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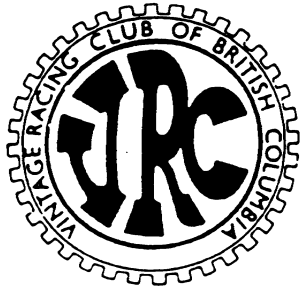
Apr 8	Ice Race Banquet	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Apr 8&9	Double Regional – Bremerton	SCCA/NWR	Bremerton, Wa
Apr 8&9	ICSCC Race #1	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Apr 9	Nazareth Speedway	CART	Nazareth, Pa
Apr 12	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Apr 14	Driver Training – PIR	TC	Portland, Or
Apr 14&15	Defrost Kickoff – SIR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
	Test & Tune Fri. / Races Sat.		
Apr 15&16	Karting – Tradex (Abtsfd. Airport)	WKA	Abbotsford, BC
	Contact – Bev @ 253-4248		
Apr 16	Streets of Long Beach	CART	Long Beach, Cal
Apr 20 to 22	Craftsman Truck Series – PIR	NASCAR	Portland, Or
Apr 26	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
Apr 29&30	CACC/Enduro #1 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
	Co-Sanctioned with SCCA/NWR		
Apr 29&30	ICSCC Race #2 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Apr 30	Emerson Fittipaldi Speedway	CART	Rio, Brazil
May 10	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
May 13	Twin Ring Motegi	CART	Motegi, Japan
May 13&14	Spring Sprints – SIR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
May 20&21	Knox Mtn Hillelimb	OASC	Kelowna, BC
May 20&21	ICSCC Race #3 – SIR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
May 20&21	Karting – Tradex (Abtsfd. Airport)	WKA	Abbotsford, BC
	Contact – Bev @ 253-4248		
May 24	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
May 27 to 29	Double National – Thunderhill	SCCA/NWR	Thunderhill, Ca
May 27 to 29	ICSCC Race #4/#5 – SRP	NWMS	Spokane, Wa
May 27&28	Vintage Races	VRC	Mission, BC
May 28	Indianapolis 500	IRL	Indianapolis, Ind

Membership is now past due.

This will be the last issue of the Mayday for the following members:

Elsie & Perrie Afaganis	Robin Bentley	George Chambers
Irene Chambers	Stephen Cooper	Gillian Dowling
Albert Duncan	Richard Fairservice	Dave Forster
Doris Gildemeister	Bonnie Healy	Christy Hews
Dani Kasburg	Mikko Kauppi	Vic Kennedy
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Fran Pelletier	Darren Phillips	Randy Rahn
Marc Rovner	Dallis Smith	Kara Swanson
Terry Ward	Rick Zeller	

Read up on the latest news. Subscription renewals are graciously accepted by your Membership representative, Tom Sproule.



... 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

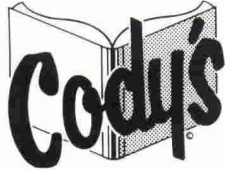
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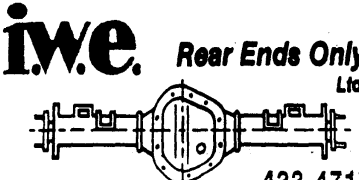
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our club has an excellent reputation in the racing community for doing our job well, and we can all take pride in this. But it is something we cannot take for granted – we need to keep working at it, learning new skills to make us even better, listening to constructive feedback, and practising what we preach.

We also need to grow, especially with the track expansion. It is not a hobby that will appeal to everyone, but we have to try everything we can to encourage new people to come and see what we are all about and to make them feel that they belong. We have advertised in some newspapers and are arranging for more coverage, but we need YOUR help to make sure we explore every avenue open to us, local TV, high schools, colleges and anything else you think might bring some interest. We also have the video available – if you do not want to lend out your copy, ask for an extra one – we will be more than happy to provide it. Think how we would grow if we each brought one person along. And if the SCCBC drivers were to bring along a few extra people, maybe our numbers would soon be well into triple digits! Those of you who were at the meeting on Wednesday heard Jim McRae, who is one of the originators of the club, say that the club now is even more than they could have ever have envisioned – what an enormous compliment – thank you, Jim. But we can't afford to rest on our laurels, and we can increase our numbers, if we ALL try.

Don't forget that on Saturday April 8th, we have invited Rick Neyedli's family to come along to the barbecue and will be dedicating a plaque in his memory at that time.

Ann Peters

Hello Guys and Gals,

Once again this year cart.com has a fantasy racing league. One of the things it allows you to do is create your own private league. So I started the META Racing League, for us to participate in.

All you have to do is go to www.cart.com and click on the games section and register. After you have registered you can pick your own league or private group. The league/group I created is the META Racing League, and the password is mission, not overly creative but easy to remember. Feel free to invite as many of your friends in too, the more the merrier.

David

Time to renew your membership in META. If you haven't already done so, send this form in to Tom with \$15. If you have, then pass it along to someone new. With the schedule as busy as it is, and the planned expansion at Mission, we need to encourage as many new members as we can. Every little bit helps.

Membership

C/O Tom Sproule, 10491 Santa Monica Drive, Delta B.C V4C-1P8

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Cost is \$15--Membership year ends Dec. 31--MAYDAY mailing list will be purged of non-members Mar. 31



BRIAN'S BLABBER

The Victoria Sports Car Club was given some bad news recently. Their fight with the City of Nanaimo over the right to put a road course in at the existing Cassidy Speedway. Not only were they turned down, again, but also Cassidy Speedway is now closing shop all together. Gone is the Oval Track. Gone is the Go-cart Track. Gone is the hopes for a new home for V.M.S.C. Road Racing. However, if I know the Victoria Club, they will not let a bunch of bureaucrats get the best of them. Stay Tuned.

