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

Printed in Canada.

Next META meeting will be
January 24, 2007

Note that our new meeting location is
Boston Pizza, 1045 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC

Speed reading

Dec 13	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 6&7	Ice Race # 1 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 10	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jan 13&14	Ice Race # 1 -- Alternate Date	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 20&21	Ice Race # 2 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Jan 24	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Jan 27	META Banquet – Guildford Golf and Country Club	5:45	Surrey, BC
Feb 3&4	Ice Race # 3 and Enduro -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 14	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 17&18	Ice Race # 4 – Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 24&25	Ice Race # 4 – (Alternate Date)	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 28	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Mar 3&4	Ice Race – (Alternate Date)	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC

Please Note that Ice Races are subject to Ice and Weather conditions. Please call the hotline or check the website before traveling. www.carsonice.ca 604-945-4592

Congratulations

to the

2007 META Executive

President: Ann Peters

Vice President: Mike Bailey

Treasurer: Doris Gildemiester

Secretary: Mark Miller



Please Take Note:

There will be no META meeting in December.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Presidents Report

This will definitely be a 'thank you' message. Firstly, thank you to all of you who came to the AGM. It was good to see so many people attend and although there was no election, it was a good meeting. Thanks go to Nick Roche for all his support as Vice President in the past year, and to Max Thompson for completing his three year term as Treasurer. Next, my thanks to Mark Miller for offering to be our Secretary for the second year, to Doris Gildemeister for offering to be Treasurer and to Mike Bailey, our new Vice President. When we all lead such busy lives, it is hard to find people who are willing to give some of their precious spare time to run the club, so on behalf of the club, I would like to say how much we all appreciate you giving that little bit extra to ensure that our Club continues to thrive.

This past year has seen an improvement in meeting attendance with the new location and we will continue to meet there in the months to come. We hope to be able to make the meetings fun again, perhaps with a few surprises along the way. Our next meeting is on January 24th, a few days before our banquet on January 27th. Please make a note of both dates and plan to attend. More information about the banquet to come soon.

My best wishes to all of you and your families for a safe and happy Christmas and a good New Year!

Ann

You are invited

to

Roger and Ann's Annual Open House

Saturday December 9th

Any time after 2:00pm

BYOB

10952 McAdam Road, Delta, BC

604-581-7189

WCI RABC 2007 Ice Race Schedule

January 6&7

January 13&14 (Alternate)

January 20/21

February 3&4 Enduro

February 17&18

February 24&25 (Alternate)

March 3&4 (Alternate)

2006 Season Awards Banquet

LET'S GET BACK TO BASICS

The racing season is over and now is the time to just kick back.

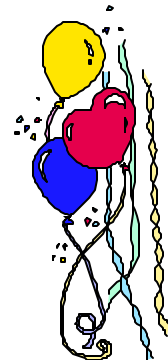
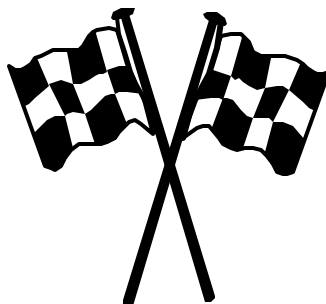
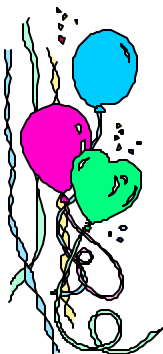
This year the banquet will be of a slightly different venue.

For something totally different, this year **we** are going to be the entertainment. Imagine an evening where you can just socialize with friends and the only noise you have to compete with is the laughter coming from the next table. (There will also be some brain teasers thrown in for extra good measure so be warned.)

Dress up or come casual – JUST COME OUT!!!!

- Date:** January 27th, 2007
Place: Guilford Golf and Country Club
7929 – 152nd St.
Surrey, BC (west side of 152nd)
Time: Cash Bar 5:45pm (sorry last call is midnight)
Buffet 6:30pm
Tickets: \$40.00 per person

Contact Lynn at 604-501-1503 – lynnrimmer@shaw.ca
or Doris 604-588-9218 for tickets.



International Conference of Sports Car Clubs

50 YEARS OF FUN!!!!

This year's banquet was another huge success to cap off what was a great season of racing. There was pretty much standing room only and DeeAnn and Peggy did a fabulous job of putting on a great party and celebration for all. Thank you two so much!

This year the total worker fund donations from the drivers amazed me. I thought last year would be hard to beat, but this year the donations topped \$14,000.00. The clubs did a great job of administering the funds and I would be remiss in not thanking them for helping to take care of the workers and volunteers. I would also like to extend a thank you to the clubs for supplying yet again, hotel rooms for our out of town workers. It was greatly appreciated.

This year 58% of our ROD Members received awards. That percentage is quite considerable considering the cost of fuel, new jobs, health issues, and a very hectic schedule for the last part of the season, just to name a few obstacles.

This year we had drivers again present the awards to the workers. They are the ones that we do this for and we truly enjoy their participation. I would like to thank them for their contribution to the ROD Awards.

The following is a list of the ROD Members who achieved the various award levels, and I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who helped make this a super year.

RED (3-5 Races): Presented by Stephen Saslow

Jo Adair Andrew Clouston Karen Clouston
Vic Kennedy Roger Salomon Don Souter
Manny Zumm

BLUE (6-8 Races): Presented by Scott Adare

Bonnie Aarseth David Bell Richard Breen George Chambers
Irene Chambers Adam Jacobsen Gerald Lomas Krystyna Mitchell
Dave Nex Nick Roche Teresa Hanken Cathy Frasier
Cy Kratzer

SILVER (9-12 Races): Presented by Chris Heinrich

Rob Jacobsen Ken Killam Jim O'Keefe Holly Remington Jerry Coughran

GOLD (all 13 Races): Presented by Lee Fjellanger

Thomas Liesner Lynn Rimmer

WORKERS OF THE YEAR: Presented by Michael Lensen

Rob Jacobsen Thomas Liesner

Thank you all so much!
Lynn Rimmer
ROD Director

From www.vegasgrandprix.com website

Historic Grand Prix to compete at Vegas Grand Prix

LAS VEGAS (Nov. 15, 2006) – Vegas Grand Prix announced today that the Historic Grand Prix (HGP) will open its season at the inaugural Vegas Grand Prix, April 6-8, 2007. Currently scheduled to race in the historic event are former open-wheel legends Arie Luyendyk, Danny Sullivan and Al Unser Jr.

“We’re thrilled to have these legendary drivers compete at the Vegas Grand Prix,” said Jim Freudenberg, president and chief executive officer of the Vegas Grand Prix. “These drivers will be joined by an additional three racing legends that we’ll announce in the coming weeks.”

Historic Grand Prix is comprised of approximately 50 active owner-drivers of Formula One cars from the FIA (Federation International Automobile) Three Liter period from 1966-1983. The roster of cars includes many Grand Prix and Championship winners including; the 1981 United States Grand Prix Las Vegas (Caesars Grand Prix) winning Williams FW07C Cosworth, five Ferraris, three Lotus chassis, the Parnelli VPJ1, one of only four AAR Eagle-Weslake chassis, and many other cars of unique pedigree. The series is designed to present fast, colorful and spirited racing at very select venues in North America.

Six open-wheel legends are scheduled to compete against a select group of Historic Grand Prix owner-drivers in a 30-minute race prior to the Champ Car World Series race on Sunday, April 8. Danny Sullivan, Indy 500 winner, former Champ Car champion and Formula One driver, is enthused about the weekend.

“I can't wait to get behind the wheel of one of those gorgeous cars and compete against Al Jr. and Arie again,” Sullivan said. “The historic cars are meticulously maintained and the owners don’t just put them out for show.”

The Historic Grand Prix cars will be on display throughout the Vegas Grand Prix weekend for race fans to enjoy. The cars are arranged chronologically and each is accompanied by a storyboard with period photos and history.

“The HGP is about sharing history with modern fans and for those lucky enough to be at the Vegas Grand Prix. They will actually see some of the great open-wheel stars driving as well,” explained HGP spokesman James King. “We have a great variety of cars and they are a treasured asset that will transport some fans back to an early memory of a hillside at Watkins Glen, the streets of Long Beach or Las Vegas in 1981.”

For more information, visit www.vegasgrandprix.com.

For additional information on the Historic Grand Prix, visit www.historicgrandprix.com



TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN META

It's that time of year again!!! Please send in your membership renewal as soon as possible to avoid the catastrophe of missing your monthly Mayday. OK, there are other good reasons to join. Look elsewhere in this issue for the renewal form and get your \$20 bucks into Thomas. Membership year ends December 31.

Thank you for your support.

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers.

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft

P: Something loose in cockpit

S: Something tightened in cockpit

P: Dead bugs on windshield

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear

S: Evidence removed

P: DME volume unbelievably loud

S: DME volume set to more believable level

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick

S: That's what friction locks are for

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode

P: Suspected crack in windshield

S: Suspect you're right

P: Number 3 engine missing

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search

P: Aircraft handles funny

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious

P: Target radar hums

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics

P: Mouse in cockpit

S: Cat installed

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a pounding on something with a hammer

S: Took hammer away from midget.

ANNUAL META AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted only from META members in good standing. Nominations may be submitted to *Joe Proud*, 8671 Galway Crescent, Surrey, BC, V3W 6C8, or jjproudca@yahoo.ca

Deadline for submissions is December 31, 2006.

Please offer a brief explanation as to why you wish to nominate a given person for an award.

The President's Award (META Member of the Year)

Criteria: This award is presented to a member who displays exceptional contribution to the Association and the sport on and off the track. Candidates must be members in good standing for one full membership year and have attended at least 75% of the races as a paid-up META member.

I wish to nominate _____ for the President's Award for the following reasons:

The META Rookie of the Year

Criteria: Rookie of the year is a volunteer who participates in racing and must attend 50% of the races to qualify.

I wish to nominate _____ for the Rookie of the Year for the following reasons:

The Non-META member Worker of the Year

Criteria: Must not be a META member.

I wish to nominate _____ for the non - META member Worker of the Year for the following reasons:

The Buzz Beley Memorial Award

Criteria: The Buzz Beley Memorial award is presented annually to the META member who exemplifies the spirit of the Club by making the greatest contribution towards the goal of having fun and ensuring that all workers experience the greatest enjoyment possible from Motorsport.

I wish to nominate _____ for the Buzz Beley Memorial Award for the following reasons:

Nomination submitted by _____ on ____/____/____.
D M Y

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 META Pins \$1.50 each
 Earplugs \$1.00
 Training Manuals \$1.00 (Free to new workers)

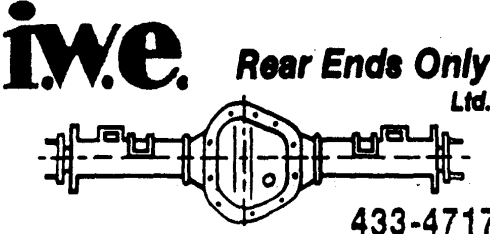
Club Shirts

*White, short sleeve, 'Golf Shirts' with
 META logo embroidered on front.
 \$10.00 each*

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