



MAYDAY

The official newsletter of the Motorsport Emergency Turnworkers Association

M.E.T.A. c/o 10952 McAdam Road, Delta, B.C., Canada, V4C 3E8

Newsletter c/o 3809 St Thomas St, Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 2Z2

Newsletter E-Mail: maydayeditor@hotmail.com

META Website: www.meta.bc.ca

November 2002
Volume 27 Issue 11

SPEED READING

CLUB EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT:

Bernice Zosiak
604-591-7213
zosiak7213@shaw.ca

VICE PRESIDENT:

Andrew Slater
250-335-0949
riversideparty@aol.com

SECRETARY:

Vacant

TREASURER:

Angus Glass
604-264-1641
liliardsedge@aol.com

PAST PRESIDENT:

Ann Peters
604-581-7189
ann_peters@telus.net

NEWSLETTER STAFF

EDITOR:

Andrew Clouston
604-942-4974
maydayeditor@hotmail.com
fax:604-882-9783
(attention Andrew)

MEMBERSHIP

Thomas Liesner
604-501-1503
tliesner@shaw.ca

All opinions expressed in the Mayday are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Mayday staff, Club Executive, or the members of META.

META meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Publication deadline is the 30th of each month. Submissions may be faxed or e-mailed to the Editor.

Printed in Canada.

Nov 8	CACC Banquet - Best Western	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Nov 9	SCCBC Banquet – Hilton	McKay Ave	Burnaby, BC
Nov 16&17	Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez	CART	Mexico City, Mex
Nov 13	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Nov 16	ICSCC Banquet		Seattle, WA
Nov 20	Ice Race Meeting – Douglas	7:00	New West, BC
	College – Room 2802		
Nov 27 AGM	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
Dec 11	SCCBC Meeting – Executive Inn,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC

Annual General Meeting

META's Annual General Meeting will be held on

Wednesday November 27th

Century House-620 8th St New Westminster at

7:30pm

Please plan on attending this meeting as our annual elections will be held at this time.

The positions available are:

*President, Vice President,
Secretary, Treasurer*



President's report

I would like to say thank-you to all the META members for the beautiful floral arrangement. I hear all went well at the meeting and Angus did a fabulous job. Thank you Angus and Taz, for going beyond the call of duty. I did hear that attendance was once again weak. I realize that we do have lives out side META, and from time to time we are unable to attend. However this has occurred for the past three meeting. For META to continue with the strong standards we have developed throughout our past ,we as members must show our support. How is META supposed to make racing a safe and happy environment, for you as a worker? Your attendance is vital for META to keep it's standard .

In the month of November we will be having our A.G.M. At this time the membership will elect new personal for your executive. I will not seek another term as your president. It is time for new ideas and leadership. Thank you for the past two years. It has been a pleasure getting to know so many of you. Take care and be safe.

Bernice Zosiak

From: DBT
To: zosiak7213@shaw.ca
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2002 10:20 AM
Subject: Year end thank you!

Would you forward this Thank You to every member of Meta.

On behalf of the Team #31 Black Nissan 200SX, I would like to personally thank you for all your efforts over the past season. Although I did not get to participate as much as would have liked, I would not have been able to participate at all without you people. I believe I have a special appreciation for your job as we both serve our respective communities as guardians of safety. Be proud of your commitment to serve, you are truly part of the emergency service worker family!

David {DBT} Bruce-Thomas

Ice Race Update

There will be a party on the Enduro Weekend (February 1/2). Worker tickets will be paid for by WCIRABC or at least subsidized.

They will be doing T-Shirts again this year, not sure how many races you have to work to get one though. Looks like there is only one person lap charting at this point so if you think it's too cold then how about helping out in timing and scoring in a nice warm trailer!!!

Corner workers are always wanted as well, come on out and try it.

Free rooms, free hot lunch, 8-10 races per weekend (not including worker races)!!!!

T-shirts, parties, Happy hours!!!!

Car counts are up again this year and you can't beat the 'fun factor'.

Contact Jo Adair or myself for more info.

Andrew: 604-942-4974 or maydayeditor@hotmail.com

Jo: joadair@hotmail.com

The next Ice race meeting will be November 20th, 7:00, Room 2802 (note different room) at Douglas College in New Westminster.

The honor of your presence is requested at

The International Conference of Sports Car Clubs
Banquet 2002—”Rear View Mirror”

November 16, 2002 Sea-Tac Marriott

Dress is semi-formal

\$33/person; vegan \$23/person;

For kids' meals, contact Jen B. for prices (Please call for any special food needs)

Menu

Green Salad

Petit Filet Mignon

Grilled Chicken Breast with Basil Pesto Sauce

Seasonal vegetables

Key Lime Cheesecake

Rooms: \$79/night Call 206-241-2000

This year, we will honor our past with a display of club memorabilia and pictures.

Please Contact Jen Berry at 503-256-8619 or srberry@teleport.com

if you have anything to share!

This is YOUR banquet! Bring your crew and family!

Come and celebrate this great racing season!

Show your appreciation to our hard-working volunteers! Invite a worker to the banquet!

Activities will include:

· Bench racing on Saturday afternoon (bring your best in-car videos to share!)

· Memorabilia display

· Relaxing by the pool or in the fabulous bar!

QUESTIONS?

Call Jen Berry 503-256-8619
or email srberry@teleport.com

Making Formula One Not Quite So Tedious:

By Scott Feschuk

'Couch Boy'

- Reduce fan expectations by replacing expression Grand Prix with more modest Half-Decent Prix.
- At all hairpin corners next season, Ferraris to be accosted by squeegee kids and change-mooching vagrants.
- Famed Monaco Grand Prix circuit altered slightly to include jump over 17 school buses.
- All drivers named Schumacher obliged to wear blindfold*
(*Does not apply to Ralph Schumacher)
- Goodbye gravel traps, hello quicksand!
- During pit stops, drivers must do a shot of gin for every tire changed.
- Ferrari docked 10 championship points every time Rubens Barrichello cries.
- In gimmicky effort to boost sagging TV ratings, Juan Montoya is supplanted at Williams by adorable, bespectacled cousin Oliver.
- Ferraris must start each race from the back of the grid..... of the circuit that hosted the previous grand prix.
- Michael Schumacher no longer permitted to stock his car with reading material for when he gets bored.
- High-tech, multi-million-dollar cars replaced by feisty carnival ponies.
- Just before the formation lap, the cockpit of the driver on pole position will be filled with scorpions.



The SPORTS CAR CLUB OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

is proud to present...

Elegance in the Pits

Saturday November 9, 2002

Cocktails 5:30 -- Dinner 6:30

At the

Hilton Vancouver Metrotown

6083 McKay Avenue

Burnaby, BC

Get your tickets -- On sale now -- \$35.00 CDN.

Thieves Target Race Kids

By Troy Landreville

Over the past year, the Langley Quarter Midget Association track in Aldergrove has been a favourite target for vandals and thieves.

The LQMA is a nonprofit club for drivers aged five through 16, who race quarter-scale midget race cars equipped with 120-150 cc engines, independent suspensions and roll cages.

"We're a local organization, and we're all about kids," LQMA president Michael Herberts said.

The most recent incident occurred in mid-September, when someone cut the chain securing the racetrack's gates, and broke into the LQMA race tower.

Once inside, the thieves dismantled the club's computers and made off with the hardware components.

"This, of course, has left us with no automated scoring system for the final two races," Herberts said.

"We are hopeful that we may be able to find some used laptops which can then be removed from the tower each time we race."

They stole a lawn tractor and leaf blower on site. The thieves later dumped the tractor on some vacant land behind the track. The tractor ended up getting towed to the RCMP impound yard, and the club had to pay \$350 to get it out.

"It's as though we can't win for losing," Herberts said. "It's pretty frustrating."

The culprits also took a drawer full of medallions used to award the drivers, which Herbert said has no street value, but has sentimental value for the LQMA's members.

Once you factor in the cost of retrieving the tractor along with the stolen computer components and medallions, this most recent incident cost the club about \$1,000.

Those responsible also broke into the club's snackshop, and although nothing was stolen, they opened up the valves on the propane tank, leaving the club with no propane for a recent race weekend.

The LQMA is now looking to take a major step in curbing the crime.

"Only so much you can do to prevent that. We are hopeful that someone may be interested in placing a trailer on site and living at our track," Herberts said. "We would be happy to provide a free spot with electricity and septic in return for some general upkeep and security"



CACC Annual Meeting and Banquet:

*Saturday, November 9th at the Coquitlam Best Western, 319 North Road, 9:30 am
Banquet is Friday, November 8th - tickets available from Ed Smart \$30.*

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Pens on Neck string \$2.00
 META Crests (Black Border) \$3.00
 META Crests (25th 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

New META Shirts available!!!!

White, short sleeve, 'Golf Shirts' with
 META logo embroidered on front.
 \$26.00 each
 Contact Angus Glass (604) 264-1641

**Your Ad Could Be Here
 Advertise in the Mayday**

Non-commercial ads are free to members (3 months max.) Contact the editor for more info.

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)

Membership

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province/State _____

Postal Code _____

Phone No.-- Home: _____

Work: _____

META Decal: Static Stick-on


E-mail Address: _____

Newsletter via E-Mail

Yes

No

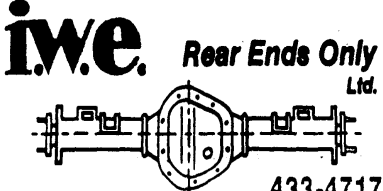
Cost is \$20--Membership year ends Dec. 31--MAYDAY mailing list will be purged of non-members Mar. 31
 Please indicate if you would like the META newsletter sent to you by E-Mail or send the editor an email at
 maydayeditor@hotmail.com



Web Design
 Desktop Publishing
 Racing & Race Car Rentals

Danielle Baxter
 P.O. Box 219
 Fort Langley, B.C. V1M 2R5
 604-882-8078 / fax 604-888-1496

www.hvonosphere.com danielleb@talus.net



iwe. Rear Ends Only Ltd.

7140 RUSSELL AVENUE 433-4717
 BURNABY, B.C. Open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 V5J 4R9 IAN WOOD, Grad. I.M.I.

	Per year	Per Issue
Full Page	\$200.00	\$50.00
1/2 Page	\$140.00	\$35.00
1/4 Page	\$80.00	\$20.00
Bus. Card	\$40.00	\$10.00

Straightaway To Success

By Gordon McIntyre Sports Reporter

MEXICO CITY —

The future is now for CART – and, in this car-choked megalopolis, things are looking up.

CART will end this season of discontent Nov. 17 with the Mexico Gran Premio on the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez.

The race was set back from Oct. 13 by construction delays. But it was worth the wait. The Autodromo is the kind of track, the kind of investment in the future, that could save CART and, with it, Vancouver's Molson Indy. The vision and perseverance behind the track offers proof that the Vancouver Indy could be an annual event for years to come, should sponsor Molson feel so inclined.

Gerry Forsythe and CIE, a Mexican live-entertainment conglomerate, run the Autodromo together.

If they can negotiate with six federal departments and various state bodies, then see this wonder of a circuit built in *mañana*-land, there's no reason Vancouver can't find a way around Concord Pacific development.

"There are always ways to overcome problems," said Chris Pook, CART's president and CEO.

The Mexico City track uses most of an old Formula One circuit that was discontinued after the 1992 race.

F-1 had a contract for at least one more race in 1993, but the track began falling apart in the late 1980's.

"Bernie Ecclestone took his bat and ball and went home," said Rod Dixon, supervisor of the track's construction and operation. "The track was dilapidated. It was bumpy and there was no drainage."

Almost nothing in the original plans corresponded to what was on — or under — the ground.

They even found secret tunnels.

On the old track, stray dogs and fans, stamping their feet at approaching cars like matadors at bulls, used to wander through broken sections of the fence and wall.

"I saw the old track three years ago. It was like an ancient ruin," said Ivis Lopez, reporter with the Mexico City *Reforma* newspaper. "I can't believe what they have done with it." The attention to detail is amazing. New 3.2-ton concrete blocks that support the old walls, and 4.8-ton blocks installed where the old walls caved, are engraved with a mythical feather-headed serpent and deities.

The front straightaway is, at 1.1 kilometres, one of the longest two or three in the world. CART cars will be doing at least 225 kilometres an hour when drivers brake for Turn 1.

