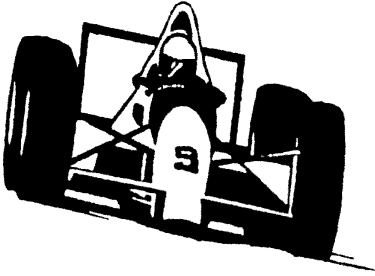




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SPEED READING

Aug 1-2	CACC	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Aug 1-2	SOVREN	Vintage	Bremerton, WA
Aug 14	Driver Training	Cascade	Portland, OR
Aug 15-16	Westwood Karting	Go-Karts	Abbotsford, BC
Aug 22-23	ICSCC	IRDC	Seattle, WA
Aug 29-30	SCCA - Regional	SCCA -Oregon Region	Portland, OR
Aug 29-30	Westwood Karting	Go-Karts	Abbotsford, BC
Sept 4-5-6	Molson Indy	Champ Cars	Vancouver, BC
Sept 5-6-7	ICSCC	TC	Port Orford, OR
Sept 6-7	SCCA	Vintage	Portland, OR
Sept 12-13	Westwood Karting	Go-Karts	Abbotsford, BC
Sept 12-13	ICSCC	Cascade	Portland, OR
Sept 19-20	SOVREN	Vintage	Seattle, WA
Sept 26	Driver Training	TC	Portland, OR
Sept 26-27	ICSCC	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Sept 26-27	SCCA	Vintage	Bremerton, WA
Oct 3-4	ICSCC	IRDC	Seattle, WA
Oct 9	Driver Training	Cascade	Portland, OR
Oct 10	Enduro	Cascade	Portland, OR
Oct 10-11	Westwood Karting	Go-Karts	Abbotsford, BC
Oct 17	Driver Training	TC	Portland, OR
Oct 17	Driver Training	NWMS	Spokane, WA
Oct 17-18	SCCA- Regional	SCCA-NWR	Bremerton, WA
Oct 24-25	CACC	SCCBC	Mission, BC

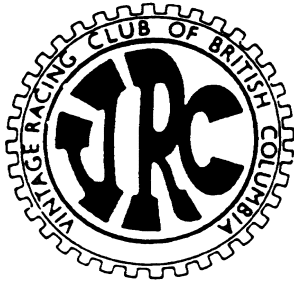
** All race dates are subject to change or cancellation without notice **

happy anniversary ...

META is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and we are having a party at the track on the Saturday of the Sept 26-27 Conference race. So come on out work the race and celebrate with us. On the same note, the 25th anniversary patches are now available for a limited time. They are \$3.00 each and you can get them from me at any Mission race or META meeting.

molson indy...

Just a reminder that all in town members of META are required to work three races at Mission. If you haven't contacted Ann about registering for the Indy you should get a hold of her as soon as possible. You can contact her at 581-7189.



... 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

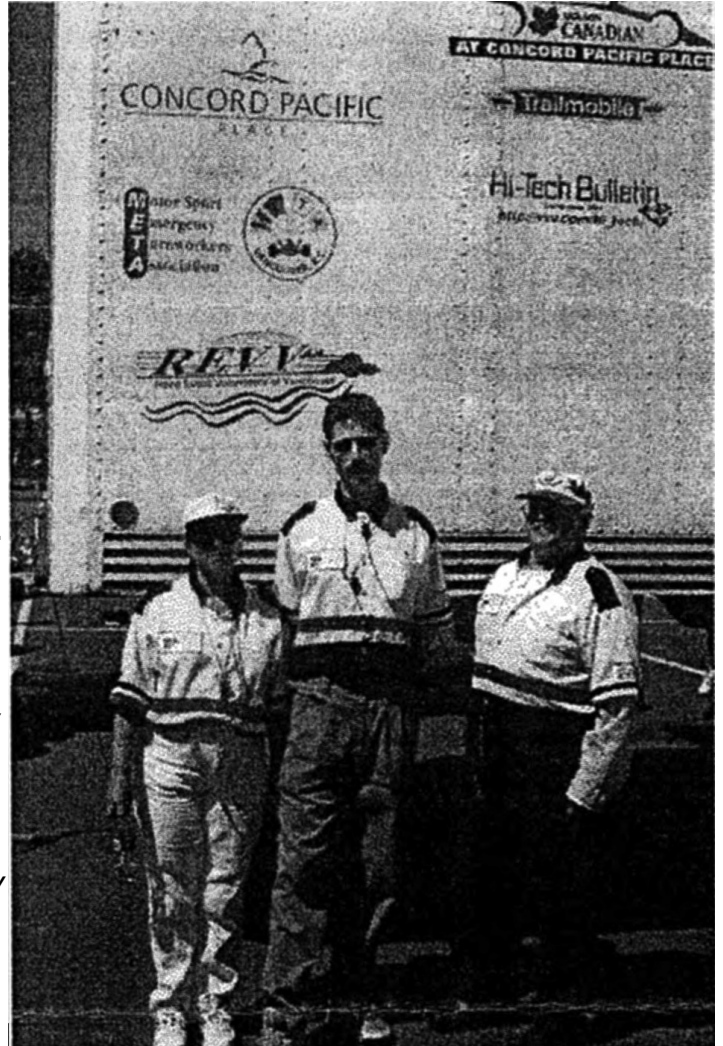
Information contact Evan Williams (604) 531-4806

