



MAYDAY

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| Mar 4 | Driver Training – SIR | IRDC | Seattle, Wa |
| Mar 4&5 | Ice Race #5 – Barnes Lake | WCIRABC | Cache Creek, BC |
| Mar 8 | SCCBC Meeting – Best Western, | North Road | Coquitlam, BC |
| Mar 11 | Driver Training – Western Speedway | VMSC | Victoria, BC |
| Mar 11 | Driver Training – SRP | NWMS | Spokane, Wa |
| Mar 14 | TM's Meeting – 13425 87B Ave (Questions call Thomas Leisner) | 7:30 501-1503 | Surrey, BC |
| Mar 18 | Driver Training – PIR | CSCC | Portland, Or |
| Mar 18&19 | Driver Training – MRP | SCCBC | Mission, BC |
| Mar 22 | META Meeting – Century House | 7:30 | New West, BC |
| Mar 25 | Driver Training – PIR | TC | Portland, Or |
| Mar 25 | Season Opener – Evergreen | 7:00 | Monroe, Wa |
| Mar 26 | Homestead-Miami Speedway | CART | Homestead, Fla |
| 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 – Best Western, | North Road | Coquitlam, BC |
| Apr 14 | Driver Training – PIR | TC | Portland, Or |
| Apr 14&15 | Defrost Kickoff – SIR Test & Tune Fri. / Races Sat. | SOVREN | Seattle, Wa |
| Apr 15&16 | Karting – Tradex (Abtsfd. Airport) Contact – Bev @ 253-4248 | WKA | Abbotsford, BC |
| Apr 16 | Streets of Long Beach | CART | Long Beach, Cal |
| Apr 20--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 Co-Sanctioned with SCCA/NWR | SCCBC | Mission, BC |
| Apr 29&30 | ICSCC Race #2 – PIR | CSCC | Portland, Or |
| Apr 30 | Emerson Fittipaldi Speedway | CART | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil |

Driver Training

The first event at Mission is almost upon us, Driver Training, March 18&19. Worker Meetings will be 9:00am Saturday and 8:30 Sunday. Cars will be on track approx. 1:00pm to 4:00 Saturday and 9:40 to 3:30 Sunday. The early meeting time for Saturday is to allow for worker training in the morning, so dust off your buckets, make sure your whites still fit and we'll see you at the track.

No Presidents Report This Month, Sorry

Shreds Of Information

By now most of us know that the track expansion for Mission has been approved by the Custom Car Club. Thomas figures this means that we will need 4 new turn stations, and people to staff them. Where are we going to find these new workers? I think the best way will be by word of mouth. Just by talking about what we do at the track I have found 3 new workers for this season. If we can each find just 1 new person this way we will have enough new workers to staff the new track. We set up a display at the the Autosports Show on March 3,4,5 and I want to thank everyone who helped. Mike, Bernice, Marc, Bryan, Nick, Angus, Bonnie, Craig, Tom, Manny, Roger, and Ann. Keep your eyes on the track

David

TURN MARSHALL'S MEETING

Turn Marshall's Meeting on March 14th 7:30 PM at the Course Marshall's residence - 13425 87 B Avenue Surrey BC. I would like to get the 2000 season off to a good start with this meeting. This a good chance for you to bring up problems from last year and concerns for this year, so please plan on attending. Any questions call me @ 501-1503.
Thanks, Thomas

Friendly reminder

With the start of another racing season, and a busy one at that! This is just a friendly reminder that all local members are required to work three race weekends at Mission in order to qualify to work the Vancouver Indy.

RACING ONLINE:

ICSCC

<http://www.icscc.com>

Cascade Sports Car Club

<http://www.cascadescc.com>

IRDC

<http://www.irdc-racing.com>

North American Racing Net

<http://www.TheRaceNet.com>

Northwest Region SCCA

<http://www.nwr-scca.org>

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<http://www.oregon-region.com>

Sports Car Club of British Columbia

http://vfv.com/hi_tech/sccbc

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<http://www.teamcontinental.com>

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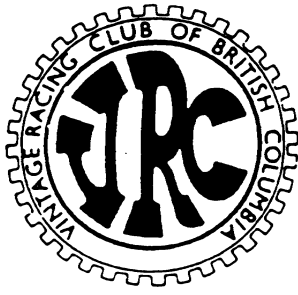
<http://www.mr2.com/VMSC/VMSC.html>

www.whowon.com

www.chasinracin.com

CACC site under construction

www.skylled.com/cacc/



... 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

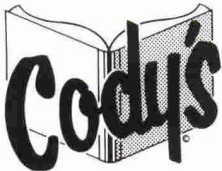
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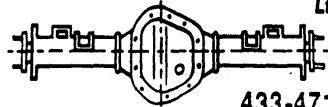
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Contact Ann Peters (604) 581-7189

Copies of META Promotional video are now available
Video runs 15 minutes and is free
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(Non-members contact Marc or Ann for details)



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..... After The Checkered



Call Your Agent: Sylvester Stallone is making a movie around the CART circuit this year. After 2 years of frustration trying to make a deal with Formula One, Stallone came to CART and was greeted with open arms. Working title of the movie is “Champ” (what else would you expect from “Rocky”). So if you’re working any CART races this year, make sure your hair is just right, you’re make-up is done and don’t get dirty. (Mr. Clean MM should be a shoe in ☺)

CART at The Brickyard?: The list of CART teams planning to enter the IRL sanctioned Indianapolis 500 is growing shorter every day. Roger Penske has pulled out and that leaves just Derek Walker and Chip Ganassi.

Roundy-Round: A new stock car race track is being built in the North Okanagan. Located 3Km west of the Historic O’Keefe Ranch on Highway 97 near Vernon. The Spallumcheen facility called “The Sun Valley Motor Speedway” will be a 3/8 mile oval with a grandstand for 4000 and luxury suites for 200. There will be parking for 1800, a full concession, and electronic scoreboard. A professional kart track will also be located on site. CASCAR, Canada’s only professional stock car racing association, has already committed a race there on Aug. 12-13, even before the ground has been broken for construction.(Info taken from the Vernon “Morning Star”, supplied by Angus Glass)

Here We Go Again: Custom Car Club (Owners of Mission Raceway Park) have given approval for the expansion at M.R.P we’ve been hearing about for the past few years. That will mean 3 to 4 more turn stations. It also means a lot more turn workers. So its time to get motivated and encourage as many new workers as we can. META had 99 members in ’99 so that means we should be aiming for 00 members in ‘00 Wait a minute that’s not right??? We need to aim for 2000 members in 2000 No, that’s not it either??? Well, you know what I mean!! We need lots of new blood to keep from the inevitable burn-out that happens with lots of races on the schedule.

Sport Radio: There’ a new sport radio talk show on 1040 AM every weekday from 4 to 6 pm. Every Thursday at 5pm they have race coverage with Stu Ballentyne from the Molson Indy. (courtesy of David Bell)

True Motorsport Fans: (courtesy of Matthew Bower) “It’s to do with the new date for the British Grand Prix, apparently lots of couples were planning to go to the usual July date, which has been on this date for years. But as the date was changed to April it now appears that lots of women are going to have babies on this date, as they had planned originally to have there babies before the original Grand Prix date. So lots of women are ringing up Silverstone grand prix track to see if they are making special arrangements to get outside the track and not be held up, outside the track to get to the hospital. To the point that Silverstone has made special arrangements due to the amount of pregnant women !!!!!”

Look Out Gentillozzi: Marybeth Harrison sent out an email but for those of us who didn’t get it she is going to be running in the SCCA Trans Am series in 2000 for Glacier Bear Racing. She will be piloting the No. 7 Corvette C-5. I’m sure you all join me in wishing her all the best. (David Bell)

Only in Canada... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance!!

Only in Canada... do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions, while healthy people can buy their cigarettes at the front!!

Only in Canada... do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille Lettering!!



BRIAN'S BLABBER

Even though my last article appeared after the banquet, I had in fact articulated my thoughts and ideas in advance of that illustrious occasion. I do not have the words to express how shocked and honored I was to discover I was the co-recipient of the 'Worker of the Year /Presidents" Award. For the first time in our Clubs history there were two winners of this prestigious award, and I cannot think of anyone more deserving than Mike Zosiak. Mike and I had a bit of a disagreement about who should take the award home - we both felt that the other was more deserving of this privilege. In the end we agreed to have the Award on display in the M.E.T.A. Clubhouse. Everyone should take time to look over the list of past recipients of this award; I truly feel humbled too to be included in this distinguished group.

Now on to other news. There will be a change at the C.A.C.C. races this season. The Vintage Cars will now race on Sundays - this is because the I.W.E. Rear Ends Only / Hawke Brake Pads Endurance Series will be run on Saturday afternoon. Hopefully with the announcement of these title sponsors the series will attract more entries.

M.E.T.A. members Noel and Sandy Koehn recently took part in the Thunderbird Winter Rally. This event takes place on snow covered back roads in the interior of British Columbia, and it even had one stage on the Ice Race course at Barnes Lake. Noel, a former Road Racer and Ice Racer, was driving a Toyota Celica Mtrac four wheel drive, while Sandy was handling the Navigator's job. I have not heard how they did; but if I know those two, they had a great time!

Congratulations go out to Ross Bentley! Ross is married to M.E.T.A. member Robin Bentley, but that is not why I am congratulating him. Ross was running the Daytona Twenty-Four Hours race in a Ferrari 333. His team had a great race and even lead for a while. Unfortunately the car broke, putting them out of the race. Ross, always a great Endurance driver was able to show what he can do with a good car

Brian Meakings

February 15, 2000

The Mission Elks Lodge # 30 will host the BC Provincial Elks Conference from June 2 through June 6, 2000.

We need volunteers to assist in dispatching vehicles to pick up and deliver Delegates to and from their hotels to the Convention centers and other venues.

We need volunteer drivers with valid BC drivers licenses to drive 7-passenger mini vans. We ask that there be no alcohol consumed by the drivers on or before the shift. A shift for drivers and dispatchers will last for 4 hours, with the shifts starting at 6AM through to 1AM.

We would appreciate any help you can give us.

If you can assist in either area, please contact:

Bill Sadler at 820-2197

Elks Lodge at 826-3112 or leave a message with any Elk member to be passed on to me, Bill Sadler.

Thank you, Bill Sadler

RACE OFFICIALS DIVISION

ROD is the worker division of the International Conference of Sports Car Clubs (ICSCC). Membership is open to all workers in all specialties from all organizing clubs who belong to ICSCC. Annual fee is \$5 USD, or \$7 CAD, which covers membership from January to December of each year. Membership entitles you to receive the ICSCC newsletter, a 'year' patch and also makes you eligible to qualify for year end awards, including Worker of the Year. Working two races at your home track plus one event at another ICSCC racetrack will give you a wooden plaque with a red 'year' decal.

Here are the different awards, depending on the number of races worked:

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| All races | GOLD |
| 9-11 races | SILVER |
| 6-8 races | BLUE |
| 3-5 races | RED |

ROD members are welcome to attend a year end worker meeting which is held on the morning of the annual ICSCC banquet to discuss the past season.

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Ice Racing Finale

March 4 and still Ice Racing. WOW! Reports were that it was an awesome weekend. A little wet on Saturday but perfect on Sunday. 13 below Saturday Night but 8 above and sunny on Sunday. Only 2 META workers but hopefully that will change next year. Lots of car problems on Sunday resulted in a very short day as there weren't enough left to fill the grids. Paul B. blew an engine, Dave D. blew a tranny, Gary K. broke some suspension, to name just a few. Murray's car and Pat Hurd's car had a terminal coming together, unfortunately while other people were driving them. Ouch!!

The Ice Race Banquet has been finalized, with a significant change of venue. April 8 at Chum's in Cache Creek. Meeting will be at 1:00, dinner will be at 8:00. The thought process was that it would be a little more central, considering all the Interior people in the club, as well as a considerable cost saving. Tickets will be approx. \$15 - \$20 compared to \$30 last year. As well there is a golf tournament planned for Sunday the 9th. Contact Murray for more information and/or tickets at (604) 271-6598. (Think Ice Think Ice, No wait, Think Sun Think Sun)

Andrew