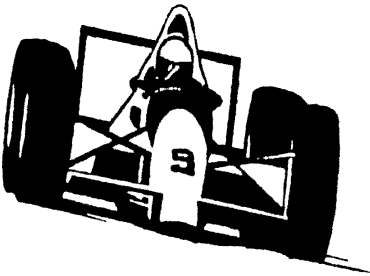




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SPEED READING

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVENT	LOCATION
May 2	TC	Driver Training	Portland, OR
May 3-4	SCCA	Regional/Vintage	Portland, OR
May 11	Westwood Karting	Go-Karts	Abbotsford, BC
May 17-18	O.A.S.C.	Hill Climb	Kelowna, BC
May 17-18	SOVREN	Vintage	Seattle, WA
May 24-25	SCCBC	CACC	Mission, BC
May 24-25	SCCA-NWR	Double National	Seattle, WA
May 24-26	IRDC	ICSCC	Spokane, WA
May 31	IRDC	Driver Training	Seattle, WA
May 31, June 1	SCCA	Regional/Vintage	Bremerton, W A
June 7-8	CSCC	ICSCC	Portland, OR
June 13-15	SCCA	Rose Cup	Portland, OR
June 20-22	CART	GI Joel Budweiser 200	Portland, OR
June 21-22	SCCBC	Driver Training	Mission, BC
June 28-29	Westwood Karting	Go-Karts/ Gold Cup	Abbotsford, BC
July 3-6	Vintage	SOVREN	Seattle, WA
July 4-6	SCCA	Regional	Portland, OR
July 12-13	Vintage	Global	Portland, OR
July 19-20	SCCBC	ICSCC	Mission, BC
July 26-27	TC	ICSCC	Coos Bay, OR

work party ...

There will be a work party at the track on May 4. We will be working on the Meta trailer and the worker stations. Contact Roger for more information.

rod membership ...

If you wish to join the Race Official Division (ROD) of ICSCC, at the low cost of \$7.00 contact Roger@ 581-7189.

immortality ...

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 turnworking flags. Contact Steven Bibby at (604) 942-6041 to make the arrangements.

missing ...

user manual for scoring's near new Citizen GSX 240 Printer. Has Anyone seen it or can anyone help? Call Deryk at 263-3498

LEFT AT THE K U S H Y

awesome run or you're dead meat

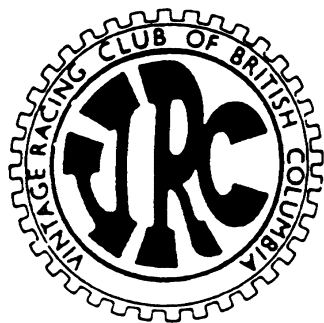
The instruction that caused the most difficulty was a word jumble of Husky. As for the questions:

- B17 and B29 referred to Fortress in Mary Hill
- AHAMAY is Yamaha backwards, nothing to do with the Pub
- Most did not know that Gertrude and Heathcliff are Red Skelton's seagulls

The Rally could not happen without the assistance of many people:

- My partners in crime Thomas, Bernie and Walter
- Russ, Rae and Irene for the Picnic
- Roger for the Chili and Cake
- Emil Hamm for the trophies
- Bernie Hamm for the home made wine
- The fine folk who work with Sandy for the back seat o'bears
- Gail Fetterman for the wonderful items we passed on in the raffle
- and to the competitors who took part.