MINI MOLSON INDY

I JOINED MARK, JO & JOE TO DO SOME FLAGGING AT THE LANSDOWN MALL, FIRST EVENT IN THE SERIES. THESE FULL BODIED GO KARTS ARE POWERED BY 3.5 HP ENGINES AND MOVE VERY WELL. THE THROTTLE AND BRAKE CONTROLS ARE ON THE STEERING HANDLEBAR LEADING SO SOME VERY INTERESTING DRIVING POSITIONS, AS THE FEET ARE NOT OPERATING PEDALS. MOST TEAMS HAVE LADIES AND MEN. LADIES COMPETE AGAINST EACH OTHER, AND THE MEN AGAINST EACH OTHER. OPEN PRACTICE LETS EVERY ONE OUT TOGETHER. QUALIFYING INCLUDES A PIT STOP AS DO THE RACES. THIRTY LAP HEATS AND FOURTY LAP MAIN EVENTS, EACH WITH PIT STOPS. CLOSE RACING BODY CONTACT, AND THREE WIDE AT TIMES MADE FOR AN INTERESTING DAY. THE NEXT DATE IS JULY 25 AT SURREY PLACE MALL, THE WRAP UP IS AUG 22-23 AT CONCORDE PACIFIC PLACE (CORNER OF SMYTHE NELSON & BEATTY)

VIC KENNEDY

PS: YOU CAN CONTACT MARC @986-3497 IF YOU WISH TO WORK THE MINI MOLSON INDY



where there's smoke ...

With head hung low, I apologize to the membership for the fact that there was no July issue of the Mayday. As I was putting the final touches on the July issue my computer decided to put itself into a catch 22 that I couldn't get it out of. While I was in the process of trying to fixing the problem, I lost the picture on my monitor and gained a fair bit of smoke. Fortunately there were no terminal problems but my system spent some time in the shop.

Change of Address

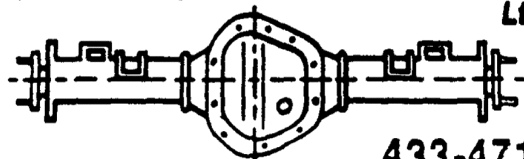
Rick and Jan Smale's new mailing address is PO Box 1689, 100 Mile House, BC, V0K 2E0. For anyone who happens to be up there, they are right in town @ 365 Dogwood.

a man for all seasons



Photo by Sue Phypers

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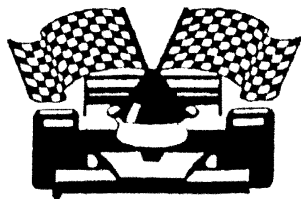


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05/15/98

To all my friends in META, Hi!

Once again, I bother you all with yet another letter. (Will the excitement ever end?)

First, please ensure that my name is spelled correctly on the Flag. In the last issue of our super news letter, someone put too many c's in my name. **Cockroft**, not Cockcroft!

The correct answers to my little quiz were:-

- (1) 1st Chief Starter was Ron Curties.
- (2) 1st Ambulance Service was provided by Loughheed Ambulance. (Old members of the SCCBC may remember George LeMarquand who was the ambulance driver).
This was in the days when the lower mainland was serviced by two private ambulance companies.
- (3) 1st course physician was Dr. C.C. (Claire) Wilson, who attended the inaugural race on crutches and was replaced by Dr. Ernie Ledgerwood
- (4) Clark Simpkins, one of Vancouver's pioneer auto dealers, in his Rolls Royce Silver Cloud drove a couple of sedate laps on the inaugural pace laps. Among other fine cars in this event were a Lagonda saloon and an Armstrong - Siddeley Sapphire

Some more mind teasers for those with a bent for our history:-

- (1) Name the person who drove a D-type Jaguar at Westwood in competition, a relative of a famous architect.
- (2) Name the first female starter.
- (3) In the book The Peter Principle, creating a position for someone who can't be promoted is called a lateral arabesque. Which famous turn worker was given this in order to keep him employed as a track-side worker?
- (4) What was the title of the position created?

(Note: all questions in this little quiz refer to Westwood & its beginnings).

Yours in the sport


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To the membership of META and WCIRABC
Re: Andrew Clouston's open letter to the membership of META,

As the source of the controversial information regarding insurance coverage for WCIRABC's ice races, I feel a little clarification is in order.

