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## SPEED READING

Jan 5	IRDC Banquet – Embassy Suites		Bellevue, WA
Jan 5&6	Ice Races – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 9	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 12	SOVREN Banquet –The Atrium at The Seattle Design Center		Seattle, WA
Jan 19&20	Ice Races – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 23	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
Jan 26	META Banquet – Best Western	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 2&3	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ice Races – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 13	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 16&17	Ice Races – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 27	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
Mar 9&10	Monterrey Grand Prix	CART	Monterrey, Mexico

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## META Annual Awards Banquet



**January 26, 2002**

Best Western - Coquitlam

319 North Road

Cocktails at 6:30

Tickets \$40 each, Contact Charmaine Meakings.

(See elsewhere in this issue for ticket form)

## *Time to renew your membership in ME7A*

It's that time of year again!!! Please send in your renewal as soon as possible to avoid the catastrophe of missing your monthly Mayday. OK, there are other good reasons to join but I'm a little bias. Look elsewhere in this issue for the renewal form and get your \$20 bucks into Thomas. Thank You for your support!! ☺ ☺ ☺

### **Stewards Report**

Was the night before Christmas and all though the house. Not a creature was stirring, not even the.....Steward!! Well, it has been a little quiet since the banquet. By the way; if you missed it, you missed a really fun time. All had a good time. Great job Jen and Chris!!!!

It has been a little boring without having anyone to fine or put in jail. The only "avoidable contact" I have seen is on I-5. Sherrie has reported some "passing under the yellow" on her school bus and the fines are a lot higher than I've been dinging you guys!!

The fall E-Board meeting has come and gone and there are some important rule changes for the 2002 season. You need to review them closely because they will affect you next year.

We now have a much clearer definition of the specifications for roll cages for 2002, so check it out. Also, for all you open cockpit drivers of purpose built or open production cars, arm restraints are now required, the same as SCCA. Another safety item, all helmets shall conform or be equal to 95 of later Snell foundation specifications. Check your helmet so you don't get caught when you go thru tech! Club Ford now has a spec fuel rule for next year. Only 100 LL Av Gas will be allowed so put that high-zoot stuff in your wife's SUV! There was a spec tire rule proposed for Club Rabbit but there was a lot of confusion over what tires should be allowed so it was withdrawn for further discussion. Good luck guys and remember, **NO FIGHTING IN THE SANDBOX!!**

We will have two new provisional classes for next year. Pro 3 is an entry level BMW class. Check this memo for the rules. ITE is a class to allow cars that exceed or otherwise do not conform to recognized IT class preparations. Pro 3 will run in group 1 and ITE will compete in group 4. Also, since the exodus of the E-30 BMW's to EIP, ITS was moved back to group 5. As per rule #1311, and due to poor participation, the following classes have been eliminated as championship classes; Formula Atlantic, RX 7, and J production. Improved Sedan was dropped as a class as we haven't had anybody enter the class since 1995.

You will see some new and improved forms next year. They are a great improvement over the old forms and will be more user friendly and make the registrars job a lot easier.

Well kids, that's about it. It's been a really fun year for me and I hope it was for you as well. Thank you for allowing me to be your 2001 Steward. See ya next year!!!!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Dennis Peters  
ICSCC Race Steward

# M.E.T.A. AWARDS BANQUET

DON'T JUST SIT THERE

GET INTO THE FAST LANE FOR FUN!

SPINNING YOUR WHEELS

JANUARY 26  
2002

Hey Everyone Come and Join the Party at the Best Western Coquitlam!  
Tickets are available through Charmaine Meakings. Advance Ticket  
purchase price is \$40.00 per Person, at the door purchases is \$45.00.

Please complete the form below in print & mail it to me or give it to me in person. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Amount on Cheque)

Mail to: Charmaine Meakings, #20 - 20172 113B Ave., Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 0Y9



# CART VOLUNTEERS 2001

December 21, 2001

Hello,

As 2001 quickly approaches its close, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the wonderful thoughts from our CART family.

We do not always have the time in our schedules to express our gratitude for your commitment, loyalty and dedication to our success.

We all share one passion, the love of motorsport. We sailed through some turbulent waters this past season but have also shared in many bright sunny days.

2002 promises to bring us excitement at our new venues and the pleasures of returning to venues we have enjoyed in the past.

The 2002 season will also bring with it the beginning of the "Volunteer Program". We have some exciting plans and ideas we will be implementing. One of those is a quarterly newsletter, which will enable us to get to know each other. The attachments are notes and letters I have received from members of our extended family and will in future become part of our newsletter. Your input and ideas are going to be very welcome. I had hoped to have the newsletter format prepared for this year-end summary, time has quickly eluded me.