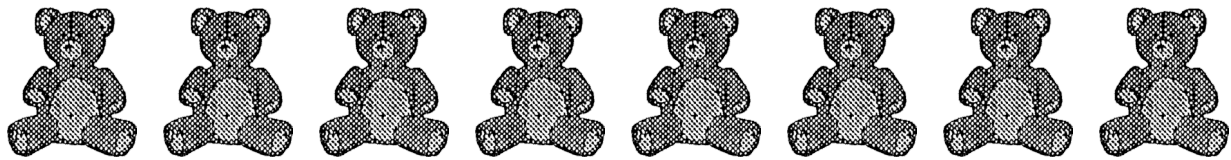
Thank you all
Vic Kennedy



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

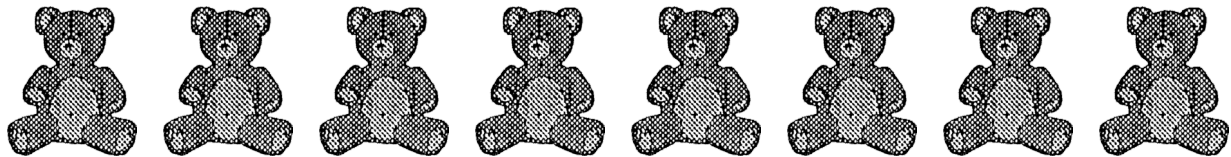
MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month

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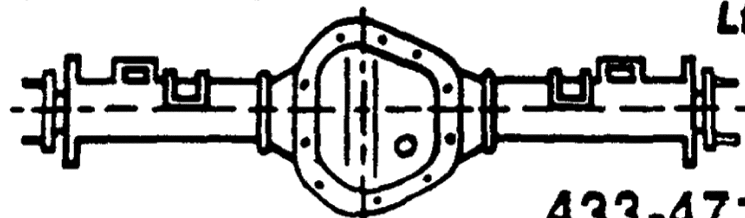
When I heard about the new goal of META to help out various fire departments With their goal of keeping teddy bears on hand for kids that have been through a rough time, I thought it was a great cause and approached the people I work with. I am happy to say that aside from the bears being, shall we say, bound and gaged, the staff at my work were more than happy to support those unfortunate kids. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Penreal Advisors Ltd. for their generous donations of teddy bears for the Coquitlam Fire Departn|ent.

From Sandy



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LEGEND RACING AT ITS BEST!

WELL AS A FIRST TIMER AT THIS TYPE OF RACING I MUST SAY THAT IT WAS QUITE INTERSTING. I GOT IN THERE AND IT WAS LOUD, AND FULL OF EXAUHST FUMES AND I ASKED MYSELF, "SELF...DID YOU REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BANDANA?" WELL MY ANSWER TO MYSELF WAS....OF COURSE I DIDN'T...I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS GOING TO BE THAT BAD! EVERYONE WAS READY AND RARING TO GO BY THE TIME 5:00 CAME AROUND. E-CREW WAS READY AS USUAL WITH THEIR FOOTBALL TO KEEP THEMSELVES OCCUPIED. PRETTY SOON WE WERE ALL OUT ON THE TRACK AND GETTING READY FOR THE NIGHT TO BEGIN. I COULDN'T BELIEVE THE WAY THOSE LITTLE LEGEND CARS WENT. I WAS JUST ABOUT READY TO GO ASK IF I COULD TRY...THEY WERE JUST ABOUT MY SIZE I WOULD SAY!

WE HAD QUITE A FEW MASH 'EM CRASH'EM SESSIONS. THE CROWD CONTROL WAS INTERSTING. E-CREW SEEMED TO KEEP THE CROWD INTERESTED WITH THEIR BC LIONS IMPERSONATION. I WAS GETTING A LITTLE CONFUSED MYSELF WHETHER OR NOT I WAS AT A RACE OR A LIONS GAME.....THEY BOTH WEAR ORANGE AND THEY BOTH PLAY THE SAME!!! WE EVEN GOT A DRIVER IN ON THE FOOTBALL ACTION AND THE CROWD ALL BOOED HIM WHEN THE BALL SUPPED THROUGH HIS FINGERS...HE TOTALLY PLAYED IT ALSO. I THINK THAT EVERYONE HAD A REALLY GOOD TIME. ANN HAD A LOT OF ACTION IN HER CORNER....SHE MUST HAVE GOTTEN BONNIES' MAGNETIC UNDERWEAR FOR THE NIGHT! GEORGE LOOKED PRETTY GOOD UP IN THE STARTER STAND EVEN THOUGH THINKS BETWEEN TIMING AND SCORING AND THE STARTERS GOT A LITTLE FLUSTERED A FEW TIMES.

