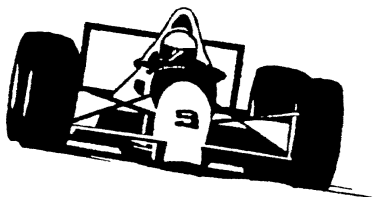




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CONGRATULATIONS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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# *President's Report*

## *July 1999*

### **Training**

We are going to have a training session on Sunday 18th at 7:45 AM at Mission. The topic to be covered will be flat tows. Depending on the interest and feedback this could become a regular event. Please let us know what topics you would like covered in the future so we can best prioritize your needs.

### **Fondue**

The chocolate fondue did not come off as planned at the vintage weekend in Seattle. It was rained out (so what else is new?). However, you can't keep a determined worker down so we are going to try it again on July 17th. The plan is to stay at the track overnight and do the fondue sometime after the BBQ. Please contact Steve or myself if you are interested. We want as many people as possible to participate.

### **Portland "Life in the City"**

All I will say is "wasn't that a party". From pie throwing contests, a super-soaker accuracy competition and our very own, one and only Keith "Manny" Moon on drums, from my recollection it was a fun time. The organizers did a bang up job.

### **Seattle Historic weekend**

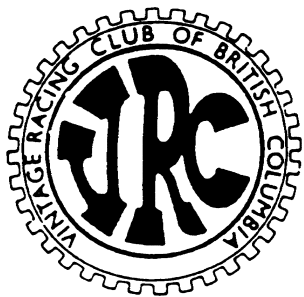
I'm not sure exactly what time the rain started on Saturday night but by 8:00PM the report from camp META was that the tents were soaked, there was a river running under my tent and there was no sign of the rain stopping. So what do 17 wet, tired workers do in a case like this? We invite ourselves over to Chris Bowls house to stay the night. Well not quite like that. Chris invited us to stay the night and he opened up his house to us: lock, stock and dogs. A big round of applause and a huge thank you goes out to Chris Bowls for his hospitality.

What can you say about this weekend that has not been said before? If you ever want to know what it is like to be treated like royalty, this is the place to go. If you ever want to see, feel and hear 40 big blocks pound their way around a racetrack; this is the place to go. We would like to acknowledge first time participants Bernice Zoziac and Dave Bell. Bernice, we're glad you found your keys before Mike had to make the long drive to bring the spare.

There is one example I want to share with you that puts the weekend into perspective. Lise and I returned to the track at 7:30 on Sunday morning. We spent some time helping Bernie with a fuel deprivation problem. By the time we got to the breakfast line up it was a solid 50 people long. As we quickly learned the rule of thumb in the breakfast line is: workers first. Without any hesitation from anyone in the line we quickly received our food and more than a few thank you's from the drivers and crews.

That's all I have for now, see you at the track

Don Liebich  
President



... 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  
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### Molson Indy Vancouver

Would you like to work Vancouver Indy? Has your address and phone Number changed since working last years' Indy? Well, if you have answered yes to either of these questions you need to contact Ann Peters at 5817189 for Indy registration forms.

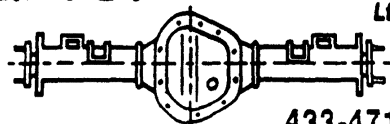
### REMINDER

To be eligible to work Vancouver Indy.  
You must work 3 Mission races

### WEDNESDAY IS THURSDAY ???

Reminder that July's META meeting will be on Thursday July 29.  
And the August META meeting on Thursday August 26.

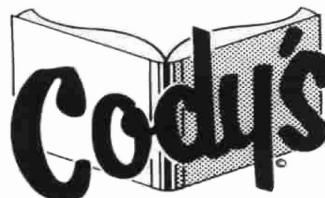
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## THE VIEW FROM TURN 5

LOOKING IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR I SEE THE GRANDE OKANAGAN HOTEL, THE FLOATING BRIDGE, AND THE LAKE WITH THE BOATS OUT SAILING. OUT THE FRONT I SEE TURN 5 AT THE KNOX MIN. HILLCLIMB.