In closing, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support. We could not do this without you and although showing our appreciation has been on a more personal note from each of us, myself, Dick Perry, Chuck Greer, Lon Bromley, Jim Swintal, Billy Kamphausen and the many other faces you encounter on our racing weekends. There are many more that recognize and acknowledge your unselfish commitment to the best and "fastest" open wheel-racing series.

I look forward to an exciting season in 2002 and the opportunity to meet each of you and share and explore new ideas for our "Volunteer Program".

Take care, have a wonderful Holiday Season, see you in 2002.

Best Wishes,

Irene Chambers  
Volunteer Administrator  
Chief Observer, CART

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of CART, to thank each of you for your dedication to and support of CART by way of our volunteer program. Each of you contributes countless hours and personal resources to a sport we all love and care deeply for. Your participation with CART is an important key to CART's past and future success and we thank you.

There has been much written lately about CART that has raised many questions. It is important that you hear from CART that, despite what you may read, we are gearing up full swing for 2002 with an anticipated field of 20 cars with the possibility of additional teams fielding entries depending on how sponsorships develop in the off season. Fedex has renewed their sponsorship of the series and Bridgestone will debut their flagship brand of tire with us in 2002. The schedule will possibly see a 20th race added at a to be determined venue and, as we speak, our teams are testing throughout the country. So the 2002 season is just around the corner. With the addition of Mexico City, Montreal and Denver, it should be an outstanding season.

There are also changes abound at CART but please don't let that distract you from the fact that we are working hard to solidify CART as a world leader in motorsports. As we approach the holidays, I wish you, your family and friends a joyous season and a prosperous New Year. I look forward to meeting each of you as we hit the streets of the world in 2002.

With Kindest Regards,

John J. Lopes  
Senior Vice President of Racing Operations  
CART, Inc.

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CART Champ Cars provide the most competitive racing in the world. The Champ Cars themselves are awesome machines.

The Champ Car Drivers are awesome talents and together they create the Awesome Racing that we get to see.

Yet without the hard work and dedication of all of you there would be no show. The high level of skill and experience you all bring to the CART family makes it possible for the Drivers to raise their game to the highest levels. Knowing with confidence that be it a Superspeedway or a blind corner on a Road Course that they have the best eyes ears and noses in the business watching and caring for them. Yes indeed you have the best seat in the house. (the Drivers might argue that)

Thank you for your commitment to CART and our sport.

And on behalf of the Drivers I thank you for a job well done.

CSK  
Chief Steward CART

December 4, 2001

Dear Irene,

In reviewing the activities of the 2001 racing season, I find that one of the genuine highlights of that season for me has been the opportunity to spend time with the dedicated Corner Workers and Observers with which you are affiliated. This group, perhaps more than any other segment of the CART community, reminds us all of why we are involved in racing. The selfless dedication, the willingness to put themselves in harms way for the safety of others, the spirit of service and good humor that they communicate under stressful conditions, all go to make this group very special.

The passion and commitment that these folks demonstrate make me proud to spend time with them each race weekend. I have heard many positive comments on the work that they do from members of the Barber Dodge, Toyota Atlantic, Dayton Lights, and Fed Ex driver corps. Please communicate that clear sense of appreciation which they may not often be aware of, but that I hear frequently.

I wish to convey my own thanks for the many incidents that didn't occur, events that looked routine (though we may all know better), and the example of professional capability that was demonstrated week after week. The corner workers and observers that serve our series are the best. They provide safety, integrity of competition, and consistency in the face of constant change. Thanks to each of them.

Blessings,  
Bob Pirtle  
Chaplain, CART Ministries

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Irene Chambers  
FROM: Mauricio Gugelmin-Jon R. Potter  
SUBJECT: Thanks to Volunteers  
DATE: December 3, 2001

As the holiday season approaches, it seems appropriate to pause for a moment and take time to thank all the volunteers who help us throughout the year. We recognize that these dedicated people, in many cases, pay their own expenses to the events and do it simply for the love of our sport.

On behalf of all the drivers, we thank you for everything. You make our lives easier and safer and we depend upon you. Somehow, thanks just do not seem adequate.

When you see us at the track, take a moment to say hello and let us know who you are. It would be a pleasure to shake your hand and thank you personally.

Have a wonderful and peaceful holiday season and a glorious New Year.

Kindest regards,  
Mauricio Gugelmin, Chairman  
Jon R. Potter, Executive Director

Editor's Note: I was asked to reprint this from last year, so here is an updated version.

## It's Almost Here

There's a chill in the air, the Christmas rush is finally over, snow is in the mountains, ice is on the lake. That's right, Ice Racing's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary season is about to begin!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Schedule is Jan. 5/6, 19/20, Feb. 2/3 & 16/17. Jambalaya and bonfire the first weekend, Greek dinner and pool tournament the second weekend, party on the third weekend with 2 hr. enduro, fourth weekend ??? Mandatory worker/mechanics race both days of every weekend.