THE MINI-STOCKS WERE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT THING ALL TOGETHER! WHAT ALL OF US EXPECTED WAS A DREAM COMPARED TO THESE CARS. THEY ALL LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE FROM A DEMO DERBY AND MOST OF THEM DROVE LIKE THEY WERE ALSO! I COULDN'T EVEN COUNT THE NUMBER OF CONES EATEN BY THOSE CARS. I THINK THAT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST JOBS WE HAD WAS THE THROWING OF THE CONES BACK TO THE CENTRE OF THE TRACK BETWEEN SESSIONS. THEY EVENTUALY JUST MADE THEIR OWN TRACK DURING THEIR LAST RACE. WE HAD A FEW SMOKIN' MOMENTS IN THE CENTRE OF THE TRACK WITH PEOPLE PULLING IN WITH THEIR CARS ON FIRE AND SUCH.

OTHER THAN THE SORE FEET, BAD AIR QUALITY AND CRAZY DRIVING...IT WOULD DEFINATELY BE SOMETHING THAT I WOULD DO AGAIN! I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS TYPE OF RACING TO ANYONE THAT JUST WANTS TO HAVE A GREAT FUN NIGHT OUT. EVERYONE REALLY PULLED TOGETHER TO MAKE IT A REALLY GOOD RACE AND TIME FOR EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED. I REALLY ENJOYED WORKING WITH RICK AND THE CREW AT TURN 4 AND I HOPE THAT EVERYONE ELSE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT HAD AS MUCH FUN AS I DID.

WRITTEN BY,
KRÝSTÝNA MITCHELL

QUICK NOTE OF THANKS TO MIKE AND THE GANG FOR PULLING TOGETHER ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT FOR ME AT THE LAST MINUTE. AS ALWAYSREADY AND RARING TO GO... THANKS GANG.....IRENE (AKA BOA)

MINUTES

META MEETING

MARCH 26, 1997

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

GUESTS: There were no guests or visitors.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. With no errors noted they were adopted by Brian Meakings and seconded by Russ Mitchell.

TREASURER: As of March 2, 1997: General: \$2,791.68 Equipment: \$5,486.55
Gaming: \$2,768.86 **TOTAL: \$11,047.09.**

The fire bottles and flags have been paid for. Ann advised that we have closed out our accounts at the HongKong Bank. There was a \$6 charge per account to do this. We have opened new accounts at The Bank of Montreal. Anne has also applied for another casino license, there is no charge but it could be up to a year before we get our license. Tax return has been sent in. We have golf shirts available from Doris for \$25. Anne also advised that a gift certificates have been purchased for Lyn Yeo, for the fantastic job she did on the flags, and one for Charmaine Meakings, to thank her for all her hard work on the banquet.

CORRESPONDENCE: IRDC Newsletter, AUSPUFF (Cascade Sports Car Club Newsletter), Vancouver Classic Car Show Newsletter, and pictures and brochure from Matthew Bowe in England.

SOCIAL: Odds and sods, and beer. Have 1997 Daytona posters, and Jim McRae has donated some more articles for the draw.

MAYDAY: Nothing new, need more articles please. Thomas advised that the deadline for articles is the 15th of the month if you want it in the current newsletter. If he doesn't receive it by then, it will go into the following months.

Jim MacRae advised that he has a complete collection of Maydays he is willing to donate to META. These will go into the library in the trailer, when it is complete. Thanks Jim!!
Krys Mitchell will be writing an article on the Legends Race, March 22, 1997.

MEMBERSHIP: Time to renew your META membership now !!
62 - Regular (1997 so far) 9 - Honorary. Total - 63.

HISTORIAN: Photo albums are here. Joe advised there are new pictures in the white photo album.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: Communications Meeting - TBA.
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 not be attending. Roger noted that META sent out about 40 letters to people who were at the track last year, once or twice and we didn't see again, as well as people who had contacted Roger through various shows.

Roger noted that the IRDC Turn Workers training March 8, 1997 at SIR had about 30 people turn out.

Training Discussion: Get your questions and/or situations into Roger. One question or situation will be discussed at each META meeting. This meeting a situation was discussed that happened at Seattle between Turn 4 and 5. This was the weekend that Seattle was training new workers. Due to a miscommunication, the turn workers thought they were on a break, but the senior drivers were released. Turn 4 was manned by a novice worker, as the experienced worker had stood down and left the station. A car went off track just before Turn 5. At this point in time, Turn 4 only had the novice worker with no radio, and Turn 5 was manned by experienced and novice workers. There was no way to communicate to Turn 4 to put up a yellow flag, so Turn 5 put up a waving yellow. The thought behind this was that at least there was a flag to catch the drivers attention, even though technically this was incorrect. A discussion was held, and it was decided that this was the best they could do at that time.

A discussion was also held about track crossing. Roger noted that most times when a worker is cross track, and is waiting for track clearance, the worker just waits for the clear signal from another worker, without really noticing his position. It was discussed that when a worker is cross track from the station, they should keep a look out for oncoming traffic themselves, and if need be, walk up track to where they can see the traffic coming as well. This gives the worker a better idea of how much time they have to cross the track.

RACE CHAIRMAN: Tony advised that the only position not filled is Paddock Marshall.

COURSE MARSHALL: We have two Course Marshals (Roger & Irene). First event Driver Training March 29th & 30th. Roger has not heard anymore from SCCBC about training drivers in flagging.

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

Membership Cards - the new ones will be available shortly. Vic brought his camera to take new pictures.

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

We have yet to see money from Bob Leflufy for work at his last Auto Classic. Marc to talk to him. We can set up a booth at the next one, there is a conflict with a race date. If you are not going to the race and would like to volunteer to work at the booth, please call Marc. Keith volunteered to take down the booth.

Marc is not sending letter to CACC. Marc has spoken to Justin Stubbs (CACC) and they are not actively pursuing META to join, so that's the end of it.

Work Party - March 16 - Got alot accomplished. There are new pads under the trailer, re-caulked the roof, and a deck and stairs have been built.

Marc talked to SCCBC regarding permanent power. SCCBC advised that they expect to have permanent power in a couple of months. Steve Bibby noted that the alarm system for the trailer requires continuous power, and monitored phone line.

CPR Course - George advised that the training will be April 21 in Surrey, he will contact those who signed up.

Chairs - We are purchasing 30 chairs.

Teddy Bear Hug Fund - Vic brought some teddy bears from work for people to purchase. The first "Teddy Bear Hug Fund" date will be at the META Car Rally. Donations are going to the Coquitlam Fire Department and they are "very happy" to accept our bears.

Car Rally - Vic noted that Bernie Hamm will be working the checkpoints and needs some volunteers. So if you are not entering the Car Rally, please give him a call and volunteer. Deadline to enter is April 13th, after that date, there is a late fee charged.

Legends - Everyone had a good time, strong turnout of workers.

BC Motorsports Show - thanks to those who worked the booth.

Casino - See Treasurers Report.

Insurance for trailer - Marc and Roger to get quotes and report back.

Infoline - Marc Rovner is working on it.

VP REPORT: Irene advised that for this season at Mission, there will be **NO CONCESSION STAND.** Instead SCCBC will be providing lunch for us via a deli, will be cold cuts, buns & salads, both Saturday and Sunday. Irene also advised that SCCBC is buying 8 picnic tables. The concession stand will be open for the weekend of driver training. SCCBC will also be doing the Bar-B-Que on Saturday nights. They will supplying the volunteers to do the cooking.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe Proud mentioned that there was an article in the March Road & Track, and it stated that the 1996 Toronto Indy was the first Indy Car Race where a worker had been killed. Joe suggested that a letter be written to correct the error, and the Executive suggested he write one on behalf of META.

The topic of tables for the trailer was brought up, and a discussion ensued. Anne noted that Costco has heavy duty tables 8 ft long for sale (approx \$40 each). A motion was put forward by Bob Randall and seconded by Tony Stroud, that META purchase four tables from General Revenue. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

There was also a discussion about getting an awning for the trailer. Brian Meakings that he knew of a place that sold used awnings, he is to check it out.

Vic Kennedy stated that Knox Mountain Hill Climb is celebrating their 40th year, and that entries will be limited to 90 only, they expect to be turning entries away. It was also mentioned that some legend cars will be running at Knox.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: The July 5 day at Mission has been cancelled. Mark also advised that he is working on getting worker rides one weekend. Marc also advised that the Executive has set up three committees. The committees are

1. Social (Banquet, META/REW Mixer, Indy Cool Down Party, etc)
2. Fund Raising (casino, car auction, etc)
3. Recruitment (trade shows, etc).

There is one Executive member on each committee, but we need volunteers for these committees. Please contact Marc if you are willing to be on a committee. Remember: this is your club, it will only be what you make it.

Marc stated that he had made a presentation at the Vancouver City Council Meeting regarding the new Indy site. The Motorsport Show went well. Marc thanked everyone who worked at the booth. We are looking for some used wooden barrels to use as planters.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Brian Meakings advised that a new Executive has been voted in for WCIRABC, at their annual banquet. Co-Presidents are Wayne Jamieson & Rick Huurman, Treasurer - Sandy Huurman, Secretary - Sandy Meggyesi. Brian also stated that during the meeting it was voted on and passed that any corner worker who works two or more events, receives a free membership the next year to WCIRABC. A WCIRABC Lifetime Membership was presented to Dave Fairhall.

SWAP & SHOP: Have new carpet for clubhouse, have old new carpet for anyone who wants it. Marc Rovner is looking for a Formula Ford. Brian Meakings has a Fiero Race Car, Hyundai Pony, and Accord Ice Racer for sale. Nick Roche has four 13" Honda rims and tires for sale.

DRAW: Bob Randall - Beer Genevieve Iwata - odd/sod Don Souter - odd/sod
50/50: Genevieve Iwata.

NEXT MEETING: April 23, 1997 - 7:30 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm by Ruthie Iwata , seconded Brain Meakings.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Forward, Secretary

**MINUTES
META MEETING
APRIL 23, 1997**

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

GUESTS: There were no guests or visitors

Minutes from the previous meeting Were read. One error was noted in membership total, it should be 71 not 63. With that taken care of, the minutes were adopted by Joe Proud and seconded by Vlc Kennedy.

TREASURER: General: \$2,614.97 Equipment: \$5,487.19 Gaming: \$2,759.70
TOTAL: \$10,861.92.

The cost for the chairs is approximately \$700. We have golf shirts available from Doris for \$25.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters from SCCBC regarding Vancouver Molson Indy, Rampant racing and newsletters from Vintage, Team Continental, 510 Club, NW Sports Car and CFDA.

SOCIAL: Odds and sods, and beer. Roger noted that there is a Supertruck Race In Monroe May 10. Tickets are approximately \$50.00 Cdn, Anne to find out more Info and possibly anyone interested in going can carpool. Contact Anne.

MAYDAY: No Comment !!

MEMBERSHIP: If you haven't renewed your membership, then you're not reading this newsletter
68 - Regular 9 - Honorary Total - 77.

HISTORIAN: Photo albums are here. Joe advised he would like some new pictures of the specialties.

TRAINING COMMITTEE: Communications Meeting - date to be announced April 26th weekend. There is also a good possibility of another Fire Training. Marc to keep us advised.

Training Discussion: Get your questions and/or situations Into Roger. One question or situation will be dicussed at each META meeting.

The topics discussed at this meeting were about communications. Protocol on the radio was discussed, as well as taking someone else's call.

RACE CHAIRMAN: Looking forward to this weekend - ordered sun.

COURSE MARSHALL: First race weekend coming up (April 28 & 27) We will have new workers coming out this weekend. Come on out !!

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

Membership Cards • the new ones are available shortly.

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

We have not received the money from Bob Leflufy for work at his last Auto Classic. Marc to talk to him. We will have a booth set up this weekend. If you have time to go down and check on it please do so, It is at the Seaforth Armouries. Keith has volunteered to tear down display on Sunday.

March stated that SCCBC has advised that we now have permanent power to the trailer - which means we have heat !!

CPR Course - George advised that the training will be April 29th at 6:30 pm, at 7375 - 144 Street, Surrey. There will be a fire vehicle parked in front so we can identify the location George will be contacting those who signed up.

Tables and Chairs are purchased and Will be at the trailer this weekend.

Teddy Bear Hug Fund - we collected a total of 28 bears for the Coquitlam Fire Department. A big Thank You goes out to Sandy Meggyesi and the people she works with (Penreal Advisors Ltd.), with a total donation of 10 bears. This was a great Success.

Car Rally - The Rally was a huge success. We had 17 entries, and 16 finished the race without using their Escape Packages. Good going! Fun was had by all, with a few of us getting turned around a couple of times. Thanks to Roger for the delicious chili.

The Rally Meister advises "THERE WILL BE ANOTHER!"

Insurance for trailer. - Quotes for Contents at \$10,000 and \$10,000 for the Trailer were received. Roger got one for \$400 - \$500/year and Irene got one for \$324.00/year. A discussion ensued and a motion put forward by Tony Stroud that "Insurance be secured for the contents and trailer not to exceed \$400.00. This was seconded by Rae Mitchell. Motion carried.

Infoline - Marc Rovner is working on it.

Concession Stand - There has been a change. The Concession Stand will be open. The wind down Bar-B-Q's will still be happening.

Joe Proud stated that he wrote a letter to Road and Track to advise them of the error in the article in the March issue.

Awning for trailer - Mike Z stated that he will work on getting a quote for the awning.

NEW Business: There was a discussion held about the security of the Trailer. Mike Z. he could get or make bars for the windows and install them for very little (\$20 - 40). Mike is to go ahead and get this done.

Mike Z. noted that the Big Fire Bottle needs to be repaired. The feeder tube fitting is broken. Mike to get it repaired.

VP REPORT: Irene thanked everyone for their bears. The bears will be turned over to the Coquitlam Fire Department in the next few weeks. This idea was great. The next Teddy Bear Hug date planned will be the next conference race, and also the planned META/REVV Mixer on August 2nd. Irene will keep us posted.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Have not received any volunteers for the committees. Expect a phone call as the committees will be formed by the next meeting. They are Social, Fund Raising and Recruitment. Contact Marc if you are willing to be on a committee. Remember: This is your club, it will only be what you make it. Marc also stated that he will be writing a Presidents Report for every Mayday Newsletter. Marc also advised that SCCBC will not be racing in the 1997 Molson Vancouver Indy, instead ACRL will be. The Touring Cars will be racing as well. Marc stated that he had been to see the OmniMax Mario Andretti feature. He advised that if you go to see it sit as far back as possible and in the centre. Marc advised that Christine from Vancouver Molson Indy had set it up that if you present your META Membership Card when you go you get a \$2 discount. Marc also advised that Vancouver Molson Indy Will be mailing out to all META members who worked the Indy a Dine Out card, which allows you all sorts of options for discounts on meals using this card.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Vic mentioned Knox Mountain Hill Cllmb - come on out and help celebrate their 40th anniversary.

A big **THANK YOU** to the Rally Committee for an excellent Job.

SWAP & SHOP: Marc Rovner is looking for a Formula Ford. Brian Meakings has a Fiero Race Car, Hyundai Pony, Accord Ice Racer, and a Chevy Blazer (tow vehicle) for sale. Nick Roche has four 13" Honda rims and tires for sale.

DRAW: George Chambers - Beer Mike Zoziak - odd/sod Karen Forward - odd/sod
50/50: Genevieve Iwata - again !! (She's cut off)

NEXT MEETING: May 28, 1997 7:30pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm by Vic Kennedy, seconded Nick Roche.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Forward, Secretary