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Jan 6 & 7	Ice Races -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 10	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 13	SOVREN Banquet – Seattle Design Center		Seattle, WA
Jan 20 & 21	Ice Races -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 24	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
Jan 27	META Banquet		Coquitlam, BC
Jan 27	IRDC Banquet – Emerald Downs		Seattle, WA
Feb 3 & 4	Ice Races -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 14	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 17--18	Ice Races -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 28	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC

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Please send the form located elsewhere in this issue into  
Tom Sproule with your cheque for \$20

## Party Time

*The annual META Banquet is fast approaching.*

*Date: January 27, 2001*

*Location: Best Western Coquitlam Inn,  
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(604) 931-9011*

*Price: \$40.00 per person  
(covers meal, gratuity, taxes and music)*

*Tickets: Contact Charmaine Meakings 460-9399*

*OR*

*Tickets will also be available at  
the META meeting on January 24.  
(look for ticket form elsewhere in this issue)*

# MEMORIES OF MARY MARGARET AND BUZZ BELEY

from Gail Fetterman and Roger Salomon

Mary Margaret Beley was born December 4, 1916 in Cascade, Iowa and died November 25, 2000 in Shelton, Washington. She was married in 1937 to Buzz, who passed away about three years ago.

Mary Margaret and Buzz Beley were long time turnworkers. Buzz passed away three years ago. I'm not sure when Mary Margaret and Buzz became SCCA members, as the Denver office does not show either as members. But I know they must have been members for more than 35 years. I believe they started working races in New York and were also long time members of San Francisco region.

Mary Margaret and Buzz met each other when they both worked for United Airlines. Both of them retired from UAL. Buzz was the Senior dispatcher for pilots and Mary Margaret was a Customer Service Agent when they retired.

I do not know when they moved from California to Oregon, but Mary Margaret and Buzz were here when I joined SCCA in 1979. They both were working on the Oregon Region Communications team. Buzz at one time was a Turn Marshall when they worked SF. They were dedicated workers and loved racing. They worked both SCCA and ICSCC races and worked all of them until Mary Margaret could no longer take the cold weather and long hours standing because of her arthritis.

I'm speaking of both Mary Margaret and Buzz because they were always a pair. Buzz came to some of the races when Mary Margaret could not, but he would only come for one day, he did not want to leave her alone overnight.

MARY MARGARET WILL BE MISSED BY MANY FRIENDS IN THE RACING COMMUNITY OF OREGON, WASHINGTON AND CALIFORNIA.

*Gail*

I met Mary Margaret and Buzz Beley, her husband, early in the 70s at one of our Conference races at Westwood. I was Course Marshall at that time and I assigned both of them to Turn 2 with Rick Neyedli as Turnmarshall. During the lunch hour I talked to Rick and he was very impressed with their knowledge of motorsport, especially of SCCA, as they had been members for years. After the novice races on Saturday, we all gathered at Turn 2 for the famous hamburgers and brews and we exchanged ideas about turnworking in general and instantly we began a long friendship

After a couple of race events at Westwood, I offered them a place to stay with me whenever they came to Canada, and so began a tradition of going for supper and then discussing the weekend as we consumed some more brews. Mary Margaret was a true supporter of SCCA and we had some heated discussions about it as she was very outspoken. She was a very good communicator and as her Turnmarshall you had better be on your toes as she was not afraid to give her opinion.

We were also invited to visit them at their beautiful cottage near Shelton on the Olympic Peninsula, where they lived since their retirement. As time went by Mary Margaret suffered from arthritis in her hands and no medication seemed to calm the pain, so she was not able to continue to support her favourite hobby but she insisted that Buzz continued. Buzz attended the races at SIR. Doctors finally found a different medication and there were good signs that Mary Margaret would return to the sport, but as fate would have it, she fell in the hospital and seriously injured her back. We visited her in the hospital in Olympia and we talked about the old times. She was always asking about META and the Canadians as she was very proud to be an honorary member of our club. At that time, she told us that Buzz was suffering from Alzheimer's and was no longer allowed to drive, which stopped him from coming out to the races and shortly afterwards, he passed away.

Some time later, Gail Fetterman, Thomas Liesner, Ann and I visited Mary Margaret in the retirement home she had been moved to. We took her out for dinner and she was so happy to see us – none of us will ever forget that.

No doubt she is now happily bench racing with the likes of Rick Neyedli and of course her beloved Buzz. As a friend and a META member, I will miss Mary Margaret and she will stay in my heart for always.

*Roger*

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## 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:

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.

For further information contact your local ROD representative:

Mission:  
Roger Salomon  
10952 McAdam Road  
Delta, BC V4C 3E8  
(604) 581-7189

Portland:  
Tom McCoy  
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Portland, OR 97266  
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If you know of any sites that should be added to this list, or need to be up-dated, let me know  
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[www.icsc.ca](http://www.icsc.ca)

### **Sports Car Club of BC**

[www.sccbc.net](http://www.sccbc.net)

### **Victoria Motor Sports Club**

[www.mr2.com/VMSC/VMSC.html](http://www.mr2.com/VMSC/VMSC.html)

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[www.cascadescc.com](http://www.cascadescc.com)

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[www.irdc-racing.com](http://www.irdc-racing.com)

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[www.nwr-scca.org](http://www.nwr-scca.org)

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[www.oregon-region.com](http://www.oregon-region.com)

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### **Cdn. Association of Rallysport**

[www3.sympatico.ca/rally.cars](http://www3.sympatico.ca/rally.cars)

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[www.bckca.bc.ca](http://www.bckca.bc.ca)

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[www.westwoodkarting.com](http://www.westwoodkarting.com)

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[www.sovren.org](http://www.sovren.org)

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[www.molson.com/motorsport](http://www.molson.com/motorsport)

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[www.revv.org](http://www.revv.org)

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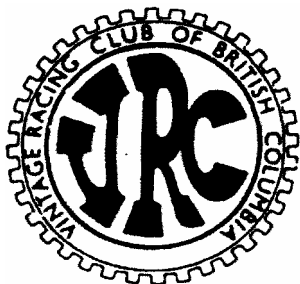
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## ..... After The Checkered



**Ice is Nice:** Just another reminder that Ice racing needs you. If you plan on attending even one event this winter, please contact Jo Adair. Phone: 540-9654 or Email: adairjo@hotmail.com

**Cheap Entertainment:** I was a little premature last month in stating that the Ice Race club had repurchased their 'Media/Promo Car'. There wasn't sufficient interest from club members to re-activate it, so it's present owner has it up for sale. Price is \$500 outright or \$200 per weekend rental rate, with a 'you break it, you bought it' agreement. This is a turnkey ice race car, with studded tires included. What a deal!!!! Contact Rick Huurman at 604-941-7575 for more info.

**Want Ads:** Details are a little sketchy as of this writing, but it looks like the Ice Race club may be in need of a new plow/tow truck. (Don't worry I not suggesting the META truck) It seems that local motelier/plowmeister Fred Robertson was out plowing the lake last week in preparation for the first race when he noticed smoke coming out from under the hood. Having driven that truck when plowing I know how difficult it can be to see anything, let alone smoke, so it was probably smoldering for quite a while. When he stopped to check it out, something had shorted out under the hood and it immediately burst into flames. Apparently he had just enough time to get himself and a few items from the back out before it was completely engulfed. Word is that it burnt for almost an hour and the only thing left is the axles and the blade. Along with a slight indent in the ice near the start/finish area. I guess that means the ice is pretty thick up there.

**Not as Much Love in the Air as I Thought:** It seems I must have hit a nerve last month. When I write this page I try to make it somewhat amusing, or at least as amusing as the mood I'm in. Does that make sense? Probably not? Anyways, most times what I write here needs to be taken with a little bit of 'tongue in cheek'. Sometimes it's not taken that way, sometimes it's just not funny. To each their own as far as humor goes. The point is that I take great pains not to offend anyone, that doesn't always happen. At least I try. Remember, ☺ Happy ☺ Faces ☺ Mean ☺ Humor ☺ .....

Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.  
Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.  
Early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.  
I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met.  
I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.  
I intend to live forever - so far, so good.  
If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?  
Quantum Mechanics: The dreams stuff is made of.  
Televangelists: The Pro Wrestlers of religion.  
The only substitute for good manners is fast reflexes.  
When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Editors Note: This was sent to me as a general information piece only. The editor assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of the information, however, I have no reason to doubt the integrity of the information or the sender.

### CARBON FIBERS - Description

Carbon Fibers are to be found in composite materials. These materials generally consist of a resin which surrounds man-made reinforcing fibers. Numerous products from tennis racquets to jet planes are manufactured utilizing carbon fibers. Many of the components which make up the race cars competing at the Molson Indy also utilize carbon fibers.

### *CARBON FIBER HAZARDS*

Pure carbon fiber is chemically inactive and non-toxic. However, carbon fibers have the capacity to absorb other substances. Carbon fibers released from burning composite materials (such as a car on fire) are not pure but carry with them absorbed pyrolysis products. When exposed to elevated temperatures and fires, these substances become unstable and decompose into smaller respirable fibers. Carbon fibers tend to decompose to the 3-5 micron range, making them very light, transportable and easily carried over a large area by the wind or other movement. In the lungs the fibers penetrate the tissue and do not decompose, similar to fiberglass. Personal protective equipment must be worn prior to receiving a patient from an Indy car that has been on fire, or when extrication of the patient has necessitated any cutting of the car.

Individual carbon fibers are very sharp and can penetrate the skin.

Carbon fibers are electrically conductive and may be drawn into electrical equipment due to their being very light and easily airborne.

As you will be responding after Cart Medical, the fire hazard should be greatly minimized or eliminated. However, for your protection the following Safety precautions must be adhered to:

- 1) Do not expose yourself to an Indy car that is on fire. Burning carbon fiber is meant to be approached by trained personnel only, wearing special suits and self-contained breathing apparatus.
- 2) All Paramedics who have the potential to respond to track calls must wear Tyvek coveralls, the N95 Healthcare Particulate Respirator, safety glasses, and triple latex gloves. The N95 Healthcare Particulate Respirator minimizes wearer exposure to certain airborne particles in the size range of 0.1 to > 10.0 microns.
- 3) If you are receiving a patient from an Indy car that was on fire, it is preferable if the Cart Medical staff has already removed the driver's outer coveralls. If this is not possible, it is then imperative that you keep the driver's coveralls damp to stop the fibers from becoming airborne, lessening the opportunity for you to become exposed. Keeping the clothing damp will also reduce the likelihood of the fibers interfering with electrical equipment.

Carbon Fibers and their associated compounds in a decomposing state are extremely dangerous and carcinogenic.



## The latest Darwin Awards update....

The Darwin Awards, for those not familiar, are for those individuals who contribute to the survival of the fittest by eliminating themselves from the gene pool before they have a chance to breed.

1. A young Canadian man, searching for a way of getting drunk cheaply, because he had no money with which to buy alcohol, mixed gasoline with milk. Not surprisingly, this concoction made him ill, and he vomited into the fireplace in his house. This resulting explosion and fire burned his house down, killing both him and his sister.
2. Three Brazilian men were flying in a light aircraft at low altitude when another plane approached. It appears that they decided to moon the occupants of the other plane, but lost control of their own aircraft and crashed. They were all found dead in the wreckage with their pants around their ankles.
3. A 27-year-old French woman lost control of her car on a highway near Marseilles and crashed into a tree, seriously injuring her passenger and killing herself. As a commonplace road accident, this would not have qualified for a Darwin nomination, were it not for the fact that the driver's attention had been distracted by her Tamagotchi key ring, which had started urgently beeping for food as she drove along. In an attempt to press the correct buttons to save the Tamagotchi's life, the woman lost her own.
4. A 22-year-old Reston, VA man was found dead after he tried to use octopus straps to bungee jump off a 70-foot railroad trestle. Fairfax County police said Eric Barcia, a fast-food worker, taped a bunch of these straps together, wrapped an end around one foot, anchored the other end to the trestle at Lake Accotink Park, jumped and hit the pavement. Warren Carmichael, a police spokesman, said investigators think Barcia was alone because his car was found nearby. "The length of the cord that he had assembled was greater than the distance between the trestle and the ground", Carmichael said. Police say the apparent cause of death was "Major trauma".
5. A man in Alabama died from rattlesnake bites. It seems that he and a friend were playing a game of catch, using the rattlesnake as a ball. The friend - no doubt, a future Darwin Awards candidate - was hospitalized.
6. Employees in a medium-sized warehouse in west Texas noticed the smell of a gas leak. Sensibly, management evacuated the building, extinguishing all potential sources of ignition; lights, power, etc. After the building had been evacuated, two technicians from the gas company were dispatched. Upon entering the building, they found they had difficulty navigating in the dark. To their frustration, none of the lights worked (you can see what's coming, can't you?). Witnesses later described the sight of one of the technicians reaching into his pocket and retrieving an object, that resembled a cigarette lighter. Upon operation of the lighter-like object, the gas in the warehouse exploded, sending pieces of it up to three miles away. Nothing was found of the technicians, but the lighter was virtually untouched by the explosion. The technician suspected of causing the blast had never been thought of as 'bright' by his peers

Time to renew your membership in META. If you haven't already done so, send this form in to Tom with \$20. If you have, then pass it along to someone new, we need to encourage as many new members as we can. Every little bit helps.

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## Membership

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