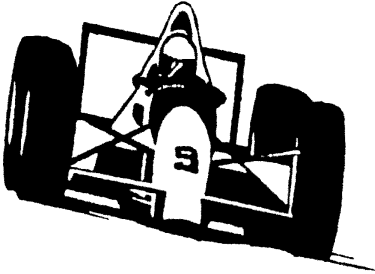




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SPEED READING

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 7	Driver Training	OASC	Mission, BC
Sept 12-13	IOCO Hill Climb		Coquitlam, BC
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

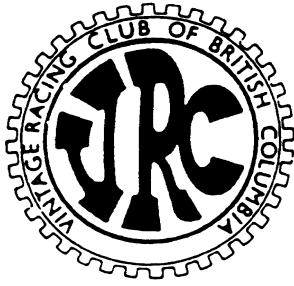
** All race dates are subject to change or cancellation without notice **

reach out ...

I would like to ask all persons planning on working the Sept 26/27 race at Mission to please let me know in advance. This includes the turn marshals. Please don't assume that I know that you are coming. I am hoping for a larger than normal turn out of workers and would like to get as much work done ahead of time as possible. You can phone me (Thomas) @ 591-7729, fax me @ 501-1503 or e-mail me @ tliesner@axion.net or you can let me know at the next meeting. Thank you.

PS. Just a reminder that morning meetings are at 8:00 AM.

molson indy ...



... 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



So this is our 25th anniversary. Quite amazing really when you think that the organization created to ensure that Westwood was adequately staffed has outlived the track itself. We still hear countless stories about the good old days, and I must confess a sense of disappointment that I was never a part of that. What a great place to play it would have been in the summer of '75. But then again, I doubt anyone in '75 even dreamed of an Indy, no CART, no Champ car race of the caliber of the Molson Indy Vancouver. The loss of Westwood was indeed a cruel blow to local motorsport addicts like ourselves yet I get the sense that Mission is slowly taking its place in our collective psyche as home. META has in no small way contributed to the rebirth of local motor racing at Mission.

Where else in the world can you find an organized group of skilled racetrack volunteers looking for a track to support. Eat your heart out SCCA.

I believe the success of META is largely attributable to the commitment of a relative few individuals whose love of the sport has lent a degree of continuity rarely found in an organization the size of ours. As a relative newcomer I dare not name names for fear of missing someone out, but you know who you are and make no mistake, META would not exist without your dedication.

The above notwithstanding, our future depends on an ongoing effort to bring new people into our sport. Those efforts mean more than just recruiting. That's easy, just like it's easy to bring customer in for a lost leader item in your store. The tough part is maintaining an ambience, ensuring that every new person that says "hey, I like racing, this looks like fun" has the kind of social experience that makes that person look forward to coming back. This is a responsibility that falls to every one that has been involved for a while. Every one of us must be an ambassador for our sport if only for the most selfish of reasons, so we can continue to do what we love.

As everyone should know by now, we will be marking our 25th anniversary race weekend at the September event at Mission. As with everything our club does, its success depends on input and participation from our members. Towards that end I put out a call to everyone to make it one of the most enjoyable race weekends ever. How about camping over Saturday night, get hold of past members or old race buddies and get them to come out, dress up in some goofy outfit that you thought was 'Real Cool' 20 years ago, bring out some old racing memorabilia. Above all get involved.

For your dining pleasure, we will be having a barbecue with steak and chicken, beer and wine, seating for 200, music, and anecdotes from 25 years of bench racing. What more can you ask for. I am still working on getting some of the mini Indy go-carts out so we can have a little time trial event as well.

Since running into Russ at Indy 5 years ago and being invited to get involved in the sport, META has been a tremendously rewarding organization to be involved with and I view the club with much affection (despite the fact that from the initial contact with META I have become a full blown racing addict who spends most of his conscious and sub conscious life dreaming of such benign things as the perfect line, saving weight and shaving 1/10th sec. of every lap I've ever done) and I think deep down, most if not all of us feel the same way.

Congratulations and thank you to all of those who had the forethought to put this thing called META together and the perseverance to see it to where it is today. We all look forward to another 25 years of 'Safety In Motorsport' and friendship.

Marc.

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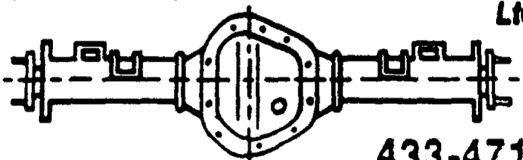
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SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE

SIR--AUGUST 23, 1998

Sleeping in Seattle has produced quite a mystery for local rapper T. Marshall D (best known for his version of I'm a Little Teapot). It seems the palatial mansion he was tenting in on the weekend was mysteriously moved. It was also reported that Marshal D's partner, Macarena Manny Zee's humble abode was also moved, although Mr Zee's tent was moved a considerable distance more. Witnesses reported this caused quite a bit of confusion for the twins as they stumbled back from the evening soiree.

Early suspicions had the Travelling Turnworkers being seen in the area, and were thought to be the prime suspects, however, that could not be confirmed. Others thought it may have been an attempt by Mr. Rogers to clean up the neighborhood. Neither Rogers nor his Press Secretary (Miss Ann) could be reached for comment. One witness also saw a red car speeding from the area and immediately they thought of the Irish connection. When questioned, Dame Bonnie the Good Hearted, and Sir Nick of Nice denied any involvement.

Further investigation found yet another witness who thought there may have been a falling out between the two, as he also said he thought he saw what appeared to be a piano being hoisted into the trees above Mr Zee's tent. This was later denied by local officials and no evidence of a piano was found.

