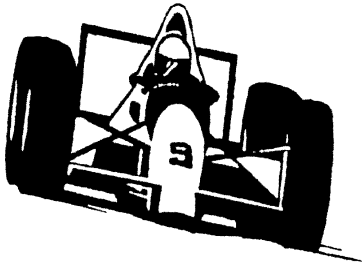




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## SPEED READING

Feb 7-8	Event has been cancelled		
Feb 14-15	WCIRCBC	Ice Race	Vernon, BC
Feb 21-22	WCIRCBC	Enduro	Barnes Lake, BC
March 21-22	WCIRCBC	AGM and Banquet	???
March 28-29	SCCBC	Driver Training	Mission, BC
April 5	Sovren	Vintage	Bremerton, WA
April 5-6	Oregon - SCCA	Double Regional/Vintage	Portland, OR
April 11-12	SCCBC	CACC	Mission, BC
April 25-26	SCCBC	ICSCC	Mission, BC

## **brrrr ....**

Workers are greatly appreciated for the events in Cache Creek. There are two rooms provided free to workers and lunches are also provided free to workers. On Feb 21-22 there is a 2 hour enduro and the annual Enduro Party on Saturday night. On the Feb 14-15 weekend if there is no ice in Vernon then they will use Cache Creek as an alternate site.

## **send in your money ...**

The membership desk is now open for business. For the low low cost of \$15 you receive your 1998 membership in META, and if you act 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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## 1998 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

April 25-26	Mission	SCCBC
May 9-10	PIR	Cascade
May 23-24-25	Spokane	NWMC
June 6-7	PIR	Cascade
July 4-5	Cassidy	VMC - tentative
July 18-19	Mission	SCCBC
Aug 15-16	PIR	Cascade
Aug 22-23	SIR	IRDC
Sept 5-6-7	Port Orford	TC
Sept 12-13	PIR	Cascade
Sept 26-27	Mission	SCCBC
Oct 3-4	SIR	IRDC
Oct 10-11	Enduro – PIR	
Oct 24-25	Enduro – Mission	

## 1998 CACC SCHEDULE

March 28-29	Driver Training	
April 11-12	CACC Regional	
May 23-24	CACC Regional	
Aug 1-2-3	CACC Regional	
Aug 15-16	Driver Training	
Oct 24-25	CACC Regional	
April 5	Sovren	Bremerton
April 5-6	SCCA/Vintage	PIR
May 3-4	SCCA/Vintage	PIR
May 16-17	Sovren	SIR
June 13-15	Rose Cup/Vintage	PIR
July 3-5	NW Histories	SIR
Aug 1-2	Sovren	Bremerton
Sept 6-7	SCCA/Vintage	PIR
Sept 19-20	Sovren	SIR
Sept 26-27	SCCA/Vintage	Bremerton

## 1998 CART SCHEDULE

Feb 3-5	Spring Training - Homestead
March 13-15	Homestead
March 26-28	Motegi
April 3-5	Long Beach
April 24-26	Nazereth
May 8-10	Brazil
May 21-23	Gateway
May 29-31	Milwaukee
June 5-7	Detroit
June 19-21	Portland
July 10-12	Cleveland
July 17-19	Toronto
July 24-26	Michigan
July 31-Aug 2	Troi Rivieres-Indy Lights Only
Aug 7-9	Mid-Ohio
Aug 14-16	Elkhart Lake
Sept 4-6	Vancouver
Sept 11-13	Laguna Seca
Oct 2-4	Houston
Oct 16-18	Australia
Oct 30-Nov 1	Fontana

## 1998 CART TEAMS/DRIVERS

All American Racers	PJ Jones
Arciero Wells Racing	Hiro Matsushita
Brahma Sports Team	Scott Pruett
	Adrian Fernandez
Della Penna Motorsports	Richie Hearn
Derrick Walker Racing	Gil De Ferran
Marlboro Team Penske	AI Unser Jr.
	Andre Ribeiro
Newman/Haas Racing	Micheal Andretti
	Christian Fittipaldi
PacWest Racing Group	Mauricio Gugelmin
	Mark Blundell
Payton/Coyne Racing	Michel Jourdain Jr.
Players Ltd./Forsythe Racing	Greg Moore
	Patrick Carpentier
Project Cart	Arnd Meier
Target Chip Ganassi Racing	Jimmy Vasser
	Alex Zanardi
Team Kool Green	Paul Tracy
	Dario Franchitti
Team Rahal	Bobby Rahal
	Bryan Herta

