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Speed reading

Aug 4&5	Historic Motor Races – MRP	VRCBC	Mission, BC
Aug 4&5	ICSCC Race #7 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Aug 8	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Aug 11&12	ICSCC Race #8 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Aug 11&12	Road America Grand Prix	OWRS	ElkHart Lake, Wis
Aug 18&19	CACC Race # 4 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Aug 18&19	Gold Digger TSD Rally	WCRA	Squamish, BC
Aug 22	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Aug 25&26	Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Aug 25&26	Westwood Club Race #6 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
Sep 1&2&3	Columbia River Classic – PIR	SOVREN	Portland, Or
Sep 1&2&3	ICSCC Race #9&10 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Sep 1&2	TT Circuit Assen	OWRS	Assen, Holland
Sep 1&2	BC Championships #2	BCKCA	Quesnel, BC
Sep 8&9	Circuit Zolder	OWRS	Zolder, Belgium
Sep 8&9	Double Regional	SCCA/NWR	Bremerton, Wa
Sep 8&9	Westwood Club Race #7 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
Sep 12	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Sep 15&16	ICSCC Race #11 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Sep 15&16	Coastal Club Race #6 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Sep 22	Mission Soapbox Derby		Mission, BC
Sep 22&23	Fall Finale – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Sep 26	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Sep 29&30	ICSCC Race #12 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Sep 29&30	Maryhill Loops Hillclimb	SOVREN	Goldendale, Wa
Sep 29&30	Coastal Club Race #7 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC

Identity Theft Protection

Last month I published an article on ways to protect yourself from identity theft. One of the recommendations was: "Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED". One of our sharp-eyed readers sent me the following.

One interesting note from the "Attorney" recommendations, this same issue was discussed recently on the Global News @6:00. They agreed that writing "Photo ID Required" on your signature line is considered a good idea, however, they said that failing to use your signature is a breach of your contract with the credit card companies and could void your liability exclusion for fraudulent purchases. Thought you might want to know....

VP Ramblings:

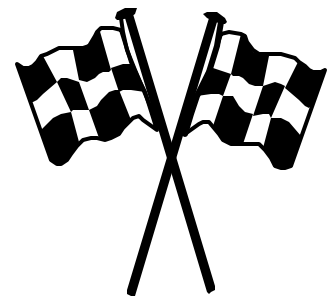
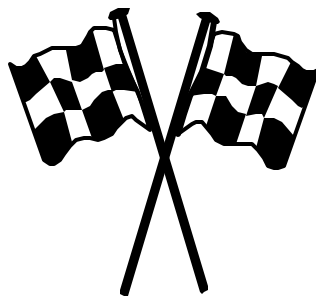
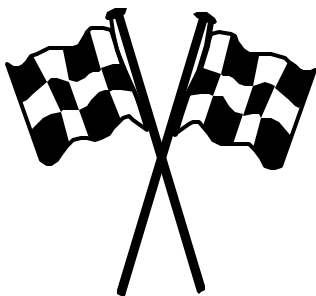
Thank you to all that took the time to attend the meeting on July 25th. I left the meeting with the feeling that those attending the meeting were all willing to make a positive effort toward improvement at the track. Although the organizing of a hockey tournament in pregrid was started before the meeting by the Zosiaks, it is an example of suggestions made to bring us all together. Another suggestion was to treat everyone with respect. Something I would hope all of us do anyway.

However, I think the most important suggestion was that we make every effort to break out of our 'comfort zone' and talk to new workers, or even just others we see around the track. Often we are guilty of making others feel as outsiders by unintentionally ignoring them. This could be part of the reason people will only come out for one day and never be seen again. A positive contact with a new volunteer could be as simple as sharing contact information with a new worker and doing a follow up before the next race to see if they can come out. Make sure they have a good time at the track, perhaps by finding out what other interests they have.