At the back a sweeping, dangerous turn — where Ayrton Senna and Nigel Mansell almost killed themselves — was cut into an elbow shape.

It runs through a 25,000-seat ball park, home of the Mexican League champion Diablos Rojos.

The stands seat more than 170,000, with room for 150,000 more in general admission.

On the 225 acres inside the 4.8-kilometre track are the Palacia de los Deportes where gymnastics were held at the 1968 Olympics, 30 *futbol* pitches, 11 *beisbol* diamonds, a hockey field and 10 *basquetbol* courts.

Since the track's been resurfaced, hundreds of joggers, bladers, wheelchair athletes and pleasure walkers take to it every day.

"They couldn't use the old track. It was diabolical," said Dixon, who swears he doesn't know what the rescue project cost.

"I just spend the money. I don't know how much. It's a lot," said Dixon, an Aussie who oversaw construction of CART tracks at Surfers Paradise and Monterrey, Mexico.

"It's better than Montreal. Just look at it! It's awesome," gushed CART driver Mario Dominguez. "You watch — it will be the best track in North America."

Sure, he lives in Mexico City.

But even officials from Montreal-based Team Player's are in awe of the new track. And, Dixon said, it's unlike other tracks in another way.

"I can guarantee you one thing," he said. "Paul Tracy won't jump the curb here. It's too high. Well, maybe he'll do it once."

MINUTES

META Meeting October 23, 2002

Meeting was called to order at 7:45, Angus Glass sitting in as chair. Minutes from the previous meeting were not read as there were none present, will be read at the next meeting. 15 Members present and 1 guest. The guest is Byron Meston from the 510 club of B.C.

Guest speaker: Byron talked about the 510 day and how they had lots of fun. He asked if the workers felt like they were treated well? Were they happy with the clubs effort? Was there anything they could do to make the day more enjoyable for the workers? The 510 Club really enjoyed themselves, would like to come back again if they can? Because they were so happy with our workers the 510 Club is donating \$200 towards Meta with a big Thank-you.

Correspondence: Larry passed on a change of address.

Mayday: Andrew needs more articles.

Membership: Absent

Treasurer: General \$6698.84, Gaming \$522.30, Equipment \$5660.25

Historian: Photo albums and Mayday's present

Training: Would like to see water bottles used on a car fire, to see what the fire response will be and how long it would take. This will determine if we will order more water bottles.

Some of the Water bottles are not marked correctly.

Race Chairman: Absent

Course Marshall: Absent

Chief of Emergency: Absent

Old Business: Brian M. got the Sports Car Club to donate two copies of their race at the Indy this year. Roger motions that whoever wants to borrow the tapes, have to be done at a meeting, recorded in the minutes, then returned at the following meeting.

Seconded by Graham. Motion passed.

Brian M. has one copy and Angus G. has the other.

Don S. still has pens patches and small Meta items that he takes to track with him. We also have the old style T-shirts as well as the new Golf shirts. Don was asked if we still have any Meta pins left? The answer is no. Roger will look into price supply etc.

Minutes Cont'd

New Business: We are going to send Bernie flowers, and hope she is feeling better. Angus will do a follow up with Vic to see how the nomination committee is going.

Joe P. will head up the Awards Committee.

Roger will check on prices of pins.

Steve B. made a motion that Meta does not support the proposal of adopting double standing yellow flags. For the basis that the speed differences of grass roots racing verses pro racing along with the fact that the competition is not based on a monetary gain. This does not warrant a change when we are already so short staffed on the corners. Seconded by Graham. Motion passed.

Brian M. to express Meta's opinion of the rule change at the meeting he will be attending in two weeks

Larry made the comment that the meetings are very long boring and full of unwanted extra chat! Wants us to find a way to have shorter more to the point meetings.

Good & Welfare: Bernie is feeling a lot better following her hospital stay.

President Report: Absent

Vice President: Absent

Swap & Shop: Graham is looking to buy a station wagon 1989 - 1991

Draw: Bryan N. Pumpkin filled with goodies.

Angus 50/50

Don S. fire works

Meeting Adjourned: 9.30

Recorded by Tasma