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Next META meeting will be

JUNE 25, 2008

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

SPEED READING

Jun 11	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jun 14&15	Maryhill Loops Hillclimb	SOVREN	Goldendale, Wa
Jun 14&15	Mountain Trials Stage Rally	WCRA	Merritt, BC
Jun 21&22	ICSCC Race #4 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jun 21&22	Coastal Club Race #4 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Jun 21&22	Coast to Coast TSD Rally	IRC	Vanc. Island, BC
Jun 25	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Jul 4&5&6	Double Regional	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Jul 4&5&6	Pacific NW Historics – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Jul 5&6	Westwood Club Race #4 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
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	BKCA	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
Jul 23	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
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

Sports Car Club of British Columbia presents

“DRIVE THE LINE” WEEKEND

JUNE 21 & 22, 2008

This event is sanctioned by ICSCC as a championship points race conducted under the 2008 ICSCC regulations organized by the Sports Car Club of British Columbia at Mission Raceway Park in Mission, BC.

Edmonton Indy Racetrack Marshal's Registration Site.....

IS NOW OPEN!

And yes! We're going to need a lot of good Track Workers.

Please join us in Edmonton.

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

Some Comments on the New Track configuration at Mission

From: The SCCBC Forum

I just wanted to say a very big THANKS to all involved in the new track layout. I was apprehensive about the change as I liked the challenge of the old T7-T9 for my open wheel; however the new layout has its own challenge so it's still terrific. Well done everyone.

The new turn 7 is great! It makes for a much "racier" track.

The higher speeds through those turns makes it much more exciting for spectators as well. The stands by the club house actually had spectators in them where as they were normally empty.

Well done to Bryan and all those who helped make the improvements.

I'll ditto the above! Great new chances for racing into and through the new corners, except maybe the new 7, which is a choke point, as was intended. My budget for tires and brakes has to be re-written I think, as the video my wife took shows huge four wheel plumes of rubber smoke while pounding around the apex of 9.

Another clue was the shift light flashing on and off as the Hoosiers tried to deal with the transition onto the old surface. What a hoot til the clutch disc exploded!

I found it to be fun for the speed factor. It really changes the whole track. I especially love the new turn 1.

There is alot more room for racing or cars to spin past you into ... nothing.

The entry into the pit lane could use a straighter line I think. That little jog out into the racing line, to the left, messes up both the car going into the pits, and the cars trying to stay off of it on the exit.

It was also difficult to keep all 4 tires off the solid white line to the right. The line seems to start quite early in the turn as well. Maybe the first 15 meters could be just a broken line?

The new turn 7, also makes getting by slower car difficult. Not much can be done about that I guess.

Overall a great addition of speed and a new challenge to try to perfect.

It would be nice if it could get tweaked a bit over time.

I know some OW guys bent up their front wings over some tires.

Sitting in the main grand stands, it was amazing how much faster the cars go into T1.

So now we have to get all our friends south of the border to come and try it out.

I think they will be pleasantly surprised.

Holy Cr-p! What a great configuration. Hell-of-a-job Hell-a-vang. Kudos to everyone that had a hand in this development. A lot to take in for the first time, 3.5 new turns, brake zones, apexes, front straight kink was gone, glad I was in the "V" learning the new course.

From the ICSCC Forum

The new turn 7 at Mission has been tried and tested with glowing reviews. It starts at the original left hand turn 7. This has changed into a quick left right that opens up into a fast double apex left that leads onto the front straight. It is fast and a great deal racier than the old 7-8-9 complex. Lap times have dropped approx 3 sec. Formula cars be prepared to change your gearing. We hope to see lots of our friends from south of the line up to check it out.

Knox answers car racers' call in Kelowna

By Catherine Newton, Special to The Daily Courier

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Bernie Hamm decided after 17 years as volunteer to get out there and do some racing himself.