How often do you talk to drivers as you walk through the pits, I'm know I'm guilty of only talking to a select few (OK I can't seem to avoid harassing Alios, it is so much fun to do so... and no it was not me that filled his car with TP). I do make a point of talking to drivers if I feel I've been in error with a blue flag, or if they have done something significant on the turn I'm at (like sending a piece of exhaust flying toward me), most times the incident is a good chuckle for us all and serves as an ice breaker. I know that most of us already to have drivers we know and talk to, but I still thought it was worth bringing up for those that don't socialize with drivers for one reason or another.

Don't take rumour as fact, get your information from the source, Many hurt feelings are a result of inaccurate information perpetuated by others that may have ulterior motives or just don't understand what is really going on. Make sure you have the full story before forming opinions, after all someone who didn't know the history between us may have been alarmed when Uncle Al took a grenade out of his tool box and threatened to hurl it at Nick and I, most of us can chuckle knowing it was a joke (besides I don't think he could have slipped the grenade through pregrid as easily as the package he did deliver). Joking is fine, but be sure it isn't taken too far; if everyone isn't laughing you've probably gone over the line. We've probably all had occasions where we have unintentionally hit a sore point with someone else; I suspect this may be related to some of the animosity between some individuals. If someone has done something that offends or hurts you discuss it with them, not behind them. I don't think there are any truly vindictive individuals in our group, but perhaps there are a few that are less aware of how their actions affect others, for instance my daughters often point out how oblivious I am at times (occasionally they are not all that diplomatic about it either). The first step to solving a problem is to make sure all involved know it is a problem.

Mike



From www.vrcbc.ca website

THE 2007 VRCBC HISTORIC MOTOR RACES
WILL BE RUN ON THE RIVER'S EDGE ROAD COURSE
AT MISSION RACEWAY PARK ON . . .
SATURDAY AUGUST 4TH AND SUNDAY AUGUST 5TH 2007.

The theme for 2007 is "The Best of British!" So let's get those Lucas starved, petrol driven, Castrol 'R' lubricated race cars ready and have some damn good fun lads and lasses!

British Dress and Stuff vis: Flat hats, waistcoats, sports jackets, bow ties (Hawthorn style), old school ties, Suede shoes, Brogues, Shooting sticks, (No twelve bores please!), Trilby hats, cavalry twill trousers, chords, Tattersall checked shirts, old sixties race gear and so on will be required for the VRCBC Saturday Evening High Tea Celebration and very welcome for whole of the balance of the weekend!

The 'Birds', as always, resplendent in mini-skirts, hats, boots, chic Brit stuff from Carnaby Row . . . Yessss! Music should be sixty's and seventy's Brit-style Rock n' Blues . . .

Let's have some fun!

'Goodwood' . . . you ain't seen nothin' yet!

More Mayday History:

From July 12, 1978 Volume 3 Issue #9

TRANS-AM

After experiencing problems on Saturday [a broken timing belt], Ludwig Heimrath won on Sunday with a steady drive after pre race favourite Gregg Pickett's highly modified Vette started loosing gears, ending up with only fourth [he also had a blistered hand from holding the gear lever in fourth], Hal Shaw Jr. in another Turbo Porsche took second place while Nick Engle [Vette] as third and Bob Tullius [Jaguar XJS] in fourth, with Pickett finally placing fifth.

The most interesting race of the day was between Engel's Vette and Tullius in the Jaguar, as not more than 5 seconds separating the cars at the finish. Engels was pushing the Jag. hard in the early stages until its brakes started to go then he went on to take first in Category 1 and 3rd overall.

Overall it was a nice clean race and the SCCA officials present were more than happy with the job done. Rumors have it that as a result of the good show we put on, we may even have an IMSA Camel GT next year.

Joe Proud

This is an invitation to have some fun!

Notice to all track volunteers, crew members, drivers.

With the permission of SCCBC, a street hockey tournament is being held in pre-grid on the evenings of September 1st and 2nd, 2007.

Come join the fun.

