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SPEED READING

Feb 1&2	Ice Races & Enduro – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 8&9	Ice Races – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 12	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 22&23	Streets of St Petersburg	CART	St Petersburg, FL
Feb 22&23	Ice Races – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 26	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
Mar 4	Turn Marshal's Meeting – Roger's house – 10952 McAdam Road	7:30 581-7189	Delta, BC
Mar 8	Driver Training – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Mar 12	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Mar 15	Driver Training – PIR	TC	Portland, Or
Mar 21 - 23	Driver Training	VMSC	Victoria, BC
Mar 22&23	Fundidora Park	CART	Monterrey, Mexico
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Mar 28 - 30	Driver Training – SRP	NWMS	Spokane, Wa
Mar 29	Driver Training – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Mar 29	Season Opener -- Evergreen Speedway	NASCAR	Monroe, Wa

Note: Ice Races are subject to weather and ice conditions; check the Hotline at 604-945-4592 or www.carsonice.ca before traveling.

Congratulations to the 2002 META Awards Winners

President's Award (META Member of the Year)

-- Tasma Wooton --

META Rookie of the Year

-- Larry Clarke --

Non-META member Worker of the Year

-- Robert Currie --

Buzz Beley Memorial Award

-- Ann Peters and Roger Salomon --

Rick Neyedli Memorial Award

-- Nick Roche --

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and all other members and non-members who contributed,
including :**

**Mark Miller, Irene Chambers, Sue Phyphers, Karen Clouston,
and SCCBC to name just a few. Thank You All.**

Ice Race Update

Well, 2 successful weekends down, 3 more to go. That's right, both race weekends in January were a go, although the first one had to be moved north to Clinton. Clinton is about a half hour past Cache Creek, and the lake was another 20 minutes past that. What a fun time we had!!!!!! That town hasn't seen a January like this in years. The people at the pub said they probably would have closed at 8:00 on Friday if it wasn't for us. Who says racing doesn't boost the economy.

However, one of the luxuries of Barnes Lake in Cache Creek is that there is no one around. Beaver Dam Lake in Clinton is surrounded by cabins and a couple of the residents were not very happy that we were playing in their front yard. Most were quite content to have us there though. One lady even asked if we would put the track near her house so she could look out her picture window and watch, while she drank her afternoon tea!!!! The ones that were not pleased were appeased by the knowledge that it was a one weekend deal so it all worked out in the end.

Car count was down a bit, but that's not unusual for the first weekend and to have it on an alternate date doesn't help either. It probably helped keep the locals happy though, and there were still enough cars on a relatively short track to make it interesting. And don't forget the worker race, ask Dave how much fun that was!!!! Jo, Dave, David, Steve, Mike, Darren, and myself were the META workers and a good time was had by all.....on and off the track!!!!

The second weekend saw the car count go up but the worker count go way down. Jo, Karen, and I were the only META workers, but believe it or not there are people that only work the Ice Races and their presence was greatly appreciated. Once again it was a relatively short track so it made for non stop action. There is very little down time in Ice Racing, warm-ups and races are all there is, tire changes are usually done at lunch, so the on track activity is almost continuous. And of course the worker race. Can't beat that!!!!!! The off track activities are also a lot of fun. You know you're in a small town when you can go into the pub and hook up your video camera to the big screen TV and watch the races!!!!!! One of the 510 drivers did just that with his in-car camera. Drink beer, shoot pool, and watch the races, what a hoot!!!!!!!!!!!!

Next weekend (Feb 1&2) is the big one. Lots more cars, 1½ hour enduro, all the regular races, party on Saturday night, *and don't forget the worker race on Sunday!!!* Yee Haw, can't wait!!!!!!!!!! Party will be in the Banquet room, downstairs at the Wander Inn, across the street from the Desert Motel. \$10 bucks for workers, \$15 for everyone else, and that includes 2 free drinks. What a deal!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Should be an awesome weekend. Lots of META workers are planning to come up, so if you're a little bit unsure about this Ice Racing thing, then this is the weekend to try it out. I guarantee a good time or your pay will be doubled☺ Trust me you'll like it, and that means you'll be eager to come up the next race weekend which is the next weekend (Feb 8&9)!!! Something tells me that it may not be very well attended with workers so your help is even more critical. At the very least Jo, Karen, and I should be there so come on up and join the fun. After that the last race is scheduled for February 22&23, ice permitting of course. Then that's it, another season come and gone in a blur. But then that's the downside of a winter sport, it has to stay winter to make it happen!!!!