As with all racing these days, help is scarce. Ice Racing is no exception, they need you!!!! It doesn't have to be every weekend, even just 1 or 2 would be a help. Don't like the cold? How about timing and scoring! Never seen Ice Racing? You ain't seen nothin' yet!!!!

One of the big things about Ice Racing that makes it so good is the social aspect. The workers and volunteers are treated like GOLD!!! Worker rooms for usually free. Hot lunches at the lake (also free). There is no us and them attitude, drivers and workers and crews are all one big family. If you feel so inclined; they will be having worker races, where you drive their race cars. Do you just want to go for a ride at lunch? Just ask!!! I used to race a 4WD Subaru with a 200+ HP Mazda rotary engine and I used to love to take people for rides and scare the s..... wait a minute that's not what I meant to say. I used to love taking people for rides and seeing the expressions of joy and exhilaration after a really good lap!!!!!! Yah that's it!!! Flat out in 4<sup>th</sup> gear, 100+ MPH (remember, we're on ice here) pitch the car sideways and go flat out through the sweepers and kinks. Awwwww memories!!!!

If you've never been up to the Ice Races, here's the unofficial and no doubt incomplete lowdown. All races are subject to weather conditions. Before you go, call the hotline to see if the races are still on and call Jo to let her know you want to stay in the worker rooms.. It takes about 4½ hrs to get to Cache Creek (the Desert Inn is the Ice Race Headquarters). The Fraser Canyon can be a little nasty at times, but the races are almost always finished early enough on Sunday so you can get through the canyon in daylight. If you've ever been to Whistler skiing, it's not much different. Just less traffic. If you go up Friday night the usual 'meeting place' is the pub in the Oasis hotel. Directly across from the Desert Inn. Drivers, crews, workers all meet there. After all, it is Cache Creek, what else are you gonna do!!!! There isn't a typical 'morning meeting' as at Mission, but there is always a 'drivers meeting' in the morning, and that usually signals that things are ready to go. Drivers meetings are typically between 9am and 10am. The lake is about 20-25 minutes from the motel. Go south on HWY 1, then left towards Ashcroft, cross the bridge into Ashcroft, stay on the main road, cross the RR tracks then up the hill out of town towards Logan Lake, 5-10 minutes up the road turn left onto Barnes Lake road, another 3-5 minutes and you're there. I won't try to kid you, it can be cold and windy up there, but if you've ever been skiing you'll be fine. However, I've also been up there many times when it's was so warm I've just worn a T-shirt, jeans and boots. Most important thing is warm boots (not steel toed, they freeze). Typically they only use 3 flags; yellow, red, and debris, sometimes they use blue but not always. There should be at least 2 people per turn, if not, make some noise and they'll find someone. Your helper will most likely be a second driver or a crewperson. Don't be surprised if a race car stops at your turn on the cool off lap. He maybe picking up your helper to switch drivers or change tires, etc. Someone will come back, if they don't, get on the radio and make some noise, they'll find someone. As always safety is the number one concern. If you don't like your turn location? Move it!!! Remember, you're on a frozen lake, where you stand is where the flag station is located. Number two concern behind safety is to have fun. Where else do they have a mandatory happy hour on Saturday night.

Well that's about it for now. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to give me a call or email.

**Andrew** Or contact:

WCIRABC President Lorne Stead @ Phone: 271-4651 or Email: lorne\_stead@telus.net

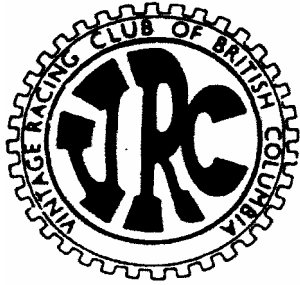
WCIRABC Worker Rep Jo Adair @ Phone: 940-9765 or Email: joadair@hotmail.com

Desert Motel phone: 1-800-663-0212

Ice Race Hotline: 604-271-4651 (valid 48hrs before each race weekend)

Note: As of this writing the Motel had not confirmed they were providing worker rooms, however WCIRABC has a large worker fund to cover any problems. Contact Jo for more info.





...to restore, race, and exchange information concerning vintage sports and racing automobiles.

Meetings held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Cruisers Pit Stop Diner - 21671 Fraser Highway Langley, B.C.