"I've been doing turn-working since 1989 and have been a huge motor-sports fan much longer than that, so it was definitely time," the 49-year-old Mission resident said.

Hamm joined 14 other rookies for the 51st annual Knox Mountain Hill Climb that this year attracted 89 racers from around the Pacific Northwest. Drivers race one a time, climbing 800 feet over 3.5 kilometres up Knox Mountain trying to post the fastest possible time.

Despite some issues with his tires, Vancouver native Ian Wood captured the King of Hill title with a fastest time of one minute 48.57 seconds.

He drove an eye-catching 1972 Rawlson CR11 Can-Am car with 375 horsepower that he just finished racing in New Zealand.

"It's almost dangerous to drive a car with cold tires, and it takes about 20 swerves to warm them up," said Wood, who has driven here 23 times since 1972. "So, here I am, racing up the straightaway, weaving and swerving to try and get heat on those tires."

The current Hill record is held by John Haftner of Vancouver, who has done it in 1:37.065.

Kelowna resident Allen Reid once again posted the fastest time in the GTO class with his 1962 MGB, reaching the top in 1: 51.387. Reid has held the class record since 2004.

"I have had engine problems in the past, but nothing this year," he said, adding with a grin: "Just a bit of old age."

The warm weather allowed 24 drivers to post personal bests, and this year fans got to see a wide variety of vehicles from open-wheeled Formula cars to modified road cars. Lucky fans who were selected won fast passenger rides up the Hill in either a Ford F150 custom race truck or a Nissan 300 ZX Turbo. Evan Williams of Langley comes from a hill-climbing background in England in the 1960s, and was thrilled to be there, although he blew a head gasket on his historic Formula Atlantic car which ended the weekend event for him. "I love hill climbing, and this is very well-organized event," the 62-year-old said. "And this is very challenging hill, a very challenging drive."

Wood said he remembers many years ago flipping his Lotus Super 7 at Turn 9.

"I landed with a rock under the gas tank and a tree under the front," he said. "But we patched it back together for the next day. You have to make it happen."

Corner No. 5 on the Hill was notorious this weekend for catching drivers and sent a couple of cars into the trees where they had to be extracted by a tow truck at the end of the day.

"I don't know if they were trying for flying lessons, but it bit a couple of them," a laughing Climb Chairman Bruce Newton said. "It's a negative camber corner, so it lifts a little bit, but it was a nice, warm weekend and they were going for it."

Hamm, meanwhile, loved his rookie racing experience on the Hill with his Fiat X1/9, and knows he'll be back again next year – as a driver.

"Oh yes," he said, grinning. "I'll be back, for sure."

MEDIA RELEASE

May 28, 2008

REXALL EDMONTON INDY SECURED UNDER THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT

Edmonton lone Canadian stop on 2008 IndyCar Series schedule

EDMONTON, AB - **It's confirmed** - the Rexall Edmonton Indy shifts into high gear at the Rexall Speedway, July 24-26, 2008.

Northlands, operator of the Rexall Edmonton Indy, has signed a three-year agreement with the Indy Racing League, sanctioning body for the IndyCar Series, to bring the excitement of IndyCar Series racing to the extremely fast and technically challenging Rexall Speedway through 2010. "We welcome the opportunity to partner with the Indy Racing League during such an exciting time," said Ken Knowles, Northlands President. "The Edmonton Indy has a proven track record with terrific support from our fans and partners. Under this new partnership, we expect that this year's event will be the biggest and best to date."

Edmonton becomes the 17th race on the 2008 IndyCar Series schedule. "The city of Edmonton and Northlands have put together a first-class event, and we're excited that we can bring the IndyCar Series to such a great venue," said Terry Angstadt, president of the commercial division for the Indy Racing League. "While drivers such as Justin Wilson and Will Power have raced in Edmonton before, some of our other stars - Danica Patrick, Helio Castroneves, Marco Andretti and Indianapolis 500 winner Scott Dixon - will compete there for the first time. We look forward to a long relationship with the Rexall Edmonton Indy." "In just three years of operation, we have shown that Edmonton is in the top tier of racing cities across North America," commented Jim Haskins, General Manager, Rexall Edmonton Indy.