Just in case you're still not convinced, don't forget about the 2 free rooms for workers at the Desert Motel, the free(for workers) hot lunches, free sweatshirts if you work 3 weekends(1/2 price if you work 2), Happy Hour with 2 free drinks, parties, lots of races(don't forget the worker race), lots of fun, lots of prizes, and those lovely parting gifts..... oops, kind of got carried away there, but you get the idea. Your help is needed and very much appreciated, come on up, you'll have a blast!!!

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Our Crews Excel

by
Pamela Stec

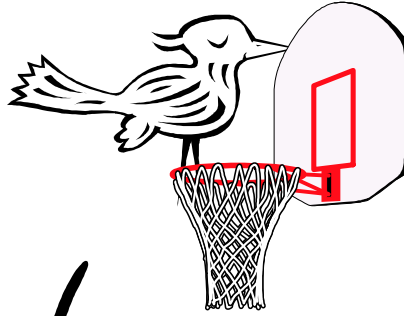
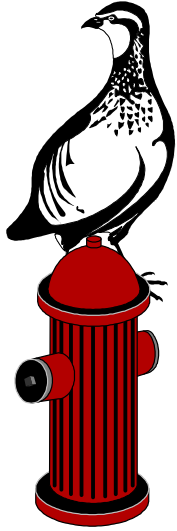
We have long had reason to be proud of our Emergency and Turn worker crews. They are dedicated and driven to provide a safe environment for our racers. I was particularly proud of them on an April race weekend of 1998. Despite several substantial oil spills, engine failures and crashes the efficiency of our crews kept us on schedule, to the minute! Saturday saw the arrival of many new drivers to Mission, novices and seniors alike. Some were locals, and some from as far away as Oregon. Mission, with its many concrete barriers takes some getting used to. It's short, twisty and tough on brakes, and unforgiving in many ways. A novice driver from Oregon found the weekend particularly challenging. First there were the sound regulations. Getting his mustang down to 95 db was a bit of work. Then there was the loose oil line that let go on the way to turn 2, quite a spectacular smoke show. Unfortunately it was so dense that even the driver's quick move to the grass could not prevent to poor fellow behind him, being totally blinded, from slamming into the back of the Mustang. The Ford faired much better than the Toyota. There was a mess of oil and body pieces to clean up and two cars to return to the paddock. E crew and the turn workers did not miss a beat. Quick and efficient they responded to the incident, insured the drivers were both all right, moved the cars and cleaned up the mess. As they did when Duncan Anderson's Camaro calved an engine in turn one a short time earlier. Internal engine components and plenty of oil were quickly cleaned up and the qualifying session was able to resume. We ended the day on schedule Sunday afternoon, fourth race, first lap, first corner. All hell breaks loose. Big powered sedans charge into the first turn, two and three wide. Monica Kolvyn leaves braking late, locks them up, slams into the back to John Beaudoins' 280Z, skids sideways blinding other drivers with a cloud of tire smoke. When the dust settled Monica's car was heavily damaged and stationary in the middle of the entrance to turn one. John had limped to the end of the turn, exhaust system dragging, and rear end stoved in, not a happy camper. Workers immediately called for a pace car, wrecker and flat tow to remove the cars. Drivers of the disabled cars were lead to safety. Pace car caught the field coming out of turn 7 and led them through the mess. There is not much time at Mission between laps. But within minutes the wrecker had dropped Monica's car in the pull out and was stationed on stand by, the E-crew had flat towed John to the turn 3 pull out and were in position and the workers had cleaned up body parts and fluids. The race resumed. A short time later the 510 of Marc Rovner broke down at the end of turn one and a flat tow was requested for end of session. He was joined shortly thereafter by Duncan Anderson who had spent the previous evening doing an engine swap and arrived in mid race only to be unable to continue after a few laps. Being the considerate fellow he is, Duncan positioned himself in turn one where there was already a worker attending to Marc. Now we had 3 flat tows and a wrecker for the end of the race. With only ten minutes scheduled between events and one tow truck and one pick up it was very unlikely we were going to see group 5 start their race on time. Or was it? I started my stopwatch at the end of the race when the trucks were dispatched. Eight minutes and 35 seconds later all cars were returned to the paddock and emergency vehicles were in their stand by positions. Not enough is said about the quality of talent we have manning our track at Mission. Not enough can be said. What's even more incredible is that these same hard-working folks took the time to send a message to the drivers to thank them for their cooperation and good attitude. I wonder if the driver's remembered to say thank you.

