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Next META meeting will be MARCH 26, 2008

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

SPEED READING

Mar 9	IRDC Enduro – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Mar 12	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Mar 15&16	BCKCA Winter Cup – CARTBC	BCKCA	Chilliwack, BC
Mar 16	TM Meeting – META Clubhouse	11:00am	Mission, BC
Mar 26	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
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Apr 26&27	Double Regional	SCCA/NWR	Bremerton, Wa
Apr 26&27	Heart of Darkness TSD Rally	WCRA	Fraser Valley, BC

New META Executive

As there was no one to fill the role of META Secretary for 2008 at the AGM in November, META has been without a Secretary for several months.

Thank You to Tasma Wooton for graciously volunteering to step into the vacant position.

Also, due to personal commitments, Angus Glass has resigned as Vice President of META.

Thank You to Roger Salomon for volunteering to fill this position. If anyone else would like to run for Vice President, an election can be held at the next general META meeting, March 26, 2008

Mike's Ramblings:

This past Sunday I had a chance to drive on the new pavement at the Rivers Edge, there are several potential new lines and possible passing strategies, so be prepared for the fall-out the first few races as drivers try out different lines and banzai manoeuvres. Turn one should be real interesting, as drivers try to find their limitations.

I've been reminded that my membership has lapsed, so I'm going to have to ban myself from the Members forum until Thomas receives and processes my membership. I'm sure META Matt & db will get a chuckle out of that. However do take this as a reminder that everyone needs to check their status ... was it a month ago that you sent payment to Thomas or 13 months ago (for me it's all a blur - I was sure I'd paid up... oops). Bowling is coming up on Saturday March 15th at Revs. There is still room for two more bowlers. For those attending, bowling starts at 6 PM.

The demise of the WSC, at least as we knew it, has left the SCCBC membership looking at other options, for some it may be racing at other tracks this year. However we can count on at least one more Honda race, and I've heard talk of members working on proposals for everything from a Japanese hatchback entry series to a Birkitt (essentially a relay enduro/steeple chase).

I've been informed that the Knox Mountain Hill climb is a go, however Vic Kennedy will not be able to make it this year. Vic will probably be absent from a number of other events this year as well.

Vancouver International Auto Show will be March 29th - April 6th, 2008 (Saturdays 10am-10pm, Sundays 10am-6pm, Monday-Friday 3pm-10pm)

If the SCCBC gets space we will be looking for volunteers. Contact me at 604-716-2660 evening or weekends. (or use my contact information on the META website).

Mike Bailey

Recruiting Open House

The Open House held on March 2 was a huge success. We had a good turn out of quality individuals. So far we have 12 on our list of new volunteers. One definite for E Crew - is a firefighter from Ontario has worked F1 in Montreal and owned a drag team. 2 interested in Tech, 1 for Timing & scoring, 1 for PA, and then corner crew. We had several from META, Ecrew, the Chambers group, Dave Nex, Robert Currie - ran out of coffee and donuts. Did track tours so hopefully this will be the beginning of something great. We are going to keep up the newspaper inclusions & try to get more radio ads out. It was the Abbotsford paper where 3 of the individuals had heard about us. Dave Nex is going to organize the training sessions with a meeting with them before driver training.

Leslie & Kevin

The 2008 Bowl for Big Brothers Classic

META is putting together a team to participate in the 2008 Bowl for Big Brothers Classic. Come help us out, click on the link to join our clubs team or sponsor us online.

http://my.e2rm.com/TeamPage.aspx?TSID=177689.

Bowling Centre: REVS 10 Pin, 5502 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby, B.C. V5B 2Z8

Date: Saturday March 15, 2008

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Number of Lanes: 2 (based on 5 bowlers per lane)

This is a fun event, please leave your serious side at home.

Contact Mike Bailey if you wish more details on joining the META team, or go to

www.BIGbeachparty.com for more information on The 2008 Bowl for Big Brothers Classic.

THANK YOU

To all who contributed with their generous donations to the Annual META Awards Banquet and throughout the year

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Hi Everyone

It's that time of year again!!

Race Time!!!

The track is starting to come together, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

<u>The TM Meeting this year will be held at the track.</u> We have many changes this year that we all need to see and experience!

If you have been a TM or ATM in the past, I would encourage you to participate. But anyone may attend, especially if you are wanting to take on more of a role, see the new track before we get started, or if you just want to learn more about how things work.

WHERE: Rivers Edge Raceway

WHEN: 11:00 Sunday March 16th, 2008

Please let me know if you are able to attend and if you have any items from last year that you would like to put on the agenda for the meeting.