"This announcement is great news for Edmonton and for race fans across Canada," said Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel. "The economic benefits to our city are extensive and our citizens and corporate sector have really embraced this event, making it one of the most successful racing venues in North America."

Edmonton's biggest summer celebration is set to kick-off in July as Edmonton's Capital EX brings us the thrills of the midway July 17-26 and the Rexall Edmonton Indy takes to the track July 24-26.

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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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.

See you at the races!

Edmonton Indy Schedule

Thursday July 24

0800 - 0845 NASCC Practice
0900 - 1000 Atlantic Championship Practice
1215 - 1300 NASCC Qualifying
1315 - 1445 IndyCar Practice
1545 - 1630 Atlantic Championship Qualifying for Race #1
1645 - 1745 IndyCar Practice

Friday July 25

0800 - 0900 Canadian Tire NASCAR Series Practice
1015 - 1115 IndyCar Practice
1130 - 1215 Atlantic Championship Qualifying for Race #2
1245 - 1345 NASCC Race
1400 - 1430 Canadian Tire NASCAR Series Qualifying
1445 - 1615 IndyCar Qualifying
1645 - 1745 Atlantic Championship Race #1

Saturday July 26

0800 - 0830 Atlantic Championship warmup
1015 - 1045 IndyCar Warmup
1115 - 1230 Canadian Tire NASCAR Series Race
1300 - 1400 Atlantic Championship Race #2
1415 - 1500 IndyCar Pre Race
1500 - 1700 IndyCar Race

Subject to Change

From: www.portlandraceway.com

Mazda Grand Prix of Portland

Champ Car is history, but the July 25-27 weekend will still be a must-see event for fans of road racing.

A Star Mazda Double-header, the Mazda MX-5 Cup cars and the VW TDI Cup series all will be coming to PIR as part of Northwest Speed Week.

We are looking forward to a week of racing including bicycles, drags, motocross, motorcycles, drifting, a time attack and the three pro series.

Look for more information soon.

VW TDI Cup series

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (April 7, 2008) – Volkswagen of America, Inc. announced today the selection of 30 drivers to compete in the all-new Jetta TDI Cup series. The drivers were chosen at a driver selection event April 3-6 at the Firebird Raceway in Phoenix, Ariz.

“We’re offering a unique opportunity for some of the best and brightest drivers to get their start in a factory-backed racing series,” said Stefan Jacoby, president and CEO, Volkswagen of America, Inc. “Through an exhausting driver evaluation process, we looked at a variety of factors including driving ability and potential, media and communication skills and overall fit, to choose the 30 best drivers to help promote Volkswagen and the introduction of our all-new 50-state clean diesel Jetta TDI, and ultimately themselves.”

The Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup series is an innovative approach to motorsports – 30 factory-prepared and managed 2009 Jetta TDI clean-diesels will be piloted by talented, up-and-coming drivers, ages 16 to 26. Volkswagen’s goal is to find the driver with the most talent and help them break into the world of professional motorsports. The Jetta TDI Cup series is sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) Pro Racing Inc.

The concept is as revolutionary as the car, which is powered by a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder TDI, clean diesel engine. The Jetta TDI is lightly modified from spec, featuring race-ready suspension and brakes, and a six-speed double-clutch automatic DSG transmission. Additionally, to highlight its environmental dedication, Volkswagen has partnered with Carbonfund.org to certify the entire race series as carbon free.

“With the Jetta TDI Cup, Volkswagen has created an amazing platform to develop young drivers and expand their knowledge about clean, quiet and powerful diesel technology,” said Robert Wildberger, president and CEO, SCCA Pro Racing, Inc. “We look forward to the series in hopes that it will attract more attention to the drivers and advantages of diesel power.”

