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Next META meeting will be

**AUGUST 27, 2008**

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

## SPEED READING

Jul 9	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jul 12&13	CACC Race # 3 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jul 12&13	Portland Historic Races-PIR	SOVREN	Portland, Or
Jul 12&13	BC Championships #2 – CARTBC	BCKCA	Chilliwack, BC
Jul 18/19/20	ICSCC Race #5&6 – SRP	NWMS	Spokane, Wa
Jul 19&20	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jul 19&20	Double Regional/Vintage(SOVREN)	SCCA/NWR	Bremerton, Wa
Jul 19&20	Coastal Club Race #5 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
<del>Jul 23</del>	<del>META Meeting – Boston Pizza</del>	<del>7:30</del>	<del>New West, BC</del>
Jul 24/25/26	Edmonton Indy	IRL	Edmonton, AB
Jul 25/26/27	Mazda Grand Prix of Portland	SCCA	Portland, Or
Jul 26&27	Gold Digger TSD Rally	WCRA	Squamish, BC
Aug 2&3	ICSCC Race #7 – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Aug 2&3	Westwood Club Race #5 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
Aug 8&9&10	Double Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Aug 9&10	Karting – Canadian Nationals with IKF – CARTBC	ASN	Chilliwack, BC
Aug 13	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Aug 16&17	ICSCC Race #8 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Aug 16&17	Historic Motor Races – MRP	VRBCB	Mission, BC
Aug 23&24	Coastal Club Race #6 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Aug 27	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Aug 30/31 & Sep 1	ICSCC Race #9&10 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Aug 30/31 & Sep 1	Columbia River Classic – PIR	SOVREN	Portland, Or

## Meeting Cancelled

Please note that the July 23rd META Meeting has

been **cancelled**

The next meeting will be as scheduled on

**August 27, 2008**

## *Mike's Ramblings:*

We've now had two races on the complete new layout at Rivers Edge. It looks like turn 7 could be a place of action during warm up and qualifying as drivers test how high up the FIA curbing they can get away with climbing, and how hot they can go through the new chicane. Certainly the first race weekend had our course marshal busy at turn 7 while turn 1 was relatively quiet in spite of the higher speeds on the front straight. The first race weekend on the new layout also saw at least one driver changing their gear ratios because they were at red line in top gear and having to back off before they were at their breaking point. I suspect lap times will be getting quicker as the season progresses while drivers sort themselves and their cars to the new layout. The official numbering for the turns up until turn 7 remain the same, the left hander is turn 7a, the right hander is 7b (7a and 7b seems to be unofficially called the new chicane). Turn 7 goes into turn 8 (the first part of the sweeper), with a bit of a straighter section going into turn 9 and on to the front straight.

In the last few months I've been approached on many occasions by groups looking for META's expertise. The Westwood Karting Club especially would like us to help them train their volunteers. This brings up the subject of training in general, something META really needs to get going on again. It would be great to see someone step up each Saturday after the race day and do a quick refresher for our own members, some of us have forgotten things, or are sloppy on how we do things. I'm guilty of forgetting some of my hand signals over the winter, and more than once over one weekend I forgot to take the fire extinguisher with me when I did first response (bad enough I forgot my gloves in my car one morning). Dave Nex had pointed out to me several months ago that he hardly ever sees anyone do a track walk between sessions, one thing I have made a point of doing this year.

I had hoped to say that I may not be turnworking conference races this year since Mark has decided to run the 510 in Conference and asked me to crew for him. Unfortunately he decided to make changes to the car, so it may be a while before I get to crew for him. If the 510 makes it down from Quesnel for a race this year I will crew for him. However volunteer on turns when time permits, but bear in mind that we were given the name SNAFU racing about 25 years ago for a reason, things haven't changed that much since then.

*Mike Bailey*

*The Legendary Westwood Racing Circuit Opened on  
July 26, 1959*

*On July 26, 2009 racers will be gathering in Vancouver to  
commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that day.*

*Mark your calendar.*

This is a preliminary notice. Please pass on to any interested parties.

Further information will be forthcoming.