Dave Nex

Please reply back the me at: funracing@gmail.com

More Mayday History

submitted by META Historian, Joe Proud

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Hooray! Racing season is about to startand not a moment too soon. My feet are dry, there is no sand in my eyes, and I am running out of stories to amuse myself [and everyone else] with. But with no racing at home [sob] what do we do? Simple! We go south and mooch off our American friends. After all, what are friends for? Expensive? Only if you stay at ritzy hotels and eat at fancy restaurants. What you can do [remembering that the operative word above is "mooch"] is to find out who is going to an out-of-town race and join their party. Caravans are lots of fun and give you a chance to get better acquainted with your fellow workers. People at the various tracks are always willing to open their homes - just bring your sleeping bag and your security blanket. Or, if you are the out-doorsy type, bring a tent and stay right at the track - especially nice in the hot weather.

There is really no excuse for missing all the fun at the track[s] this year! Just grab your bucket, PJ's and teddy [bear, that is] and head on south. The only hard part is learning their language. See y'all there!

Dani Kasburg

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.

CARS ON ICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AND

AWARDS BANQUET

Will be held on

Saturday, April 19th 2008

At

The Sundance Inn

6574 Ladner Trunk Road,

Ladner

(604-946-2521)

Meeting 10:00am - 3:00pm

Happy Hour 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Dinner 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Awards 8:00pm - 9:00pm

Dancing & fun 9:00pm - 1:00am

Contact Sheree Wall for tickets and more information sherann@shaw.ca 604-945-4592

Westcoast Series

West Coast Sports Car Championship was started as a result of the success the SCCBC had at the Molson Indy Vancouver with its Invitational Race. The executive at the time thought that a semi-pro local race series could be established and built up on the coat tails of the Indy Race. It worked.

There was good participation and enthusiasm for the first couple of years due in large part that participation in the series gave the applicants a priority position in their application to compete in the Indy Invitational. The rules during the early years had more to do with the show than pure competitive racing. Thus, even cars that were uncompetitive in class still entered to be part of the big show. Once the Molson Indy disappeared there was not the same motivation for racers to enter the series. Cars uncompetitive in class had no incentive to enter. Thusly eventually the class structure was changed to try and give the racers half a chance of winning their class and the series, and bracket racing was born.

The series unfortunately, despite best efforts by everyone, dwindled down to a dozen and a bit cars per race. The club executive did not want the series to fail and tried to support it through advertising promotion etc, and individually supported the series by competing in it.

Through these efforts the cars counts still did not rise so the executive decided to invest in the series financially and became the series primary sponsor so that prize money was paid out at each event.

Over this whole period it was often discussed as to what could be done to improve the series; rule changes were proposed and implemented to try and attract more cars, but nothing seemed to work. We are still stuck at the level of 13.5 cars per race for an hour long race. There was unhappiness amongst the volunteers. The series was often criticized by club members and non-club members alike.

At the end of 2007 the club executive felt they could not carry the series again at the same level. Very few people turned out to the series rule change meeting further concerning the executive about the lack of support. There were real polar opposite opinions on the way rules should go with one group saying they would not compete if the rules were changed and another saying the wouldn't compete if they weren't. The few series supporters where divided.

A compromise rule package was worked out at the meeting, though few where happy with the result. It was a far cry from the early years' rules meetings where people left with an upbeat, excited and motivated attitude. It felt like the series was just hanging on life support.

The executive had to make a decision on whether to pull the plug and make room for something else to spring up in its place or risk watching the series further decline in the 2008 season. We wanted to give the membership one last kick at the can by allowing them to vote at the AGM suggesting a minimum car count for the series to go ahead in the new year. From the support we had witnessed so far I thought that this might spell the end for the series on the floor of the club meeting. As an alternative to this, to preclude the vote, I suggested that someone be allowed to take over the series and run with it in the same way that Felim operates the CFDA, independent of the executive and the club. This would allow a person to put their vision into a package that they felt would be supported by enough drivers to make the series work and to present it to the club for inclusion at our events. In deference to Kevin & Leslie who have put their hearts and souls into the series I recommended that they be given first opportunity to do this. From what I observed on the floor of the club there was some confusion and perhaps some crossed wires in the translation of this concept. That led to the motion being put on the floor to end the series, which was very unfortunate. The club has had other series come and go and of course no one is happy at the demise of any series. Unfortunately this is a fact of life in racing, unsupported series just don't survive. Racing, thankfully, will carry on.