THE LOCAL VOLUNTEER NUMBERS ARE DOWN THIS YEAR BUT SOME OF THE PEOPLE ARE VERY GOOD, HAVING DONE THIS FOR MANY YEARS. AS I KEEP SAYING THESE DRIVERS ARE GOING HARDER EVERY YEAR WHICH USUALLY RESULTS IN A FEW OFF'S. TWO IN TURN 9 KEPT EMIL BUSY AS WELL AS LOTS OF SWEEPING, AND ONE IN TURN 5. ALL DRIVERS AND VEHICLES RETURNED TO PLAY ON SUNDAY. THE ONLY MAJOR INCIDENT ON SUNDAY OCCURRED WHEN A CERTAIN MUSTANG DECIDED TO CHECK OUT OUR TIRE WALL. (LAST TIME SOME YEARS AGO, HE WENT OFF BEFORE THE TIRE WALL, REMEMBER THE SIGNS DON?

IN TELLING OUR NEW RESPONSE WORKER ABOUT THE ABC'S AT THE CAR, HE SAID NO PROBLEM AS THE STEERING WHEEL CAME OFF AND THE DRIVER WAS VERY ACTIVE AND VOCAL.

I DID NOT GET ANY TIMES OR RESULTS TO PASS ON BUT THEY MAY BE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF APEX.

DURING ONE OF THE LATER SUNDAY RUNS WE HAD TO RED FLAG SCOTT BRODIE IN HIS ROTARY POWERED 510. AFTER GETTING HIM TUCKED AWAY THE SESSION CONTINUED. AMONG THIS GROUP WAS FRED DELPERO WHO REALLY CHARGES THROUGH TURN 5, NOT LIFTING AND GETTING CLOSE TO THE TIRES AT THE EXIT. SCOTT THOUGHT HE WAS GOING INTO THE TIRES BUT I TOLD HIM THAT WAS HIS REGULAR LINE. AFTER SEEING THIS SCOTT WENT JUST AS WIDE ON HIS NEXT RUN AND CAME DOWN GIVING A BIG THUMBS UP FOR HIS RUN. IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT DRIVERS GET TO SEE HOW OTHER DRIVERS TAKE A CERTAIN CORNER.

AN INTERESTING OBSERVATION ABOUT THE POPULARITY OF BACKPACKS. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS SOME SPECTATORS WERE COMING UP ILL PREPARED, BUT NOW MORE OF THEM ARE CARRYING LIQUIDS AND OTHER GOOD STUFF TO HELP MAKE THEIR DAY BETTER.

BEFORE CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO THANK IAN WOOD FOR COVERING THE COST OF THE WORKER DINNERS ON SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE BANQUET.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR AT THE HILL AND IF YOU AREN'T COMPETING, THINK ABOUT WORKING THE CORNERS, WE CAN ALWAYS USE YOU.

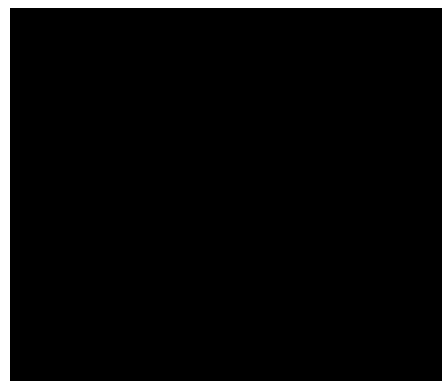
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Rodney Cockroft

Sandy & Noel Koehn

Pat & Graham Moffat

Rick & Jan Smale



## It'll be A Long Five

Dedicated to the “off camera” antics that occur between race sessions, on cool down laps, or just about any time around the course...