The information that Graham Moffatt relayed to META at their last meeting, was at the time, essentially accurate. The attached quotation, which was supplied to me by WCIRABC, clearly shows that Participant Accident coverage is not included. This is, however, just a quotation.

I had earlier had discussions with WCIRABC executive members and other influential members, attempting to persuade the club that purchasing this reduced level of insurance was unwise, bordering on reckless. As of this moment, I have not been made aware of any new information regarding the level and kind of coverage they intend to buy-

The situation is not settled at the moment. That is, WCIRABC have not as yet contracted with K&K Insurance for their coverage for the 1999 season. Therefore the release of any information regarding that coverage is premature. The information should not have been disseminated outside WCIRABC and the CACC executive until such time as the actual insurance coverage was confirmed. That was an error in judgment for which I personally accept full responsibility. I was not acting for CACC, but as a concerned member of WCIRABC.

I am aware that inability to recruit workers would cause serious harm to WCIRABC's ice racing program. It was not my aim to do any harm to WCIRABC, only to steer them away from a course I personally consider unwise. I apologize unreservedly to WCIRABC for this controversy prematurely escaping the confines of the club, but not for the accuracy of my information.

As far as CACC's alleged roll in all of this, CACC is not in the business of brokering insurance. The revenue does not appreciably affect the financial viability of the organization. They have in the past turned away requests for coverage, and will probably do so in the future if they consider it in the best interests of the membership to do so. CACC welcome WCIRABC's or any other motorsport related organization's membership, but CACC is an organization of participants, working together for the common good. It is not a bureaucracy waiting to do things for or to the participants. If the participants don't do it, or don't want it done, it won't be done.

As to the lack of publication of rule books, I am personally aware of the background to this. The fault for this situation is not solely, or even primarily CACC's. Rule books for various activities, supplied by the individual groups, are published by CACC on behalf of the members. CACC's executive do not make the rules, or even compile them. CACC requested, and was supplied, electronic copy of a set of rules agreed to by the two ice racing clubs. When we attempted to open this copy, substantial portions of it were unusable. Repeated attempts to secure replacements from WCIRABC were unsuccessful. CACC was Therefore unable to publish an ice race rule book. I have offered to handle this for them for 1999, regardless of whether they rejoin CACC or not.

Sincerely

Ed Smart
(Also a member of WCIRABC)

Minutes from May General meeting were read by Don Souter---

Errors and notes from previous minutes--Thomas— Asst. Course Marshall only! --under G & W— re **W.C.I.R.A.B.C.**--insurance--see letter in Mayday-vol 23 iss-6— Also that the motion to purchase truck and equipment show \$ as \$27,500 . So noted the previous minutes were adopted by motion from Jo/ sec. Ruthie Iwata---passed-(1 Abstention).

Guests--none 25- members signed in--

TREASURER--general--\$1688.19 Gaming--\$ 11, 894.59 Equipment--\$5585.06 The difference in the gaming acc't is due to the purchase of a truck for 16,051.20 (inc. 985.60 in GST)

Correspondence--letters from--Dennis Bainbridge about the "MINI-INDY"

--to Charity Licencees from Mike Farnworth--Minister

--Ed Smart--reinsurance issue /response to W.C.I.R.A.B.C. letter in previous

MAYDAY---(printed elsewhere in this issue)

MEMBERSHIP--Arthur Chan--Accepted--WELCOME!!! 82--PAID + 9 HONORARY==91 total

TRAINING— Committee to meet after next race---Training session coming--JULY-19--How to FLAT TOW a car. Question asked about fire training-may be -

question--"do committee members need to be M.E.T.A. members ?" --exec to research for next meeting.

Race Chair— not here.

COURSE MARSHALL— will be Thomas for the JULY 18\19 weekend.

OLD BUSINESS:

WEBSITE- pres -to work on!

TRUCK --WE bought one! Still in mission— arrangements to pickup and get equipped to be made shortly.

INDY GIVEAWAY- Rob showed us 2 versions--37 pcs.. For \$5.00— 27 pcs. / \$2.50. Would recommend the \$5 one --it is a better kit /container combo--- Discussion re amount--- if we do this it will require a sponsor.

25th anniversary crests here!--\$3.00 Mark priced some decals--too much\$\$\$\$ for now .

HILLCLIMB- cancelled--A SOLO event at Boundary Bay Airport will take it's place.

BREAK 'TILL 8:53

A crash course in collision avoidance— a nonconflicting date will be sought for us.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANN- A phone call from Paul Whitworth--(pres. ICSCC)- would like to know if we would like to have salmon for 25th anniversary BBQ.--he wishes to get involved in assisting us with preparations. (Supply salmon ???)

-also Gary Mathies from "INTERCITY PACKERS" may get involved.

