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## Speed reading

May 11	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
May 13 -15	National / Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
May 14&15	Spring Sprints – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
May 14&15	Westwood Club Race #3 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack BC
May 21&22	ICSCC Race # 3 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
May 21&22	BC Regionals #1 – CARTBC	BCKCA	Chilliwack BC
May 21&22	Knox Mountain Hillclimb	OASC	Kelowna, BC
May 21&22	Monterrey Grand Prix	OWRS	Monterrey, Mexico
May 25	META Meeting – Century House	7:30	New West, BC
May 28&29	Historic Motor Races – MRP	VRCBC	Mission, BC
May 28&29	Coast to Coast TSD Rally	IRC	Vanc. Island, BC
May 28 to 30	Double National/ Double Regional	SCCA/NWR	Seattle, Wa
Jun 3&4	<del>Pacific Raceways Grand Prix</del>		<del>Seattle, Wa</del>
Jun 3&4	Milwaukee Mile	OWRS	West Allis, Wis
Jun 4&5	ICSCC Race # 4 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Jun 4&5	Coastal Club Race #3&4 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack BC
Jun 8	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jun 10 - 12	Rose Cup / National / Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Jun 11&12	Canadian Grand Prix	Formula 1	Montreal, PQ
Jun 11&12	Westwood Club Race #4 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack BC
Jun 18	Mountain Trials Stage Rally	WCRA	Merritt, BC
Jun 18&19	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jun 18&19	Portland Grand Prix	OWRS	Portland, Or
Jun 18&19	U.S. Grand Prix	Formula 1	Indianapolis, Ind
Jun 25&26	Cleveland Grand Prix	OWRS	Cleveland, Ohio
Jun 25&26	Coastal Club Race #5 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack BC

The Celebration of Life for Bob Randall at the first Conference race of the season was a celebration of two people who lived life to the fullest. I will always be proud to say that Bob and Hilda were members of our club for many years and I think we will never be quite the same with both of them gone. It was wonderful to see so many old friends, but I think what really hit home for me during the speeches was Paul Whitworth's comment about Bob and Hilda doing whatever was needed without thinking "What's in it for me?". It is so hard to find people who think that way today but we have to keep trying. Fortunately we have dedicated members who continue to give without counting the cost, but let's all do what we can to keep those numbers increasing. Our club can only benefit from this and in doing so we will continue the legacy that Bob and Hilda leave with us today.

Ann

# *Many Thanks*

*Due to an error in printing, Ed Smart was missed on the "Thank You" list for Banquet donations last month.*

*Ed personally donated cordless phones.*

*Thank you Ed we all appreciate your generosity,  
and my apologies for the error.*

Submitted by Irene Chambers, from the SCCBC Forum, <http://forum.sccbc.net>

Hi all

I just wanted to let you know about my new anti street race program for 2005. Its called "Resist The Race!"

As many of you were aware I was involved in the PACER program for the last 3 years. That program was administered from back east and has run its course. However many people asked for me to start a new program to replace it, so this is it.

One of the most successful events and highly requested by the kids has been the lunch hour track tour! It's a great opportunity to get these guys out to meet the real racers and have us help them make the right choices.

Terry has welcomed us again on behalf of SCCBC so thank you to all. We will be out April23/24 Weekend. {I'm racing that weekend too} So far there are 25 cars for the Saturday already. You are likely {hopefully} going to see a lot of young people at the race that weekend. If you can take the time for them if they have questions it is always helpful and appreciated.

Other events planned for "Resist The Race!" is a web site and a design contest with the kids by the kids.

Also an 1/8th mile street drag at Boundary Bay.

And the usual booths and meets at motorsports venues.

Participation in auto cross.

I am also working out details with CACC exec and hope to approach them for guidance on support programs.

Thanks for your support of RTR.

OH,,,,,RTR is going to supply a big speeder reader board for pit lane for the weekend. It's set to give all you guys tickets and not me.

David Bruce Thomas

## **Knox Mountain Hillclimb Registration Info:**

We need as many workers as you could muster. Preference is given to those experienced with radios, but certainly no one would be turned away as we need every warm body we can possibly get.

We provide lunch & drinks for all the workers both days as well as a souvenir t-shirt. We meet at the base of Knox Mountain on Saturday May 21 and Sunday May 22, at 7:30 sharp for the workers registration & meeting. If anyone has any questions about the event they could ask Vic Kennedy as he has been a regular at the Hill for many years now.

META's involvement over the past 20 years, I've been involved with the Hillclimb has been tremendous.

Thanks for your help.

Matt Scaife

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Submitted by Irene Chambers

### **White Pants for Men and Women in the Sears Catalogue**

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## Worker Profile: Gail Lorraine Fetterman

**Family:** *Both my parents and one older brother have passed away. I have an older brother Gary(75) and his wife Libby live in Virginia and my sister Marlene(73) and husband Marvin live in Overton Nevada. I am the baby of the family. I have 13 nephews and nieces, 29 grand N&N, and 4 great-grand N&N.*

**Birthplace:** *Portland, Oregon*

**Occupation:** *Retired from the Port of Portland.*

**Hobbies/Activities outside of racing:** *Right now I'm just enjoying my retirement. I am doing as much racing as I can and traveling while I have my health and the finances. I like to do a few craft projects, but nothing too technical.*

**Customary/favorite job at track:** *Communication is my favorite. I also like being in the tower as Chief of Communications. I did very little flagging during the first 22 years of working, but the last few years both SCCA and Conference wants the title F&C to mean capable of working both areas. So I have been rotating into flagging. I do enjoy it, however I do not like to respond to a disabled car. I can in an emergency, which I had to do at the SCCA runoffs even carried the fire bottle.*

**How and why did you get involved in race working and/or META.** *My 5-year-old son Jason was killed when hit by a car in 1976. I was just kind of existing and in September of 1978 my friend John Wilson decided I needed to come to the PIR racetrack and work a race. It was a cold, wet, miserable day. John did not tell me about what to bring and even what it was all about. Because the weather was sooo bad, they did not have many workers and they put me on the headset on old turn 3, which was on the right side of the track. I think if they hadn't put me on the headset I would have never come back, but with the headset on I knew what was going on around the track. John didn't think I would come back on Sunday, but I did and have been coming ever since.*

**When did you get involved?** *First race Sept.1978, joined SCCA in 1979 and started working Conference the same year. Back then there was a split between SCCA and Conference, but being new to the sport I just knew I liked being at the track and didn't care what group I was working for or with. They both seemed like a good bunch of people.*

**What do you like most about it?** *I like the friends that I have been fortunate to meet at the races. I must admit I also like the thrill of having a car go by me at speeds of more than 100+ MPH. I also like knowing that what I do can make a difference for the driver.*

**What do you like least about it?** *Right now it would be the cold, wet weather. As I get older the elements bother me more. I also don't like all the politics, but the politics were there when I started and they will still be there when I leave. You try to do what you can, when you can and stay away when you have to.*

**If you could attend any race, in any capacity, where and what would you choose?** *I always thought working Monaco would be interesting, but they don't allow woman. Plus I doubt if I would really like working there with marshals every 2 feet. The other one has be LeMan. My friend Stuart from England says I can come whenever, but he knows me well enough, that I would not like the camping arrangements in France. You can ask Mark Miller, although he rented a motor home. So now the one I think about is the Goodwood Festival of Speed and would like to be on the headset.*

**Do you have any racing or race working "heroes"? Who are they?** *Two of my favorite races worker "heroes" are Fluella Ummel and Wally Dallenback. Fluella was the nicest lady. She always had a smile and a nice word for us workers. It's hard to explain what all she did for us and meant to most of us who worked the CART/Champ Car races. The other person is Wally Dallenbach, the first Chief Steward for CART. I was fortunate to work with him in race control. To me he is what every race Steward should ascend to become. Polite, fair and respected by the racing community. He is a real gentleman and Fluella was a real lady.*

(Gail Cont'd)

**What is your Favorite:**

**Track?** *Westwood was my favorite track and now I have to say Laguna Seca because of the different type of turns you can work.*

**Turn?** *I really don't have one. Each track is different and the workers make the corner for me.*

**First year event?** *Cold, Wet and miserable at PIR. But I also remember very clearly my first race at Westwood. It was the big Formula Atlantic Race in 1979. I was working old Turn 1, on Drivers right up on a berm. They had me blue flagging; I don't think it was the race, but maybe practice. This was when they raced FF and FA together in one BIG field. I remember my TM telling me to flag the little cars when a big car was behind him.*

**Event?** *Champ Cars at Long Beach. I have been going for about 23 years. It's more of an event than just a race to us that go. The city loves the race and they make everyone welcomed. We have so much fun, both on and off the track.*

**Race group?** *Group 2 and 5 in Conference and Speed Vision Challenge in IMSA*

**What race stands out the most in your memory, and why?** *I think the first CART race in PIR. We made them welcome and tried to do anything they asked. I think CART was so surprised at the response they had from our workers. Our motto was, "what can we do to make it better for you".*

**What things would you be sure to tell a new worker if s/he asked for your advice?** *Our favorite saying comes from one of our workers. Be Safe, Have Fun and Don't get pissed off. Pay attention. We are out at our stations to be of assistance to the drivers and the people in control. We can have fun, but the fun comes after we complete our jobs.*

**What is your favorite:**

**Food?** *Chili and French Fries*

**Relaxation activity?** *Driving and sight seeing*

**Book?** *A series of books by Jan Karon, the Mitford Years Novels. Now two of my favorite authors are J.A. Jance and Tony Hillerman.*

**Movie?** *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.*

**Magazine?** *Woman's Day*

**Car?** *Subaru*

**Dream car?** *1956 Chevrolet Convertible*

**Are you a frustrated racer? What car would you race?** *NO*

**What was the:**

**Most embarrassing thing you ever did at the track?** *Too embarrassing to tell. Happened at old Turn 1 when it was on Drivers right at the apex.*

**Funniest thing you've seen or done at the track?** *It was only funny after the end of day. The face of Bob Anderson, who was the Chief Steward for Trans Am, when he realized he had red flagged the session because he had been watching the TV showing a replay of a previous race.*

**Most dangerous event you've seen or been involved in?** *I've had a few in the 25+ years, but I will always remember the time at Westwood, when I had to make the call when a deer had hit a FF. Unfortunately the driver did not survive the crash, his name was Stephen Phillips*

**Most awe-inspiring?** *Knowing both Charlie Hexom and John Brewer.*

**Biggest thrill so far?** *All the different races I have been able to work and a kiss on the cheek from Paul Newman.*

**What thing would you most like to have an opportunity to do?**

**In Life:** *I would love to ride in the backseat of a fighter jet. I know it will never happen and probably if they said I could do it, I would get airsick.*

**At the Track:** *Personally meet Alex Zanarni, shake his hand and get an autograph. He was so much fun to watch race and he has such a great smile.*

**Accomplishment:** *I can't think of anything at this time, that I consider being outstanding. When I was very young the one thing I wanted more than anything was to be a Stewardess and I did have the opportunity to become one.*

**Final Comments:** *After the death of my son Jason, I realized that you do not know what the future holds. Some of it may be good and some very bad. I tell people not to wait until they are "older" or "retired" to do some of the things they want to do. You may never get the chance. Put some money aside for the retirement and that rainy day, but enjoy life as you live it.*

## **Davis Needs Help to Remain in Driver's Seat**

Adam Davis's rising star in the Formula TR pro series may fade if he doesn't secure sponsorship.

by Troy Landreville  
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Just when Adam Davis's racing career appears to be shifting into overdrive, he's running out of cash, and that may stall him in his tracks.

The 18-year-old Langley driver's first event in the Formula TR pro series will be at the California Speedway in Fontana, just east of Los Angeles. The high speed, oval track is where Davis's idol, Maple Ridge native Greg Moore, lost his life in a high speed crash in October, 1999.

"It does (feel strange) at that track, because you know your idol passed away there," Davis said. "On the first lap, I always think, 'There's the corner where it happened,' but after that, you don't really think about it until after the race."

Davis also plans to race his 123 hp, fuel injected Formula Renault car twice in Portland this year. The series is run in Oregon, California and Arizona, and could feature a race in Nevada. Unfortunately for Davis, he still hasn't been able to secure any sponsorship, so how far he can go in the series is up in the air.

"My parents have until this time been my principal sponsors...my parents aren't rich but they have given me everything I have needed to this point in time. I now feel the responsibility to them to fund the sport I love outside their pockets."

Davis said at this stage of his career it is critical to find corporate sponsorship: "If I cannot find that support, then the sacrifices my parents have made for me over the past 10 years will have been wasted."

Most of the sponsorship money would go towards travelling expenses and entry fees.

"If I didn't have that [financing] I'd be pretty close to being unable to race," said Davis, who enjoyed a solid rookie season last year in the Formula TR series.

Davis said he "turned a lot of heads last season," finishing races "against impossible odds."

For example, during one race, the gears of his car were mismatched.

"The car by rights should have only performed for a couple of laps but due to my knowledge and judgment nursing the car, I was able to take the checkered flag," Davis said.

Davis returned from testing at the Buttonwillow race track in Southern California, Feb. 17-18, having recorded the fastest time over two days. "We managed to put an awesome car together," Davis said. "We were doing faster laps than the guy who got pole last year." This season, Davis plans to race for new team from Washington State, Welch Racing.

He also has a new engineer, John Mullen, who has worked with the likes of Paul Tracey, Sam Hornish, Mario Dominquis, Michel Jourdain and others, all of whom are in IRL or Champ cars now. Mullen, who is based out of Indianapolis, was very impressed with Davis after the two days of testing. "It has become easier for me through 35 years to spot a driver that has the potential to go all the way to the top," Mullen stated, in an e-mail to Davis's dad Roger. "Adam is one of those drivers. He has the talent, the attitude, and the personality to get there. This season should be an impressive addition to Adam's resume." For more on Davis, visit [www.adamdavisracing.com](http://www.adamdavisracing.com). The series site is [www.formulatr.com](http://www.formulatr.com).

## **Perspective; the price of Gas**

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## **Motorsports: Davis roars to searing FormulaTR series start**

So far in 2005, the 18-year-old Langley driver has a win and a trio of second-place finishes to his credit.

Adam Davis motored to his first-ever FormulaTR win earlier this month.

In his 1600 Formula Renault, the 18-year-old Langley driver took the checkered flag at California's Buttonwillow Raceway Park, April 9-10.

It was a first for a Canadian driver in the FormulaTR series.

Starting at third position in the April 9 race, Davis quickly moved into second position, where he stayed until he made his move on the frontrunner.

"Suddenly, the first place car put two wheels off the track in the last corner before the straightaway, and spun right in front of me," Davis said.

While Davis was avoiding the collision, the third place car slipped by him. Davis continued to press, and once the first place car made a mistake, he pounced, taking the lead. He never looked back to take his first victory.

Prior to the April 10 main event, Davis and his team ran into mechanical problems.

"In between qualifying and the race, most of the team's time was taken up searching for the electrical problems we were having qualifying," Davis said.

As a result, Davis's car didn't get the adjustments it required to make it handle better for the race.

"Right off the bat, I was at a disadvantage," Davis said.

Starting in fourth place, Davis moved into the third, where he stayed with the leaders.

However, his car started to fade.

"It took all my strength and concentration to keep up with the leaders, as well as keeping my car on track," Davis said.

A full course yellow flag allowed Davis to get some critical car lengths back. When the green flag dropped again, Davis's Welch Racing teammate Snake Livernash, who was in first place, spun his car around on the first corner, causing him to drop back to fifth.

Davis then moved into second place, and hounded the leader, trying a few passes.

"My car would not cooperate, which forced me within a few laps to start using the exit curbs to bounce me back onto the track, as my car had an extreme push," Davis said.

At that point, there were still 15 minutes of race time left.

Davis managed to hold onto second place at the checkered flag.

Davis said his parents and Ed Debuc of Langley Hyundai helped make it possible for him to race that weekend. He added that his crew helped "get the electrical problems so I could get out there and race."

### California Speedway

In his opening race of the season March 12-13 at the California Speedway in Fontana, Calif., Davis qualified at the pole for both of the main event races.

On March 12, he finished second behind Carl Skerlong.

At the start of the race, Davis got a jump on Skerlong, and went into the first lap in the lead. Livernash then passed Davis on the banked oval, so he had to quickly duck into his teammate's draft. This gave Skerlong the window he needed to pass Davis and Livernash.

"I kept up with Skerlong and we both pulled away from the field," Davis said.

As the race progressed, Skerlong gained a couple of car lengths on Davis, who ran out of laps.

It was a Davis/Skerlong duel during the March 13 main event.

Davis started at the pole position, but Skerlong passed him on the banked oval, and immediately put some distance between himself and his rival.

"It was a straightforward race," Davis said, "we stayed in the same positions the whole race."

Davis said his engineer Rossella Manfrinato gave him an "awesome car" for the weekend.

FINAL LAP: Davis is constantly searching for sponsorship.

Any company or individual interested can call Roger Davis at 604-534-0491.

For more on Davis's career, visit [www.adamdavisracing.com](http://www.adamdavisracing.com).

His next race is at Phoenix International Raceway, May 21-22.

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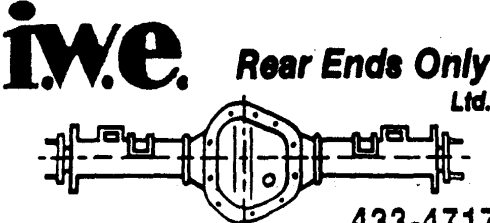
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