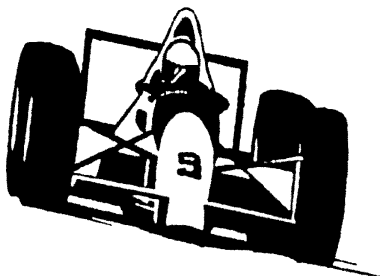




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Come On Out And Have Some Fun!!



Join us on March 27th for the wild season opener at Monroe, Washington.

You'll be glad to be just spectating for a night of roll over competition, demo derby, bump to pass, extreme contact figure 8, and school bus figure 8. Finish it off with fireworks.

Gates open at 3:30p.m. with a green flag at 7:00p.m. Cost is \$11.00 US person.

Come along in the META car pool or join the convoy of cars going down. Call Andrew Clouston at 951-1810.

If this doesn't fill your craving for speed, then come on back for a double header Nascar Craftsmen Truck series.

April 2nd; qualifying- gates open 3:30p.m. green flag 7:00p.m.

April 3rd; races- gates open 10:00a.m. green flag 1:00p.m.

President's Report

Wasn't that a party? I thought the META banquet this year went very well. On behalf of META, and myself I would like to thank Charmaine and her army of volunteers for all their hard work and making this years banquet a success. I would also like to thank everyone who donated door prizes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the club.

On a personal note I want to thank the club members for awarding me the Buzz Beley Memorial Award this year. I certainly did not expect to be bestowed such an honor. The award embodies the very reason I belong to this club and endure the long days and little pay. The people involved enjoy having fun and are fun to be with.

Enough of that, let's get down to business. WANTED!!! - DASH PLAQUES. Does anyone have a drawer full on dash plaques? Were you planning to mount them on the walls of your den when you retire, but found you are still at the track even thou you have already retired? Our plan is to put together a collection of dash plaques from the past, present and future. We are looking for dash plaques from Westwood, Mission and beyond. Gather up the dash plaques you are willing to part with and one night we will have a dash plaque sorting party. The idea is to put all the dash plaques on display in the META trailer. We will start taking contributions right away. If you are willing to volunteer as a Dash Plaque Collection Officer (fancy title, means nothing) please give me a call or e-mail me at liebich@infoserve.net.

Lise Liebich has volunteered to sort through our picture albums and crop and place the pictures in special albums that protect the pictures from yellowing etc. Joe Proud and Vic Kennedy have stepped forward and volunteered to write captions and stories for the pictures. Anyone who is interested in this project can call Lise at 936-7838 or at the above e-mail address. No experience is necessary Lise will teach you everything you need to know about cropping and picture presentation. Also needed for this project is someone with some artistic ability to draw some illustrations on a cover page. Lise will probably start the project in May sometime.

We have pins, pens, shirts and crests for sale. If you are heading out of town and want to help the club by selling some merchandise to track workers in other regions please see Don Souter. He will help you sign out some merchandise.

I want to close this column by thanking the following people for coming forward and volunteering for the newly formed Equipment Management Team and the Truck Operation Committee: (you can change the names of your groups if you want to, I just thought they sounded good) Manfred Zumm, Nick Roche, Roger Salomon, Mike Zosiak, Irene Chambers, Tom Sproule, Charmaine Meakings and Brian Meakings. It is your dedication and willingness to do a little extra for the club that keeps us strong. In an upcoming edition of the Mayday we will list the committees and publish the names of the members on them.

That's all for now.

Don Liebich
President, Motorsport Emergency Turnworkers Association.