Local officials have said they are working on the theory it was some sort of higher force that caused the campground to be rearranged. A sort of Bermuda Triangle kind of phenomenon. There were also several reports of aliens in the area, but officials at INS would not confirm or deny those reports.

My own investigation has uncovered the fact that several years ago a similar incident was discovered, when a tent seemed to have turned itself around, also a boot mysteriously disappeared from the same tent, never to be found.

Further investigation also revealed that on the evening of the latest incident, a fine German beverage Mr. Zee was drinking had somehow turned into Sprite while he was holding it. No explanation for this could be found.

Officials have said they would continue to investigate, and possibly start up a task force if the problem continues.

Rest assured, I will continue my own investigation.

John Van der Wheeze reporting for
META News and the
International Enquirer

META GENERAL MEETING AUG.27/98-----7:46 PM

GUESTS- Nick R. was back from Ireland/ several unrenowned people were also in attendance

Minutes---read by secretary-- BBQ should be on Sept. 26 /98— so noted on motion by Vic/sec by-Ruthie minutes were passed.

TREAS.-- GEN-\$1502.12 Gaming--\$10684.02--down payment on truck box accounts for difference. Eq.--\$5603.84

MAYDAY-ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE ARTICLES

CORRESPONDENCE--none

MEMBERSHIP--Moved by Thomas- sec by— Richard Fairservice--- welcomed as new member.---- 84--reg. / 9- honorary---/ 93 total

HISTORIAN--Photos etc on front table.. New people may want to have a look to see some of the past of the club.

In search for old members--- we were getting 10 - 20 hits per name on the Internet----a couple of names that we should find if possible---Al Alanson-the concession operator at Westwood---and Art Bain --we have ads in local newspapers to attempt to contact others.

TRAINING- Roger-early meeting for new workers--what to expect at INDY— 11 / 12 new workers attended.

Committee had a meeting discussing new workers and their progress.

An exchange student from JAPAN was at track (Mission) for last CACC race --Had a good time!

RACE CHAIR— not here

COURSE MARSHALL- Thomas-everything went ok. Sign in sheet for sept. 26 race at front. Please make sure to note that you are coming. AT MISSION— MORNING MEETINGS START AT 08:00 AM.

OLD BUSINESS

-BANQUET --need budget! Possible to get some money back on this--several sources discussed --Joe --can we transfer money from our other accounts to cover initial outlay?--YES-- with a motion from the members. Discussion... Motion by Thomas- “That the club be authorized to spend \$2,000.00 on BBQ for 25th Anniversary.” sec. By Genevieve--PASSED Motion by Genevieve “That we temporarily transfer \$2,000.00 from the equipment fund to be replaced later to cover costs of BBQ.” sec. By Rick N. / passed. Committee to meet briefly at end of this meeting to discuss options.

- Thomas --still has 25th Anniversary crests @ \$3.00

-Ann--T-shirts-long sleeve cotton with silk screen of globe decorated by flags and race cars--originally drawn by Christina a couple of years ago. Cost to do \$16.75 per plus GST --works out about \$20.00 Roger--Motion “to purchase shirts ----Money to come from equipment fund and be replaced as shirts are sold.” sec Brian M. Vic moved that we use the 25th

Anniversary LOGO on the front of the shirt. BOTH MOTIONS PASSED— 2-opposed.

Discussion on naming credit on shirts for artwork etc.

Brian M. “that Christina gets 1 (one) free T -shirt for doing artwork” sec. Bernie H. Passed

Website--nothing has happened yet--Pres. Too busy

Truck--update--hope to have truck ready for display at INDY - no official use decided yet. [maybe use it for lunch delivery????] discussion as to how to get it where it needs to be.

BREAK TO 8:45

NEW BUSINESS

INDY worker parking- Station ST.(by Main and Terminal) South of Terminal East of Main. OFFSITE---SHUTTLE BUS FOR TRANSPORT TO SITE-----BE EARLY SCHED. SAYS IT ONLY RUNS UNTIL 07:30. Registration opens at 06:30 Fri. AM

IOCO hillclimb on weekend after INDY--Sept. 12 / 13. Sat. 8:00 am worker meeting
Vic pointed out that lunches and a fantastic BBQ on Sat. Are provided.

OASC---running Driver Training on Mon. Sept 7--at Mission.12 to 5 PM. Need workers.
Mark--sedan race at INDY----Brian M. PROFORMANCE cars running open exhaust!.

Joe--read something about INDY track open house ???

Bonny- has a cheat sheet for TM's

Fence cutting --meet at PLAZA OF NATIONS--9 AM THURS.--SCCBC in normal Plaza of Nations office for INDY.

Joe is the assured transportation after worker party ? To parking lot---YES!!! Sat. Bash to be held in the turn ! Box seats area.

Science World has special promo during INDY---IMAX (?) Also.

During event workers needing to get from North to South side of track have special ferry!

VP REPORT--- none

pres. Reports-- a funny dog story— about his own dog and how he escaped to the roof of the house— seems he could not figure out how to get back in!

Also about FILM CREW. at Mission— showed tape--seems that Don L. is now our Pres. And Mark has been made Race Organizer. To be shown to “insport--around town sport” on local cable channels.

G & W.--Joe --moving sept.-16/17 needs help--please call him for details.

Ann--a card has been sent to the family of Dave Hadley who passed on suddenly about 2 weeks ago.

Brian M.- those in Seattle got to see what the PROFORMANCE cars are capable of with a proper setup and a good driver.

DRAW THOMAS--vic says he will take beer -- Tim— Took ???? good to see him again! Bernie Hamm .50 /50--Tim

adjourned at 9:30-submitted Don Souter

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 23/98