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.

META RALLY

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED



Turn Marshals Meeting

March 4th at 7:30pm

Roger's House

10952 McAdam Road

Delta, BC

604-581-7189

Everyone is welcome.

If you are a Turn Marshal or an Assistant Turn Marshal, please plan on attending this meeting.

All other members are also welcome at this meeting.

Important issues to be discussed.

Less Famous Proverbs

- He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
- When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.
- Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world, end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try and pass them.

One of the principals of RM Racing Group spoke at the recent Ice Race Happy Hour.

This article is copied from their pamphlet.

They are proposing to build a speedway just south of Cache Creek along the Trans Canada Hwy, near the turnoff to Ashcroft. Half of the 10 million dollar budget is in place, however, they are not sure where the other 5 million will be coming from. They are ambitiously predicting that the track will be ready 1 year from now. Local government is supportive and they predict the new Provincial government will also be receptive to the zoning changes.

Website is not up yet.

MILLENNIUM MOTOR SPEEDWAY

RM RACING GROUPS LATEST UNDERTAKING.

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We are committed to building a safe facility for fans and racers alike. Also to cater not only to the international racing world but to the grassroots racing community.

What we are proposing to build is a 2.5 mile or 4.3 km road racing circuit. Road racing is one of the largest spectator sports in the world. This type of racing has many various classes and types of vehicles offering an exciting variety for everyone. We will also offer schools to everyone who have the desire to feel the excitement first hand.

Environment... Seems to be on the minds of all people to day. It is on ours as well. We have family and children and we are equally concerned. During the construction stage we will use only ecologically sound solvents that will not harm the environment. Any roads that will not be paved will be coated with an environmentally friendly syrup to cut down on dust. The location of the track is situated to funnel the sound up and not outwards. To further prevent any sound that may leak out we are planting a triple row of trees around the track to absorb sounds that would disturb our neighbors. The track is to be situated on several acres of land that is currently zoned as farmland. We are obviously going to be changing the zoning for this land but the structures that will be built will be classified as temporary and within a short span it could be easily returned to its former state.

Economy... We all know that the area we are building in has been on a slow decline since the opening of the Coquihalla highway. With the construction of the speedway we hope to attract tourists from our own back yard as well as from other parts of Canada and the US. We have no real way of calculating the spin off of this development but we conservatively calculate that it could be around one million dollars a year to each town site. We cannot guess what it will generate for the Trans Canada corridor.

With our corporate sponsors we hope to inject much needed dollars into the local groups and organizations. We hope to be partners in your community not just another faceless company.

Just to give you a quick calculation if we have one hundred thousand people come to our facility in one season and each person was to only spend ten dollars in each town it works out to one million dollars per town. The Vancouver Indy brings on average one hundred and sixty thousand spectators on one weekend!!

Safety... This was one of first concerns when designing the track. One of partners is a company called Trackcare. They build a state of the art foam air barrier that has been tested and approved by some of the largest governing bodies in racing to date. The safety of the spectators was at the top of our list as well. Fencing that will have half inch cable running the length of it will stop and debris that may occur if there was to be an accident.

We have approached all of your leaders in the local government, native leaders and the local MLA. We have found that the response so far to be very positive and hopefully will remain so. With the people we have talked to who live in the local communities we have also heard many encouraging things and know that our relationship with you will be positive. We will continue to have an open door policy and we will always be receptive to all constructive ideas and suggestions. Thank You for allowing us to become a part of your community.

RM Racing Group

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Director of Operations

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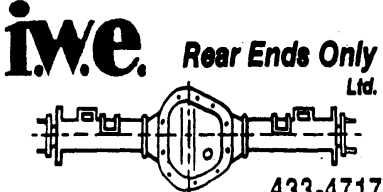
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Time to renew your membership in META. If you haven't already done so, send this form in to Thomas with \$20. If you have, then pass it along to someone new, we need to encourage as many new members as we can. Every little bit helps.

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Crazy But True

Only in the land of the brave (and free, as we are constantly reminded)...

