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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 printed or e-mailed to the Editor.

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Next META meeting will be

APRIL 23, 2008

Our meeting location is Boston Pizza
1045 Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC

SPEED READING

Apr 5	Ice Race Banquet – Sundance Inn	WCIRABC	Ladner, BC
Apr 9	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Apr 12&13	CACC Race # 1 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Apr 12&13	Coastal Club Race #1 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Apr 18-20	Defrost Kickoff – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Apr 19&20	Grand Prix of Long Beach	IRL	Long Beach, Ca
Apr 19&20	Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Apr 19&20	Westwood Club Race #2 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
Apr 23	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Apr 26&27	ICSCC Race #1 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Apr 26&27	Double Regional	SCCA/NWR	Bremerton, Wa
Apr 26&27	Heart of Darkness TSD Rally	WCRA	Fraser Valley, BC
May 2-4	National / Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
May 3&4	Coastal Club Race #2 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
May 10&11	ICSCC Race #2 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
May 14	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
May 17&18	Spring Sprints – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
May 17&18	Karting -- Westerns -- CARTBC	BCKCA	Chilliwack, BC
May 17&18	Knox Mountain Hillclimb	KMMS	Kelowna, BC
May 24-26	Double National – PR	SCCA/NWR	Seattle, Wa
May 24&25	Westwood Club Race #3 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
May 25	Indianapolis 500	IRL	Indianapolis, Ind
May 28	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
May 30/31 Jun1	Rose Cup / National / Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
May 31/Jun 1	CACC Race # 2 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
May 31/Jun 1	Coastal Club Race #3 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC

Sports Car Club of British Columbia

presents

“TURN ON TO TURN 1”

APRIL 12 & 13, 2008

Featuring the Dash For Cash and CFDA

This event is sanctioned by CACC as a championship points race conducted under the 2008 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.

Mike's Ramblings:

By the time you read this the first driver training will be done and we will have a better idea of what to expect at Turn One. However the first race will not restrict passing so whoever is on that turn will need to be ready for some real excitement. One of the concerns is how cars exiting the pits will be blending with traffic as they enter turn one, the speed difference will be huge. For those that have not had an opportunity to look at the new turn one, it will be a much faster turn, once the changes at turn 7, 8 and nine are opened up cars will be coming into turn one significantly faster. Dave Nex has put a lot of thought into where the new turn stations will be and where the safety trucks will be placed, all related to the speed the cars will be going, our safety and where the drivers will be looking, however expect adjustments as these are based on speculation and past experience.

The Auto Show is the first week in April, this is an excellent opportunity to bench race with prospective volunteers, spectators and participants. Although this may not benefit META directly, getting the word out does eventually filter down to us, even if it is just getting some younger kids switched onto the sport.

Roger is hoping to organize a radio control car event, possibly for the first race. If you own a radio control car, it's time to dust it off and 'tune it up', possibly change the rubber to something more suitable for asphalt. Nick is pushing for left turns only, at which my goal will probably be just to stay out of his way as he could just drive over my car as though it wasn't there.

Mike Bailey

CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB

Presents

Rose City Opener XVII

Dedicated to the memory of Neil Swanson

April 26th & 27th 2008

This is a NON- Chicane race run from the Pro Pits

This race is sanctioned by ICSCC, under the 2008 Competition Regulations as a championship race, organized by Cascade Sports Car Club and held at Portland International Raceway.

INTERNATIONAL RACE DRIVERS CLUB

Presents

Treeless in Seattle II

May 10th & 11th 2008

This race is sanctioned by ICSCC under the 2008 Competition Regulations as a championship race, which is organized by IRDC and held at Pacific Raceways.

*You are cordially invited to attend
the
Annual General Meeting
and
Awards Banquet
for
The Western Canadian Ice Racing Association Of BC
Saturday, April 5, 2008
(please note the change in date from last month)*

LOCATION: Sundance Inn, Ladner Trunk Road, Delta BC

TIME: Meeting.....9am – 12noon

Lunch..... 12noon – 1pm

Meeting..... 1pm – 3pm (if necessary)

Cocktails..... 6pm – 7pm

Dinner..... 7pm – 8pm

Awards.....8pm – 9pm

Frivolity..... 9pm – 1am

COST: Evening Only (includes Dinner, Awards, Dancing)

4 weekends worked: \$10.00/person

3 weekends worked: \$15.00/person

2 weekends worked: \$20.00/person

1 weekend worked: \$25.00/person

All others \$45.00/person

(For any who would like to attend the whole day the cost would be and extra \$20.00)

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU R.S.V.P. TO ME A.S.A.P.
You know “we need the count for the food & set up”.

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CRCA Reunion

Hello,

I am the Secretary for the Canadian Race Communications Association (CRCA). We are the organization performing the same services to central Canada that META provides to western Canada and have been in operation since 1959. Our organization will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2009 and we are trying to contact as many of our former members as possible to let them know about the planned activities. If you could please publish our website address (www.crca1.com) and let your members know that they can find out more about the anniversary or register from the site, it would be very much appreciated. As a courtesy, we have added your website address to the 'Related Links' page on our website. Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Lorie Cooper
CRCA

Submitted by Thomas Liesner

Champ Car out, but Mazdas will run

By Jeff Zurschmeide

The Portland Tribune, Mar 21, 2008

When the Champ Car World Series folded its tent and merged with rival Indy Racing League, plans for July's Mazda Grand Prix of Portland were thrown into chaos.

Without Champ Car to headline the weekend's attractions and pay for essential services, it was unclear whether other parts of the event could go on.

But Mazda has agreed to underwrite some events to be held July 25 through July 27 at Portland International Raceway. The move saves some degree of the professional sports car racing weekend on the eve of what would have been Champ Car's 25th anniversary.

The new event name has not been finalized, but the working title is the Grand Prix of Portland/MazdaSpeed Motorsports Festival.

"The Grand Prix of Portland is important enough that Mazda felt the need to step up and help make the 25th anniversary race happen," says Jim Jordan, marketing manager at Mazda North American Operations. "We'll be bringing a Star Mazda doubleheader, a round of the Playboy MX-5 Cup, and other races and motorsports."

The Star Mazda series, which was a support race on Champ Car weekend, will anchor this year's event. The series uses identical open-wheel formula cars powered by Mazda rotary engines, so the race always comes down to driver ability and car setup.

Two Star Mazda races are scheduled, one on Saturday and the other on Sunday. The series is going to standing starts this year and features young drivers from the U.S., Canada, Europe and South America. The 2008 series has 12 races lined up; the first took place last week at Sebring, Fla.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our rising stars to shine," says Gary Rodrigues, president of the Star Mazda Championship, presented by Goodyear.

The Playboy MX-5 Cup features identically prepared Mazda MX-5 Miata sports cars and is the first professional rung on Mazda's sports car racing ladder for aspiring drivers.

Like the Star series, the MX-5 Cup is known for attracting aggressive young drivers who want to make their names in racing. Brad McAllister of Portland and Andrew Caddell of Graham, Wash., participate in the series. Talks are under way to fill out the schedule, but fans should look for a public drag-racing event on at least one evening, "show and shine" car corrals for local car clubs, and a number of competitive race groups drawn from local clubs.

It won't be Champ Car, but PIR officials still hope to attract a decent crowd of racing fans.

"We believe that if we showcase our homegrown talent on a bigger stage with Star Mazda and MX-5 Cup, we'll get a good turnout from the fans who used to come for Champ Car," track manager Mark Wigginton says.

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ASA AERO EXHAUST NORTHWEST TOUR ANNOUNCES 2008 SCHEDULE

February 2, 2008 Ellensburg, WA – Officials of the ASA Aero Exhaust Northwest Tour presented by Echo Outdoor Power Equipment are pleased with the schedule set to showcase the 2008 edition of the Northwest's top traveling stock car racing series. Nine races at six of the areas premier paved race tracks will be a challenge for all competitors.

The 2008 ASANWT takes the Northwest's best stock car drivers into three states to decide the best of the best for 2008. Five events in Washington, three in Idaho and one in Oregon will give the race fans of the northwest a chance at seeing this elite series.

ASANWT Series Administrator Ron Bennett stated "I want to thank the promoters involved in all the negotiations. Putting together this schedule was difficult as everyone wanted to avoid conflicts and preserve their standard dates." Bennett went on to say, "I want to especially thank Evergreen Speedway for moving the September date to avoid any conflicts, for the betterment of racing in the Northwest."

"Almost every NW track was involved in the scheduling process and some were just not able to find a place in their busy schedules. Each has told me that they will make room in 2009. That is very encouraging," an elated Bennett emphasized.

A first for the series will be a visit in June to Pacific Raceway's road course. The NWT has been there in the past. What makes this a first is the race will be on a Saturday night under the lights. Pacific Raceway is putting up a huge purse and touting the event as the first ever on the newly lighted 2+-mile road course.

"In putting the schedule all together we tried to stay off anyone's special stock car event and keep enough separation in our races to give the teams time to recoup and prepare for the next event. I feel we have accomplished that goal," stated Bennett.

2008 Tentative Schedule

Mar	29th	Evergreen Speedway	Monroe, WA	5/8 Mile
May	10th	Stateline Speedway	Post Fall, ID	1/4 Mile
May	24th	Yakima Speedway	Yakima, WA	1/2 Mile
Jun	7th	Pacific Raceways	Kent, WA	Road Course
Jul	4th	Meridian Speedway	Meridian, ID	1/4 Mile
Jul	5th	Meridian Speedway	Meridian, ID	1/4 Mile
Aug	9th	Douglas County Speedway	Roseburg, OR	3/8 Mile
Aug	30th	Yakima Speedway	Yakima, WA	1/2 Mile
Sep	20th	Evergreen Speedway	Monroe, WA	5/8 Mile

*Subject to Change

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 META Pins \$1.50 each
 Earplugs \$1.00
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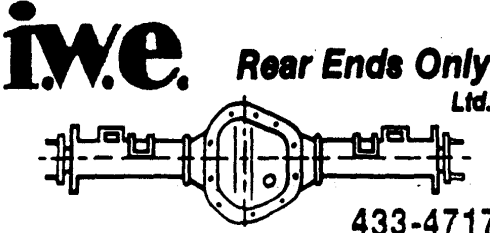
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