Tom Johnston

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From the June SCCBC PitPass, submitted by Mike Bailey

### TRACK CHAT

I spoke to Tony Morris Jr. just before press time, and this is what he had to say:

*“Since the departure of the immensely popular Vancouver Molson Indy, local race fans have been longing for a Pro-style event providing them with the sights, sounds and thrills that go along with semi-pro Motorsport Entertainment. The Children’s Charities Grand Prix is the most exciting Motorsport news in British Columbia since the Champ Cars last graced the streets of Downtown Vancouver in 2004. The first CCGP will take place September 20th and 21st at the new and improved, River’s Edge Raceway. The CCGP concept was derived from the ultra-successful fan-favorite SCCBC Invitational that ran along with the Vancouver Indy from 1990 through 2004. The SCCBC Invitational thrilled the Vancouver Indy crowds with its wheel-to-wheel racing action and fan-friendly format. Huge grids of up to 60 cars kept fans on the edge of their seats with lots of passing, close calls and diverse grids. The CCGP will continue to feed the fans need-for-speed by featuring a vast array of beautiful P1 and P2 class, big-horsepower cars and amazing driving talent from all over Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest. The CCGP race will take place during round 4 of the Pacific Region CACC Championship. The weekend will also feature a variety of exciting classes from Open Wheel Formula Cars right through to Vintage and everything in between. The CCGP will benefit the BC Children’s Hospital and Children’s Make-a-Wish Foundation. Partial proceeds from gate will go to both charities as well as funds raised from the infamous ‘Hot Laps 4 Kidz’. This unique offering will give fans the opportunity to go for a ride on the newly configured 9-turn 1.5 mile race track in a variety of Supercars and Race cars with Professional Drivers at the wheel. This concept offers a fantastic opportunity to all those involved in Motorsports (and beyond) to come together to benefit sick children and demonstrate on a grand scale that great road racing action is alive and well in BC. Further information and announcements about the 2008 Children’s Charities Grand Prix will be available in the coming weeks and months.”*

Rob Johnston, the SCCBC president indicated to me that if the event is a success, there is a very good chance that it will become an annual event, perhaps even with its very own dedicated weekend. We can only hope that happens!

Road Racing at Rivers Edge has maintained a steady presence over the last decade, but I think it’s fair to say it has not progressed significantly in terms of participation or spectatorship. New ideas and approaches are hard to come by, and since we lost the Indy, nothing much new has come along. From my point of view, this new initiative, along with the recent, fantastic track improvements completed by SCCBC, will breathe new life into road racing in Western Canada. Without doubt, there is an air of excitement about, and that can only result in a positive outcome for all race fans in the northwest. What do you think?

*Pit Pass Pete*

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From the July SCCBC PitPass

Children’s Charities Grand Prix – GT Invitational:

Tony Morris Jr and a fantastic group of volunteers continue to forge ahead with the organizing and planning of this major event that he is hoping to bring to fruition in September. Right now Tony is finalizing sponsorship, a key element to the success of the race. Once he is able to get sponsorship to a critical point, then he will take the final plunge and commit to making the whole thing official.

SCCBC has given their approval and committed to providing a timeslot on the schedule for the Sept 20th CACC weekend. The rest is up to Tony and his team to get it on the map. If it all comes together the way we think it should, I’m sure you will find a huge push in 09 to have a dedicated CCPG weekend, with a lot more exposure and momentum plus more sponsors, participants and race groups. Tony tells me he has a lot of people that have voiced approval and interest in this charity weekend, but that must be turned into concrete support before he can move ahead. I look forward to bringing you all up-to date in the next issue of Pit Pass – I am very confident the news will all be positive.

*Pit Pass Pete*

## Sports Car Club of British Columbia

presents

### *“The Chicanery”*

July 12 / 13 , 2008

Featuring the C.F.D.A.

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.

## NorthWest MotorSports

presents

### *Spokane Grand Prix*

July 18th, 19th, 20th 2008

Featuring a Mazda Challenge race Friday and a BMW Pro Challenge race Saturday

Once again- NO Drag Racing this weekend!!!!

SRP is now owned by Spokane County and is being cleaned up !!!!

This race is sanctioned by ICSCC, under the 2008 Competition Regulations as a championship race organized by NorthWest MotorSports and held at Spokane Raceway Park.

## International Race Drivers Club

presents

### *Car Tender Challenge*

August 2, 2008-August 3, 2008

Featuring a BMW Pro 3 / Miata race

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.

## Western Canadian Ice Racing Association of BC

### Ice Race Barbeque

The Annual Ice Race BBQ is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, August 3rd (Monday is a holiday) at Doug and Sheree Wall's place in PoCo.