# How Dedicated Are You

When I first got involved in racing, back in 1978, I thought to myself that these people are insane, standing outside, in all types of weather, and they got paid how much?! They're nuts! But I knew that I was going to be one of these lunatics well. Twenty years have passed and I am still here; I am just as crazy as anyone else out there is, and we get paid even less now (NO LUNCHES or BARBEQUE). It's nice to know that we have a new home with Mission, but it's equally as sad to say that driving at Westwood is now measured in yards, not laps. Some of the same people are involved in META, and for the large part they are still the ones doing all the work. It seems that a lot of people have the opinion, "What's in it for me?" What we should be asking is, "What can I give to the club?" We complain when other clubs don't help us, but at the same time, we as members of META are not willing to help our own club. It's always, "I don't want to do it", and "Some one else will do it". **WELL WAKE UP GUYS!!** If we don't do it, there may not be that person to do it anymore. We worry about how we can get new workers; in the meantime we are losing some of our long-time workers. Why? Most times it's due to burnout; too much work being put on the same people over and over again, and to make things worse, when those people leave, we give the work to someone who is already over-worked. We also take for granted that someone will do a job because they have done it in the past, instead of asking him or her if they mind doing the job. We wonder why no one volunteers to take on a position. It might be because if they do they may not be able to get away from that job again. Just ask someone who has done the Mayday. No one else wants to do a job, but we all complain if that job is not done the way that we expect it to be. It's time that a lot of us paid our dues, and I am not meaning money. Lets give something back to the sport we all love. It's time the majority did their part, so that the minority can rest a bit. I, for one, aim to make this club what it once was. **FUN!!**

Brian Meakings

Editors Note A: Hear! Hear!

Editors Note B: I can't believe this came out of Brian's mouth.

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## Congratulations

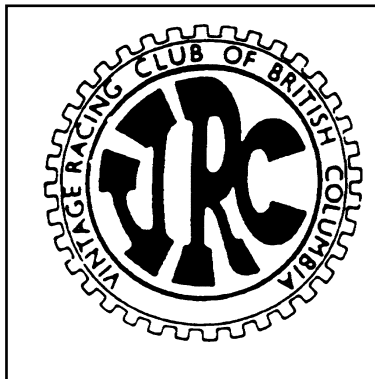
To the winners of META's Annual Awards that were presented, at our banquet, to:

Non-Member of the Year	Al Ores
Novice Worker of the Year	Rob McAllen
Member of the Year	Joe Proud
Buzz-Beley Memorial Award	Roger Salomon

A thanks go out to those that donated door prizes to our banquet:

W.C.I.R.C.B.C	Mustang Specialties
Mission Springs Brew Pub	Molson Indy Vancouver
Rainbow Action Imagery	Cruisers Restaurant-Mission

Editors Note: Be sure to ask Roger about his other award.



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

Information contact Evan Williams (604) 531-4806

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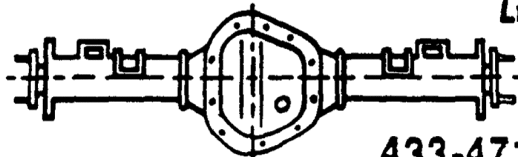
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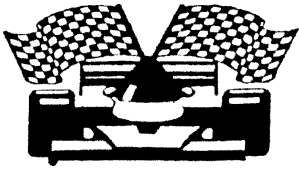
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01/08/98

To all my friends in META, Hi!

It has been a long time since last I saw any of you folks, but a somewhat serious health problem has kept me from being involved in our beloved sport for the past few years. I thank you for sending me the news letter, it helps keep me abreast of what's happening in the club, and with any luck, I should be able to come and see a few races in the coming season.

In 1986, I was diagnosed as having severe (down to one third lung capacity) emphysema caused primarily by smoking tobacco. This illness has made most kinds of physical activity for me most difficult. In January of last year, I was admitted to Abbotsford's M.S.A Hospital with bronchial pneumonia. The doctor told my wife Marian that I was in critical condition and asked if my will was written, and if our affairs were in order. I was released 4 days later. In February, I was back in hospital with pneumonia and pleurisy. This stay was for ten days. After finding out how the system works, I discovered the secret of getting reasonably good food and how to keep the nurses close by. During my first episode for instance, at about 4:30 in the morning, a nurse would come by, introduce herself and proceed to poke, prod and test, then leave. One morning, after a difficult night caused by a restless victim in the next bed, I was just drifting off to sleep when this nurse came at me all teeth and grinning. She said, "Good morning Mr. Cockroft, I'm your nurse for to-day, I'm Bonnie". I looked at her through my tired, groggy eyes and said, "You sure are" She became my slave for the rest of my stay.


Since January, I have been on auxiliary oxygen with an oxygen concentrator in our living room, a 30 litre container of liquid oxygen in the bedroom, (no funny remarks here, Roger, Rick and Joe), and a little container for liquid oxygen, to be filled from the big one, on wheels for going out and about. Unfortunately it has only a 3 litre capacity of LOX that will last about 5 hours. I have a hose with a couple of little injector nozzles stuck up my nose, and have to take a variety of inhalant medications which are administered with a device called a Turbo-haler. So, I guess I am turbo charged and fuel injected. My performance though is quite unlike the happy days of Westwood which were among the happiest days of my life when I could walk around the track a number of times on a race day with stopping to get my breath. Quoth the raven .....never more.

From what I read in the newsletter, I'm glad that META members still have a lot of pride in the way they perform their duties. Since its inception, META has stood for innovation and refinement of techniques. We, the Westwood turn workers, were the first in North America, if not the world, to organize track-side workers into a highly trained, adaptable group of dependable, enthusiastic workers who could be put on any corner on any track and do a professional job. Some day, the story of how and why META was formed will have to be told. Think of it, love; passion; intrigue; politics; stupid stuff. This is the kind of stuff of which great mediocre stories are made. Here are a few questions to test your knowledge of META and Westwood.

Who was the first Chief Starter at Westwood?  
What was the name of the first ambulance service at Westwood?  
Who was the first course physician?  
Has a Rolls Royce ever done a lap at Westwood?

Wishing everyone at META a great New Year. Keep up the good work. Maybe someday, someone will give us a nice multi-use track where we can get a bit of F1 to entertain us.

Yours in the sport

  
Rodney N Cockroft

## PRESIDENTS REPORT - FEB. 98

My how time flies - by the time you receive this edition of the Mayday there will only be 6 weeks to the start of the '98 season. That leaves much to do if '98 is to be the best season ever for local workers. For those that missed it the annual banquet was fantastic, thank you Charmaine. The new venue, Surrey Delta Inn, was great. The food, facility, and camaraderie were first rate; it's just too bad that more of you couldn't attend. How about we all make a commitment to attend next year and make it something really special.

Our two casino dates have come and gone. Thank you again to Doris, Gerry, Mike, Bernice, Genevive. Don Souter, Irene, George and Ann for giving up their new years eve and to Gerry, Bernice, Mike, Genevive, Ruthie, Rick, Doris and Mike Boyle. David Lam. Eric Tong of Comtech (STP Hondas) for their efforts on Jan 31. The good news is indications are that we raised in the neighborhood \$24,000. This money you may recall was raised for the purchase of the Jaws of Life and an e-crew truck. At the next membership meeting I expect to turn the process of purchasing etc. over to the casino funds expenditure committee we formed from our last casino fundraiser.

Just a thought, but if there were funds left over or if we found additional funds what about the idea of creating some kind of a child friendly area at the track, near our trailer. Many of us have children (some too many) and it might make a day or weekend at the track much easier not to mention getting kids away from the very dangerous pits/pre-grid/tech areas. Just a fenced in pen, some gravel and a swing set is all that might be required.

As most of you should know by now we have resurrected the phone committee. Its members are Barb Mowes, David Bell, Manny Zumm, Doris Gildemeister and Rob McLean. Barb has agreed to co-ordinate. They could use one more person to ensure that the work takes no more than 2 hours a month (ideally 1 hour). On a related topic, the next task is to get the training committee back on track. We need five committed people who will formulate a schedule and curriculum for the year. These activities must tie in with recruitment and would include development of the mentor system at the track. The committee needs to be in place at our next executive meeting and play a major role at driver training in March.

Sunday, Feb 8 is or was a work party day. The next time you go out to Mission you should see a nice graveled area around the META trailer, the interior cleaned up and a least partially re-painted, and some racking built to store equipment.

Also on Feb. 8th, members of your executive will be meeting with the SCCBC executive to discuss ways to make 1998 (in my own words) the best worker season ever. I have heard lots of grumbling about this and that in terms of how you are treated/received at Mission and its time to put all that behind us and go out and have some fun.

I have been approached by the executive of the CACC (Canadian sanctioning body) to have a discussion on what CACC can do for META ultimately leading to META joining CACC. This meeting is scheduled for Feb 11.

A suggestion from Mark in Montreal is that we send out a new membership list with e-mail addresses on it. I think this is a great idea so please send me your e-mail address as soon as possible. E-mail me at [brovner@capcollege.bc.ca](mailto:brovner@capcollege.bc.ca) and I will forward the material to Thomas.

A third committee that I feel we need to develop further is a social committee. Go-cart nights (or days), barbecues, field trips and socials are all valuable activities for fostering a healthy club. Same routine - no more than a couple of hours a month commitment, but a commitment none the less, is all that is required.. So start thinking now so we can put it together by March.

That about sums it up, remember, call me, e-mail me or send me a letter on anything you want to suggest, query or discuss - no communication will inevitably mean no action.

marc rovner

**MINUTES  
META MEETING  
NOVEMBER 26, 1997**

Meeting was gonged to order at 7:40pm.

**GUESTS:** Dave Bell and Albert Duncan.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and adopted. Motion by Vic and seconded by Brian M.

**TREASURER:** General: \$2,000.00 approx. Equipment: \$5,515.97 Gaming: \$21.67

**TOTAL: \$7,543.64**

Pat Moffatt has done the financial statements for year end. A copy was available at the meeting for review.

Anne advised that for the casino license we need to send a copy of the financial statements and other info is needed. She will take care of it.

We have sold all the Entertainment Books we had.

A gift was presented to Pat for the work she did on the books.

Marc asked how much money was spent in a year - expenditures vs money received. Anne to advise next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Molson Indy advising that Stuart Ballentine is replacing Phil Herd.

Copies of the Pit Pass, CACC Newsletter, IRDC Newsletter, and CFDA Wrap Up.

**SOCIAL:** Odds and sods, and beer.

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

**MEMBERSHIP:** 82- Regular 9 - Honorary. Total - 91

**HISTORIAN:** Photo albums are here. White album has new pictures in it.

**TRAINING COMMITTEE:** Season is over -- start again next year. We will have to work hard and recruit new workers next year.

**Training Discussion:** No discussion was held.

**RACE CHAIRMAN:** Not present.

**COURSE MARSHALL:** Enduro weekend went well -- got very dark, not many people. Our "Presidente" did not finish the Enduro. Roger noted that maybe we should put in a request that the enduros have a minimum of 25 cars to run.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Marc advised that stencils are being made for the new fire bottles, just needs the circumference of the bottles. They will be reusable. The big bottle is being stored in the SCCBC trailer. the water bottles should be in the META trailer.

Flags have been sent to Tina for embroidery.

Insurance for trailer - Irene advises no response yet.

Infoline - On hold until the new brochures are printed up. Having the Website up would be very useful.

Mike is waiting for the material to come in the bars for the windows on the trailer, then they will be done. The other items E Crew needed are to be purchased.

There are 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.

Bear Fund - N. Vancouver Fire Department has advised they have lots of bears -- they tie it in with Needy Childrens Christmas Drive. The Mission Fire Department is ready to go - just need a date and time.

META Banquet - Charmaine has made up a flyer on the banquet. Handed out at the meeting. There is no December meeting, but tickets can be purchased at the January meeting. Remember after the meeting date, there is a surcharge for purchasing your tickets at the door.

WCIRABC - Had another meeting November 21, 1997. Race dates have been finalised and George Chambers is the Clerk of the Course.

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 was November 8 and not many people attended. John Bradshaw was named worker of the year. The ROD meeting was held and the decision was made that the Black Flag will be waved. There will be 14 races next year. Anne picked up the awards for the workers who were not there and handed them out. The new president is Paul Whitworth from Victoria.

Website - Kedre advised she has not received any input. We are running out of brochures and if we had the website completed, it would be very useful. Please help!!

**NEW BUSINESS:** SCCBC have permission to expand the track - and they are looking at it. They may also have a sponsor for the Endurance Series.

WRAIBC. would like to borrow our fire bottles. They need to be stencilled before they go out.

We need to have a work party soon - and work on the inside of the trailer. Roger to advise when.

**ELECTIONS:** The elections were held and your new executives are the following people:

<b>President</b>	Marc Rovenor
<b>Vice President</b>	Fran Pelletier
<b>Treasurer</b>	Charmaine Meakings
<b>Secretary</b>	Don Souter.

**VP REPORT:** Said it all above.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** 1997 was a good year. Set a lot of goals - many were not met but we worked at getting there. Would welcome any suggestions or ideas on how to make things better and more interesting for everyone, including social events off track (i.e. Monroe, Skagit, etc.). At this point there was a discussion held on ideas and suggestions on the above and how to get new people to come out and work. There is an Auto Show January 9 -18, may need workers.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:** Anne & Roger will be having their Open House in Feb.

Ross & Robin Bentley say hello.

**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:** Barb - Beer      Albert - two items      Irene - 50/50.

Next meeting January 28, 1998.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Karen Forward, Secretary



## **META GENERAL MEETING JAN.28/98**

Meeting was quietly called to order at 7:40 (to accommodate our youngest guest)

**GUESTS-** Erin Louise Bibby [born on Christmas morning]

A correction to previous minutes- under tres. Report-it was Roger who asked for expenditure/vs money rec. Having so noted minutes were moved and accepted. Motion by George/ sec.-Doris

**TREASURER:** GEN .\$ 2380.67 EQUIPMENT-\$5531.40 GAMING-\$21.73 TOTAL-\$7933.80 We do not yet have our money from our latest casino night.

**Correspondence:** 1982 newspaper from Westwood Formula Atlantic weekend— from Doris Christmas cards from-ACRL ; Ian Wood-IRDC newsletter

**SOCIAL:** Beer-odds soda-50\50

**MAYDAY:** NO REPORT ---suggestion by pres. That we use the space to write letters to discuss gripes/new ideas/safety issues etc.

**Membership:** 34 so far--2new members for adoption - Welcome to Albert Duncan, and Dave Bell.

**HISTORIAN:** Photos are here, some new are here, some new ones put into the old albums.

**Training:** new committee formed-to run adds for recruitment of new members--training session for Tim's at MISSION Feb.8. with IRDC. Also on Mar.28-29 SCCBC. Training to be a high priority this year with a much higher number needed for Indy.

**RACE CHAIR:** NOT HERE

**COURSE MARSHALL:** VACANT

**OLD BUSINESS:** ice race report by Brian--need more workers-2 FREE ROOMS/FREE HOT LUNCH. Window Bars for trailer— Motion by Brian “To get the bars on windows within one month” seconded by Thomas--reasoning is that this seems to be dragging out too long and that the track gates are now open several hours during the day because of dredging— with unknown security. Passed  
Insurance— Irene will inquire as to standing with SCCBC and attempt to get letter  
Bears fund--Irene- if unable to co-ordinate with fire depts. will make inquiries at hospitals. It was felt that this was dragging on too long also. Suggestion to do on March 28 weekend.  
Casino--day 1 --Thank you to all participants Day 2 on Jan. 31---Doris, Genevieve, Mike, Bernice, Mike Boyle, and John Steel. A discussion ensued that something be done for the non-members who are helping us/ was also brought up that members were giving up their banquet to do this M/S/that non-members have their names embroidered on a flag. Passed! Exec. To decide on what to do for members. Discussion.  
BANQUET TICS avail at meeting GET YOURS NOW!  
Track expansion— to be started soon (this year) by SCCBC. Gravel coming in for turn-2/4/5/6 and tech.  
Website-nobody has yet come forward with new info--NEED MORE- Idea to put website on new brochures when when they are printed-see Kedre for more info--( [www.gfmurray.com/meta/index.htm](http://www.gfmurray.com/meta/index.htm))  
BREAK!!!!!!

**VP REPORT** -NONE-Not here

**NEW BUSINESS:** Joe (idea from Vic) suggested new stickers that would include the website A point was made about our members driving style. [Slightly derogatory]

It is time to think about our giveaway trinket for Indy--cost to be no more than about \$2.50 [frisbee,rain ponchos]  
WORK PARTY -FEB 8 MISSION TRACK--BE THERE BY 10:30..--driver training IRDC sun. Both “mission  
Springs “ pub and “Cruisers” was suggested as having a good brunch.

Brian Meaking’s formula V will be on display at “Cruisers” for the next 2 months They are also looking for any  
road racing memorabilia for display. -- Photos, hats, posters, etc.

PHONE COMMITTEE-volunteers--Barb Moewes / David Bell / Manny Zumm / Doris Gildemeister / Rob McLean

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Talked about a request from CACC to have a meeting. Also to have exec. Sit  
down with SCCBC. Ideas on the race night BBQ. A stated desire to see the club have more social events. Upcoming  
we have 2 car shows including the Motorsport show in March. The Casino Committee will brought back together

**Good & Welfare:** REVV wants to get in on our car rally— or invite us to one they will put on-to good to  
not happen

**SWAP & SHOP:** NOTHING

**DRAW:** Merchandise--Andrew-Bear Irene-Squeegee Albert-Rainx 50\50--Karen (\$7.00)

adjourned at about 9:45 Don Souter – Secretary