Teams of 6, No contact (some of us are just too old),
Street shoes only (No rollerblades).

If you are able to bring extra equipment, please do.
We also need referees, announcers, and colormen.

Please notify Bernice Zosiak at zosiak7213@shaw.ca or 604-591-7213 no later than August 25th, 2007.

Let's make it a weekend to remember.

Sports Car Club of British Columbia presents

“BEACH BLANKET BASH WEEKEND”

August 18 & 19, 2007

Featuring the WestCoast SportsCar Championship

This event is sanctioned by CACC as a championship points race conducted under the 2007

CACC regulations and is organized by the Sports Car Club of British Columbia at

the River's Edge Road Course at Mission Raceway Park in Mission, BC.

Each regional group will have a point's race on each of Saturday and Sunday.

Sports Car Club of British Columbia presents

THE “DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE” WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 1, 2 & 3 2007

This event is sanctioned by ICSCC as a championship points race conducted under the 2007 ICSCC regulations and organized by the Sports Car Club of British Columbia at Mission Raceway Park in Mission, BC.

WCI RABC - CARS ON ICE ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ

WHEN: August 11, 2007

WHERE: 3741 Oakdale Street
Port Coquitlam

TIME: 3:00 pm to

WHAT TO BRING:

The Family; Lawn Chair, Appropriate Clothing (hot, cold, wet, warm); Preferred Beverage; Preferred Main Item for BBQ'ing; Something To Share with the Masses (be prepared to share with 30 - 40 people an appetizer, chips/dip; salad, buns, desert, etc.)

RSVP - ASAP: Doug & Sheree
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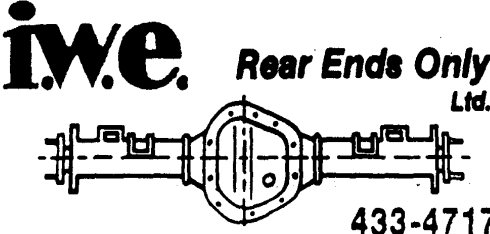
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*White, short sleeve, 'Golf Shirts' with
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Track Volunteer Discussion

July 25, 2007

Call to Order: the meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM

Objective: to find out what we need to do to make things work better and to explore the interests of the various groups at the track

Discussion:

Note: items in bold were points written on the white board

- **too much of us versus them (META & SCCBC, E-Crew & META, etc.)**
- needs to stop, us versus them does not make a team
- **need to improve communication**, bring issues to SCCBC's attention, need open communication
- **we all need to have respect for each other**
- remember that we are doing this because it is a sport we love
- recruiting will reduce the stress levels if we can grow the volunteer base
- younger generation bounces around from here to here to here
- motorsport: you either like it or you don't
- you have to go to where the people are to attract more volunteers
- need to work on getting our regular folks to come out for every event
- **need to have a marketing person to devote the time to properly advertise/recruit**
- need to have a "carrot" to attract new volunteers
- maybe have novice drivers required to work turns
- put advertising/brochures into driver/crew packets
- tap into singles market since they tend to have more disposable time

(Discussion Cont'd)

- maintaining existing membership
- need to understand what peaks their interests
- need to make new workers more welcome and comfortable, not to abandon them during lunch (example)
- need to step outside our comfort zone
- instead of expecting drivers to come to our Saturday dinners, we should prowl the paddock and talk up the drivers and their crews
- lots of good ideas, need a couple people to implement them
- Bernice Zosiak, David Bell, Tasma Wooton, and Leslie Skinner volunteered to start up the "fun" team to organize fun events
- **social activities and team building, META car rallies were always fun, scavenger hunts, track drives, one-day classes, ugly shirt contest**
- more alert if you are rotated to different corners each weekend (changes your comfort zone)
- important to promote change
- Turn 3 needs stairs and a handrail
- **portable toilet at turn 5 needs servicing**
- turn out tonight is good, as is diversity of attendees

Conclusions: consensus that teamwork and social aspects are most important

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM