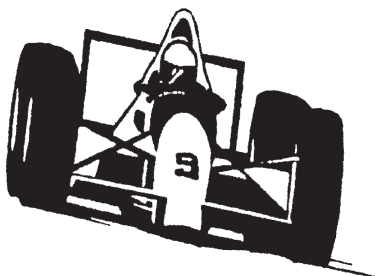




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SPEED READING

DATE	ORGANIZATION	EVENT	LOCATION
Sept 6-7	CACC	loco Hill Climb	Port Coquitlam, BC
Sept 6-7	SCCA	Regional/Vintage	Portland, OR
Sept 13-14	CSCC	ICSCC	Portland, OR
Sept 20-21	SCCBC	ICSCC	Mission, BC
Sept 20-21	Vintage	SOVREN	Seattle, WA
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 15	SCCBC	Banquet	Guildford, BC

to the future ...

It's that time of year again. Time to start thinking of the year end awards and the AGM. Time to think about who you think should be nominated for META's Annual Awards. This year they include a new perpetual award The Buzz Beley Award.

For our newer members who don't know Buzz he, along with his wife Mary-Margaret, has been a member of Meta for a long time, becoming one of the few honorary members of Meta. He has been involved in racing (according to my sources) in one form or another almost forever, being one of the first to travel to outside tracks including Westwood. He loved racing and refused to give it up, until he was forced to suffering from Alzheimer's in recent years. He died in October 1996.

His wife, Mary-Margaret, is sponsoring the award which she wishes to go to the Meta Member who does the most to put the fun back in racing and turnworking. So please take the time to think about who should be nominated for this award and our other perpetual awards. There will be a form in the next Mayday, and at the club meetings, which you can send in by mail, e-mail, fax or hand it in at the September-November meetings. Please take the time and fill out the form so that the awards committee has something to work with. Your input is greatly appreciated.

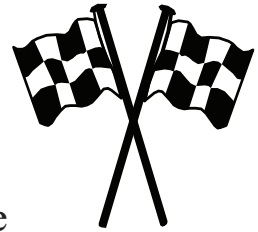
It is also time to start thinking about who you want to represent your club as a member of the Executive. All positions are open for nominations and they will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting held in November.

HELP HELP HELP

New Blood in Tech Needed

- Two full time people; one part time person
- Long Hours
- No Pay
- New, Younger Blood required for 1998 Season
- Hours of Work: Friday 5:30- 9:00PM
Saturday 7:00 AM till ½ Hour after last race
Sunday 7:00 AM till ½ Hour after last race
- Take s _ _ _ and abuse from drivers and crew
- Reject cars

Please see Graham in Tech at the next race event or call 824-0947



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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MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of every month

INFORMATION: Ralph Zbarsky, 604-733-4955

EVEN THE STUNT DRIVER(S) HAD A GREAT TIME...

by Steven Bibby

The July 19 & 20 weekend at Mission was simply a hot, fun, and well staffed event. There was a great turnout of competitors, with a bunch of close battles for position throughout the racing classes.

Saturday afternoon was strangely interesting when a CBC camera showed up on turn 6 to film Serge Laflamme' taking his racin' trainin' in a Proformance car (#409 white). Those who don't recognize the name (I admit I didn't) might have seen the masked man performing stunts as a teenage mutant ninja turtle in the big screen movie. Serge has decided to advance his career as a professional stunt man by working on race scenes in upcoming movies. Watch for the soon to be televised CBC show on how he enjoyed his training in Mission.

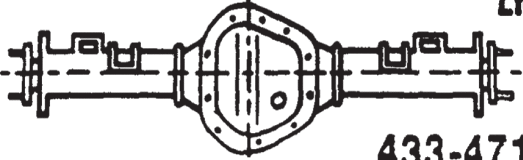
I must say that the whole weekend was truly fun and that I have to thank all the workers for creating the atmosphere that made the event. First there was a great turnout in worker numbers. We had enough people on 6 to allow two flaggers with a response person at the lead station, two flaggers at the exit along with the communicator, a response person and myself (doing what TM's do best standing around, observing and discussing how other people on your turn do things). We had a novice worker on flags as part of each team of 3, and the teams rotated between the stations as a group so that no-one had to stand in the sun too long.

We had enough time at the start of each day to hold a truly informative morning meeting. In our meeting, the workers each took turns describing the use of a flag and the hand signals for each. Then we talked about how & where (and where not) to respond from on the turn. All I had to do was clarify a few questions, and the rest of the crew held most of the meeting (again, I had a chance to do what TM's do best). Then as the team put out all the equipment, I wandered off to chat with another TM & Pre-grid about response areas (of course, another excuse to drink coffee and do what TM's do best).

When the racing finally started, I carefully observed how the rookie workers were adapting to their new surroundings (you know, that TM thing again). During an open wheel event, we got a chance to put our preparations to a test. At one point a car stopped at the exit of six on driver's right. With a blast on the whistle for help, assistance arrived on the scene from pre-grid and worked with our response person from the entry station. The experienced flagger helped our rookie through the paces, and I, well, I did what TM's do best. Clearly, the drivers were so impressed with our performance they gave us two additional opportunities to prove how well we worked together.

The bottom line was that we got to watch and participate in some great racing. We played as a team and played safe, and it seemed to me that we had fun. By the end of the weekend, I had learned three important new TM lessons. First, never leave 4 girls on the same station alone (ask Marilyn, Karen, Ann & Nancy to explain the ripply abs). Second, hat strings make painful ear plugs (eh Robin?). Third, I hear Russ does a great impression of "Fuzzy" caught with his pants down (ya gotta see Dan's description for a truly clear understanding).

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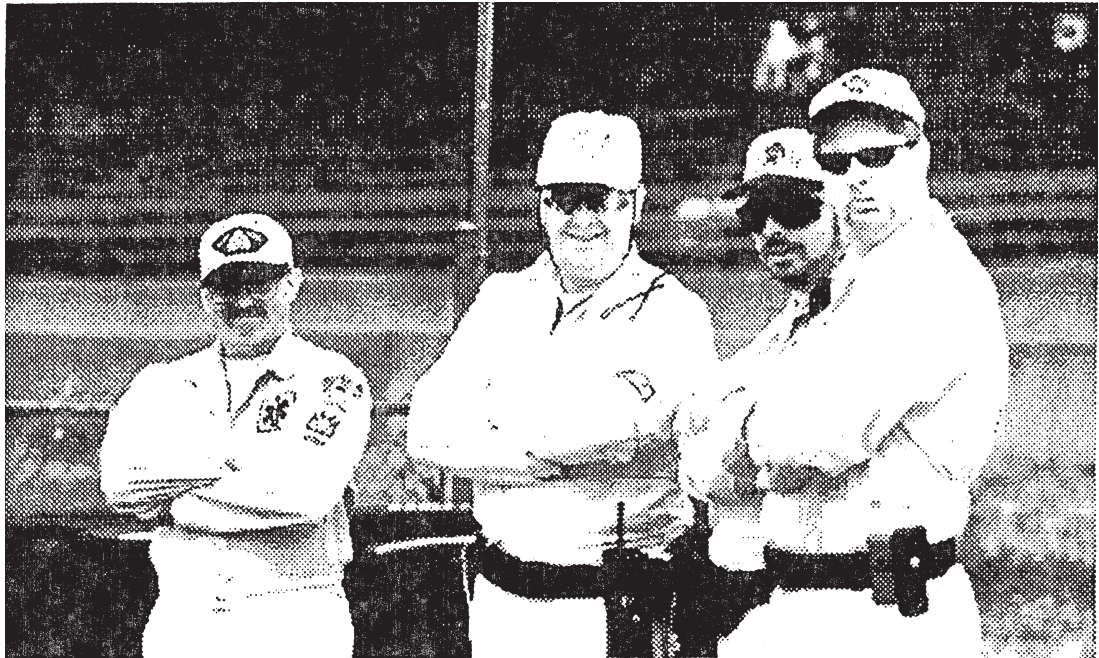


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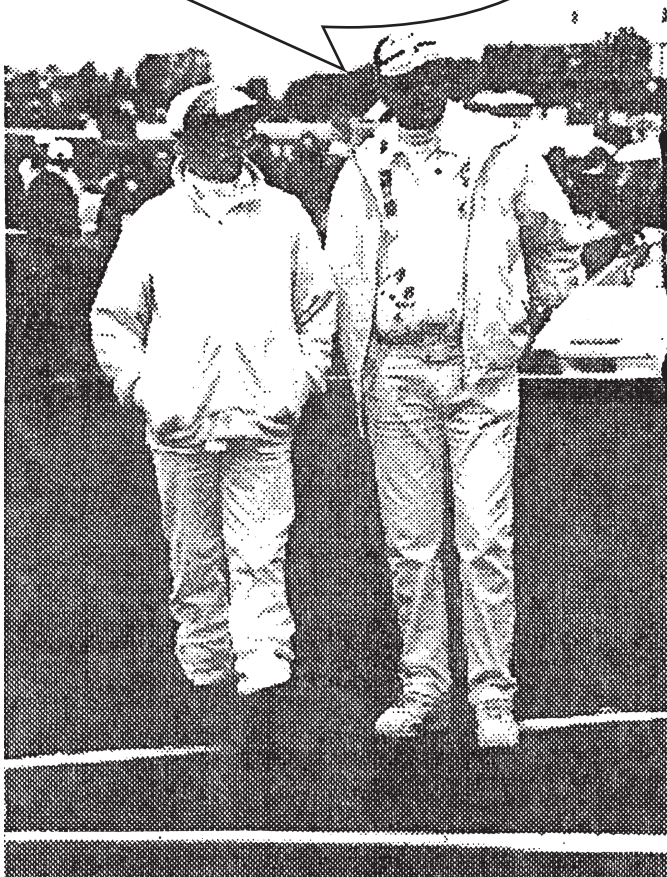


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**MINUTES
META MEETING
JULY 24, 1997**

A REMINDER THAT THE
SEPTEMBER MEETING IS ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

GUESTS: None.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and adopted.

TREASURER: General: \$3,022.32 Equipment: \$5,497.57 Gaming: \$1,811.28
TOTAL: \$10,331.17

We have received the cheque from the Go Karts.

We have \$1800 to spend by the end of September from the gaming account. Irene has a quote for \$1500 approx. for an awning. Further details to follow.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Vintage Racing Club, I ROC Newsletter, ICSCC Newsletter, Auspuff Newsletter and Northwest Sports Car News.

SOCIAL: Odds and sods, and beer.

MAYDAY: More articles please!! The Mayday will be printing the R.P.M. (Race Procedures Manual).

MEMBERSHIP: 76 - Regular 9 - Honourary. Total - 83.
Brian Ford was nominated and voted in as a new member!

HISTORIAN: Photo albums are here. Joe advised he has some new pictures (of Annie the CPR doll) and people who took the training).

TRAINING COMMITTEE: Fire Training - July 29 North Vancouver has been cancelled. New date August 12 at the same location, No. 1 Firehall in North Vancouver. We are in need of workers for Pregrid. If anyone interested please contact Roger.

Training Discussion: The discussion centered doing Quick Response to a car that is still running. Crossing the track was also discussed.

RACE CHAIRMAN: Had a good weekend, the reaction from the drivers was very positive. Thanks to META. The Protocol Meeting was very successful and the R.P.M. is the result. Tony welcomes any comments towards the R.P.M.

COURSE MARSHALL: Had a excellent weekend --there was a good mixture of cars. We have a video on Dr. Terry Trammell of Cart. It is very interesting and informative. Again, we need workers for Pregrid. Dr. Keith Wong will be at the track August 2nd and give us our 5 minute Morning Meeting Training Discussion.

OLD BUSINESS: Boundary Bay Race has been cancelled.

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

Due to circumstances beyond anyones control, the July 19 Barbeque sponsored by IWE was postponed to August 2.

Membership Cards - the new ones are available shortly.

The new fire bottles are here. We just need to put our logo on them. The large fire bottle has been repaired.

Joe advised that the letter he wrote to Road & Track had been published in the July issue.

We have not received the money from Bob Leflufy for work at his last Auto Classic. Marc to talk to him.

Insurance for trailer - Letter to be sent to SCCBC getting clarification on coverage, so far no response.

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. Contact Irene for more info if interested in attending.

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

REVV/META/SCCBC Mixer - August 3. There will be door prizes and a Barbeque.

Indy - Dave Forster advised that Registration will be at the Seaforth Amories. All other information will be mailed out to the workers. Dave advised that this year the ACRL will be racing instead of SCCBC. Dave also advised that Sunday will be shorter day. There is also a new caterer for the lunches this year. Anne has Pre-registration forms for Indy. Please verify the information she has is correct. Anne also has blank registration forms for the new workers.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Marc stated that he needs volunteers to work the META display for the Indy Weekend. The display will be in BC Place during the weekend - if you know someone who would be willing to work in the booth, or if you are willing yourself, please let Marc know.

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

SWAP & SHOP: Marc Rovner is looking for a Formula Ford. Nick Roche has four 13" Honda rims and tires for sale.

DRAW: Julia - Beer Don S - odd/sod Tim - odd/sod 50150: Doris

NEXT MEETING: August 28, 1997-7:30 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 so that we could watch the video on Dr. Trammell.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Forward, Secretary