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Next META meeting will be  
**February 22, 2006**

Note that meeting location has been changed to  
**Boston Pizza, 1045 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC**

## Speed reading

Feb 8	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Feb 18&19	Ice Race # 4 -- Barnes Lake	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Feb 22	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Feb 26&27	Ice Race # 4 -- Alternate Date	WCIRABC	Cache Creek, BC
Mar 8	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Mar 12	NW Endurance Series 4 Hour Enduro – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Mar 18&19	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Mar 22	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Mar 25	Ice Race Banquet –Sundance Inn		Ladner, BC
Apr 1&2	Driver School / Single Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Apr 8&9	Grand Prix of Long Beach	OWRS	Long Beach, Ca
Apr 12	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Apr 14&15	Defrost Kickoff – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Apr 15	SCCBC Test & Tune – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, 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](http://www.carsonice.ca) 604-945-4592

## *Congratulations*

*to the*

## *2005 META Awards Winners*

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

*-- Andrew Clouston --*

*Non-META member Worker of the Year*

*-- Pam Stec --*

*Buzz Beley Memorial Award*

*-- Roger Salomon --*

## Presidents Report

To those of you who were able to come, I hope you enjoyed the banquet as much as I did. A great big thank you to everyone who contributed, Irene and her committee for all the hard work in organizing, Bryan for doing such a great job collecting door prizes that there was one for everyone and more left to give as prizes at the track during the year. Thanks too to Ian Wood for donating the champagne for the dinner and to Nick for making the keeper trophies.

Congratulations again to all the award winners. As you may have noticed, we did not give out all of our awards this year. It was felt that if we could not really justify giving an award we should not do it just for the sake of it. If we did that, it would 'devalue' not only those particular awards but also diminish the honour that goes with receiving any of the awards.

I wanted to explain perhaps more clearly about the new award I announced at the banquet. Earlier in the year, shortly after the celebration of Life for Bob Randall, Roger and I were talking to John Randall about having an award in memory of both Bob and Hilda. John, diplomatic as always, said that he was not very comfortable with giving awards for those who stood out in a club, as his parents had done, while nothing was done for others who gave just as much in their own special way, such as Rodney Cockroft, Al and Elsie Allinson and many others. So we thought it over for some time and it was not until we were at the Celebration of Life for Deryk Forster that it all fell into place. One of the speakers at that ceremony said that at one time they were giving an award to Deryk to thank him for his sound recordings and Deryk had turned to him and said "It is I who should be thanking you for all the pleasure you have given to me over the years". To me, this is exactly how it should be for all of us when we volunteer for any of the racing activities. We should not be looking for what is in it for us other than the sheer pleasure of being a part of a successful event and having the best seats in the house to see great racing. The Spirit Award, as it will be called, is one that may or may not be given out every year. It will be up to the current Executive in office at the time to decide if it will be given and to whom. It is dedicated to Bob and Hilda Randall, Rodney Cockroft and many others who volunteered their time without thought of reward. The Executive thought that it is only fitting that the first recipient should be Deryk Forster since it was through him that it all came together and we will ask Maida Forster to come to the track later in the year to receive the trophy. John and Pri Randall have very generously given us several of the former Westwood Shaman awards, which belonged to his mother and father, to use for the award. They are native sculptures, which would seem to be very appropriate.

The new meeting location seemed to be a success with 20 members in attendance. Thanks to Nick for bringing along a tape of one of the Atlantic races at Westwood. There were a few familiar faces in there, very much younger faces of course! The Executive will be making every effort to make the meetings interesting to encourage more members to attend. Hope to see you at the next meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Boston Pizza.

*Ann*

## 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.

Thank you for your support.

## Seattle Enduro

The Northwest Endurance Racing Series was started with the sincere desire to create a number of endurance automobile races held at racing venues in the Pacific Northwest. We're a group of racers who particularly enjoy endurance events and hope you will join us to race, support, and spectate.

Our first event is a 4-hour endurance race that will be held on Sunday March 12th, 2006

We're looking forward to having you and your team join us for this exciting race!

That same weekend, IRDC is conducting their spring season High Performance Driving School at Pacific Raceways on Saturday, March 11th, 2006.

### Our Mission

As racers ourselves, we know the Pacific Northwest winters are a time for jack stands and bench racing. However, by the time March rolls around, we're all ready to get the keys in the ignition and let it rip!

We are working hard to promote a new and exciting concept for endurance racing in the Pacific Northwest that kicks off the season with a 4-hour endurance race. This shorter format is a great test for two- and three-driver teams with club racing experience, and offers a great opportunity to clean out the cobwebs and get your car on the track before your championship season begins.

The 4-hour enduro is the inaugural event for the development of our endurance racing series that will target tracks throughout the Pacific Northwest in the years to come. Come and join us this coming March 2006 for this exciting event and be involved from the beginning!

Pacific Raceways has a long history of racing going back to the mid 1950s. Start your season where drivers like Dan Gurney, Jody Schecter, Dominick Dobson, David Hobbs, and many others developed their racing careers!

### "Calling all workers..."

Any great racing event can't run smoothly without a league of excellent volunteers. We need corner workers, and officials for registration, technical inspection, paddock marshals, and a variety of other positions on race day.

Please send an email to [volunteer@nwers.com](mailto:volunteer@nwers.com) if you would like to help. We can't do it without you! And a great big "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers whom have already committed to join us for an exciting race day!!

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I'm starting a list of those folks interested in working our enduro on March 12 of 06'. We'd love to have you here for that, especially since it is a new event, complete with trophy stand and trophy girl, a big BBQ after the event, and possibly worker raffle and gas money if possible. We're working on sponsors really hard.

The event is 9:00 to 11:00 for practice, and noon to 4:00 for the enduro. Please pass the word for me, and I will post on the forum with my number.

Thanks, Wes Tipton

206-423-3120

## 2006 Cars On Ice AGM and Banquet

Sundance Inn, Ladner, BC

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Meeting/Lunch/Meeting during the day.

Cocktails/Dinner

Awards/Dancing all night long

Let's all be there for a good time and to support our fellow workers and drivers.

Costs to be announced at a later date

# **ICSCC RATS MEETING**

(Race Administrators Training Seminar)

Hi again everyone,

The RATS meeting will be held at the same place as last year.

That's: Best Western Peppertree Inn,

401 8th Street S.W.

Auburn, WA

888-624-4854

Local: 253-887-7600

Again, that'll be Saturday, March 4th - sugary stuff and coffee at 9:00 am and meetings and 10:00.

Art Metz

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## **ICSCC Schedule for 2006.**

March 4	RATS Meeting	ICSCC	Seattle
March 12	4 Hour Enduro	IRDC	Seattle
May 6-7	Race Weekend #1	CSCC	Portland
May 20-21	Race Weekend #2	IRDC	Seattle
June 3-4	Race Weekend #3	CSCC	Portland
July 8-9	Race Weekend #4	SCCBC	Mission
July 14-15-16	Race Weekend #5 & #6	NWMS	Spokane (double weekend)
Aug 5-6	Race Weekend #7	IRDC	Seattle
Aug 19-20	Race Weekend #8	SCCBC	Mission
Sept 2-3-4	Race Weekend #9 & #10	SCCBC	Mission (double weekend)
Sept 9-10	Race Weekend #11	CSCC	Portland
Sept 23-24	Race Weekend #12	CSCC	Portland
Sept30/Oct1	Race Weekend #13	IRDC	Seattle
Oct 21	8 Hour Enduro	CSCC	Portland
Nov 11-12	ICSCC 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet and Meetings		Seattle

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## **2006 Mission Schedule**

March 18-19: Driver Training

April 15: SCCBC Test & Tune

April 29-30: CACC & WSC #1

May 13-14: CACC & WSC #2

May 27-28: Historic Motor Races (VRCBC)

June 10-11: Driver Training

July 8-9: ICSCC & WSC #3

July 22-23: CACC & WSC #4

August 19-20: ICSCC & WSC #5

Sept 2, 3 & 4: ICSCC Double Race Weekend & WSC #6

October 7-8: CACC (single race weekend), Dash for Cash & Enduro

Watch for the annual consolidated schedule  
in next month's Mayday

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## Grand Prix of Edmonton 2006...Bigger than Ever!

### Two New Exciting Racing Series to Edmonton this Summer

Edmonton – Two new, exciting crowd-pleasing series were announced today that will be hitting the Grand Prix of Edmonton this summer. They are CASCAR Super Series Championship and a Drift Mania Series demo. 2006 promises more power, more adrenaline and more excitement with the addition of these two spectacular series into the weekend lineup.

“We are very excited about what these two new series mean to racing fans! Our fans dedication and passion made 2005 such a success and enabled us to bring these two great additions this year,” exclaimed Greg Macdonald, President and General Manager for Grand Prix of Edmonton.

CASCAR has been around since 1981 with over 150 race teams and includes some of Canada’s top stock car drivers. The series is renowned for its fierce level of competition, with over 30 cars on the track fighting for first place. “CASCAR means more entertainment to the fans,” commented Richard Buck, Director of Racing Development for NASCAR, CASCAR’s marketing and management partner. “Edmonton has a long history with CASCAR and we are very proud to be bringing it back to this city.” Local CASCAR drivers like Kevin Dowler are excited to be able to race in their hometown and are sure to bring many loyal fans to the track this summer.

The Drift Mania Series will be hitting the Alberta racing scene for the first time this summer. Its origin comes from the mountain switchback roads in Japan and has recently been popularized in North America by a group of passionate drivers. A drift is a controlled slide through corners while speeding to the finish line and drivers must maneuver modified cars through corners at speeds and angles that exceed the vehicle’s grip. Drifting repeatedly astounds spectators with a dramatic combination of style, precision and speed. “This demo will give fans a show like they have never seen before,” stated Tony Angelo, driver with Drift Alliance.

The Drift Mania Series is a great addition to the Grand Prix of Edmonton and will complement this year’s new Tuner Zone. Tuner fans will now have a chance to see what the cars can really do on a safe track and check out 30 of the hottest examples of car modification and how to do it on their own! “Our message to race fans is: If you thought 2005 was amazing, just wait till you see the Grand Prix of Edmonton in 2006!” stated Macdonald.

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## Worker Profile: Skip (John Harvey) Yocom

**Family:** *Married to Judith for 39 years, 4 months, 28 days, 22 hours and all of it has been Glorious. My baby is Eric James Yocom of 36 years old and who is finally getting reacquainted with racing (too many days at the race course when younger). He is a beautiful boy and has been married to Jen for a little over 3 years. No Grandchildren yet (to his mother's great disgust). And, let's not forget Buster Yocom our wonderful miniature Schnauzer of 15 years and who is teaching me how to become old gracefully (sort of).*

**Birthplace:** *Omaha, Nebraska (long story); Dad was flying B-17's out of England and Mom was at home with her folks.*

**Occupation:** *Insurance (soon to be retired).*

**Hobbies/Activities outside of racing:** *Car collecting of a sort; traveling; reading; family and friends and their interests.*

**Customary/favorite job at track:** *Working as an SCCA National Series Chief Steward, serving as the ICSCC Insurance Advisor and/or racing our VW Rabbit (White Five Three) or Datsun 240Z (White Five Three) in ICSCC and NWR, Oregon and SFR SCCA (and occasionally other sanctioning bodies). My favorite job at the track has been and always will be the Blue Flagger or as a Turn Captain. Serving as Deputy Executive Steward for Oregon Region was also stimulating and challenging. But, the hardest I ever worked was as Chief of Flags (twice back in the late 70's and early 80's). Nothing, however, replaces the feeling of achievement and joy when you earn a Victory Lap, a smile from your Crew Chief and a Dover Wave from the Marshals. We also much enjoy renting out our VW to new prospects and deserving raceworkers for Schools and novice programs. That is a good feeling.*

**How and why did you get involved in race working ?** *1961, the summer after my HS graduation, I followed a long haired blonde, in a blue MGA with white racing stripes, into the Vanport (Portland) races on a whim. I found out that they gave you free beer and didn't ask your age. The blonde turned out to be a failed enterprise; nevertheless, I was drafted as a turn worker within minutes of my arrival on the property. On and off I did the raceworker thing until about 1983 when I started into the Steward's Program and a year or so later I started to race as well.*

**When did you get involved with META?** *Sometime in the later part of the 70's there was this crazy, crazy Canadian, Ed Dulian, who used to come down and work our Cascade events. He drove a 914 Porsche and was quite an enthusiastic chap. He and his friends used to stay with Judith and me for years. We had a lot of fun. Along came Roger Salomon with that group. And, Jo Adair, Rick Neydli, Paul Bjerkan, Dave Forster, Rick Smale and Nick, and many others, joined in over those years. We used to return the favor and travel to Westwood. What a time we had. I will never forget working as a Blue Flagger with Neydli at the Hairpin at Westwood. That is where I became an adrenaline junkie.*

**Well, after I taught him everything he knows now, in that I was the erstwhile Asst. Flag Chief at CSCC, I came to admire and deeply respect Roger Salomon. We all did then, and do now, try to emanate him to this day. When META really got going, due to his and some others leadership, I joined in to try in some small way to participate and contribute to META's mission (no pun intended). I have never regretted it.**

**We started race driving in the mid 80's. There used to be a very distinct "color" line in SCCA. Basically, if you wore whites at the track you were not really welcomed as a steward. They told me that I couldn't be a steward because I did not have any race driving experience. That's when I bought my first racer; the VW. The rest is a personal history of sorts. I have been an SCCA steward now for about 20 years or so. Interestingly, in ICSCC that line still exists.**

**What do you like most about it?** *The Sport, the Competition, the Purity of it all. You come to the track and completely get lost in it for a few days. You leave refreshed and ready to take on your work and problems on Monday. I really appreciate and enjoy the friends and acquaintances I have made through this great sport.*

**It has always been therapeutic for me (read that as cheaper than a psychiatrist). The relationship with my Crew Chief and our crew is a treasured and special thing and is beyond compare.**

**What do you like least about it?** *Cheaters, liars, power brokers, politicians, DNF's.*

(Skip Profile cont'd)

If you could attend any race, in any capacity, where and what would you choose? *Chief Steward, Laguna Seca.*

Do you have any racing or race working "heroes"? Who are they? *Roger Salomon, Emmerson Fittipaldi, Keke Rosberg, Nigel Mansell and Neal 'Wizard' Euler.*

What is your Favorite:

Track? *Spokane, Thunderhill, Laguna Seca, Mid Ohio.*

Turn? *The Carousel at Westwood in the rain; 3A and 3B at Pacific Raceways; T12 at PIR, the Hairpin at Westwood, really, all of them.*

First year event? *1961 Vanport Races (which became the Rose Cup).*

Event? *Any ICSCC race; we much enjoy events at Bremerton, too. We did achieve our 150<sup>th</sup> Win at the SCCA/PIR event this last October (obviously stands out a bit).*

Race group? *2 and 5 (hard to separate). Any field that is full.*

What race stands out the most in your memory, and why? *I have a couple. My very first race ever was my ICSCC Novice Race at Westwood in a downpour. The downhill, reverse camber onto the back straight was really a bit much. It truly was exciting. I had seen a dozen Honda rollovers down there and that was in dry conditions! What a thrill. Secondly, a Vintage race at Bremerton last year because it was the most dangerous race I have ever run (we did well); passed a monster, fire breathing Orange SOVREN Camaro, with our Rabbit, in the penultimate turn! He was not pleased.*

What things would you be sure to tell a new worker if s/he asked for your advice? *Be SAFE; Have FUN, Be ALERT and Don't get PISSED OFF.*

What is your favorite:

Food? *Sushi and Prime Rib.*

Relaxation activity?

*Conversation or reading Bonnie Healy posts on the web site.*

Favorite:

Book? *The Soong Dynasty.*

Movie? *Top Gun or The Ice Age (a toss up).*

Magazine? *Formula One.*

Car? *Mercedes CLK 430.*

Dream car? *Jaguar XK 140 that runs.*

Are you a frustrated racer? What car would you race? *Yes and Yes.*

What was the: Most embarrassing thing you ever did at the track? *Hit the ICSCC Race Steward's truck while backing up with my Tow vehicle (as the ICSCC Insurance Advisor).*

Funniest thing you've seen or done at the track? *At the old SIR, I was looking so admiringly at my Victory Flag flying out the window, as I was going down the front straight, that I ran right off the end in T1 and scrubbed off my brand new spoiler.*

Most dangerous event you've seen or been involved in? *Working the Hairpin with Rick Neydli, at Westwood, during a Formula Atlantic event. Wow!*

Most awe-inspiring? *Emerson Fittipaldi in the rain.*

Biggest thrill so far? *Receiving the ICSCC Novice of the Year Award in about 1984 or maybe our 150<sup>th</sup> win this year.*

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

In Life: *Be respected as a person of good character.*

At the Track: *Be respected as a fair to middling driver and a scrupulously fair steward.*

Accomplishment: *To die penniless*

Final Comments: *Thanks for all that META does to make our sport what it is today and what it does to keep us safe and within your good care and what META will do in the future to ensure the perpetuation of the sport.*

*Very Respectfully, 53*

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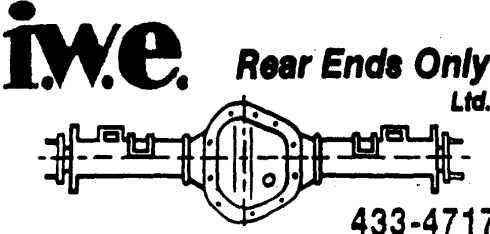
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