Rick N. - What is in turn boxes re flagging at a CACC event?-- Noted that white flag rules differ from conference--would like photocopy for boxes for next CACC event.

Roger--WORK PARTY JULY 12---10 AM START -paint / roof stuff / awning work--lots to do !!

Roger--idea for discussion-buy T SHIRTS- from fund sell at profit / money to be returned to Eq. Fund for project--discussion ensued about use of the Equipment fund and its purpose.

SOCIAL--a number of new raffle items--idea from the committee--anyone interested in a DINNER CRUISE - "Harbour Cruises Ltd." offers a 4 hour lunch pkg. For \$39 going up Indian Arm/ and a dinner pkg. Around Stanley Park for \$20.

Pres. Did nothing useful for 1st time [he says}

VP not here— phoned ahead

GOOD & WELFARE--Stories from Portland--Rose Cup/ INDY and some lucky holidays for Thomas and Roger- on the sand dunes on the Oregon coast.

Brochures— for Mission---SCCBC and META

MINI INDY— July 25 Surrey Place 8 am to 5 pm and at August 22/23 10 am to 5 pm at Smyth/

comers of Nelson and Beatty— PHONE Mark Rovner to attend.

Mall Display— went over OK. Thanks to Jo A for looking after it .

Eq. Fund --find a PROJECT -to finish off the money-[-Safety video- new equip.- ???-]

Mark R. attendee a press conference for Vancouver Indy--track looking good— More INDY info from Mark.

SWAP & SHOP--Mark looking for fuel cell for his Datsun 510

DRAW—Mark M. Beer/ Rain-X -- Brian N-- 50/50--\$10.00--Thomas

ADJOURN--9:30 **NEXT MEETING— THURSDAY** JULY 23/98---7:30 PM

Secretary--Don Souter

META GENERAL MEETING JULY 23/98

Called to order at 7:50pm by pres. Mark 19 members signed in

Minutes were read by Don Souter--motion by Vic/sec. By Genevieve "To approve minutes" Passed--1 Abstention

Ioco Hillclimb— was canceled--Solo event held at Boundary Bay airport instead

Paul Whitworth--donated Salmon for the BBQ on July 18 at Mission---(comments were that it was very good salmon)

Membership--not here---

TREASURER--gen.-\$1263.20 Gaming--\$11839.25 Eq.--5589.29

NO CORRESPONDENCE

MAYDAY -COMPUTER FRITZED

TRAINING--Committee will meet at Roger\Ann's place Thur. July 30/98--
New workers at track--7:45 am Aug. 1/98--(MISSION)

CM--not here

Old Business--Indy giveaway has been decided

-Flags on poles--happened at work party--most are done --

-Brian M. dropped off freezer at trailer— comments on work party

-Ann to ensure that CACC flag rules are in turn package for Aug. 1

-Club membership on committee not written down anywhere--to be looked at further.

--Name Tags--Mark M.--to take over

Price list for dinner cruise--lunch--Mon/Tues.39.95 dinner--49.95 min. 20 people booked as group—
20% off--they end for season in late Sept.--[carol ships in Dec.???

Vic-25th anniversary BBQ-Sept.24 phone comm. to find old members

-Vic to spearhead with help from Ann! Brian M.-- phone Vic now if you can help

Starters tower- new one when?--as soon as George gives input on what is wanted.

Ann--CHECK INDY INFO NOW!!!!!! Bruce Yeo to assist Dave for CM at INDY

Worker stands at Mission/ will Check with SCCBC to see what is happening

Mini-INDY at Surrey Place mall 8 am to 5 pm July 25

NEW BUSINESS- M/C race at Blaine airport— 25/26 July

--Aug. 1/2 at Mission--Joint BBQ --- REVV/META/SCCBC Discussion on REVV participation at Mission

Vic-Turn ! Comm. At Mission--would a pair of binoculars help--discussion thought that it was a good idea--motion by Vic-sec. By Jo--"that a pair of inexpensive 7 x 35 binoculars be purchased" PASSED- 3 opposed / 2 abstention

Don L. --did well in TV interview during July 18 weekend

Ann--as a part of our mission statement--META in Greek means "above and beyond"

PRES.--same as last month

SOCIAL--25TH anniversary theme-EARLY 70'S ATTIRE--TRACK FASHIONS--

-further idea--get baby pics— contest to identify who they are.-

-a collage of pies from the 70's

GOOD & WELFARE--A card and bottle of champagne for Sandy & Noel— Congratulations and Best Wishes

Truck-back half being ordered and firm prices---insurance sponsor ideas-time frame ? --for completion is unknown at this time

swap and shop--Mark R.--wants BIG back bumper and some 2x6 bumpers for sides of his car.

Adjourn at 8:55 submitted by secretary Don Souter

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY AUGUST 27/98