Information contact Andrew Slater (604) 986-0949

## CLUB MERCHANDISE

Pens on Neck string \$2.00  
META Crests (Black Border) \$3.00  
META Crests (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) \$3.00  
META Decals Static for inside or  
Stick-On for outside \$1.00 each  
Contact Don Souter (604) 930-6243

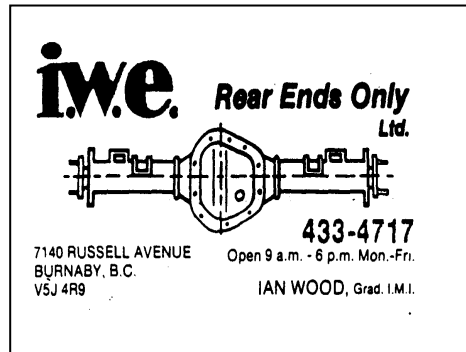
META Shirts with design by Krystyna Mitchell  
100% Cotton--Long sleeve--All sizes--~~\$25.00~~

**On Sale for \$20.00 or 2 for \$30.00**

Contact Ann Peters (604) 581-7189

Copies of META Promotional video are now available  
Video runs 15 minutes and are free

All club members are encouraged to get a copy  
Contact Marc Rovner (604) 986-3497 or Ann Peters (604) 581-7189  
(Non-members contact Marc or Ann for details)



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Time to renew your membership in META. If you haven't already done so, send this form in to Thomas 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. Note: Each member will receive a new META decal with their membership, please indicate which type you would like, Inside(Static) or Outside(Stick-on)

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## Membership

C/O Thomas Liesner, 13425 87B Ave, Surrey, BC V3W 6G7

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work: \_\_\_\_\_

META Decal: Static    Stick-on

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter via E-Mail

Yes

No

Cost is \$20--Membership year ends Dec. 31--MAYDAY mailing list will be purged of non-members Mar. 31  
Please indicate if you would like the META newsletter sent to you by E-Mail or send the editor an email at  
maydayeditor@hotmail.com



## **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.

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Here are the different awards for the number of races worked:

(Subject to change depending on the number of races in a year)

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

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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:

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From "The Province" newspaper, Dec 7, 2001

## **CART founder Penske makes a U-turn to IRL**

READING, Pa. — Roger Penske, one of the founders of CART and the most successful owner in open-wheel racing is moving to the rival IRL next year. We plan to compete in all Indy Racing League series races in 2002, in addition to the Indy 500," Tim Cindric, president of Penske Racing, Inc., said Thursday. The decision was made with Marlboro, the team's chief sponsor, whose marketing has been affected by the 1998 tobacco settlement. For Penske it was based more on financial considerations than the calibre of racing in CART. Last May, his cars ran in the Indy 500 without the logos of longtime sponsor Marlboro because the tobacco settlement forbids advertising on more than one circuit.

Marlboro official Ina Broeman said that, since the cigarette maker markets its products only in the U.S. and its territories, "we believe that the IRL is more closely aligned with our business interests and objectives for 2002." The shifting of Penske's racing operation, which has accounted for nine CART titles and 11 open-wheel championships overall, was the latest blow for CART, which has been losing prestige in the U.S. since it left the Indianapolis 500 after formation of the IRL in 1996. CART's growth in recent years has been overseas, with races in Australia, Japan, England and Germany. The move also leaves CART without a defending champion. Gone will be Gil de Ferran, who won titles in the past two years. It also guarantees that Helio Castroneves, who gave Penske his 11th Indianapolis 500 victory this year, will defend that title next May.

CART said it was disappointed but wished the Penske team well. "CART has always enjoyed the loyal support of our owners, sponsors and fans," the organization said. "They are drawn to our fast cars, unique tracks and technological sophistication, as well as to our many world-class drivers. We will maintain their support by offering the same top-quality product we have offered for decades. And we will remain focused on our No. 1 objective — growing our sport and the CART brand."

The IRL said the defection was another indication that its form of American oval racing — as opposed to CART's globe-hopping mixture of ovals, road courses and street courses — will continue to gain in popularity. "What better affirmation could there be than to have the most successful team in American motor-sports choose the Indy Racing League as its competitive platform," said Tony George, IRL founder and Indianapolis Motor Speedway owner. He called the addition of Penske "a great plus."

# ICSCC RACE OFFICIAL'S DIVISION

## Application for Licensing of Personnel

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Name (please print or type)

Date of Birth

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Street Address, City, State/Province, Zip Code/Postal code

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Area Code Telephone Number

Club Affiliation (if any)

Check Type of License Requested:    \_\_\_Renewal    \_\_\_Upgrading    \_\_\_New

Position to be licensed for: \_\_\_\_\_

If new application, please fill in experience and training:

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Annual License Fee:

U.S. Funds: \$5.00

Canadian Funds: \$7.00

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to I.C.S.C.C.

Send to: Roger Salomon, P.O. Box 4768, Blaine, WA 98231-4768

OR 10952 McAdam Road, Delta, B.C. V4C 3E8

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Signature of Applicant:

Date Signed:

Signature of Area Rep:

Date Signed:

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Date Received:

License Issued:

License Number: