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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 Hillclimb	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
Jun 3	Craftsman Truck Series –	NASCAR	Monroe, Wa
	Evergreen Speedway		
Jun 3&4	ICSCC Race #6 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Jun 4	The Milwaukee Mile	CART	West Allis, Wis
Jun 10&11	Karting – Tradex (Abtsfd. Airport)	WKA	Abbotsford, BC
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Jun 14	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jun 16 to 18	Rose Cup Races – PIR	SCCA	Portland, Or
Jun 16 to 18	Canadian Grand Prix	Formula 1	Montreal, PQ
Jun 18	The Raceway at Belle Isle	CART	Detroit, Mich
Jun 23 to 25	Portland International Raceway	CART	Portland, Or
Jun 24&25	Karting – Tradex (Abtsfd. Airport)	WKA	Abbotsford, BC
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Jun 28	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
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DECISIONS-DECISIONS

The 2000 race season has a number of conflicting events happening. Where will you go?

One is the Knox Mtn. Hill climb in Kelowna on May 20/21. At the same time there is an ICSCC race in Seattle. If you were not going to SIR, I would ask that you consider Kelowna. Our experience is what they need. They provide lunch both days and supper Saturday night. A friend of mine has offered floor space at his house and a spaghetti feed Sunday night. So bring your blankie or snooze bag and join me in Kelowna for the Hill climb.

Vic Kennedy 876 5981 vkennedy@infoserve.net



..... After The Checkered



Wimps: CART race at Nazareth was cancelled last month due to snow. Haven't these guys heard of studded tires!!!! Send them up to Barnes and we'll give them a few tips!!!!!!! ☺

Road Trip: CART has added a Mexican Race to its schedule for the 2001 season. Race will be held in Monterey, Mexico on a temporary road course at Fundidora Park. Hmmm?

Historics Update: The July Pacific NW Historics have become one of the premier events in recent years and there is always an abundance of workers, I mean, Officials (SOVREN doesn't have workers, they have officials. Has a nice ring to it doesn't it). As a result there is an increasing difficulty organizing the officials. They would really appreciate it, if you are planning on attending to let them know ahead of time. To pre-register contact Fran Blackman: 13 Algona, Vancouver, WA, 98661
Phone: 360-694-3248 E-mail: fgblackman@email.msn.com

Rally Update: Stage Rally is back in BC!!! After many years in hiatus, the last couple of years have seen some less than successful attempts to bring the sport that I cut my motorsport teeth on back to BC. This year there are 2 events planned; July 14/15 will be "Edge of the Rock" in Nanaimo, and June 24 will see "Mountain Trials" resurrected, although it will be run out of Cache Creek now instead of Kamloops. I competed in the last Mountain Trials in '84, there was a 62km first stage (unheard of nowadays), I passed 3 cars, had 2 flat tires, got passed by 2 cars, and ended up with a blown head gasket in the transit between stage 1 and 2 due to a faulty rad cap. Ahhh memories.

For more info check out there website at: www.rallybc.com.

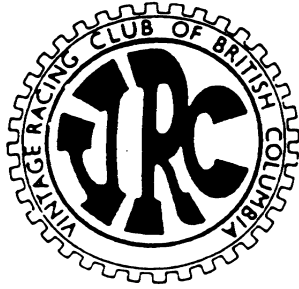
Trans-Am M & M Update: Word is that both Marybeth & Monica will be entered in the next race in Mosport, May 21. Good Luck ladies!!

Mini Reports

ICSCC April 8/9: Great weather, unfortunately small grids. I'm not sure of the total entry but it didn't seem like many. However, have to give credit to SCCBC, they cancelled the scheduled CFDA race when they could not get enough cars for a decent grid, and combined ICSCC Group 3 and 6. It made for shorter days and better races. Even though the grids were for the most part small, there was some awesome, close racing in every race Sunday. A little too close for yours truly in Turn 4 as 2 separate races ended with wrecked cars between Turn 4 and Turn 5. A Toyota literally climbing the wall between T4 and T5, then limping down to T5, and Formula Fords climbing each other as they headed towards the T4 station. Don't they know you can't go 3 wide into T4?

CACC April 29/30: Good weather again, **No Rain**. With the CACC format there are fewer race groups so that means bigger grids, 16 Vintage cars on Sunday, 17 Enduro cars on Saturday for a 4Hr race, 13 finished. Local hero Rark Movner (Steve) finished 2nd overall driving the Camaro (minus a few gears apparently). Winners were perennial favorites in the Honda, Boyle and Lam, with several laps in hand, despite some uncharacteristic problems including a flat tire. It seems hard to believe after 4 hours of racing that 3rd and 4th were battling at the end, but it really was close. 4th caught up to 3rd with about 5 minutes left and tried everything but contact to get around, nice to see some clean racing for a change. Sunday was a surprisingly good day as there was **No Rain**. Again with the CACC format it meant there were more races (8 Sunday afternoon). Easily stealing the show were the SCCA Baby Grands. They were in both closed wheel groups which meant they were in 4 races. Boy are they fast on this track, faster than a Porsche 911 GT3-R and everyone else for that matter, except the sound meter. Sound problems for a lot of cars all weekend (mostly SCCA and Vintage). Have to give a big thanks to all the SCCA workers that made their way up as the locals were very conspicuous in their absence. Even though no locals that I know of went to ICSCC in Portland (that's got to be a first). Our fearless leader Thomas actually had to work on Sunday.

Next race at Mission is Vintage on May 27/28. See you there?



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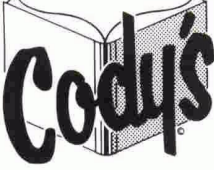
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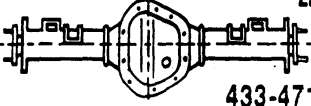
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM MISSION

By Steven Bibby

April 9, 2000 – Early on race day, the TM in turn 4, working closely with the course marshall, jinxed a perfectly good practice run. How, you ask? Well, they stood around and hypothesized what would happen if a car spun past the exit of 4 and stalled facing backwards across track. The answer, of course, is that some poor schmuck gets to run all the way from 5 to respond.

When I finally caught my breath, we black flagged the session to flat tow him out. Although he had been flat towed before, he used the opportunity to unexpectedly jump start the car, which put our E-crew riding shotgun at great risk (E-crew now wraps the tow rope at the E-truck as well so they can release it in an emergency; the member could have had his hand pulled hard into the tow bar). I guess this means we add one more thing to the list we tell drivers as they're about to be towed out (don't jump start the car!).

During the group 1 race, cars 458 & 771 were dicing it out the whole time. There were several calls for blocking when attempts to pass were cut dangerously short by the lead of the two cars, one resulting in a side to side contact. One lap later, car 458 got squeezed into the wall at the exit of 4, then drove/slid/scraped all the way down past five (actually straight past five, as turning was no longer an available option).

The weather held out, and the only reported injury was an ATM who got bushwhacked in a booby trap set by an un-named worker (you know who you are DL). And the highlight of the weekend? Turn 5 had a novice driver who came out to work the corner, after spending the previous day spraying gravel on every lap. When a car blew oil along the front straight, he and the TM grabbed brooms to go help out. Although they didn't actually sweep anything, there was a hint of gloating from the TM after having paraded him back & forth in front of the hot pits carrying a broom. Seemed like he showed off a bit of worker humour on that one.

Taken From IRDC Newsletter April 2000, Roxann Vine

Adam Edwards

Adam Edwards, son of Phil & Kathleen Edwards was diagnosed with a brain tumor last month, Adam underwent a nine hour operation at Children's Hospital in Seattle, where 95% of the cancerous tumor was removed. Adam will be starting radiation treatment this week for a period of six weeks, then after that he will undergo Chemo. The cost of Adam's operation was over \$45,000 which doesn't include doctor bills, lab bills, yet alone the out of pocket expenses. Kathleen said their health insurance should cover 80% of the bills, Mt. Rainier National Bank in Enumclaw has set up an account for donations, they can be made to "The Adam Edwards Relief Fund". Last week the PTA from Adam's school raised \$1200 in one day by selling Latte's. Please keep the Edwards in your prayers.

Donations may be sent to:
Mt. Rainier National Bank
The Adam Edwards Relief Fund
501 Roosevelt Ave
Enumclaw, WA 98022

BRIAN'S BLABBER

Imagine if you will, a street full of cars. A street where no-one obeys the speed limit. A street where you pass anyway you can. Sit back, relax, you have just entered the Sedan Race at the Molson Indy Vancouver, yes it appears that the local racers will once again do battle between the walls.

Speaking of abusing cars, Vic Kennedy recently announced that there will be two off road performance rallies in B.C. this year. One is on the Island (I am not sure of the date), the other is in the Cache Creek area on June 24/25; for more information contact Vic at 876-5981.

Rumor has it that Roger's Lotus is actually back in one piece and drivable. I know that most of you have not seen this car; in fact a lot of people thought it was a pure myth. Although I have not seen this reincarnation of the infamous Super Seven, I hear that it was on display at the Tradex Center in Abbotsford on April 29th and 30th. Along with the Lotus, the M.E.T.A. picture board, stickmen, and video were on display to promote M.E.T.A.

It was nice to see new workers at the first two Mission events. Although they were not great in numbers, the ones who did come out were very enthusiastic and will make good additions to our ranks.

The next time you are at Mission take a look in the M.E.T.A. Clubhouse. Roger and Thomas have been busy, the display case is all finished and it looks great! In the other end of the Clubhouse they built a rack for drying the flags. Good job guys!

I must thank Thomas for doing the worker draw at the April C.A.C.C. race. I was unable to be there that weekend due to other commitments (O.K., I was still in the process of moving). Also I would like to thank Sue Pfeiffer and Gerry Frechette for donating some great Indy pictures for the worker draws.

Finally, I have been asked to try and round up some musicians from within the ranks of M.E.T.A. and S.C.C.B.C., with the hope of putting together a group to "Jam" at the Saturday night barbeque. If you play an instrument, (you don't have to be good), and would be interested in having some fun, please contact Manny at 936-3157, or myself at 460-9399.

Brian Meakings

Stewards Report

Our first Conference race event for 2000 is in the book's, a small turnout at Mission made for plenty of track space for the small grids, on what is supposed to be the last time this track configuration is run. SCCBC has the new track layout in the works for their next event.

So, with such a light turnout you'd think everyone would have plenty of room to race? Well, up until the end of the first race on Sunday everyone did. At that point there had been only two incident reports turned in, for the whole weekend! And just a note here, both were for Yellow Flag passing, both passes happened on a Novice upgrade in his first Senior qualifying session. Both times this happened for the simple reason that the Novice Upgrade got hard on his brakes as soon as he saw the Yellow Flag. First, be aware of new drivers in your run group, be aware of the area designation on car's. As it was, both cars that got caught for passing were along side at the time, if they had been behind, they would have been into the car in front of them. The second point being, pay attention to Yellow Flags, SLOW up, and use caution.

After the first race group, 18 incident reports came in for the next five races. The biggest problem being drivers not able to share the track at the same time as others, for they felt that the part of the track occupied by others, belongs to them! This gets you a broken car in return, at the very least, plus the wrath of the Race Steward. I've dealt with avoidable contact for three years now, and I'll warn you right now, I haven't mellowed out this year.

This race was of course the first Conference transponder event. While there were some learning pains along the way, SCCBC did an excellent job of working them out, despite the fact that the Timing/Scoring crew had not yet received at that point any hands on training from AMB personnel. That will be taking place at the Seattle race in May.

We had one car not giving out a good signal, this unit was mounted in car, thru a hole cut in the floorboard. The signal beam is not a pencil beam shape, instead it's a cone shape, and at less than a foot of distance will fan out to almost a two foot diameter pattern on the track. The transponder was moved closer to the hole in this car, problem solved. We had one other unit, recharge unit, that was giving out a weak signal, that was replaced and he was on his way.

The question had come up about Timing/Scoring putting out more information to the drivers, which SCCBC has already said they will do for the next event, these should include your individual lap times for all your laps run, including those during race events. You should find IRDC will be providing this at their events as well. Northwest Motorsports will be running their Memorial Day weekend races as transponder events as well.

I hope to see more of you at Portland as the rest of the season gets underway.

See You At The Races!

Chris Bowl
Race Steward

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First, there was BRIAN'S BLABBER...

Then came John Vanderwheeze!

Then BRIAN'S BLABBER II (chucky's revenge)!

Now, get ready for.....

BIBBY'S BLADDER!

(The regurgitated version of racing news...the place where the stuff coming out looks dramatically different from what went in!)

- The new Mission expansion was finally unveiled. Noting the potential response distance between the old turn 6 and new turn 1, the starter has commenced negotiations with the local Starbuck's for the first ever "cappuccino/response station" at pit out.
- CACC announced that their enduros will now be a full 4 hours no matter how many cars are registered. As a result, all turn buckets will be deployed with a scrabble game, crossword puzzles and smelling salts.
- In an effort to make cross border racing easier to access, *workers* may once again be referred to as *Marshall's*. This issue set off a strange pattern of name changes. *ATM's* were unsure if this makes them "*official Deputies*" (which beats having the same acronym as a bank machine). Noting their true expertise, the *communicators* are now demanding to be known as *facilitator's*. Acting unusually calm about the whole thing, an *E-crew* member identifying himself only as "*Bond, Cave-bond*", said the news left him shaken, but not stirred. Worried that he might get mistaken for just another "Marshall", the *Course Marshall* instructed everyone to refer to him as "*el Presidente*". Recognizing the obvious overlap, this of course prompted the *META President* to change her official title to "*Supreme Commander*". Not to be outdone, the head of the training committee advises he may now be referred to as "*the Supreme Commander's better half*".
- Chief of Comm at Mission has advised that all "green & ready" calls will now be replaced with "Emerald and Anticipatory". Hearing about all of the other name changes, he advised that we may refer to him as "Sir" (generally always preceded by the word "yes").
- Learning of the Starbuck's deal, McDonalds has begun negotiating to install "McBarge" along the route between turns 4 & 5. Failing this, they've requested permission to build the world's fastest drive through in the hot pit lane. Pick up window will be at turn 2.
- In other news, the Mayday staff were temporarily detained trying to cross the border with the Draft issue of this article...something to do with a mandatory search and seizure policy on fertilizer.