BRIAN'S BLABBER



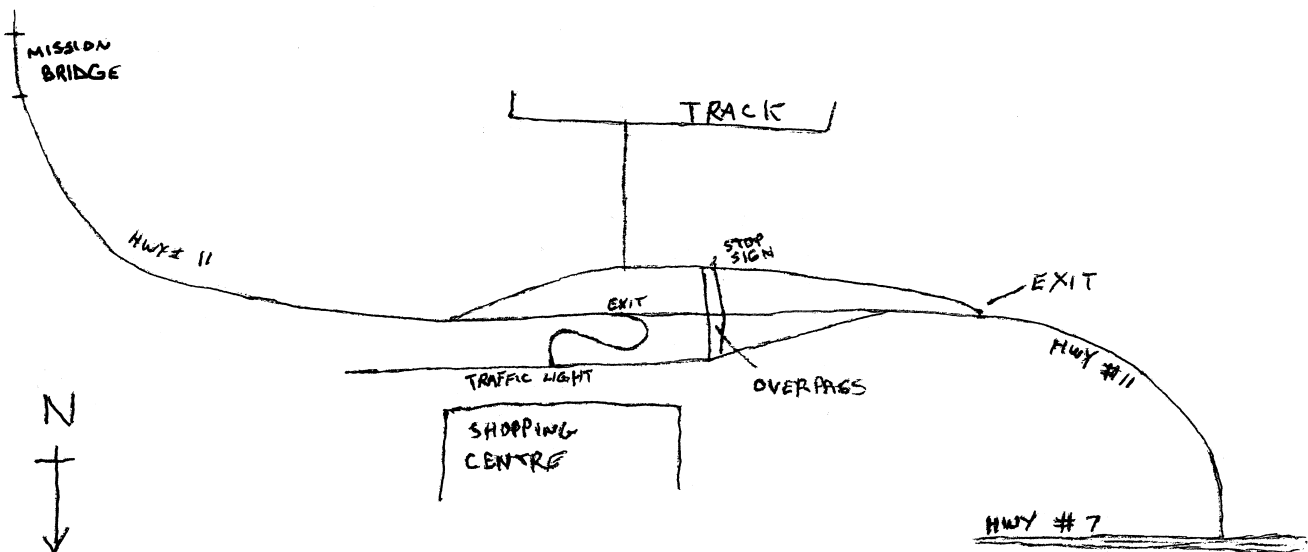
For those of you who searched the last edition for the new Mission track map, I apologies. The new track layout has yet to be finalized, as soon as it is I will include it here, **STAY TUNED !**

It has now been confirmed that TRANS-AM and SCCA's WORLD CHALLENGE [modified showroom stock] will be the support races for the MOLSON INDY VANCOUVER. This will be the first time TRANS-AM has run in Vancouver since the Westwood circuit closed.

In this edition you will find a map [honestly] of how to get into the Mission track. With the opening of the shopping centre across from the track, a lot has changed. The highway is now divided, with an over pass between the track and the mall.

Last month I told you that there would be an ICSCC race at Thunderhill, that race has now been canceled for this year, they shall try for next year instead.

Now that the race season is here are you ready for door handle to door handle racing; Where the only car that has not had any contact is the pace car; Where if you want past another car you bump him and hit him until you get past. No I am not talking about Conference production racing, although it does fit I am in fact talking about the season opener at Monroe speedway. Let's make this a large club social outing. How often do we get the opportunity to enjoy the action live, cheer on the carnage and not have to clean up the mess afterwards. See elsewhere in this edition for details.



Variety Club Show of Hearts /99

Every year the show provides a lot of stories for those of us who drive the people around. This year is no different. I won't go into why Thomas will not be washing his right cheek, or why Nick Boni would not leave the lobby of the Bayshore on Friday night. My own story took place on Sunday morning while picking up the gospel quartet. After getting into the van they asked if the tape deck worked and could they use it. I said sure and in went the tape. It was the instrumental track for their set, and they were going to warm up. Then THEY SANG!!!! Wow! Even now I still get shivers up my back. The three in the back seat were doing full harmony while Zack in the front seat was doing high harmony I thought the window would burst out. What a wonderful sound. I wish the ride would have gone on longer but all too soon it was over, they got out of the van and the silence was overwhelming.

