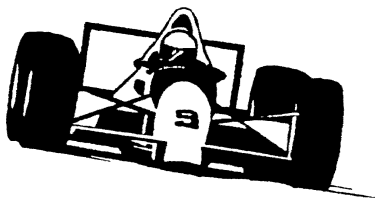




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## Dates and Stuff

Nov 10	SCCBC Meeting	Best Western-7:30	Coquitlam, BC
Nov 13	ICSCC Banquet	Seattle Marriott	Seattle, WA
Nov 20	SCCBC Banquet	Executive Inn	Coquitlam, BC
Nov 24	META Meeting	Century House-7:30	New West, BC
Nov 26	WCIRABC Meeting	Venus Place-6:30/8:00	New West, BC

My most sincere and deepest apologies to CACC for not including one of your races on the calendar last month. With head hung low I beg forgiveness for such an unfortunate and unacceptable oversight on my part. I'm not sure whether I forgot to add it in or if it was deleted while I was playing with the format (I'm still new at this computer stuff), I was hoping that the first edition I was a part of would be perfect, oh well, all I can say is .....

# OOOPS!!!!

Number

Ninety-Nine

Good bye Greg.

Thank you. We will miss you.

Greg Moore 1975-1999




## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November 1999

As the first year of my term as President comes to a close I was planning to prepare a report outlining my feelings and thoughts about this past year. However; in the shadow of the recent tragedy that has befallen our community anything I have to say seems fairly insignificant.

The thing I like and respect about our club is that we always try to learn something from each event or incident and look for ways to make our sport better or safer. I have looked hard to try to learn something from this but I can not come up with anything new. Greg's passing hammers home the inherent dangers of the sport we are involved in. I'll probably hold my yellow flags a little higher or rock my blue flag a little more assertively. All I can really say is... don't ever take this sport for granted, always be on your guard.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

META'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
CENTURY HOUSE-620 8<sup>TH</sup> ST NEW WESTMINSTER AT 7:30PM  
PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS MEETING AS OUR ANNUAL ELECTIONS WILL BE  
HELD AT THIS TIME. THE POSITIONS AVAILABLE ARE:

**PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, SECRETARY**

### Award Nominations Bulletin

In a small club such as ours, it is often difficult to choose one member over another for any and all awards. It is even more difficult to choose the Rookie and Non-Member awards simply because you don't know who they are. We're going to try and change that this year by listing who they are. Also don't forget about the President's Award and the Buzz Beley Memorial Award. Included in this issue is your nomination form.

#### Rookie of the Year Candidates:

*Stewart Buchanon*  
*Curtis Slater*  
*Christy Hews*

*Gillian Dowling*  
*Kara Swanson*

*Bob Maniton*  
*Terry Ward*

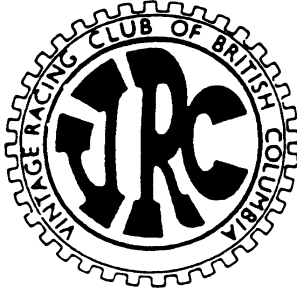
#### Non-META Member Worker of the Year Candidates:

*Ron Carlson*  
*JP DeChamplain*  
*Dave Wiebe*

*Ken Carlson*  
*Rob Dverksen*

*Arthur Chan*  
*Jeff Gadinski*

Please note that the non-member award can be almost anyone. This list of non-member workers is not intended to be complete, just a guide to help you along. Editor.



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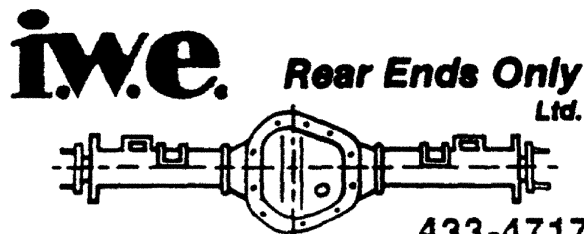
## Editors Editorializing

Soooo, how did you like the last issue? We were pretty happy with it. A few minor screw-ups but, hey, nobody's perfect. We've heard quite a few good comments and we certainly appreciate the support. Thank you. It tells us that we're heading in the right direction. I was a little nervous for a while because I hadn't heard any comments. Although the way I looked at it was that you don't always hear when things are good, but you always hear when they're bad. I simply extrapolated that little theory into a positive acknowledgement of the last issue. Sounded good to me, and it kept my ego going until we actually heard some positive feedback. Again, thank you.

Andrew

This issue is also chock full of stuff. Award nominations (don't forget to send one in), banquet info, Mission stuff, ice race stuff, letters, articles, reports, membership lists. (We know that the membership list was supposed to be in the last issue but we ran out of room. It's in this issue, just in time for your Xmas card lists.(3809 st Thomas st, PoCo) ) You name it we got it. But we still want more. Please keep sending your articles in, but if there is anything else you want to see, or if there is anything you want others to see (keep it clean now) send it in or let us know. We are always looking for ideas.

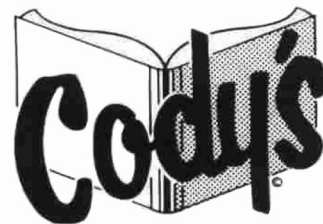
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## Party Time

**ICSCC Banquet:** Nov. 13, 1999 at 5:30pm Seattle Marriott, Sea-Tac Airport 3201 S.176<sup>th</sup> St. At  
(206) 241-2000

Tickets: \$35 US Contact DeeAnn or Michael Lensen at  
(604) 951-8269

(Note: Deadline for tickets was Oct. 22 but it may still be worth a shot)  
R.O.D. Meeting will be 11:00 am at the Marriott  
Contact Roger Salomon at (604) 581-7189

**SCCBC•Banquet:** Nov. 20, 1999 at Executive Inn, 405 North Road, Coquitlam, BC  
Tickets: Contact Laurie Kaerne (604) 299-2000

## Ice is Nice is Ice is Nice is Ice is Nice

The first ice race meeting took place on Oct 15. Although it wasn't well attended, it was a good dinner and a good chance to catch up. The schedule for the upcoming season was finalized. At least as much as can be considering the variable ice conditions up there.

January 8/9	February 5/6-Vernon	March 4/5
January 22/23-Enduro	February 19/20	

All dates are subject to change and off weekends are scheduled as alternates.  
All races, except Vernon, will be held at Barnes Lake near Ashcroft/Cache Creek.  
The Vernon race will be at Swan Lake.

The next meeting will be Nov. 26 at the Venus Place Restaurant in New West. Dinner around 6:30, meeting around 8:00. See you there. Think ice.

## Racin' Deal

**Posted by Greg Barber on September 15, 1999 on ICSCC website**

I wanted to thank everyone for your phone calls of concern regarding my little racin' deal in turn 7 during group 2 race at PIR.

I especially want to thank my fellow Rabbit racers for the many offers of help and assistance. I may need a good body man ...

The E.R. Doc said I pinched a Sciatic (sp) nerve in my neck and back. (it was an old football injury) It only seems to hurt now when I go out to look at my car :) He said the turn workers did the right thing by taking the precautions that they did by not letting me walk out of the car. Thank you. And my apologies to the other race groups that had to sit in the sun and wait...

Many, many thanks, you all have been great. See ya at the races.... Greg #52 CR

**Editors Note:** According to David Bell who was witness to the incident. It started out as a very innocent side to side contact, which sent the aforementioned #52 over the curb and stopped in the infield at turn 7. When the car did not continue, workers responded. That's when they found the driver in distress. It was quite unnerving to see the driver being removed in a backboard. You just never know how any incident will play itself out. A lesson for all of us.

Well hi everyone, just thought you make like the new F1 calendar for next year that has just been released, as I know you all like F1 really????????????