It's time once again to consider the candidates for the annual Stella Awards. The Stella's are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonalds. That case inspired the Stella awards for the most frivolous successful lawsuits in the United States.

The following are this year's candidates:

1. Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas, was awarded \$780,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The owners of the store were understandably surprised at the verdict, considering the misbehaving little toddler was Ms. Robertson's son.
2. A 19-year-old Carl Truman of Los Angeles won \$74,000 and medical expenses when his neighbour ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Mr. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbour's hub caps.
3. Terrence Dickson of Bristol, Pennsylvania, was leaving a house he had just finished robbing by way of the garage. He was not able to get the garage door to go up since the automatic door opener was malfunctioning. He couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the house and garage locked when he pulled it shut. The family was on vacation, and Mr. Dickson found himself locked in the garage for eight days. He subsisted on a case of Pepsi he found, and a large bag of dry dog food. He sued the homeowner's insurance claiming the situation caused him undue mental anguish. The jury agreed to the tune of \$500,000.
4. Jerry Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded \$14,500 and medical expenses after being bitten on the buttocks by his next door neighbour's beagle. The beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. The award was less than sought because the jury felt the dog might have been just a little provoked at the time by Mr. Williams who was shooting it repeatedly with a pellet gun.
5. A Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, \$113,500 after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her coccyx (tailbone). The beverage was on the floor because Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.
6. Kara Walton of Claymont, Delaware, successfully sued the owner of a nightclub in a neighbouring city when she fell from the bathroom window to the floor and knocked out her two front teeth. This occurred while Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the window in the ladies room to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge. She was awarded \$12,000 and dental expenses.
7. This year's favourite could easily be Mr. Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Grazinski purchased a brand new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On his first trip home, having driven onto the freeway, he set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the drivers seat to go into the back and make himself a cup of coffee. Not surprisingly, the R.V. left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mr. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising him in the owner's manual that he couldn't actually do this. The jury awarded him \$1,750,000 plus a new motor home. The company actually changed their manuals on the basis of this suit, just in case there were any other complete morons buying their recreation vehicles.

Year 2003 Race Schedule --- February to June

Date	Event –Track	Club	Location
Feb 1&2	Ice Races & Enduro – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
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Mar 22&23	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Mar 28&29&30	Driver Training – SRP	NWMS	Spokane, Wa
Mar 29	Driver Training – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Mar 29	Season Opener -- Evergreen Speedway	NASCAR	Monroe, Wa
Apr 12&13	Streets of Long Beach	CART	Long Beach, Ca
Apr 12&13	CACC Race # 1 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Apr 18&19	Defrost Kickoff – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Apr 26&27	ICSCC Race # 1 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
May 3&4	ICSCC Race # 2 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
May 4&5	Brands Hatch	CART	Kent, UK
May 10&11	EuroSpeedway	CART	Lausitz, Germany
May 10&11	Spring Sprints – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
May 17&18	ICSCC Race # 3 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
May 17&18	Knox Mountain Hillclimb	OASC	Kelowna, BC
May 23 -- 26	Double National – PR	SCCA	Seattle, Wa
May 24&25	Vintage Races – MRP	VRC	Mission, BC
May 25	Indianapolis 500	IRL	Indianapolis, Ind
May 30&31	The Milwaukee Mile	CART	West Allis, Wis
Jun 6	Driver Training – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Jun 7&8	ICSCC Race # 4 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Jun 13&14&15	Rose Cup Races – PIR	SCCA	Portland, Or
Jun 14&15	Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca	CART	Monterey, Ca
Jun 14&15	Canadian Grand Prix	Formula 1	Montreal, PQ
Jun 21&22	Portland International Raceway	CART	Portland, Or
Jun 28&29	ICSCC Race # 5 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC

Legend:

--MRP--
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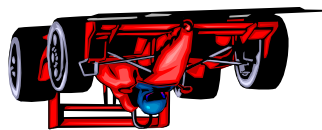
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Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts

--TC--
Team Continental

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Vintage Racing Club of BC

--WCIRABC--
Western Canadian Ice Racing Association of BC



Year 2003 Race Schedule --- July to November

Date	Event--Track	Club	Location
Jul 4&5	Burke Lakefront Airport	CART	Cleveland, Ohio
Jul 4&5&6	Pacific NW Historics – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Jul 5&6	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jul 11&12&13	Portland Historic Races-PIR	SOVREN	Portland, Or
Jul 12&13	IOCO Hillclimb (Tentative)	BCMA	Port Moody, BC
Jul 12&13	Molson Indy Toronto	CART	Toronto, Ont
Jul 12&13	Driver Training – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Jul 26&27	Molson Indy Vancouver	CART	Vancouver, BC
Aug 2&3	Road America	CART	Elkhart Lake, Wis
Aug 2&3	ICSCC Race # 6 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Aug 8	Driver Training – PIR	TC	Portland, Or
Aug 9&10	ICSCC Race # 7 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Aug 9&10	NWR-SCCA &Vintage	SOVREN	Bremerton, Wa
Aug 16&17	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course	CART	Lexington, Ohio
Aug 16&17	CACC Race # 2 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Aug 29&30&31	ICSCC Race # 8 & 9 – Thunderhill	TC	Thunderhill, Ca
Aug 30&31	Streets of Denver	CART	Denver, Col
Sep 6&7	Circuit Gilles Villeneuve	CART	Montreal, PQ
Sept 6&7	CACC Race # 3 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Sept 19	Driver Training – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Sep 20&21	ICSCC Race # 10 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Sep 20&21	Fall Finale – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Sep 27&28	Bayfront Park	CART	Miami, Fl
Sep 27&28	United States Grand Prix	Formula 1	Indianapolis, Ind
Sep 27&28	ICSCC Race # 11 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Sep 27&28	Maryhill Hillclimb	SOVREN	Goldendale, Wa
Oct 4&5	ICSCC Race # 12 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Oct 10	Driver Training – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Oct 11&12	Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez	CART	Mexico City, Mex
Oct 11	8 Hrs of the Cascades Enduro	CSCC	Portland, Or
Oct 17	Driver Training – PIR	TC	Portland, Or
Oct 18&19	CACC Race # 4 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Oct 25&26	Streets of Surfers Paradise	CART	Queensland, Australia
Oct 25&26	Driver Training – SRP	NWMS	Spokane, Wa
Nov 1&2	California Speedway	CART	Fontana, Ca
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Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction

I am a medical student currently doing a rotation in toxicology at the Poison Control Center. Today, a woman called in very upset because she caught her little daughter eating ants. I quickly reassured her that the ants are not harmful and there would be no need to bring her daughter into the hospital. She calmed down, and at the end of the conversation happened to mention that she gave her daughter some ant poison to eat in order to kill the ants. I told her that she better bring her daughter in to the Emergency Room right away.

Seems that a year ago, some Boeing employees on the field decided to steal a life raft from one of the 747's. They were successful in getting it out of the plane and home. When they took it for a float on the river, they were quite surprised by a Coast Guard helicopter coming towards them. It turned out that the chopper was homing in on the emergency locator that is activated when the raft is inflated. They are no longer employed there.

A true story out of San Francisco: A man, wanting to rob a downtown Bank of America, walked into the branch and wrote: "This iz a stikk up. Put all your munny in this bag." While standing in line, waiting to give his note to the teller, he began to worry that someone had seen him write the note and might call the police before he reached the teller window. So he left the Bank of America and crossed the street to Wells Fargo. After waiting a few minutes in line, he handed his note to the Wells Fargo teller. She read it and, surmising from his spelling errors that he wasn't the brightest light in the harbour, told him that she could not accept his stickup note because it was written on a Bank of America deposit slip and that he would either have to fill out a Wells Fargo deposit slip or go back to Bank of America. Looking somewhat defeated, the man said "OK" and left. The Wells Fargo teller then called the police who arrested the man a few minutes later, as he was waiting in line back at Bank of America.

A woman was reporting her car as stolen, and mentioned that there was a car phone in it. The policeman taking the report called the phone and told the guy that answered that he had read the ad in the newspaper and wanted to buy the car. They arranged to meet, and the thief was arrested.

Drug possession defendant Christopher Jansen, on trial in March in Pontiac, Michigan, said he had been searched without a warrant. The prosecutor said the officer didn't need a warrant because the "bulge" in Christopher's jacket could have been a gun. Nonsense, said Christopher, who happened to be wearing the same jacket that day in court. He handed it over so the judge could see it. The judge discovered a packet of cocaine in the pocket and laughed so hard he required a five minute recess to compose himself.

Oklahoma City: Dennis Newton was on trial for the armed robbery of a convenience store in a District Court when he fired his lawyer. Assistant District Attorney, Larry Jones, said Newton, 47, was doing a fair job of defending himself until the store manager testified that Newton was the robber. Newton jumped up, accused the woman of lying and then said, "I should have blown your (expletive) head off." The defendant paused, then quickly added, "If I'd been the one that was there." The jury took 20 minutes to convict Newton and recommended a 30 year sentence.

A guy walked into a little corner store with a shotgun and demanded all the cash from the cash drawer. After the cashier put the cash in a bag, the robber saw a bottle of scotch that he wanted behind the counter on the shelf. He told the cashier to put it in the bag as well, but he refused and said, "I don't believe you are over 21." The robber said he was, but the clerk still refused to give it to him because he didn't believe him. At this point the robber took his Driver's License out of his wallet and gave it to the clerk. The clerk looked it over, and agreed that the man was in fact over 21 and he put the scotch in the bag. The robber then ran from the store with his loot. The cashier promptly called the police and gave the name and address of the robber that he got off the license. They arrested the robber two hours later.

MOTORSPORT EMERGENCY AND TURNWORKERS ASSOCIATION

Financial Statement 2002 General Account		
Opening Balance Oct. 01, 2001		\$3352.84
Receipts:		
Bank Interest	4.28	
Membership	1742.43	
Social	2218.57	
Entertainment Books	766.80	
Donations	8107.87	
Goods Sold	1041.40	
GST Rebate	930.53	
		\$14811.88
Expenses:		
Postage & Printing	1213.84	
Membership	0.00	
Social	3509.90	
Entertainment Books	632.20	
Rental	417.81	
License/Fees/Insurance	266.53	
Equipment Purchase	-267.71	
Training	0.00	
Merchandise	2486.86	
Truck Insurance/Storage	646.00	
Truck Maintenance	130.85	
Promotional	195.00	
Club House	533.90	
GST paid	474.66	
Miscellaneous	1210.52	
		\$11450.36
Closing Balance Sept. 30, 2002		\$6714.36

Financial Statement 2002 Gaming Account		
Opening Balance Oct. 01, 2001		\$1928.80
Receipts:		
Bank Interest	.47	
		\$.47
Expenses:		
Freezer (from general)	319.93	
Province ad for recruits	767	
Copying recruiting material for INDY	34	
Starter flag kit	191	
GST	93.43	
		\$1406.97
Closing Balance Sept. 30, 2002		\$522.30

Financial Statement 2002 Equipment Account		
Opening Balance Oct. 01, 2001		\$4477.80
Receipts:		
Bank Interest	2.23	
Merchandise Loan Repaid	1180.22	
		\$1182.45
Expenses:		
	0.00	\$0.00
Closing Balance Sept. 30, 2002		\$5660.25

Information submitted by 2002 Treasurer, Angus Glass.

Please Note: The editor has combined the 3 accounts onto 1 page for ease of printing.
For a copy of the original documents, contact Angus Glass.

MINUTES OF META MEETING

22 January 2003

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm, 25 members present and 2 guests. Minutes from November meeting read. Motion to adopt by Joe P. seconded by Nick.

Correspondence: Letter received from David Radelet. Re: Westwood Karting. Would like to know if we would consider attending their events. Don S said the track looks interesting. Ann replied saying she would bring it up at the next meeting.

We have sent a letter to SCCBC. Re: Recruiting, are they willing to help out with advertising?

We have sent a letter to SCCBC Re: Track deficiencies.

Lynn read out a letter published in the Pit Pass by Pam Stem. Re: A letter of praise towards all the turn workers.

Mayday: Andrew will be continuing on as Editor, Thankyou. The deadline for this issue will be early. Sunday 26 Jan. 2003. Lynn will be asking people randomly to write an article for the Mayday.

Membership: Thomas will continue on with membership, Thankyou. Membership is due. The Mayday had an error regarding decals, Andrew has made the change.

Historian: Jo will continue on as Historian, Thankyou. The photo albums and Maydays are present.

Training: Roger will continue with Training, Thankyou. There will be a Turn Marshall's meeting on Tuesday March 4 at 7:30 at Rogers house. All are welcome.

Race Chair: Tom Roy will be chair. Robert Currey will be vice chair.

Course Marshall: Still to be announced. SCCBC would like us to give them recommendations for the position. We will be recommending Irene Chambers. Roger will continue on as Assistant Course Marshall. A Very big Thankyou to Thomas for his years of dedication and hard work

Chief of Emergency: Mike will continue on as Chief of Emerg. Thankyou. There will be a fire training the Saturday of drivers training. He will try to get a car for us to use. If he can't get the car towed right away he will not get one. The members will need to be phoned. He will also show all the turnworkers how the META truck works and where everything goes.

Old Business: Awning will be put up Driver Training weekend. The guy's will advise it they will need any more help.

Ruthie collected \$150.00 at the Vancouver Indy for the Variety Club Telethon.

Bernie will have the portable heater delivered for Driver Training.

The META trailer was broken into, nothing was stolen all they did was trash everything.

Brian brought up did we know how much of our contents is covered with SCCBC insurance. Lynn will check. Karen suggests that we ask for a Certificate of Insurance to prove what insurance we have.

The META truck is in the Go Kart Track, we have storage insurance on the truck.

Mike suggests that we get more keys cut for the truck.

Recruiting Committee: We need volunteers for the committee.

Vice President: We need some door prizes. Bryan N. has collected a lot of prizes. Don't forget to bring your Teddies to the Banquet. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies and prizes. This will be done with a secret ballot. The teddies will be donated to charity. Had a meeting with Mark Rovner Re: advertising package. There will be a press release ready for the next meeting.

New Business: Dave Bell is now the Licence Director for CACC. CACC would like to know if we have a wish list. We suggested a few items to Dave Bell, he will get back to us.

Don S. has offered to give the track a load of tyres to make tyre walls. Mike suggested we add the tyre walls to the wish list from SCCBC.

Thomas received a letter from Robin Fairservice Re: Video on Drivers view point of the flagging. Thomas will call Robin for more information.

Pam Stec Emailed Lynn Re: Drivers Training Weekend. SCCBC would like to take picture, and what you do at the track for an ID Card. They would like to know if we would like lanyards with META decal on them as well as SCCBC and possibly CACC. META members have some concerns/ suggestions. Why not laminate our META cards with our picture on them.

Dave Bell is going to update the Web sit with current Mission pictures as well as the Mission schedule

President's Report: I have Mission and ICSCC schedules for people to take with them.

Bernie and I went through all the turn buckets and are re stocking them. (Most of the items were out dated.)

Workers and Race Control will not be needed Saturday of Drivers Training. RDC will have all the radio's and will be on the turns.

Paving at Turn 5 and 9 will be redone before the first race.

The grandstand bayou was filled with gravel and graded. The concession stand was moved and storage container is going in behind the clubhouse. The concession is to be relocated. SCCBC is aware of the awning and the space we need to park the META truck. We will need to re-plant the trees. (no tools to be given to Thomas under any circumstances).

Workers registration for the Vancouver Indy has to be re-done for a signature and confidentiality clause. Ann please see me.

Banquet: Charmaine says we have 60 people coming to the Banquet.

We need some fun things to do. As you all know the girls are having a pyjama party in March at the META trailer. Dave N. suggested that we have a camp out at the track (good weather, big grid preferred).

Maybe Manny's band would come and jam in the tech. area on a Saturday night.

I will be calling upon random members to write an article on life with META (good, bad times etc.)

Maybe we could go bowling etc.

Good and Welfare: Vic said that the Rally is looking really good.

Century House has a lady that collects pre paid return envelopes for the Langley Hospital for Cancer Dressings.

Joe said that there will be special event held at Century House so come early if you want close parking.

Ann's work is bowling for the Variety Club, if you would like to give Ann pledges.

ROD trophies got all mixed up it will be fixed and you will get new ones.

Don S. let us know that Jim McCrey was sick over Christmas. He is now back at home walking everyday getting out and about. He is starting to feel better. Joe said that we should send him a card.

March 1st and 2nd we are going to man a booth with SCCBC. Lynn would like the TV and VCR and run the training tape. We will need volunteers to man the booth.

Doris will take over the social committee.

Mike is willing to stay on the recruiting committee but not as chair.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm. Next Meeting will be February 26, 2003



Special Thanks to Ian Wood

*Of
IWE Rear Ends Only
For donating the wine to the annual META Banquet
Ian does this of his own accord every year
and it is always appreciated.
Thank You Ian*

