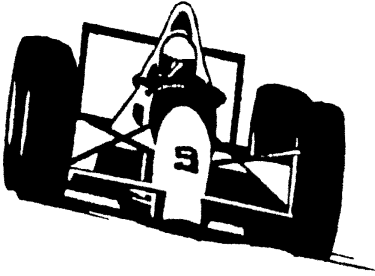




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# agm ...

META's Annual General Meeting will be held on November 25th 1998. This year we need to vote on a change to the Policy and Procedures. Under Elections in the PNP it currently reads:

"To be able to run for office a candidate must be a member in good standing and have been a member for one full membership year. The Nominating Committee will contact all members so qualified to solicit candidates. Elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting in November."

The motion to be voted on will add the following line:

Any member standing for election to an executive position must be present at the time of the election to be eligible to stand for office.

Members must be present at the AGM to vote on this motion so please attend and have a say in next years executive, you need to be present to vote. Meetings are still held at Moody Park Recreation Centre, 620 8th Street, New Westminster @7:30 PM on the fourth Wednesday of each month, excluding December.

## the envelope please ...

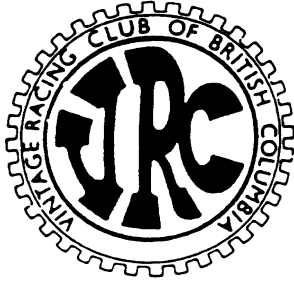
It's that time of year again. Time to think about META's Annual Awards, and the persons you think that should get them this year. The categories are:

Worker of the Year  
Novice Worker of the Year  
Non-Member of the Year  
Buzz Beley Memorial Award

Think about it and nominate the person of your choice.

## meta banquet ...

This year the META banquet is being held on January 30, 1999@ the Royal Towers in New Westminster. Ticket price is \$30.00 a person.



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

Meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Officer's Mess at Jericho Barracks

Information contact Evan Williams (604) 531-4806

## looking for new management

It is with regret that I announce my resignation as editor of the Mayday. Over the last six months I have found myself more and more in a position where I don't have the time I need to produce the Mayday at a level that I would feel proud of. Some of you know how hectic my work schedule was over the summer, leaving me with barely enough time to get the Mayday done as it was, letting several obvious errors slip through the cracks. My work schedule does not show any signs of improving It took some time but I finally decided that I can't continue at this rate. This was not a decision easy in coming as I have enjoyed my time as editor but I feel the time has come for me to step down.

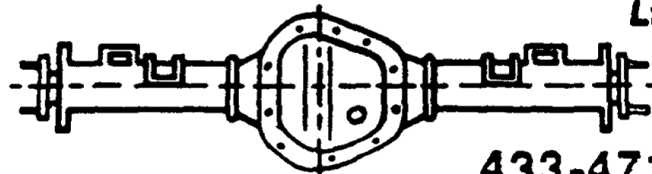
The December issue of the Mayday will be my last as editor, although I would quit earlier if there is someone to take over. The 1999 executive will be needing someone to take over the position. So if any of you out there want to do the job talk to Marc @ 986-3497 or you can talk to the 1999 executive when they are elected. Thank-you.

Thomas Liesner  
editor in retirement

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## **BANQUETS 1998**

THE LAST RACES OF THE SEASON ARE UPON US. THAT MEANS THE  
BANQUET SEASON WILL BE STARTING. IN ORDER TO KEEP THE GOOD  
NAME OF META AT THESE PARTIES, THE FOLLOWING ADVICE IS GIVEN.  
IF YOU FEEL LIKE RUNNING THROUGH THE HALL WITHOUT YOUR CLOTHES  
ON, DRINK SOME WINDEX--IT PREVENTS STREAKING.

Lou S. Luggnutt

## Definitely the best of times

As the 1998 season draws to a close, I am left wondering where the time went. I am told that as one gets older time seems to compress, but logically I still have a hard time accounting for the speed with which the race season passed. Perhaps it has something to do with trying to do too much in too little time or maybe its just a function of doing something you really love. I know I lost more than a few nights down at Frank Allers' shop. It is a strange feeling opening the garage door expecting a pitch black night sky and instead being greeted by the morning birds especially when one was planning a good night sleep before race day.

1998 was indeed a good year for race junkies like ourselves. On balance the weather was excellent, local grids were up, the end of day barbecues were well organized and attended, our trailer (we really should start calling it something a little warmer like club house) has finished its transformation into the nicest facility at the track, we have purchased an excellent emergency vehicle, Indy came off without a hitch and we had the best Saturday windup since the event began, we attracted many new members and they are of a very high caliber, Roger got a new hat, Ann got to see a Scots man win something, we found a worthy home for the orphan bears and the season ending enduro attracted as many cars as in the good old days of Westwood. Then there was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Hats off to the hand full of people that did such a magnificent job putting it all together. It really was a great weekend and a tribute to those few who have been active in the club for all of those 25 years. Can it get any better?

You bet! Life can and must get better, it's the nature of human existence. At the beginning of the year the executive sat done and outlined a number of goals for the season. Oddly enough I am at a loss recall those goals now without referring to my notes we must have accomplished most of them. On my personal agenda I had "improve social aspect of race weekends" and "increase depth of involvement" at the top of the list. To some extent we made progress on both of those fronts but there is still more that can be done. I have said before and I will say again that the single most important ingredient to the long term health of a club is the social interaction among its members. That doesn't necessarily mean going on a pub crawi every second Tuesday. What it does mean is the members get a warm feeling out of interacting with one another on and off the track, that there are no hidden agendas, that issues are dealt with in an open and compromising manner and that at the end of every race day we go home with that warm feeling towards everyone in the club and look forward to the next time we get to act like lunatics standing around bored waiting for the next car to loose control and put the fear of god back into us.

Perhaps I am overstating the issue but it seems to me that some of us have less than ideal feelings towards the Sports Car Club on various topics (how's that for tact). This is unfortunate and must be addressed once and for all. Lets face it folks, just as they could not play without us, we'd get pretty bored flagging and responding to imaginary cars on an imaginary track in the middle of nowhere. SCCBC has come a very long way in a

short period of time and today organizes some of the best run events in the Pacific Northwest, just ask some of the drivers from down south. It wasn't that long ago I remember flagging from the inside of turn 5 as 6 cars participated in a test and tune, that was it for local racing. I don't think there are too many specifics worth mentioning. As someone actively involved in both clubs (what a fool I am) I can assure you the SCCBC has the highest regards for META as a club and the work our members perform, and that within the limits of available resources (referring mostly to available volunteers) would do whatever it can do improve the quality of our race experience. Be aware, the negative sentiments you express detract not only from your enjoyment of the sport but also from the enjoyment of those that hear you.

Early indications are that '99 will be an even better season than '98. There is talk about organizing a pro enduro series tying Portland Seattle and Mission into one series with prize money (I can't wait to DNF when there's money at stake), the track expansion at Mission is still on the books, indications are that that grids will continue to expand with lots of interest from novices and seasoned veterans, we have the best looking e-truck on the planet and with any luck we'll get some wet racing (I love the rain even in a Camaro) in the wake of El Niño. My own selfish interests notwithstanding, it seems to me a children's area at the track is becoming overdue. I have spoken to many drivers and workers who have stated that their involvement is reduced because it is not realistic to bring kids to the track. I am willing to work with others to try and put this project together for next year, call me.

At our next meeting we must elect a new executive. Please, lets all show up to lend our support to those who offer their time and energy to manage your club over the coming year. It should also be a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and set attainable goals for the coming one. Input from the membership is critical if your executive is to be given the opportunity to experience the rewarding feeling of making progress towards a common goal.

The opportunity to serve an organization of the quality of META has been a rewarding honor for me. META gave me the opportunity to get up close (close enough to get infected) to a sport I always new fascinated me and showed me a path to get involved. The truth is I learned that there is no other activity in life that gives me the kind of pleasure that racing at the limit gives me and with a little more prep time and budget I hope to spend more time on the far side of that limit. Add to that the exceptional quality of the people I have found in the racing community and I realize just how fortunate I have been. Without seeming pompous, I sincerely hope I have been able to give something back to META I appreciate the opportunities you have given me and the friendships I have made and look forward to ignoring your blue flags in the future. Thank you, Marc.

# ANNUAL WORKER AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted only from META members in good standing. All nominations must be forwarded to the Awards committee.

Consult the policy and procedures manual for criteria on all awards except the Buzz Beley Memorial Award which has not yet been entered into the policy and procedures manual.

Please note that only one member is required to nominate for an award this year. No additional signatures are required.

Please offer a brief explanation as to why you wish to nominate a given person for an award.

## **President's Award (META Member of the Year)**

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the President's Award for the following reasons

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## **Rookie member of the Year**

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the Rookie member of the Year for the following reasons:

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## **Non-META Member Worker of the Year**

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the Non-META Member worker of the year for the following reasons:

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## **Buzz Beley Memorial Award**

The Buzz Beley Memorial award is presented annually to the META member who exemplifies the spirit of the Club by making the greatest contribution towards the goal of having fun and ensuring that all workers experience the greatest enjoyment possible from Motorsport.

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the Buzz Beley Memorial Award for the following reasons:

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Nomination submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_.

META General Meeting--Oct.28,1998  
Called to order at 7:44 by Pres. Mark Rovner

Guests--none

Minutes read by secretary Don--changes noted--storage of truck was only mentioned not a forsure thing---no decision was made on subject.-- motion to accept made by Vic--second by Jo.

**TREAS.** GEN.-\$2779.30 inc. \$2000.00 cheque from SCCBC for INDY.

Gaming--\$ Equipment \$

**MAYDAY**--Thomas retiring as editor--last issue in DEC.---SEE MARK (OR THOMAS)  
IF YOU CAN HELP!

**CORRESPONDANCE** letter of resignation from Fran--was read to meeting---ROD membership notions.--re ICSCC.

**MEMBERSHIP**--Thomas--95 total--86 + 9 honorary

**training**---to resume in spring

**SOCIAL**--COFFEE ETC.---**HISTORIAN**- copy of each MAYDAY now in binders on front table

**RACE CHAIR**— Graham --made notes to read from--quoted from his notes as follows:

I do not normally read from notes nor a script— But tonight I will--This morning I read my horoscope in the morning “PROVINCE” Quote “Aquarius--(Jan. 20-Feb 18) A heated discussion with a friend. It is a luxury to have someone in your life to whom you can confide your feelings and fears. Others respect you now and it’s tricky because they expect you to live up to their expectations.” I do not normally pay to much heed to these, but having said that I will continue----the weekend was a total F-----up. From Friday at 5:30pm thru Sunday at 7:30pm Now here is my report---Total lack of manpower turns 2 and 5 (two [2] each). No coverage in turn #3 when E-CREW left at the start of the CFDA race. Leaving 4--T.V. people, leaving -1 PHOTO person---**NO WORKERS**. Two incidents of concern— #66 in turn 1 / #89 on front wall. Headlights on cars # 9 : 74. Turn 2 making calls that turn 1 or starter should have made (passing on front straight ). **PENALTIES HANDED OUT**— Three (3) passing under yellow/ Two (2) more under review-- \$60.00--oil spillage---one (1) total exclusion for driving conduct/ possible NATIONAL lie. Under review---one (1) exclusion from results/ crew refueled the car in turn# 1 ---5 lap penalty as per enduro rules/heavy hit. A LOT OF FIRSTS OCCURRED ----- THE FIRST TIME --- Duncan arrived before close of registration (tech) on SATURDAY

- 30 cars on a grid ( steward looking into--only supposed to be 27 )
- George (starter) sent the cars for a second pace lap
- Mike Currie had a radio (and used it) for all races Except Enduro
- Rocket Rod could not find the GO PEDAL in pace car.
- I have been left in TOTAL CONTROL

a short discussion took place about some of the happenings on the enduro weekend-- several safety and comm. Issues to be discussed further in future.--comment on too many spectators having access to turn 1.

**COURSE MARSHALL**- Thomas- thought it was a good weekend from his viewpoint-- commented on weekend.

**OLD BUSINESS**--- Mark mentioned that a member must be in attendance during elections to run for office

Truck operating policies--Mark to contact Ronny for more details--seem to recall she would look at them for legal stuff.

BANQUET -Charmaine has some options avail.--menus on front table— look at during break. The Sheraton has raised their prices--about \$32.00 per head. Alternative- Royal Towers Hotel--4- menu options-\$23 to \$25 per.

Truck--discussion on winter storage-!- Brian M. storage; 2-at dealer--Pioneer Motors Mission.3- at heated storage with Comptech stuff.--Brian M. normally rents out space for \$50.00— idea was that rather than club actually paying out money-a tax rec’t could be issued for

same value.--Discussion on ICBC windshield claim— and a few other loose ends to tie up on truck— needs to return to dealer for some of this work anyway----more to follow!

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary— went over good!!!! Roger's cake was awesome!— many thanks to those who helped.---We also spent less money than was previously anticipated.

Books being audited by Pat Moffat— Thank-you again!.

Vic--# board for T4--may be mixed up with INDY stuff--other items also missing mysteriously---brooms are needed around track! BREAK 8:45--9:07

BANQUET- menu and location----motion by JO that menu #2 at Royal Towers Hotel be used.

Sec. Vic---discussion---better menu and rooms seemed ok when used during last years casino. Total price to be around \$30.00 per ticket---PASSED Date--JAN.30/1999

### NEW BUSINESS

VP. Has resigned ----letter of thank you was read to meeting--only 1 month left ---will fill position during elections.

AWARDS-committee to decide---Jo Adair / Manny Zumm I Mike Zoziac /---need 2 more people to fill positions!!!

Vic -does anyone know if SCCBC has own engraving machine---Pres. To check.

Pat--Westwood Carting Club looking for new home after being unable to continue to use the Tradex facility because of the new air terminal.

ICE Race-1st meeting 2 weeks ago— sched. Race dates--Jan.9/23--23 is enduro weekend-  
•alt.Jan.16/30--race Feb.6/20/27--alt Feb 13---this may be Vernon Weekend— race Mar. 6 if ice permits.--Insurance does cover workers--- WCIRABC has joined CACC for another season--- note in hindsight— K &K insurance policy does NOT cover accidents because of broken ice.

CACC--AGM--Nov. 15/98--

NEW MAYDAY EDITOR---see Thomas or Pres. Mark if you can help fill this very important position.

Pres. Report--no report already talked enough.

VP--vacant

GOOD & WELFARE--Gary Houser--passed kidney stone on enduro Sun. Night--now needs one kidney removed. Card has been sent!

Bob Randall-while alone in van--was involved in car accident and spent 3 days in hospital--now at home and OK. Bob turn 90 in November---A Card has been sent

SWAP 7 SHOP Darrel looking for a distributor cam drive shaft for Toyota 1800 engine after last race weekend.

Adjourned at 9:50pm---secretary Don S.

AGM--next meeting--NOV.25/98 7:30 pm!!