**Dateline: June 18-20, 1999**

**Event: CART race at Portland**

- ESPN coverage of CART qualifying experienced “technical difficulties” on Friday. Service was interrupted briefly when the conscientious driver of the sweeper truck attempted to clean the runoff entrance at turn 8 (old turn 5) and took out every camera & power line in his path.
- Bernice Stanley, of the Portland E Crew, got her 1st chance to drive the truck during practice on the weekend. Driver’s only expressed their concerns when they noticed someone had stuck a bright orange novice sticker on the back of the E-Truck.
- Demonstrating their ability to circumnavigate the track without touching the pavement, the CART Safety team came flying through the grass on driver’s left of turn 7 (old turn 4) while responding to a crash in 11. Appearing more like the Baha 200, the crowd laughed and cheered as the truck, team, and their equipment went airborne over a bump they didn’t see. After the cool down lap, the four red-faced workers stopped at turn 8 to pick up the equipment that fell off the truck during their flight. Thank goodness they “strap down” their worker’s.
- After the dinner on Saturday night, worker’s were treated to an entertaining version of Zummy’s Magical Mystery Tour. Yes, Manny (Gonna Rock your world) Zumm joined the house band to play a round of Louie Louie on drum’s to a packed crowd of dancer’s. Way to rock-em Manni
- To finish on a great note, BIG KUDOS to Bernice Zoziak, who was congratulated at the BBQ for her textbook handling of the Dodge driver that had to be extracted in the chicane. Bernice was the responder who handled the “injured driver” call after a serious crash. She eliminated any risk of neck or spinal injury as he was moved out of the car and into medical. Fortunately, by the end of the day he walked away with just a few bruises and a badly beaten pocket book.

In order to prevent dangerous passing manoeuvres during an incident, FIA rules require driver’s going through a yellow flag area to wait until passing a green flag before passing a competitor car.

The following is an excerpt from the new:

**1999 CART**

**Flagging & Communications Guidelines**

Green Flag Procedures:

- When any type of yellow flag is displayed at the previous station, a stationary green flag should be displayed until the preceding yellow flag is withdrawn.
- A green flag will be displayed from each corner station for the first lap of the first CART and Indy Lights session each day. This flag need not be displayed should local conditions dictate that some other flag be displayed

JULIE WILKINSON  
1961 - 1999

It is with a sad heart that I inform you that on May 30, 1999, Julie Wilkinson passed away. Her death came sudden and unexpectedly, and she did not suffer. Julie was both a past M.E.T.A. and S.C.C.B.C. member. She competed in the Honda Michelin series at Westwood before moving to Toronto to further her racing ambitions. Since that time Julie continued her racing, and became a respected automotive journalist, giving back to the sport that she loved. Julie was a good driver and a great person; she brought joy and happiness everywhere she went. Julie will be missed by all who knew her. Such was the impact of her life that memorial services were held in both Vancouver and Ontario, at the Motorsport Hall of Fame.

GOOD-BYE JULIE,  
FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS IN M.E.T.A.



## **BRIAN'S BLABBER**

I am Sorry...

I am sorry if my speaking the truth offended some people.

I am sorry if the thought of equality for all members goes against some peoples beliefs.

I am sorry that some people feel it is better to delegate than to do it themselves.

I am sorry that our Club has internal problems.

I am sorry that some people feel that we should ignore this.

I am sorry that the people who complain the most won't do it in public or in print.

I am sorry that some people think that "HELP" is a four letter word.

I am sorry that the people who have the most experience get pushed aside & ignored.

I am sorry that M.E.T.A gets taken for granted by some clubs.

I am sorry that M.E.T.A. ever purchased a truck.

I am sorry that those who want to have fun prefer to travel to Seattle.

I am sorry that we have let a minority spoil it for the majority.

I am sorry that my column was not accepted for what it was - MY opinion.

I am sorry to say, this will be my last BRIAN'S BLABBER!