The club executive and members have been impressed at the work of Chris Doodson who has taken the initiative to put together a one off race that proved to be very popular. The door is always open. The Datsun radial challenge class in the 80's came from a single person's idea. Who knows – we could see the revival of the endurance series. We have club members who have not been racing with us since its demise.

When all is said and done, the loss of the WestCoast may result in the loss of a handful of entries to the club. I recognize that there are members who are hurt by the series demise. I have lost the only opportunity for my car to run in a second race group. I had to set my personal feelings aside and look at the big picture. I hope that all our members can pull together and feed off the enthusiasm for the new track layout and all the positives that that will bring.

Ray Stec

WSC Replacement?

Feb 28th, 2008

The following is an idea to replace the WSC Lets have your input

Race format

Bracket racing – 4 classes P1 (unlimited), P2 (1:17). P3 (1.21) and P4 (1:25) ...subject to revision before season starts

30 min races, no pit stop. Should we get 20+ cars we would go to a 45 min race the following race weekend. 6 race schedule running on both CACC & ICSCC Weekends

Class Preparation Rules

Any closed wheel car (and driver safety items) meeting 2008 ICSCC or 2008 CACC safety regulations. No other Prep rules

Entry

Open to any CACC, ICSCC or SCCA Licence (same as WSC)

Entry fee to be determined by the SCCBC and to include a non-refundable \$50 levy each race to be deposited into a points fund for 100% year-end payout to the entrants. No series registration required

Championship / Points

As per2008 WSC rules

Break Out Penalties

Break out in qualifying results in losing all times for the session

Break out in the race will result in 2 minutes being added to your total race time for the first infraction and 1 min for each additional breakout. Entrants who break out will have the option of reclassifying their car to a faster class at the next event or carrying an approved 100 lb ballast bolted in the front passenger foot well.

All other rules will closely follow the WSC 2008 rules published on the SCCBC web site

Because of the short time frame to implement this series, the administrator will be fully responsible for the rules and enforcement (no time to convene rules change meetings)

Philosophy

Run what you "brung", minimal rules and regulations, get paid some year-end money, be open to everyone and have fun.

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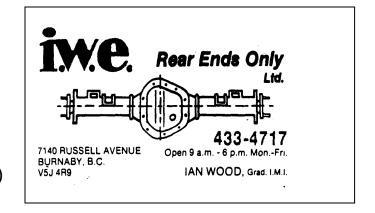
These are my ideas only, they do not carry any endorsement from the SCCBC, and I am open to suggestions. I cannot promise we will be able to deliver this series but if I have your support I will try. Please respond to this thread on the forum ASAP and or email me at kevin@theadworks.ca

ARE YOU INTERESTED

Kevin Skinner

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Pens on Neck string \$1.00 META Decals Static for inside or Stick-On for outside \$.50 each META Pins \$1.50 each Earplugs \$1.00 Training Manuals \$1.00 (Free to new workers)



Club Shirts

White, short sleeve, 'Golf Shirts' with META logo embroidered on front. \$10.00 each

For all club merchandise contact: Ann Peters 604-581-7189 or ann_peters@telus.net

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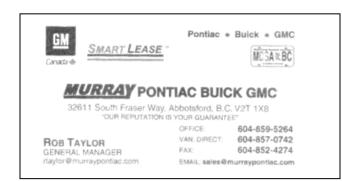
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Year 2008 Race Schedule --- March to July

Date	Event -Track	Club	Location
Mar 9	IRDC Enduro – PR	IRDC	Seattle, Wa
Mar 15&16	BCKCA Winter Cup – CARTBC	BCKCA	Chilliwack, BC
Mar 29&30	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
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Mar 29&30	Westwood Club Race #1 - CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
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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 2/3/4	National / Regional – PIR	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 17&18	Karting Westerns CARTBC	BCKCA	Chilliwack, BC
May 17&18	Knox Mountain Hillclimb	KMMS	Kelowna, BC
May 17&18	Spring Sprints – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
May 24&25&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
May30/31/Jun 1	Rose Cup / National / Regional - PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
May31&Jun 1	CACC Race # 2 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
May 31 & Jun 1	Coastal Club Race #3 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Jun 7&8	ICSCC Race #3 - PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Jun7&8	BC Championships #1	BCKCA	Quesnel, BC
Jun 7&8	Canadian Grand Prix	Formula 1	Montreal, PQ
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
Jul 4/5/6	Double Regional – PIR	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







Legend:

--MRP--

Mission Raceway Park

--PR--

Pacific Raceways

--SRP--

Spokane Raceway

--PIR--

Portland International

Raceway -- CARTBC --

Chilliwack Area Race Track, BC

-- BCKCA --

BC Kart Club Association

--CACC--

Confederation of Autosport Car Clubs

-- CKR --

Coastal Kart Racers
--CSCC-Cascade Sports Car

Club

International Conference of Sports Car Clubs

--IRDC--

International Race Drivers Club

--NWMS--

Northwest Motor Sports

-- SCCA --

Sports Car Club of America

-- SCCA/NWR --

Sports Car Club of America/North West Region

-- SCCA/OR --

Sports Car Club of America/Oregon Region

--SCCBC--

Sports Car Club Of BC

--SOVREN--

Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts

--VRCBC--

Vintage Racing Club of BC

-- WCRA --

West Coast Rally Association

-- WKA --

Westwood Karting Association

Year 2008 Race Schedule --- July to November

Date	Event –Track	Club	Location
Jul 12&13	CACC Race # 3 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jul 12&13	BC Championships #2 – CARTBC	BCKCA	Chilliwack, BC
Jul 12&13	Portland Historic Races-PIR	SOVREN	Portland, Or
Jul 18/19/20	ICSCC Race #5&6 - SRP	NWMS	Spokane, Wa
Jul 19&20	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jul 19&20	Coastal Club Race #5 - CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Jul 19&20	Edmonton Champ Car (Tentative)	IRL	Edmonton, AB
Jul 19&20	Double Regional/Vintage(SOVREN)	SCCA/NWR	Bremerton, Wa
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 - PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Aug 9&10	Karting – Canadian Nationals with IKF – CARTBC	ASN	Chilliwack, BC
Aug 16&17	Historic Motor Races-MRP	VRCBC	Mission, BC
Aug 16&17	ICSCC Race #8 - PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Aug 23&24	Coastal Club Race #6 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Aug 30&31	ICSCC Race #9&10 - MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
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Aug 30&31 &	Columbia River Classic – PIR	SOVREN	Portland, Or
Sep 1			
Sep 6&7	Regional – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Sep 6&7	Westwood Club Race #6 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
Sep 13&14	ICSCC Race #11 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Sep 20&21	CACC Race # 4 - MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Sep 20&21	Coastal Club Race #7 – CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Sep 20&21	Fall Finale – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
Sep 27&28	ICSCC Race #12 - PR	IRDC/TC	Seattle, Wa
Sep 27&28	Double Regional	SCCA/NWR	Bremerton, Wa
Oct 4&5	Westwood Club Race #7 – CARTBC	WKA	Chilliwack, BC
Oct 11&12	CACC Race # 5 - MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Oct 11&12	ICSCC Race #13 - ORP (Tentative)	TC	Oregon Raceway Park
Oct 18&19	Coastal Club Race #8 - CARTBC	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Oct 18&19	Regional – PIR	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Oct 18&19	Pacific Forest Stage Rally	WCRA	Merritt, BC
Oct 25	Cascade Enduro – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Oct 25&26	Midnight TSD Rally	IRC	Nanaimo, BC
Oct 25&26	Indy 300 (Tentative)	IRL	Surfers Paradise, Australia
Nov 15&16	Totem TSD Rally	WCRA	BC Interior







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Best 'Out of Office' Automatic Email Replies:

- 1. I am currently out of the office at a job interview and will reply to you if I fail to get the position. Please be prepared for my mood.
- 2. You are receiving this automatic notification because I am out of the office. If I was in, chances are you wouldn't have received anything at all.
- 3. Sorry to have missed you, but I'm at the doctor's having my brain and heart removed so I can be promoted to our management team.
- 4. I will be unable to delete all the emails you send me until I return from vacation. Please be patient, and your mail will be deleted in the order it was received.
- 5. Thank you for your email. Your credit card has been charged \$5.99 for the first 10 words and \$1.99 for each additional word in your message.
- 6. The email server is unable to verify your server connection. Your message has not been delivered. Please restart your computer and try sending again. (The beauty of this is that when you return, you can see who did this over and over...)
- 7. Thank you for your message, which has been added to a queuing system. You are currently in 352nd place, and can expect to receive a reply in approximately 19 weeks.
- 8. Hi, I'm thinking about what you've just sent me. Please wait by your PC for my response.
- 9. I've run away to join a different circus.
- 10. I will be out of the office for the next two weeks for medical reasons. When I return, please refer to me as 'Lucille' instead of Steve.