<b>March 12 Australian</b>	<b>(Melbourne)</b>	<b>July 16 Austrian</b>	<b>(Spielberg)</b>
<b>March 26 Brazilian</b>	<b>(Sao-Paulo)</b>	<b>July 30 German</b>	<b>(Hockenheim)</b>
<b>April 9 San Marino</b>	<b>(Imola)</b>	<b>Aug 13 Hungarian</b>	<b>(Budapest)</b>
<b>April 23 British</b>	<b>(Silverstone)</b>	<b>Aug 27 Belgian</b>	<b>(Spa)</b>
<b>May 7 Spanish</b>	<b>(Barcelona)</b>	<b>Sept 10 Italian</b>	<b>(Monza)</b>
<b>May 21 European</b>	<b>(Nurburgring)</b>	<b>Sept 24 US</b>	<b>(Indianapolis)</b>
<b>June 4 Monaco</b>	<b>(Monte-Carlo)</b>	<b>Oct 8 Japanese</b>	<b>(Suzuka)</b>
<b>June 18 Canadian</b>	<b>(Montreal)</b>	<b>Oct 22 Malaysian</b>	<b>(Kuala Lumpur)</b>
<b>July 2 French</b>	<b>(Magny-Cours)</b>		

So as you can see the biggest change is to the British Grand Prix, as it is a lot earlier in the year, un-officially they say its to get a wet race to make it more exciting?? Also you might like to know the Mr Eccelstone just sold 1/2 his company that run F1 for a cool £780 million pounds, so to convert to Canadian dollar multiply it by 2.3 and you will get a very large figure ! ! ! ! ! ! ! maybe now he will 1/2 the price on entrance fee into a grand prix ???

Well see you all soon Matthew Bower

#### **Wally Interview-full interview**

(Reprinted from CART Teleconference website)

Here are the questions I asked about observers.

**Q.** Thanks for all those rides you have given me around and let me do safety checks with you. They were wonderful.

**WALLY DALLENBACH:** I will tell you what, I may not be Chief Steward next year, but I still might be doing rides.

**Q.** Talk to me a little bit about your relationship with all the course observers and the flaggers. I know you have had an intimate one and just had a great impact on each of the races in the series that maybe a lot of us don't know a great deal about.

**WALLY DALLENBACH:** I am happy to say that there isn't a place that I have been or go now that my relationship with the corner workers or course workers have been probably not only personal but one of the best. We have gone out of our way to have eye contact all the time and there has been situations where corner workers have been irate with some of the officials or some situations, maybe even a driver. And I have been able to deduce that most of the time.

And it is amazing how, you know, one and a half minutes of kind words to one of these guys goes a lifetime. Although I haven't met personally all of them, virtually without question everyone of them wave and give me the high-sign when I usually go by.

**Q.** From hanging out with some of those people you are much beloved by them. Have you had a talk with Juan after the incident in Houston or -

**WALLY DALLENBACH:** Yeah, we discussed it and it was a situation where I think he was under the impression that he should have been warned of the situation But obviously he saw the yellow, but I didn't get negative on him, I think he is probably as negative as he can be on himself at the moment.

**Q.** Pretty much the penalty is if he loses the Championship he knows where it came from.

**WALLY DALLENBACH:** Yes, and like I say, he is young. He has got car control second to none. But he has to develop between his ears a little more.

**Q.** It has been a pleasure, Wally. Good luck to you.

**WALLY DALLENBACH:** Well, thank you so much.

## ***SHARED VISION***

We are at the dawning of a new age for M.E.T.A. Will we see growth and prosperity, only time will tell. We have a choice, and it is up to us to point our Club in the right direction. M.E.T.A. will face many new and exciting challenges in the coming century, and it will take a strong and wise executive to guide us along the way. Each of us, in his or her own way, must do our part. I encourage all of you to consider what you can do for your Club. Have you given any consideration to what you would like our Club to achieve; you have the power to decide what is to happen to this great organization that we so humbly call, "M.E.T.A.". You can make a difference; give of yourself what you can, each bit will help. Why not run for a position within our Club, or join one of our many committees. However, the most important thing that you can do for your Club is to give it an executive that will lead us into the next age of M.E.T.A. - an age of mutual respect, understanding, and admiration for all. The most important thing that you can give to your Club is your vote!