Well, that is my story. How about yours from the weekend? Put them here where we can all read them.

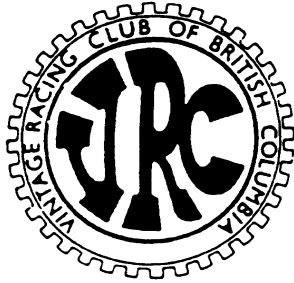
Victor Kennedy

MET A STRUTS THEIR STUFF FOR THE KIDS!

By Steven Bibby

February 13 & 14 was a HUGE SUCCESS for the annual Variety Club Show of Hearts in BC. Several META members attended to lend their support raising money for the children. Members volunteer their time answering phones, coordinating departments, and providing transportation to performers and volunteers. Although rental cars are provided for transportation use on the weekend, volunteers provide their own vehicles when they assist with the Friday events as well.

As with any event that permits more than two META members to gather, there were a few strange occurrences in the mist Long term Variety volunteer Vic Kennedy performed an early morning delivery of several batches of roses, earning him the new nickname, "flower boy"! Over at the Westin Bayshore, several members were overheard singing along to radio station 95.3 into the wee hours of Saturday morning. During the weekend, some of the members were seen driving as if they were following directions from a META car rally. After the checkered flag had dropped, rumors still persist about it being a rather "ticketed" event for some (wink, wink, nudge, nudge). Speaking of the checkered flag, the winners of this event were once again.... the kids. This years prize purse totaled over \$5 million, which will go a long way towards medical equipment and supplies for children throughout BC. Hat's off to all those who donated their time, their money, and their hearts!



... 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

show me the money ...

The Membership desk is now open for 1999 dues. You can mail me your cheque, made payable to META, and keep your membership current. Dues are still \$15. Send them to:

META Membership
c/o Thomas Liesner
13425 87 B Avenue
Surrey, BC
V3W 6G7

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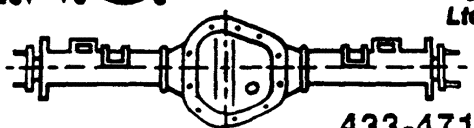
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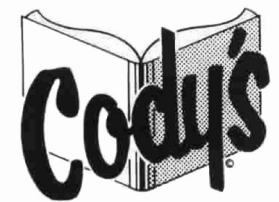
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“all Time Dumbest Questions Asked by Banff Park Tourist”

On Nature

How do the elk know they're supposed to cross at the "Elk Crossing" signs?
At what elevation does an elk. become a moose?

Tourist: "How do you pronounce 'Elk'?"
Park Information Staff: "'Elk.' .."
Tourist: "Oh"

Are the bears with collars tame?

At the Banff Springs Hotel:

What time do they turn the waterfalls off at night? (referring to Bow Falls)

Is there anywhere I can see the bears pose?

Is it okay to keep an open bag of bacon on the picnic table, or should I store it in my tent?

What time do the animals come out?

Where can I find Alpine Flamingos?

I saw an animal on the way to Banff today - could you tell me what it was?

Are there birds in Canada?

On Geography ...

Did I miss the turnoff for Canada? (while standing in the middle of Banff!)

Where does Alberta end and Canada begin?

Do you have a map of the State of Jasper?

Is this the part of Canada that speaks French, or is that Saskatchewan?

If I go to B.C., do I have to go through Ontario?

Which is the way to the Columbia Ricefields?

How far is Banff from Canada?

What's the best way to see Canada in a day?

On Tourist Facilities...

Do they search you at the B.C. border?

When we enter B.C. do we have to convert our money to British pounds?

Where can I buy a racoon bat? ALL Canadians own one don't they?

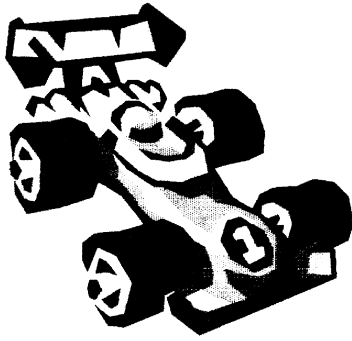
Are there Phones in Banff?

So it's eight kilometers away... is that in miles? We're on the decibel system you know.

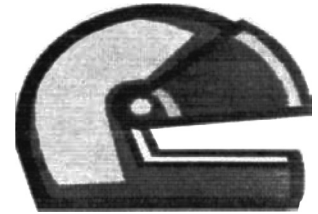
Where can I get my husband really, REALLY, lost??

Is that 2 kilometers by foot or by car?

Don't you Canadians know anything?



March



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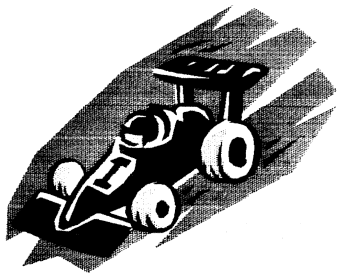
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	1	2	3 T.M.'s Meeting	4	5	6 Work- party Mission
7 Work- party Mission	8	9	10 SCCBC Meeting 7:30 B.W. COQ.	11	12	13 Work- party Mission
14 Work- party Mission	15	16	17 META Exec. Meeting	18	19	20 Driver Training Mission
21 Driver Training Mission	22	23	24 META Meeting 7:30 New West.	25	26	27 Monroe Speedway Season Opener
28	29	30	31	APRIL FOOLS DAY		



April



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				1 April Fools Day	2	3 ICSCC Race Mission
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MINUTES OF THE FEB. 24, 1999. MEETING OF META

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40 P.M.

ONE GUEST NOEL KING FROM SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 1999 MEETING WERE READ AND AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:
TRAINING - EXEC. MEETING SHOULD BE TRAINING MEETING, NEW BUSINESS.- VINTAGE
RACE ON MAY 29/30/1999. IS A VINTAGE RACE NOT A CO-SANCTIONED RACE COURSE
MARSHALL-DATE OF MEETING IS MARCH 3, 1999 NOT MARCH 2, 1999. GOOD AND WELFARE
CHARLENE SHOULD BE CHARMAINE (SORRY CHARMAINE) AMMENDED
MINUTES ADOPTED BY VIC AND SECONDED BY DON. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURERS REPORT: CHARMAINE REPORTED THAT AN EXTENTION OF THE GAMING
ACCOUNT SPENDTNG WAS GRANTED.

GENERAL A/C \$1,247.87

GAMING A/C \$3,014.82

EQUIP. A/C \$3,279.09

CORRESPNDENCE: E-MAIL FROM WESTWOOD KARTING ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND
1999 SCHEDULE.

SOCIAL: MANNY THANKED BARB. M FOR DONATION OF NEW PRIZES.

MAYDAY: BRIAN ASKED FOR ARTICLES AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR PUBLICATION.

MEMBERSHIP: THOMAS - GEORGE AND IRENE CHAMBERS WERE REINSTATED BRINGING
THE MEMBERSHIP TOTAL TO 67, 58 FULLY PAID AND 9 HONORARY.

HISTORIAN: JOE - MAYDAY AND PHOTO ALBUMS, ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING. DON
L. ASKED IF WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUR PICTURES PROTECTED, HJS WIFE LISE COULD
PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AT A COST OF \$100.00. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, TIMES
TO BE ARRANGED,

TRAINING: ROGER- REPORTED THAT VIC, THOMAS AND HE ATTENDED THE R.A.T.S.
MEETING. ONE TOPIC DISCUSSED. RACE EVENTS RUNNING TOO LONG, POSSIBLE SOLUTION,
LEAVE DISABLED CARS UNTIL END OF DAY FOR RETRIEVALE, IF SAFE LOCATION AVAILABLE.
TRAINING MEETING AT ROGER'S, SUNDAY FEB. 28/99.

RACE CHAIRMAN: PERRIN HAYES INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND REPORTED, HE WILL BE
ASSISTED BY BRUCE YEO DURING THE 1999 SEASON.

COURSE MARSHALL: THOMAS L. TURN MARSHALL MEETING MAR. 3/99. 7:00 PM AT HIS
HOME.

OLD BUSINESS: VIC K. ASKED THE RACE CHAIRMAN TO LOOK INTO A BETTER SYSTEM
FOR WORKERS NEEDING TO USE THE FACILITIES DURING A RACE WEEKEND. ANN SUGGESTED
THAT MORE TIME BE MADE AVAILABLE RSPECIALLY FOR FEMALE WORKERS, REFFERED TO
PERRIN HAYES. BRIAN M. REPORTED THAT THUNDERHILL RACE WAS CANCELLED SCCA
UNABLE TO ARRANGE WITH ICSCC. ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT SCCBC WILL BE HOLDING WORK
PARTIES AT MISSION EVERY WEEKEND UNTIL DRIVER TRAINING, ALL MEMBERS URGED TO
ATTEND IF POSSIBLE. PRES. DON L. DJSSCUSSED TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEES THE
FOLLOWING MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED: .FOR EQUIPMENT - ROGER. MANNY, NICK AND MIKE
TRUCK - IRENE, MIKE, CHARMAINE, BRIAN AND TOM. MIKE ASKED WHERR THE FLAGS
ARE, AND IT APPEARS THAT THEY ARE MISSING, ANN SUGGESTED THAT THEY ARE IN THE
TRAILER AT MISSION, A SEARCH WILL BE ORGANIZED. KAREN ASKED FOR A REPORT ON THE
BANQUET TICKET SALES AND SAID THAT CHRIS BOWLAND STEVE'S MOTHER WERE NOT
REPORTED IN THE MAYDAY AS GUESTS AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET, CHARMAINE REPORTED
THAT THERE WERE 65 PAID TICKETS AND 11 COMPLEMENTRY

NEW BUSINESS: *BRIAN*, CODY BOOKS HAVE EXTENDED A 10% DISCOUNT TO META MEMBERS ON THE PURCHASE OF ANY HARD COVER AUTOMOBILE BOOKS. *JOE* REPORTED THAT RON FARMER HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO THE CANADIAN MOTORSPORT HALL OF FAME AND A LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS SHOULD BE SENT. ALSO A LETTER TO TOM JOHNSON WOULD BE SENT. *MIKE* REPORTED THAT SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SCCBC WEB SITE.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: *ANN* ASKED THAT ALL MEMBERS BE AWARE OF THEIR BEHAVIOR AT RACE AND OTHER EVENTS THAT META MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED IN. AND SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR NEW MEMBERS.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: *DON* ASKED THAT WE GET THINGS GOING, SALES OF META MERCHANDISE, MEMBERS COULD TAKE ITEMS TO EVENTS, SET UP A DISPLAY AT MISSION. *VIC* ASKED IF MEMBERS STILL WANTED PROFILES DONE CONTACT HIM IF YOU WANT ONE DONE. DASH PLAQUES -ANYONE INTERESTED IN ORGANISING A DISPLAY IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT MISSION, SHOULD PUT OUT A CALL IN THE MAYDAY.

GOOD AND WELFARE: *BRIAN* - HAS PUBLISHED IN THE MAYDAY INFORMATION ABOUT THE MARCH 27TH EVENT AT MONROE WA. SEE ANDREW OR BRIAN IF INTERESTED IN GOING.

SWAP AND SHOP: N/ A.

DRAW: GEORGE-BEER, VIC-BANNER, AND KAREN-SHIRT
50/50-GENEVIEVE.

MOVED BY JO THAT THE MEETING BE AJOURNED AT 9:30 PM