## 1999 RACING SCHEDULE

### July

3-5	Vintage	Seattle
10/11	Vintage	Portland
11	CART	Elkhart Lake
17/18	ICSCC	Mission
25	CART	Michigan
31/1	ICSCC	Mission

### August

1	Player's Grand Prix	Trois-Rivieres
7/8	ICSCC	Spokane
8	CART	Detroit
21/22	ICSCC	Portland
22	CART	Cicero, Ill
28/29	ICSCC	Seattle

### September

5	CART	Vancouver, BC
4-6	ICSCC (tentative)	Thunder Hill
11/12	ICSCC	Portland
12	CART	Monterey
18/19	SOVREN	Seattle
25/26	ICSCC	Mission
26	CART	Houston

### October

2/3	ICSCC	Seattle
8/9	Enduro	Portland
16/17	Enduro/CACC	Mission
17	CART	Australia
23/24	Enduro/CACC	Mission
31	CART	Fontana

### November

13	ICSCC Banquet	SeaTac Marriott
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### December

4	Enduro	Thunder Hill
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### Legend:

**ICSCC** - International Conference of Sports Car Club

**SCCA** - Sports Car Club of America

**CART** - Championship Auto Racing Teams

**SOVREN** - Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts

## MINUTES OF THE JUNE: 23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF M.E.T.A.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. 31 members, no guests.

Minutes of the May meeting were read, error under new business 'CPT certificates' should read 'CPR certificates'. Adopted as corrected by Vic seconded by Thomas L.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gen. a/c \$1,272.47. Gaming a/c \$3,025.42. Equip. a/c \$3,315.56.

**Correspondence:** Western Driver and VMCS Wheel Spin. Letter from Gaming Commission, funds available in 6-8 weeks.

**Social:** Manny thanked Irene for patches and Julia for gift certificates.

**Mayday:** Brian needs articles •

**Membership:** 87 paid up 9 honorary total 96. Thomas announced he would be resigning at end of year.

**Historian:** Photos and Maydays at front.

**Training:** Meeting date TBA soon would like to have when QR manuals are ready. Time for debriefing meeting to start was discussed. Sunday at 7:45 am was agreed, and will be held at pre-grid, the first will be held at the next race at Mission. Announcements should be published in Pit Pass and announced at race by the novice director.

**Race Chairman:** Vintage race very successful, and workers to be complemented for their attendance and excellent performance. All competitors went home happy.

**Course Marshall:** Vintage went well. Please do not swap radios and headsets unless there is a problem use the same one you were issued for the entire weekend. Nick brought up the yellow flag situation where workers were trackside attending to a disabled car, it was agreed to use safety as the guideline to determine the course of action. Geo: If danger to come workers use E-Crew. Don: Use de-briefing sessions to discuss these types of situations.

**Old Business:** Graham asked if the annual banquet report was completed. Will be done by next meeting. Brian asked about trailer insurance, flags and equipment inventory. Insurance was being arranged by SCCBC, Ann attending to flags, Steve advised, if costs are under \$20.00 to complete it should be done. Inventory to be done at next ICSCC race. Discussion re: truck arrival at the track and the spending of the Casino funds occurred. Mark reported on the video production costs would be between 10-15K and is very time consuming. Help from the members will be needed. Brian reported on improvements needed and arrangements to complete the work on the truck upgrades.

**Vice President's Report:** Soap box derby July 1 needs workers, Jay Kingsley requires workers for Vintage at SIR July 2-4. Bus to Spokane was discussed and Don to check on this.

**New Business:** Thomas reported that the old BBQ from Westwood days has finally gone to the scrap yard, and SCCBC has materials to build a new propane one. Brian: New turn 4 & 5 stations are waiting for materials. Manny: Rose Cup committee thanked all workers for their assistance. Angus asked about the nametags and Charmaine will report at the next meeting.

**President's Report:** Covered in Old Business.

**Good & Welfare:** Steve's racing bucket has expired and requires a new one. Mark announced an Indy motor sports expo will take place the weekend before the race. Barb informed the members of the untimely passing of Julie Wilkinson, a former racer at Westwood and competitor in Canadian motorsport, She will be missed by all who knew her.

**Swap and Shop:** Ruthie needs window regulators for her car.

Barb-beer, Don S-Fogg & Suds, Geo.-Gift certificate, Tom S. 50/50.

Meeting Adjourned. 9:35 PM.