Please contact Sheree if you will be joining the fun.

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## **2008 Rexall Indy Edmonton - Call for Course Workers**

Greeting Long Lost Track Workers,

We missed you in 2007 but would love to see you back in 2008.

The 2008 Grand Prix Edmon..... errr..... The 2008 Rexall Indy Edmonton is "back" and we're looking for Marshals, E-Crew, Track Access and assorted other support workers to join the Race Services Group (RSG) team.

As you've probably heard by now, the dates for this year's race have changed slightly from the original plan. The race "weekend" is now running July 24, 25 and 26. Please note that this is a Thursday/Friday/Saturday, and we'll need all RSG volunteers to be at the track all 3 days. On the plus side, you now have an extra day afterwards to travel home, sleep, etc

RSG volunteers are asked to sign up on-line at:

<http://www.nascc.ab.ca/>

We're sending out this notice a fair bit later than we have in previous years, so don't delay. Sign up now. Also, if you know any former volunteers who couldn't make it last year, but would like to return to the fray, tell them too. We could always use more experienced workers.

Thanx,

Pat Smith

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From: <http://edmontongtrace.com/>

## **2nd Annual Edmonton Grand Prix GT Invitational Is On!**

### **Welcome!**

To celebrate its 51st anniversary the Northern Alberta Sports Car Club is presenting a series of GT/Sports car official support races during the Indy Car Races at the Edmonton City Centre Airport, July 24th-26th, 2008. These events offer exciting on-track action with fields of up to 50 Sports and GT cars locked in epic battles on the Indy Car course. The locally organized races are key in boosting interest in both the Indy Car Event as well as racing in general throughout Western Canada and the Northwestern USA.

We are again bringing that excitement and enthusiasm to the Indy Car Race of Edmonton for 2008!

The weekend already consists of the Indy Car Series, two Cooper Tires Presents the Atlantic Powered by Mazda races, as well as a NASCAR Canadian Tire road course race.

The track is a temporary 1.93 mile FIA approved road course. The field consists of more than 50 GT and Improved Touring Cars as well as properly prepared Vintage Race Cars. These are production based and tube framed race cars meeting current WCMA/FIA GT/IT or Vintage specifications. Approximate weights for the vehicles are in the 1900-3400 lb range. Horsepower varies from below 150HP for the small bore classes to well over 700HP for the GTS class. The fastest cars in the field are capable of speeds in excess of 300 KPH as well as being able to generate close to 2 G's of lateral grip.

The drivers are amateur racers from all over Western Canada as well as the Northwestern USA. These are your friends and neighbors, please don't hesitate to come by and visit them in the NASCC GT Paddock which will be fully open to the public at no extra cost.

The schedule will be added soon, so stay tuned!

See you at the races!

Submitted by Bonnie Healy

## **INDYCAR: Tracy Set for Trucks, Possibly Edmonton**

Written by: Robin Miller

Date: 06/19/2008 - 07:07 AM

Location: Indianapolis, Ind.

*File this in the Makes No Sense Department.*

The co-owner of one of the top teams in NASCAR's Craftsman Truck Series has hired Paul Tracy to run later this season but the 2003 CART champion still can't get a ride in an Indy car.

However, Derrick Walker is trying to make it happen (with a little help from Tony George) for next month's inaugural IRL show at Edmonton.

"Paul wants to do it, Tony wants to do it and I want to do it so now we're trying to make it happen," said Walker, whose longtime open wheel operation has been idle since the Champ Car finale at Long Beach last April.

"I've got a couple people in Canada up there pitching for us with about a dozen companies so hopefully we can come up with something in the next week or so."

George, responding by email Wednesday night from Las Vegas, said he had a car available and would be willing to help get Canada's favorite son into it.

"I definitely want to run Edmonton but right now it seems like there's more interest from NASCAR than the IRL, so I'm hoping Derrick can put something together," said Tracy, who will drive the Germain Racing Toyota on Sept. 20 at Las Vegas.

"I think I could help sell tickets and promote that race."

Edmonton promoter Jim Haskins is all for it.

"It would be great for our event and Paul deserves to be in a unified series, as does Tags (Alex Tagliani)," said Haskins. "They've both been good ambassadors for our races in the past.

"I'm still expecting an outstanding crowd and the fact we've got Danica (Patrick), Marco (Andretti) and Helio (Castroneves) is huge but, obviously, P.T. is a legend of this era and we'd love to have him."

Tracy's lone appearance this year was also at Long Beach, driving in what appears to be his final race for Gerald Forsythe. The 39-year-old veteran has a contract with Forsythe, who declined to move his team to the IRL following last winter's unification.

A few weeks ago, P.T. tested Todd Bodine's truck at Chicagoland Speedway and impressed Bob Germain enough to get a one-off deal.

"Paul did a nice job so we got a little bit of support and decided it would be fun to run him in his hometown," said Germain, who along with his two brothers owns 19 car dealerships in Ohio and Florida.

"He's our style, very aggressive, and he and Todd are a lot alike."

Tracy, who had a few rides in the old Busch series with mixed results, looks at his truck debut as something bigger.

"I figure it's an audition for 2009 with those guys, because I think Todd wants to go to the Nationwide series," said Tracy.

Currently, Germain runs Mike Wallace in the Nationwide series, plus Justin Marks and Bodine in the trucks (along with Chrissie Wallace, Mike's daughter, in selected events), and may be looking to expand.

"We're going to run Chrissie full-time in the trucks next year and we've got another year for sure with Mike (sponsored by Geico)," said Germain. "I know Todd would like to run the Nationwide series and we've got about a dozen different possibilities we'll be looking at.

"And running Paul full-time in the trucks is one of those."

From <http://www.portlandraceway.com/>

## *2008 Mazda Grand Prix of Portland*

### **Northwest Speed Week to be held July 22-27 at Portland International Raceway;**

Portland, Oregon —June 13, 2008— Portland International Raceway (PIR) in conjunction with Mazda is bringing together a unique blend of racing events for the inaugural Northwest Speed Week and the 2008 Mazda Grand Prix of Portland on July 22-27.

The first ever Northwest Speed Week promises six days of racing, from bicycles; to the most competitive road racing series in America, plus a dozen microbrews as part of the Oregon Brew Festival pavilion at the track. Some of the best up and coming drivers around will compete on the road course in the Star Mazda Championship presented by Goodyear Doubleheader, the Playboy Mazda MX-5 Cup and the VW Jetta TDI Cup Series.

But that's just the beginning. Formula Drift will showcase the best drift teams in the United States, the Northwest's top bicycle road racers will take to the track for a 48-mile race, there will be drag racing, a car-bike-running relay race called the Motathlon, plus the Driving Sports Time Attack and a Beaches Cruise-in. More information and tickets can be found on the Mazda Grand Prix of Portland's official Web site, <http://www.mazdagrandprix.com/>.

“We're very excited about the first-ever Northwest Speed Week and the 2008 Mazda Grand Prix of Portland,” said Mark Wigginton, General Manager of PIR. “Our brand new web site provides all the information that motorsports fans need for this action-packed week, including ticket purchases, the schedule of events and parking information. It's going to be the mosh pit of motorsports

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From <http://kumhosuperchallenge.com>

## *Kumho Super Challenge*

VCMC Motorsport Club, in partnership with Kumho Tires Canada, is once again proud to host the Kumho Super Challenge on the weekend of July 26-27 in beautiful Pitt Meadows, British Columbia, in Greater Vancouver. The Kumho Super Challenge is a highly anticipated event, drawing top-notch drivers for some of the most intense competition of the season. This is the must attend autocross event of the year!

### Kumho Super Challenge Highlights:

- Two days of intense competition
- Exciting Sunday shootout
- Friday test and tune
- Catered lunch and refreshments throughout the weekend
- Door prizes including a set of Kumho tires
- Beautiful trophies
- Grand buffet banquet

### Competition:

Drivers will compete both days on a full autocross course at the new BC Driving Centre. VCMC has secured the use of the skid pad as well as the adjacent runway for this special event to maximize the available course area. Combined scores from both days will determine the class trophy winners. The second half of Sunday is the exciting Kumho Super Challenge Shootout where the top drivers from the two-day competition fight it out on a shootout-style course. Drivers are eliminated after each set of runs until one remains. The top ten drivers from the shootout will receive special trophies.

### Venue:

BC Driving Centre's 225'x1000' square foot facility is located at the Pitt Meadows Airport. This purpose-built facility, constructed in 2007, provides competitors with a high-quality asphalt surface, washroom facilities, and proximity to many businesses.

Visit <http://kumhosuperchallenge.com> for more information.



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