetterman, Roger Salomon, Car Rally Committee.

WORKER PROFILE

Manfred Zumm

as told to Vic Kennedy

Hometown:

Bremerhaven, Germany

First visited Vancouver as a seaman working on a container ship based in Vancouver

Moved to Burnaby in 1976

Occupation:

Shipper/Receiver

Main Activities outside of racing:

Playing drums in a band (helps to relieve day to day pressure)

Senior Soccer - indoors

Regular Job at the track.

Flagging - has had a taste of comm and quick response

Where and when did you first get interested in racing?

Has been interested in racing for over 20 years having attended F 1 race in Germany

Watched for many years at Westwood and Indy races in Vancouver and Portland

Worked as pit crew at Kent

Read about Meta in the Indy Vancouver program

Came to a meeting after receiving our info package and started working races in 1996

What do you find most gratifying about racing?

The greetings and the camaraderie before the morning meeting

Basically the whole package from the first cars on course to the end of day

Pet Peeve:

disappointed at sound control

Favorite Track:

Portland

Favorite Turn:

Seattle 3A

Favorite first year event

Seattle Sovren - the cars were being raced, not just driven around

Advice for New Workers:

Keep your eyes open - be alert

Be aware of the danger from cars and car parts

Favorite Food:

Homemade stew

Favorite Relaxation:

Playing the drums

Favorite book

Biography of Pele

Favorite Movie:

Top Gun

Most Embarrassing Motoring Moment:

Blue flagged the leader

While cleaning up an incident, tossed an \$800 half shaft into the weeds and had to retrieve it

Biggest thrill in racing

Being trackside holding a flag at the Portland Indy race after being a spectator there

Getting a hand from the crowd after a quick oil cleanup at Portland during the Winston West race

What Would You Like to Have the Opportunity to do?

Build the biggest race track in the world

What Would You Like to do Three Years from now?

Getting more experience in META and becoming more involved

Getting more META members out to the races

MINUTES META MEETING NOVERMBER 27. 1996

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Gay Tibbits was visiting from Australia, welcome.

Minutes from the previous meeting were adopted as read by Vic Kennedy and seconded by Sandy Megyessi.

TREASURER: Our year end financial statements and books are complete and here. Thanks again are extended to Pat Moffat for doing our books.

As of October 31,1996

GENERAL \$3446.75 EQUIPMENT \$5487.74 GAMING \$3826.14

TOTAL \$12,760.63

We still have golf shirts available and Doris has them here. We have sold 13 entertainment books, and anyone who would like to purchase one, please do so this evening as they have to be returned by the end of next week. Joe Proud - \$50.00 from the Social Fund

CORRESPONDENCE: IRDC Newsletter, letter from Robin Fairservice, Letter of Donation for our banquet from Intercity Packers of 8 steaks. REW Newsletter

SOCIAL: Odds and Sods

MAYDAY: Nothing new to report, need more articles please.....

MEMBERSHIP: 91 Regular 9 Honorary

HISTORIAN: Photo albums are here, Kedre will be using some of these photos for our web-site.

Kedre, Mike and Vic met for the initial set-up and planning of the web-site. There is a considerable amount of time for process of scanning of photographs. We will require more information from the Tech and T&S personnel for the web-site. Hope to complete the initial set-up work by the end of next week.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: Grace has agreed to do our communications training, Roger will try and get radios for use at the session. We have tentatively scheduled the session for the end of February, with preference for a Saturday session. Turn Marshals meeting will be arranged in the New Year also an open forum for all workers to attend. We will continue to discuss incidents at our monthly meetings.

RACE CHAIRMAN: Not Present

<u>COURSE MARSHAL:</u> We have purchased the new boxes for the turns. Will try to re-vamp TM evaluation and also include a worker evaluation form with turn information packages this year. We would like to leave a space on the bottom of the form for new workers to give us their input and perspectives.

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> Irene will check with Lynn Yeo on the progress of the flags. The new boxes for the turns will hold radio, paperwork and first aid kits.

TRAILER WORK PARTIES: Trailer has not yet been moved to its location. Robert Currie will be away for the next 7 - 10 days and has asked us to wait until he returns. Our first work party is slated for December 15th at 10:00 a.m., please phone Roger and Ann if you will be able to attend.

<u>JANUARY CAR SHOW:</u> BC Place Stadium January 17- 26th, 1997, please advise Marc if you will be able to volunteer some of your time.

V.P. REPORT: Spoke with Bob Leflufy at Auto Classic Restorations and he will be forwarding a \$500.00 cheque. Bob would like to pay META to do all of his events, and is also considering taking the show out of town, he will contact us in the near future with further information.

Christine Henderson from REVV would like us to get together and do a few social activities together, with suggestions such as; indoor go karting, REW day at the track (much the same as last year). Marc is also working on a brochure for conference to help them with the recruitment of more workers. We will also try and arrange for worker rides again next season.

Roger attended the Conference E-Board meeting and there was a great deal of concern expressed with the depleting numbers of workers and the unsafe working conditions. On a brighter note, *NICK ROCHE* won *WORKER OF THE YEAR* for Conference. Congratulations!!

The BLACK FLAG rule has been hashed out: WAVING BLACK

Minimum of 2 workers per turn, has been requested and agreed upon.

NEW BUSINESS: Barb Moewes has contacted Ann with a request that META have a representative to liase with CACC. We have postponed this discussion until the new executive has been elected. The general consensus is that we would like to have CACC put their requests in writing, and express what their concerns and requests are.

Kedre attended AGM of the Motorsport Marshaling Services in Toronto. (CASC) They are planning to change the way they license workers, with an increase in the level of competency of workers at regional events. Qualifications for workers wishing to travel east to work the Toronto Indy event will require a minimum of 30 days worked. This decision does not affect us as a club but only as individuals. Kedre also advised that the CASC license is accepted throughout the east at SCCA events. More information will be requested as to the acceptance of this license south of the border.

Steve Bibby will be the contact for workers who would like to work the ice race events. A general discussion ensued on concerns with flagging procedures for these events. Steve requested any comments or ideas on improvement, they have so few workers and conditions are not the best for flagging.

Noel advised that the 510 Club now has 150 members and that we consider putting a META ad in their newsletter.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: ELECTIONS FOR 1997 EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT: MARC ROVNER

VICE PRESIDENT: IRENE CHAMBERS

Thank you, Thomas Liesner and Don Souter for also running for this position

SECRETARY: KAREN FORWARD

Thank you, Bryan Nuttall for also running for this position.

TREASURER: ANN PETERS

<u>PRESIDENTS REPORT:</u> Ann extended thanks to everyone for participating In the election of the executive and to the nominating committee for their work. ICSCC will be encouraging new people to come out and we will help train them. IRDC - Roger and Ann attended the banquet and *BONNIE HEALY* won *COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR*. Congratulations!

We are all looking forward to the Meta Banquet, January 25, 1997.

<u>GOOD AND WELFARE:</u> Noel and Sandy are now residing in Squamish. Ann advised that Gail Fettermans' mom passed away and a card had been sent. We would like to send Christmas Cards to all of our out of town members, all agreed that it was a great idea. SCCBC Banquet was a successful event with 194 people present. Marc Rovner won two awards, the Hard Luck Trophy and Worker of the Year. Irene Chambers also shared the non-member Worker of the Year award.

SWAP & SHOP: Noel Koehn has a 1978 GMC Van for sale \$1,500.00.

BANQUET: January 25, 1997, Charmaine has tickets with her this evening if you would like to purchase them. Deadline for the purchase of tickets before the \$5.00 surcharge will be January 22, 1997 our next meeting.

<u>DRAW:</u> Bryan Nuttall - odd/sod Randy Rahn - odd/sod Gay Tibbits - odd/sod

50150 DRAW: SANDY MEGYESSI

Open House at Roger and Ann's on December 28, 2:00 p.m. Everyone have a great Christmas.

Next Meeting: January 22, 1997

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by Thomas Liesner, seconded by George Chambers.

Respectfully submitted by: Irene Chambers, Secretary

MINUTES META MEETING JANUARY 22.1997

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

<u>GUESTS:</u> Ralph Zabarski o Vintage Car Club, presented META with a donation of \$200. Ralph also mentioned the possibility of a Vintage race In Spokane with Conference. Will keep us posted.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. There was one error. Gay Tibbets was listed as a visitor, she was a visiting member. With this correction noted, the minutes were adopted by Vic Kennedy and seconded by Bob Randall.

TREASURER: As of December 31, 1900: General: \$2,780.10 Equipment: \$6,490.30 Gaming: \$3,827.92 TOTAL: \$12,098.32.

We still have golf shirts and Doris has them \$25. Joe Proud - 5 \$50.00 from the Social Fund.

<u>CORRESPONDENCE:</u> Vancouver Public library requesting info for the Community Organization Directory, Rampant Racing (Skip Yocom) requesting a membership.

Letter from Phil and Kathleen Edwards - thanks for the thoughts and money.

Tim Winrow, Cal Club - newsletter.

SOCIAL: Odds and sods, bear from Ian Wood.

MAYDAY: Nothing new, need more articles please.....

MEMBERSHIP: Reminder now is the time to renew your META membership only \$15 - see Thomas Liesner.

32 - Regular (1997 so far) 9 - Honorary. New Members: Skip Yocom and Steve Cooper.

HISTORIAN: Photo albums are here. Initial set up of website is almost complete. Still need info from Tech and Timing and Scoring.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: Communications Meeting Is canceled until after Driver Training at the end of March.

Turn Marshals meeting (for all Who are, and all those wannabe's out there) on March 5 at 7:30 pm :at Roger and Ann's.

March 28 - 11:00 am there will be an Open Forum at the clubhouse (Mission) for all (old and new members, and anyone Interested). Dr. Wong will be attending. This is the time to come and ask questions about Incidents, etc that you have dealt with or seen.

RACE CHAIRMAN: Not here.

COURSE MARSHALL: Some of the schedules are now out for 1997, and there are some conflicts, hopefully they will be worked out.

SCCBC has asked if META would train some of their members on the use of flags. Roger said we would be willing.

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>: Irene has talked to Lyn about the flags, they will be ready for the SCCBC February meeting. The next step will be getting sponsors for the flags. The cost will be \$20 per flag and contact Steve Bibby with your requests. Tina Hertz will be doing the embroidery.

We got quotes for headsets and found they were too expensive.

The boxes for the turns are on hold until the trailer is finished - so we can figures out how to do them. Jaws of Life -Mike Z to find out if they will be available again this year.

Membership cards - the new ones will be available next meeting and Vic will bring his camera to take your picture or you can use the negative from the last one.

The trailer has been moved and the bill has been paid.

The Car Show is up and running and Marc still needs volunteers.

fire Bottles need to be purchased (10 - 10 lb bottles) Mike Zoziak got quotes and the Executive is to look at and decide.

We have yet to see money from Bob Leflufy for work at his last Auto Classic. Bob wants META involvement in upcoming events. Marc to talk to him. Marc will be sending a letter to CACC (Justin) requesting that they put their needs and reasons in writing, and what benefit it will be to META. It will be then presented to the membership.

Letters have been sent to SCCA M with no response.

Brian Meakings noted that the first Ice race weekend was last weekend. Only 4 META members were there. It would be great if we could get more people up there. This Is WCIRABC (Wicker Basket) 25th year! There were some interesting things that happened that weekend. Drivers not knowing what a Bermuda flag was, where and when to go when black flagged. But the funniest thing seen on the weekend was the Pace Car chasing the leaders (Driver Training anyone ??).

VP REPORT: A lot has already been covered under old business. We are looking into either renting or purchasing chairs for the trailer.

NEW BUSINESS: WORK PARTY March 16 at 10:00 am. To work on steps and platform for trailer, turn stations and the Starters Tower. All are welcome.

Archives - Rick mentioned that there should be details and paper about META before 1980 around. Ann to check at home.

CPR Course George advised that It Is still available at a cost of \$29.00 per person (minimum of 8 people). There was a discussion that META could subsidize the course at \$14.50. The motion was put forward by Roger Salomon and seconded by Barb Moewes, unanimous consent. It was noted that it would be nice If the course could be completed before March 28 (Open Forum when Dr. Wong will there) so that we can ask any further questions. There have been no assurances when or if there will be power to the trailer. Marc to find out from SCCBC what their plans for power are. Marc is also to see if he can borrow a generator from someone.

Molson Indy - Kedra noted that there will be a meeting January 27 (open to the public) regarding the PNE Site for Molson Indy in1998 at 7:00pm in the Coliseum Room, enter at PNE Gate 6. Should be interesting.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Marc was invited by Molson Indy to attend the Press Conference about the relocation of the race site. He also noted that Molson Indy has a petition down at the Car Show and they have about 400 signatures on it so far.

Reminder that the META banquet is Saturday.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Dave and Rhonda Forster have a new baby girl - Hannah.

Today Is Andrew Slaters' birthday - Happy Birthday Andrew. Julia said she and some of his friends gave him Driver Training at Seattle this spring as a birthday present. lucky guy!!

Brian Meakings advised that Dave Fairhall broke his leg up in Cache Creek and suggested we send a card. Agreed. Marc brought a magazine In with an article on handicapped drivers. lan Cook was named as Cal Club member of the year. Congratulations lan!!

SWAP & SHOP: Nothing.

BANQUET: Charmaine advised that 60 tickets had been sold, tonight is the last night to get the tickets at regular cost. They can be bought at the door- with a \$5 surcharge. There is lots of door prizes. Ian Wood has donated the wine for dinner. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU IAN!! AND JUST AS BIG A THANK YOU THANK TO ALL WHO DONATED DOOR PRIZES FOR OUR BANQUET

DRAW: Barb Moewes - Beer Randy Rahn - odd/sod Julia Slater - odd/sod 50/50: Khris Mitchell

NEXT MEETING: February 26, 1997 - 7:30 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm by George Chambers, seconded Brian Meakings.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Forward, Secretary