In the end, the winner of the race series will be awarded \$100,000 from Volkswagen to aid them in their next steps as a professional racer. An additional \$150,000 will be given to the winner if he or she signs a contract with a professional level team within six months of winning the Jetta TDI Cup series.

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

Investors give Oregon Raceway Park the GREEN flag

May 13, 2008

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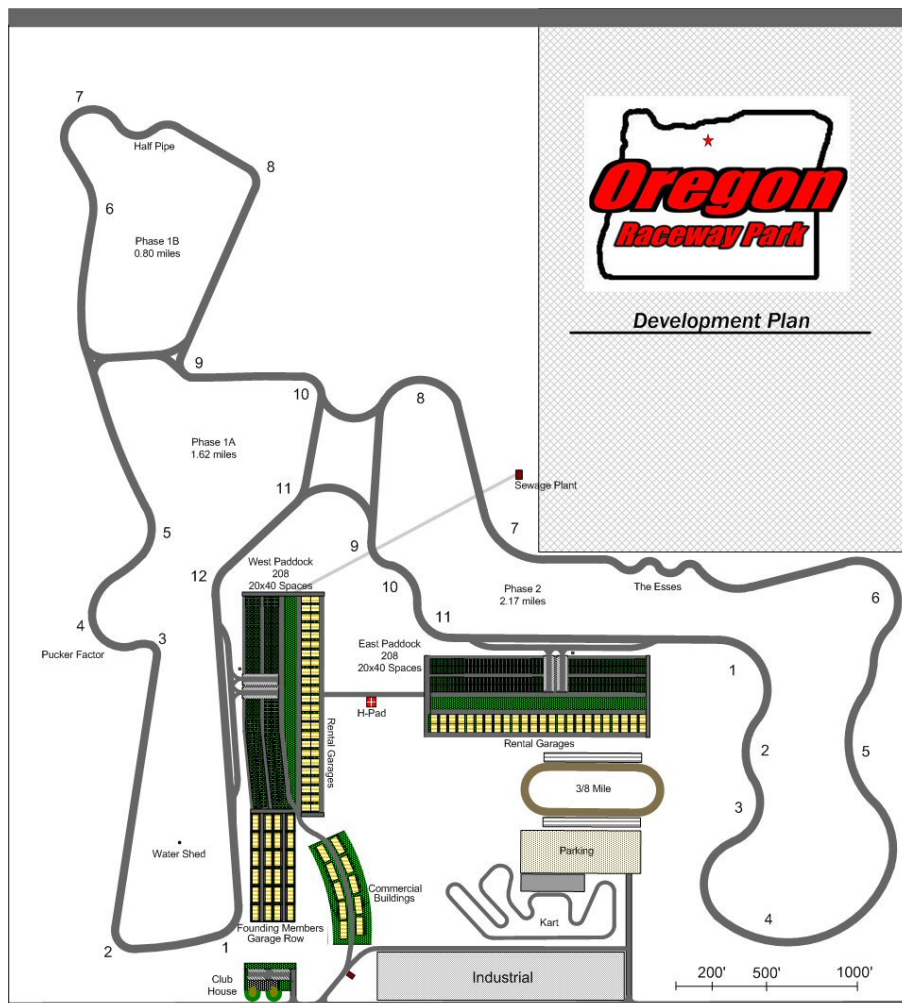
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TC MOTORSPORTS LEADS MUSTANG CHALLENGE- TEAM READY FOR MOSPORT

Auburn, WA —Following a victory at Round #1 of the Miller Cup Mustang Challenge at Road Atlanta, TC Motorsports heads to the high speed and challenging circuit of Mosport in Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada.

The opening round of the Mustang Challenge was a huge success for the TC Motorsports team, dominating every session of the race weekend. ANDREW CADDELL drove the #9 TC Motorsports/Victory Lane Data Mustang FR500S from pole position to a win in this historic first race of the Mustang Challenge Series. Team Principal CARLO SPARACIO started the #8 TC Motorsports/Eprodius.com/Imagecraftwraps.com Mustang FR500S in 21st position after a mechanical failure in qualifying sidelined his Mustang for the entire session. Sparacio moved through the pack during the race to finish 6th overall, and was awarded the BFGoodrich Take Control award for advancing the most positions during the race. RICK EDWARDS, driving the #7 TC Motorsports/EdwardsDDS.com Mustang FR500S suffered a suspension failure during an on track incident with another competitor, which ended his race early.

Round #2 of the Mustang Challenge takes the team to the high speed Mosport circuit outside of Toronto, Ontario, Canada on June 15th in conjunction with the NASCAR Canadian Tire Series Dickies 200 and the Grand-Am Cup Koni Challenge race. The team then heads south to Round #3 at the historic Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio on June 21st for the Emco Gears Classic Grand-Am Daytona Prototype race.

The Mustang Challenge series is a single make professional road race series utilizing the Ford Mustang FR500S. Each car is identical in specification making the racing as close and as fair as possible for the competitors. Each race will have live timing and scoring for all sessions available on the internet, so be sure to visit www.mustangchallenge.com during practice, qualifying and the race to watch all of the action from your computer!

Additional information about the series can be found on the race series website or you may contact the TC Motorsports for additional assistance.

Corporations interested in developing a motorsports marketing campaign at a fraction of the cost of typical motorsports marketing should please direct all proposals to info@tcmotorsports.net.

TC Motorsports, LLC is a client-based motorsports company that provides racecar preparation, maintenance and transportation, as well as full arrive and drive support, driver coaching and racecar rentals for amateur and professional racing series. To find out more, please visit the company website at www.tcmotorsports.net.

Source: TC Motorsports press release

TC Motorsports
www.tcmotorsports.net

Floppy Disk Care

By following the instructions below, you should have error-free, long-lasting floppy disks.

Never leave diskettes in the disk drive, as data can leak out of the disk and corrode the inner mechanics of the drive. Diskettes should be rolled up and stored in pencil holders.

Diskettes should be cleaned and waxed once a week. Microscopic metal particles can be removed by waving a powerful magnet over the surface of the disk. Any stubborn metallic shavings can be removed with scouring powder and soap. When waxing the diskettes, make sure the surface is even. This will allow the diskette to spin faster, resulting in better access time.

Do not fold diskettes unless they do not fit into the drive. "Big" diskettes may be folded and used in "little" disk drives.

Never insert a diskette into the drive upside down. The data can fall off the surface of the disk and jam the intricate mechanics of the drive.

Diskettes cannot be backed up by running them through the xerox machine. If your data is going to need to be backed up, simply insert two diskettes into the drive. Whenever you update a document, the data will be written on both diskettes.

Diskettes should not be inserted or removed from the drive while the red light is flashing. Doing so could result in smeared or possibly unreadable text. Occasionally the red light remains flashing in what is known as a "hung" or "hooked" state. If your system is "hooking" you will probably need to insert a few coins before being allowed access to the slot.

If your diskette is full and you need more storage space, remove the disk from the drive and shake vigorously for 2 minutes. This will pack the data enough (Data Compression) to allow for more storage. Be sure to cover all the openings with scotch tape to prevent loss data.

Access time can be greatly improved by cutting more holes in the diskette jacket. This will provide more simultaneous access points to the disk.

Diskettes may be used as coasters for beverage glasses, provided that they are properly waxed beforehand. Be sure to wipe the diskettes dry before using. (see item 2 above)

Never use scissors and glue to manually edit documents. The data is stored much too small for the naked eye, and you may end up with data from some other document stuck in the middle of your document. Razor blades and scotch tape may be used, however, provided the user is equipped with an electron microscope.

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