At the March M.E.T.A. meeting we had a pleasant surprise – Russ and Raemar Mitchel were able to attend. This is the first time we have seen Russ since his open- heart surgery and he was looking very well. Welcome back Russ.

M.E.T.A. V.P. “Shredder” Dave recently had his car stolen, but in Dave’s neighborhood there is a better class of car thief. It turns out that when Dave got his car back that nothing was damaged on his car, and aside from that, when they stole the car it had only a quarter tank of gas, when he got it back the tank was full. I want to know where I need to park my van for this service, and will they change the oil.

There are more changes to the endurance race series at mission. The races, which will be run on Saturdays, will now be four hours in length. Also, the year-end race is now going to be a six-hour endurance.

A note to anyone who attends the Sports Car club meetings, the location has now changed to the executive inn, in Coquitlam – one block North of the old location (B.W. Coquitlam). Time and date has not changed – still 7:30pm, on the second Wednesday of each month.

Speaking of the Sports Car Club, anyone who attends a work party for the S.C.C.B.C. at Mission Raceway is entitled to Currie Bucks for their time. These can be used for any S.C.C.B.C. merchandise, membership, yearend banquet, or race entry. You can also pass these on to anyone else to use (like maybe a worker who is also a racer?).

Honorary Sports Car Club of B.C. member Sterling Moss is again in the news. You will remember that Sterling was involved in some rather dangerous driving maneuvers – well it appears that this did not go un-noticed by his countrymen back home in England. Recently Sterling Moss was summoned to appear before Prince Charles to get what he deserves. Prince Charles in-fact took a sword to Sterling and knighted him. I guess that will teach Sir Sterling!

TO ALL META MEMBERS

Looking back at last years experiences of Westwood, I wondered if there will be other races held in the years to come.

The past season was disappointing from many points of view, between racing officials and their cooperation with the workers. I asked myself what can be done to improve the situation between our two clubs. After numerous meetings and phone calls with the new SCCBC Executive trying to solve some of the problems. We so far have had full cooperation with SCCBC and we are solving many problems which we have been fighting for, for years.

This years racing at Westwood is probably the best race season we have had for the past six years, with a Trans-Am Race weekend complete with two Rock Bands and other entertainment. The Atlantic Series, which will be bigger than ever. A Pro Sports Race even later in the year, plus Antique Car Races (3 races approx. 20 cars). The Honda Series coming to BC and the Datsun 510 Claimer Series. That's one hell of a fine accomplishment for one year. I think congratulations are in order to the new SCCBC Executive and their President Tom Wilson.

WHERE IS META ???? YES YOU !!!!! AS A META MEMBER.

First ICSCC Race – Saturday 23 workers ????
Sunday 34 workers ????

We have a membership of 76. what's the problem? Last year we complained about SCCBC for not more support to META and the disappointing race season.

Well this season I think we had better prove our point!

I know that some members are working weekends or some wish to spend some time with their families. However, where are the rest of you? We have meetings once a month!! And I am sure that a phone call to another member of your executive won't hurt, just show some interest so we know you are still alive.

So !!!! META MEMBERS lets pull up our socks and prove what META stands for Safety and Unity for Motorsport.

Yours truly,
Roger Salomon,
President META

Editors Note:

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The more things change the more they stay the same!!!!



..... After The Checkered



Busy, Busy, Busy: Not much to report on this month simply because I've been too busy with other "tings". If anybody has any interesting stuff they want to share with the rest of the class, let me know!

Strange Rules: Trans-Am has a new rule this year that says if you "punt" someone off you have to go with them or you will be DSQ. I guess that means Tommy Kendall won't be back!!!

You Just Have to Shake Your Head Rule: NASCAR you can pass lap cars under full course yellow, CART you can "shuffle" under a full course yellow with Race Controls guidance, those seem reasonable. However, apparently in Trans-Am you can pass 'slower' cars under a full course yellow for no other reason than you are a 'faster' car and they wave you by !?!?!?!?

Locals Doing Well: "Local Boy does Good" is becoming a fairly regular statement these days, David Rutledge, Michael Valiente, Josh Beaulieu to name just a few. The closest we had to "Local Girl does Good" was Cindi Lux from Portland. Now we have two of our own. Last month we found out that Marybeth Harrison will be running in the Trans-Am series this year, but what a surprise to see Monica Kolvyn in the first Trans-Am race at Sebring. Marybeth is sponsored by Glacier Bear (whatever that is?), Monica is doing it on her own coin. Good for both of them.

No Silly Trans-Am Rules Here: The season opener at Monroe(Evergreen Speedway) was a blast. "Rubbin' is racing" at its finest. Two cars over the wall on the back straight in separate incidents, ten laps to go and the leaders take each other out trying to pass lap cars, 35 started...17 finished.

Yea Haa!! Go Bubba Go.

Twelve of us went down and all had a great time, mark it on your calendar for next year.

Notice Board

June 24 Driver Training at Mission has been cancelled.

SCCBC Meetings have moved to The Executive Inn on North Road in Coquitlam.
Just up the road from the old meeting location.

Change of Address for ROD representative for Seattle.

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Only in Canada...do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
Only in Canada...do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: 'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.