Brian Meakings.



### **.....After The Checkered**



From the Province: Penske to run Honda power! Roger Penske, who owns 25% of the company that builds Mercedes engines, announced he's switching to Honda engines for the 2000 CART season. Also, Player's/Forsythe is expected to soon announce it has abandoned Mercedes and will use a Ford/Cosworth engine next year.

On a similar note. From the Province: Honda will return to Formula 1 next year with British American Racing. The Japanese automaker and BAR will develop the cars to be driven by Jacques Villeneuve and Ricardo Zonta. Cool!!!

Last month I reported that the silent auction at the Doembecher weekend in Portland raised over \$7000, it turns out that throughout the entire weekend, there was over \$15,000 raised! WOW!!! Good for them and everyone that helped out.

Recently one of our newer Workers found he could order white Helly Hanson raingear from the Seattle store. They had to bring it in, but they were still able to get it. The Vancouver store would not help; had to go to Seattle. Approximate cost with shipping, duty and tax, etc. for outer coat and pants was about \$100 CDN. I also heard about some stuff in Portland called Frog Togs. It's made of that material you can scrunch up into a ball, yet is totally waterproof. If I remember correctly it was about \$50 US (I'm not sure if that was coat and pants or just coat). If anyone knows or hears about any other deals on white raingear let me know so I can print it, as it's not the easiest stuff to find.

From the Province: Goodyear Tires will pull out of CART and IRL, leaving dominant Firestone as the lone tire provider in CART. It ends Goodyear's 36-year involvement in Indy cars. Cars driving on Goodyears won just two races in the last two CART seasons.

From the Province: The \$10 million US Hawaii Super Prix, with a motorsport record \$5 million first place purse (and \$250,000 for the pole) was cancelled recently. Quote from Andrew Craig, CART chairman and CEO "We are disappointed to have to make this announcement—the Hawaiian Super Prix has been unable to secure the necessary funding to make the required payment of the purse and other fees. The top 12 drivers in CART's final standings were to be invited, plus 4 others: Jacques Villeneuve, Alex Zanardi, Michael Schumacher, and Jeff Gordon were considered.

From Don Souter: He was talking to Tom Pane (Denver Turnworker) —Formula 1 race in Indianapolis is looking for turnworkers—see website—(usacracing.com) .

Also— Anyone who has been associated with the "Jim Russell Racing Schools" —James Bessmer who owns the Mt. Tremblanc version is attempting to put together a 30th anniversary reunion. Look for jimrussellcanada on the Internet for further info.

## **Bucket Brigade Weekend**

### **Mission Oct. 16/17**

It was a combined weekend with CACC and SCCA coming together for the first time at Mission, as well as a very large Vintage grid. 30 Vintage cars of all shapes and sizes together for two races on Saturday. Very cool stuff!!

There were also several SCCA workers that made their way north, and with very few locals out, they were even more appreciated than usual.

There was also an awesome Enduro on Sunday. Only 17 cars, but many twists and turns as to who would come out on top. It turned out to be none other than our past El Presidenti Markus of Rovner (Steve). Congratulations Mark.

Last but certainly not least, a big **THANK YOU** to SCCBC for the pizza Saturday night. Boston Pizza delivered it right to the META trailer, on time, and hot. A nice change from burgers.

## **The Great Pumpkin Weekend**

### **The Last Race of the Century**

#### **Mission Oct 23/24**

Only 65 entries, 17 for the 4hr Enduro, but a good weekend none the less. The weather was the big issue. Fog delay Saturday morning for an hour. Then it turned cloudy and cold (I thought it was ice racing), but it did stay dry. Late Saturday night it started pouring and reports were it would continue for Sunday, what a way to end the year (Yuk). However, Sunday was clear (except for that pesky fog delay again) and actually warm.

Now that's the way to end the year!!!! (OK Turn 5 wasn't warm but then it never is!)

I've got to give credit to whoever decided to group the CFDA cars with the open wheel grid. Finally someone was thinking, there weren't enough for their own grid so put them in with the others, I like that!! As an added bonus it made the schedule much shorter so even with the fog delays, we finished on time (the Enduro actually started early)

SCCBC bought pizza Saturday night again, and thanks again for that. I don't think it would work if there were more workers, but it certainly is nice for a change.

The Enduro on Sunday didn't have many cars but I thought it was entertaining anyway. I haven't seen that much contact since the World Challenge race at Indy. Two cars would go at it lap after lap after lap until finally something would give, then a little while later two other cars would go at it lap after lap, then a little while later two- other cars would go at it. Maybe it was just the view from turn 2 but I certainly was amused throughout the race. The winner ended up being the perennial Enduro favorites Lam and Boyle (Fluorescent orange and blue Honda), second was the sports racer of Weedon and Kaerne, third was none other than our local hero Markonious Rovner (Steve) and Terry Ward. Congratulations one and all!!! Speaking of amusing ask Don L. about the flying smokies and the peanut powder. (! don't think I should print it).

#### More useless information:

---The words racecar and kayak are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.

---You are more likely to be killed by a Champagne cork than by a poisonous spider.

---Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because he doesn't wear any pants.



## **Steward's Report** —Taken from ICSCC Newsletter Oct. 1999

Great racing for the final events of what I thought was a very good year for our drivers, crews, and friends. Many of our Championship contests were not fully decided until the ultimate race of the season. That added to the pleasure of the fine weather and good racing at both Mission and Seattle.

### **Mission**

We did not have any incidents worthy of the name at Mission. The usual minor scraping and rubbing but the participants generally agreed that it was "Just Racing;" not vehicular assault-the old my corner or die kamikaze approach seen in other less refined and disreputable racing venues. Thanks to the good folks of SCCBC for giving us another great weekend of racing.

Though the winds in Canada Friday night made for much damage to some very nice but unfortunately not well secured canopies and awnings (can anyone spell airfoil). It looked for all the world like a collection of big, dead, very colorful, spiders artfully arranged by Christo when I go there early Saturday.

I hope that my participation in the CFDA event (which I enjoyed greatly) did not cause anyone unnecessary delays or inconvenience. If it did I offer my apologies.

### **Seattle**

At Seattle we wrote off a Mazda at turn 8 and resurrected one that appeared terminal given it's upside down, facing - backward, resting place just up the hill from turn 6. I was amazed and pleased to see the upside down car back in action on Sunday.

We did an experiment with transponders at Seattle which, went well I thought. If we decided to use such a system I can see possibilities for getting sector times and for being able to do a much more efficient job of timing and scoring. We would get results quicker and there would not be any more of that Saturday afternoon BS in the pits about how "they" missed my fast lap.

### **Thanks for letting me...**

It was a real pleasure to serve as Race Steward this year. Now that we are almost through the season except for the awards giving at the banquet I feel as if a great weight has rolled off me. I learned a great deal about the inner life of Conference. It is truly amazing how much effort gets put in by a series of wonderful people, just so a couple of hundred men and women can go racing twice a month.

Of special note are some of the interesting people who help the rest of us go racing. Sometimes, I think that one or more of the truly austere Minor Prophets has swooped down from the ecclesiastical sanctuary and randomly taken over one of our leadership positions. This is never more apparent then when someone is debating the wisdom of one or more of the Steward's decisions. It is always enlightening to know that one is regarded as one of the more unlikable contagious germs.

We in Conference are fortunate indeed to have quality people working very hard to make our racing possible. I tell you plainly that if they didn't, we would not be able to. I urge each of you to consider shouldering part of the burden of continuing our long tradition of good racing and great fun. If not now perhaps at sometime in the future. The rewards, spiritually if not monetarily, are well worth the effort. Remember Jacques Delilles's maxim "Fate chooses our relatives, we choose our friends". Some of the best friends any of us will have are our fellow (a non-gender-specified reference) racers.

### **Assistant Steward**

Chris Bowl has asked me to mention in this report that we need an Assistant Steward for next year. I already have one volunteer in Jack Scher. Now of course I am not personally certain that his heart is really into the offer but each of you should think through the consequences of this particular path forward. Perhaps that will stimulate one of you to offer yourself up for this important and interesting task

### **Appearance Issues**

As our cars become slightly shop worn over the course of the year we have tended to let the little things like missing fenders, caved in doors, hood held down with duct tape, etc ride. For sure we want to have all of you attend to the cosmetics as well as the performance enhancements you have planned for the winter.

### **Car Classification Issues**

This year we had several people entered their respective cars in classes, which were not legal. That in turn led to several disqualifications over the course of the year. I know that everyone wants the maximum track time during the weekend. It is not fair to the people who have and race legal class appropriate cars.

### **Allegations related to overly aggressive car preparation**

If you are of the opinion that one or more of your fellow competitors have misread the car preparation rules I just want to remind you that we have a system for such matters. Secondly, I suggest that each of us ought to either "put up or shut up".

### **"Get Out of Jail Free Cards"**

A word to the wise in Group 3 next year. I will be back and I have several "Former Steward get out of jail free cards" so don't even think about crossing my bow. Really, I only have a couple- but I will use them ruthlessly when needed. I am looking forward to once again trying the nerves and patience of various Conference officials. Remember forewarned is forearmed.

### **Rule changes**

Remember that we are doing rule changes at the Nov. meeting. Pay attention to the proposals and make your voice known, if you have not already done so.

Be fast, have fun — Mark

## MINUTES OF THE OCT. 27/99 MEETING OF M.E.T.A.

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:40P.M.

MINUTES OF THE SEPT. MEETING WAS ADOPTED AS READ BY MARK AND 2ND BY DAVE.

TREASURERS REPORT: Gen. A/C \$2,591.31, Gaming A/C \$16,594.71, Equip. A/C \$4,241.12

CORRESPONDENCE: Copy of Championship magazine.

SOCIAL: Manny thanked Angus for the donation of items from the Houston race. Brain thanked Dave and Irene for their donations for the worker draws.

MAYDAY: Andrew reported that the new computer is operational. Don thanked the editors for the excellent last issue.

HISTORIAN: Joe asked members to identify any of the photos at the front, names and places would be helpful to continue the Restoration project.

TRAINING: Training is closed until spring 2000. Any questions or suggestions for next year submit to Roger or Thomas. A novice instruction program was suggested and Geo. mentioned that CPR training would be organized for next year.

RACE CHAIRMAN: Perrin thanked everyone for their help and suggestions for the 1999 season, and will continue as Race Chairperson for the year 2000.

COURSE MARSHALL: Last two races went well, possibly two SCCA co-sanctioned races for next year, any track Safety suggestions please submit to Thomas.

OLD BUSINESS: Go-kart outing signup sheet needed to organize outing, for more information call Mark (Juan Manuel) Rovner. Duncan Anderson has agreed to store our E-Truck at a cost of \$40.00/month. Don to send letters of thanks to Christine Anderson and to SCCBC for their donation to META.

META banquet has been booked by Charmaine, same location and music tickets \$30.00/person. Jan. 29/2K. SCCBC banquet Nov. 20/99. \$35.00/person. CACC AGM and banquet Nov. 7/99.

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT: Ann needs the list of those who worked at the CACC events in 1999.

NEW BUSINESS: The video is finished and it was agreed that 75 copies should be ordered for members and other organizations.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: none.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Two META members win ICSCC championships, Mark Rovner and Terry Ward. It wasn't mentioned But, two other members (who's names will remain anonymous) also raced in ICSCC and vintage events

SWAP AND SHOP: Ruthie still needs a window regulator for her car, Genevieve asked if anyone wanted Grey Cup tickets to contact her. Genevieve, Mark and Tom won prizes; Don won the 50/50 draw.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30P.M.