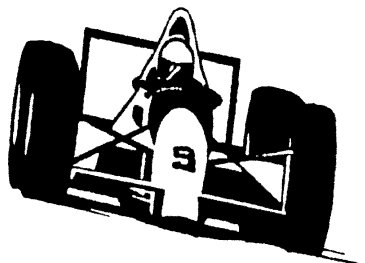




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## SPEED READING

May 2-3	SCCA - Oregon	Regional/Vintage	Portland, OR
May 9-10	Westwood Karting	Go-Karts	Abbotsford, BC
May 9-10	ICSCC	Cascade	Portland, OR
May 16-17	CACC	Hill Climb	Kelowna, BC
May 16-17	SOVREN	Vintage	Seattle, WA
May 17	Driver Training	NWMS	Spokane, WA
May 23-24	CACC	Regional	Mission, BC
May 23-25	SCCA - NWR/MR	Double National	Seattle, WA
May 23-25	ICSCC	NWMS	Spokane, WA
June 6-7	ICSCC	Cascade	Portland, OR
June 13-15	SCCA - Oregon	Rose Cup	Portland, OR
June 19-21	CART	Champ Cars	Portland, OR
June 20-21	Westwood Karting	Go-Karts	Abbotsford, BC
June 27-28	SCCA - NWR	IT/Pro Weekend	Seattle, WA
July 4-6	SOVREN	Vintage - Histories	Seattle, WA
July 4-6	SCCA - Oregon	Double National	Portland, OR
July 18-19	ICSCC	SCCBC	Mission, BC
July 18-19	Westwood Karting	Go-Karts	Abbotsford, BC
July 25	Driver Training	IRDC	Seattle, WA

\*\* All race dates are subject to change or cancellation without notice \*\*

Please note that the July 4-5 ICSCC race at Cassidy has been cancelled.

## saturday afternoon cruise ...

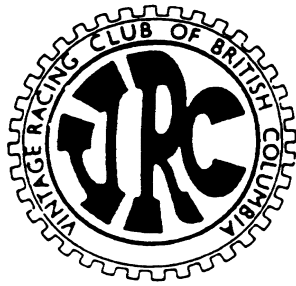
Datsun's, Volvo's and Toyota's. Oh my!! It's official! The SCCBC Sedan Race will once again grace their presence at Vancouver Indy. With a field of fifty cars it should almost be as much fun as Nascar running in Portland.

## cruise into cruisers ...

For those of you that haven't been out to Mission this year, we are having a worker draw every race weekend. Cruisers restaurant in Mission is a season sponsor for the worker draw at the track, so the next time you are in the Mission area stop by and check out the food.

## \$\$\$ casino money ...

The money we got from the Casino Nights we had in December 1997 and January 1998 must be spent by the end of this year. There will be a vote at the May 27th meeting to make a final decision.



... 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

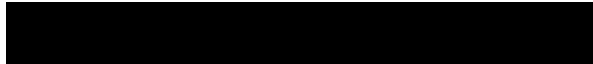
Information contact Evan Williams (604) 531-4806

## WELCOME

to our new members

Angus Glass

Alexander Kwok



## UPDATE

DUE TO THE SUN RUN WHICH COINCIDED WITH THE ORIGINAL DATE OF CHOICE FOR THE REVV CAR RALLY, REVV HAS RESCHEDULED THEIR CAR RALLY.

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, THE META RALLY COMMITTEE IS TAKING THE YEAR OFF. HOWEVER, FOR YOU DIE HARD COMPETITORS, REVV IS HOLDING THEIR FIRST CAR RALLY JUNE 14th.

STARTING TIME IS 9:00 AM

STARTING POINT IS THE CANADIAN TIRE LOT 21 8<sup>th</sup> AVE. NEW WEST.

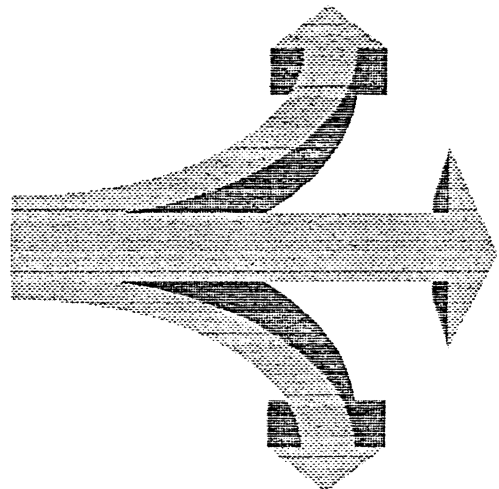
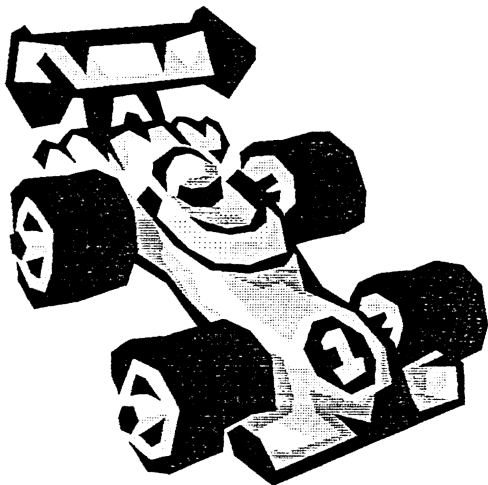
COST IS \$5.00 PER PERSON MAXIMUM 3 PEOPLE.

THE FINISH POINT WILL BE AT A RESTAURANT.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO ANDREW WATTS @582 9747

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING, I WILL NOT BE TAKING PART IN THE RALLY ITSELF, I WILL BE HELPING IN THE SET UP.

VIC KENNEDY



Meta's new signature flags are nearing completion, and hopefully they will soon be attached to their poles. Meta would like to thank those that sponsored flags.

George Chambers	Irene Chambers	Krystyna Mitchell	E-Crew
Ann Peters	Roger Salomon	Karen & Ian Cook	Fairhall & Associates
Bonnie Healy	Bryan Nuttal	Thomas Liesner	Lynn Yeo
Team Subaru Ice Racing	-Rick Huurman	Team Subaru Ice Racing	-Andrew Clouston
Nick Roche	Doris Gildemcister	Manfred Zumm	Rodney Cockcroft
Black Rock Racing			

## FROM THE META MAYDAY FILES

The following is from the Mayday Volume 1 Number 1, dated April 1976; author unknown.

Driver's training - March 27-28 1976

Driver's Training, held March 27th - 28th, was quite successful, though on Saturday it rained somewhat and a number of drivers had close up views of the territory surrounding the pavement. One driver, in a Honda sports car, even tried driving in an inverted position, much to his detriment. He found it not to his liking; fortunately no real serious damage was done. Dean Warner, what happened???

On Sunday, with the novice drivers gaining experience and confidence, speeds picked up considerably and things went quite well, especially as the track was dry. The two races were highlighted by the driver of the yellow Capri; after the first pace lap behind the pace car, the cars were to race to Turn Two and re-group for the actual start of the race, using the pole car as the pace car. On the second (pace?) lap the Capri driver came flying through the Esses with all the other cars strung out behind. Next time around, the crew at the Esses managed to get him slowed down and when asked "What Happened to the second pace lap?" he replied. "Oh, I forgot!". Oh well

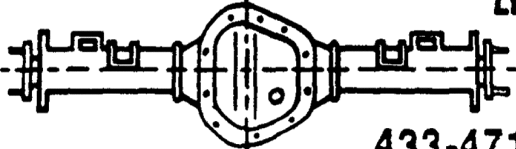
He won his race however, with a good drive, and the second race was won by a well prepared 'vette, (after they got it running).

### FOR SALE

1970 Chevy Pick-up Heavy Half Ton, 350 CID Engine, Turbo 350 Transmission, Power Steering Power Brakes, 4 Barrel Carb, 15x7 Aluminum Wheels, Dual Exhaust, Runs Good Drives Good, Very Straight and Clean Body, Minimal Rust, Too many projects must sell \$1200 OBO. Call Brian Meakings 467-7510

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## QUARTER CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

This year marks twenty-five years of META. In the works is a celebration at the September 26-27 Conference weekend at Mission. So if you have to choose which weekends you can work at Mission, this is one to make sure you attend.

META GENERAL MEETING--98\04\22

Call to Order at 19:45 by Pres.

Guests-- Rob Ford, and Alex Kwok were welcomed  
minutes were read by Don Souter, note Olov is licence director and Danielle is licence registrar  
/that swap and shop should be noted in full!. So noted minutes were approved by motion--Vic,  
seconded by Thomas

It was then suggested that anyone who has swap/shop items submit them in writing to the editor  
for the Mayday.

**TREAS.**--GEN.-\$1745.81 GAMING--\$27806.21 EQUIPMENT--\$5566.34 No GST chq. yet  
**CORR.**--SOVREN and IRDC Newsletter

**SOCIAL**--Raffle, 50\50, beer, items.>at track--worker draw--1st draw--DD. Chocolate race  
team-Jim McRae .. \$50.00 was given to Gen. Revenue by Joe from Social Fund.

**MAYDAY**--ARTICLES ARE BADLY NEEDED! Pres to write article.

**MEMBERSHIP**--New members voted on-- Welcome to Angus Glass & Alexander Kwok  
85 total---76 paid---9 honorary

**HISTORIAN** Photo albums are here. We also have one binder of MAYDAYS--2 more binders  
to go to cover our tenure of existence.

**TRAINING**--TM meeting--successful. Wear your name tags--this will help everyone get to know  
each other-- new & long time members alike

Roger to be Course Marshall/ Thomas to assist. TM to pickup turn bucket at start of day with  
flags. Some questions were raised as to the contents of the buckets--TM's to be sure that the  
buckets are complete.--Please be sure to sign logbooks at end of weekend (TM) Mission morning  
Meeting to start at 805 promptly!!!! Also to be a midseason and INDY training session. Training  
Committee members are:--Barb Moews; George Chambers; Don Liebich; Thomas Liesner; Rick  
Neyedli; Roger Salomon--Chair.

**RACE CHAIR**--not here

**COURSE MARSHALL**--already said it!

**OLD BUSINESS**--

Jackets-- CACC-- must work all 4 CACC events-- prizes to be determined by how many attend  
Crests-Pres. Arranged for them to be made. A round crest with a scroll across the bottom  
inscribing the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary-- to be done in silver.

Bears-- Women in Crisis--Bears to be delivered on April25/26 weekend--Discussion of  
number of bears--will be confirmed on race weekend

Trailer-- Shelving now up (Thomas /Roger) also finally finished painting  
Website--Our own URL (address) we are going ahead with getting on with this

Ross Bentley--Working on a driver training program for us. (Safety & performance  
oriented)

BBQ--The same crew as was for the CACC weekend are going to do it again-- with a  
couple more for help!---Craig Johnston-- will stay involved with seeing that the bbq works

Vic Kennedy-- Get drivers doing BBQ to wear name tags so we know who they are (&  
what they drive--workers should also get tags for what turn they are in ..

Anniversary Party-Discussion about moving the date--what other choices are there?  
Motion--Barb--"That we hold our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at track on the Sept. 26\98 weekend"  
seconded by Steve. PASSED Pat Moffat / Pres. / and 2 more to form committee to get done.  
Budget & # of people to be assigned by exec. At next exec meeting.

Flags--58 were made--29 were to be embroidered with sponsor names--last 11 to go to complete.

Pole assembly party-- ????? to be called. Thank you to go in MAYDAY for all contributors

Thomas— re new flags— the BERMUDA flag was the first flag to be used at Mission--- Just happens to be sponsored by Thomas!!

Joe--Archives--MAYDAY— in binder from '92- to Mar. - '98 . 2 more binders to fill to have all KNOWN issues of MAYDAY set for (storage.)

Break--20:37 to 20:55

Karen Forward has club sweatshirts--\$30--Golf Shirts--\$20

-A 30 plus minute discussion was held regarding the spending of the gaming account money— the committee gave a presentation with questions following-----an outline of the suggestion and the approx. cost involved for each item:---

training manual--\$1500/

training video--\$13,000 /

training courses--- dependant on type and attendance / tow ropes--\$200 / tow strap--\$200 /

E-truck---several bids are being looked at--price depends on age and amount of equipment.

The purchasing committee recommend that we purchase and E-truck with full equipment.

Purpose : A) an emergency response vehicle at local events

B) a promotional vehicle providing a club presence at car shows mall displays events

Estimated Cost--\$23,000 to \$28,000 including equipment.

#### ISSUES

Insurance- insured for on road use-March to November//Storage insurance for remaining months with permits used for on road use if needed. Full coverage including collision.

Annual operating costs--\$2,300 /yr--including insurance; gas; oil changes; tune ups and cleaning.

Who operates vehicle-Chief of Emergency/President or executive member (3rd choice-if neither of first two able)

If borrowed (to take to event or display only): a signed waiver of liability transfer (accident and tickets) [similar to a courtesy car agreement] Proof of licence (drivers) abstract.

Storage arrange for suitable secure storage with either a member or donated or rented facility ( garage )

Sponsorship--The club can pursue sponsors to cover some or all of the operational costs for the vehicle in exchange for advertising signage or MAYDAY ads.

Cleaning: the responsibility of the primary driver--(detailing sponsor ?)

Questions were then answered from the floor, valid concerns were raised and receive input from committee to address. Money for the maintenance and for insurance in future years were a concern. The discussion actually lasted from the break until 21:45. Approx. 50 min.

**NOTICE--- AT THE CLUB MEETING ON MAY 27,1998— A FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE ON PURCHASE!** This will be made from 2 choices that the committee will put forward. (What to purchase and for how much) Jim McRae --Committee to get prices and sponsorship details for presentation.

**NEW BUSINESS--**

Sedan race at INDY confirmed!!!! All looking forward to this event.  
INDY BBQ-discussion on location and what we want to do--( and eat etc.)  
REVV car rally postponed due to large# of people wanting to go to SUN RUN--  
-New date-June 14 /98

**PRES./ V.P.--**will say something next month.

**G & W.-**Good & Welfare— Limited edition of Jacques Villeneuve '97 season model race car--  
see Vic Kennedy

Bouquet sent to Scott and Jennifer (Al Ores daughter) who gave birth to 8 lb 8 oz. Baby boy--  
James Robert— on Sunday, April 19/98--11:40 PM

**SWAP & SHOP--**SEE NEW SECTION IN MAYDAY.--Brian M.

**DRAWS---**Pat M.-beer--Darrell-book on racing cars--Mike Z.-Indy RIO pin---50/50-Rick N.

Adjourn --22:02

# Don't Let The Prez Drive!

So its already May, our first two local races are behind us and were one quarter of the way through the season at least as far as local race dates are concerned.

The turnout for those first two weekends was fantastic from all accounts. The Sports Car Club's executive was full of compliments on how smoothly things ran, thanks to META for the first event of the season. A major point of contention last year was the Saturday barbecue. I have received numerous positive comments on the initiative taken by the drivers to address that bone of contention. Beyond just organizing the food and starting on time, the element of comradery seems to be coming back. I hope to see this continue to develop and indications from drivers are that it will.

After far too many months and discussions to remember, we finally found a suitable beneficiary for our teddy bears. The RCMP Mission Victim Services group was delighted to receive the bears and I think all would agree that it is a worthy organization to support. The photo taken by Gerry will make an entertaining addition to the META trailer gallery.

Speaking of the trailer, while many members are to be congratulated for their efforts at bringing it up to snuff, my hat goes off to Roger and Thomas for amount and quality of work that they have put in to make the trailer (perhaps its time to give it a more personable name) arguably the nicest building at Mission Raceway Park. The few remaining tasks include painting the exterior, putting a big bold advertising message on the roof or exterior walls and setting up George's elusive cappuccino bar.

This, as we are all aware by now, is META's 25th anniversary. At the last membership meeting we committed to ordering a new crest with the words "1973 – 1998 25 Years" added to the existing crest. These have now been ordered and will be available in 4 to 6 weeks. A misunderstanding with the supplier slowed the process down or they would have been here earlier. There was considerable confusion surrounding the committee struck at our March meeting to look after our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities. I must apologize for not being on top of the situation at the meeting. I was at a loss having left my notes at home. Needless to say, I won't leave my notes at home anymore.

Finally, we have some rather weighty decisions surrounding the expenditure of the Casino funds to make at our next couple of meetings. The parameters should be abundantly clear by now. It is too late to introduce new ideas into the mix but it is not too late for quality input into what we should do within the parameters that have already been set. Your input is needed now. I can honestly say I believe that nobody on the casino committee or the executive is convinced of the absolute correctness of their idea verses some other idea. We will not likely have an opportunity like this again so lets make the best of it. Put some thought into the question 'what is the best way to spend \$30,000 in keeping with the mission and goals of this organization'. Then share those thoughts with your fellow members and attend the membership meeting prepared to articulate those thoughts, not with the aim of getting what you want, but to contribute positively to the debate so that the best possible outcome can occur.

On another note, it has at last been confirmed that the Sports Car Club Sedan Race will run at Indy. While this does not directly affect us, I do feel it is positive for the awareness level of local motor sport and META's involvement in the event. Somewhat related to that, mall displays will be set up at Richmond Center Mall and Capilano Mall for Fathers Day week. I am very involved in the Capilano event so if someone is willing to make our presence felt in Richmond, I will assist where I can.

That about does it for me, but remember, got an idea, a gripe or just a good joke, call me. I promise only to laugh at the joke.