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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 faxed or e-mailed to the Editor.

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Next META meeting will be

MAY 28, 2008

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

SPEED READING

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-Jun 1	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
Jun 6&7	Northwest Tour Stock Car Race – Pacific Raceways	ASA	Seattle, Wa
Jun 7&8	ICSCC Race #3 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Jun 7&8	BC Championships #1	BCKCA	Quesnel, BC
Jun 7&8	Canadian Grand Prix	Formula 1	Montreal, PQ
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

May 17-18 is gonna be very busy!!!!

Knox Mountain Hillclimb - Kelowna, BC

Knox is always looking for experienced workers, if you can help please contact Dave Kirby from WCIRABC.

Western Canadian Karting Championship - Chilliwack, BC

Also in need of experienced workers, if you can't make it to Knox then give Karting a try. Contact Mike Bailey for more information

And if that's not enough then how about Vintage in Seattle
SOVREN Spring Sprints at Pacific Raceways also on May 17-18.

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.

Northwest & Montana Regions SCCA

presents

The 28th Annual Double Nationals

With

Double National, Restricted Regional, Track Trials

May 24-25-26, 2008 Pacific Raceways, Kent, WA

Contact Mike Evans for more information: mdel2@comcast.net

Sports Car Club of British Columbia

presents

“Volunteer Appreciation Weekend”

May 31 & June 1, 2008

Featuring the Honda Challenge

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.

ASA Northwest Tour Stock Car Series

presents

2008 Blue Water Wireless Road Course Challenge

June 6 & 7, 2008.....Pacific Raceways

40 Lap Main Event.....\$35,000 purse.....\$5,000 to Win

Friday

Practice 1:00pm – 7:00pm

Saturday

Practice 9:30am – 11:30 am

Qualifying 11:45am – 1:30pm

Racing Starts 2:00pm – Ends at 40 laps or 8:00pm

Cascade Sports Car Club

presents

Chicane Challenge XVI

June 7th & 8th 2008

This is a Chicane race run from the Pro Pits

Entry to PIR will be through Turn 8 only

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.

Karting needs your help!!!!!!

The Westwood Karting Association has several larger races this year at the 1.4 km Chilliwack sprint track, CARTBC. We would be very grateful if any META members would be interested in helping us with Corner Marshalling at those major events.

The races are:

1. *Western Canadian Karting Championship* - May 17 & 18, approx. 100 entries
2. *BC Karting Championship* - July 12 & 13, approx. 80 entries
3. *IKF Sprint Gold Cup* - Aug 8 - 10, approx. 150 entries.

Thanks

Stan Crocker,

VP Road Race, Westwood Karting Association
(Contact Mike Bailey for more information)

Ice Racers Work the Hill

51st Knox Mountain Hillclimb

May 17/18

The Knox Mountain Hillclimb, is the longest annually running paved hillclimb event in North America.

The Knox Mountain Hillclimb is coming up on the Victoria Day long weekend (17-19 May) and the organizers are looking for experienced workers. For the past five years, a number of members of WCIRABC have been going up to 'work turns' at this event, last year we provided workers for about half the turns on the hill. I think our knowledge about flags, radios and general racing safety is greatly appreciated (and needed). For those of you who haven't been to Knox, have a look at their website, www.knoxmtnhillclimb.ca

In previous years, our group has camped in the pit area at the bottom of the hill alongside participating drivers, their cars and support teams.

Those of us who have been going up have found it to be a lot of fun, a very sociable weekend without the pressures of actually running the show. The turn work is quite basic - just one RED flag, fire extinguishers, a couple of brooms and a radio. Rebuilding tire walls can be physically demanding, as well as going up and down the race surface making sure it is clean.

Please let me know if you're interested in coming, any and all volunteers are welcome. If you have friends who might want to join us, send me their e-mail addresses and I'll put them on the mailing list.

Any META members wanting to join the fun, please contact me at dmskirby@telus.net or 604-275-3857

Thanks for your help.

Dave Kirby

Western Canadian Ice Racing Association of BC

PHILLIPS: Thanks for Everything

Written by: David Phillips

Senior writer, RACER Magazine

<http://www.racer.com> Date: 04/22/2008 - 11:26 AM

Location: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Alex Zanardi. Cristiano da Matta. Phil Krueger. They owe their lives to the men and women of what was variously known as the Horton/CART/Champ Car/Holmatro Safety Team.

Derek Daly. Rick Mears. Mark Blundell. Scott Goodyear. Bryan Herta. Christian and Emerson Fittipaldi. Ty Manseau. Their potentially devastating injuries were ameliorated by the initial responders of the Horton/CART/Champ Car/Holmatro Safety Team.

The list of race drivers who found the Horton/CART/Champ Car/Holmatro Safety Team at their side almost before their crashed racecars ground to a halt? Virtually endless.

Wanna talk about quick response? Go to You Tube, enter "Katherine Legge Road America."

As was once well known, the genesis of the Horton/CART/Champ Car/Holmatro Safety Team dates to the 1981 Michigan 500 when Carl Horton, owner of America's leading ambulance and emergency vehicle manufacturing company, saw the pits nearly engulfed in an inferno resulting from Herm Johnson's botched pit stop.

"What I saw on TV that day started me thinking about what I could do to help," said Horton. "I had been sponsoring racecars and motorcycles for some time, but I decided to put that money to better use."

That "better" use featured a team of specially trained medical and rescue personnel and state of the art vehicles at all CART events, including one unit designed especially for the limited confines of pit lane and mobile trauma care center. Simply put, "The Horton Safety Team" was a quantum leap over anything previously seen in motorsports. Under the direction of Steve Edwards and, later, Lon Bromley (and in collaboration with CART/Champ Car medical directors Dr. Steve Olvey and Chris Pinderski) the safety team became the gold standard for motorsports rescue and medical care. It's no exaggeration to say that it was the catalyst for dramatic upgrades in on-track rescue and medical operations around the world, up to and including Formula 1.

When the Horton Company's sponsorship of the program concluded following Carl Horton's retirement CART (and, later, Champ Car) continued underwriting the safety team program until Holmatro Safety Tools stepped up to the plate to sponsor the team last year.

No matter the nomenclature, the team was so expert at its job that it became commonplace to see rescue vehicles arriving at the scene of an accident while bits and pieces from the stricken racecars were still careening down the racetrack. Indeed, I recall watching Gerhard Berger's spectacular crash at Imola on TV in '89 and thinking it took an absolute eternity—at least by Champ Car standards—for F1's first responders to get to the accident.

But the Holmatro Safety Team did more than tend to drivers involved in accidents. They removed the wrecked cars and cleaned up the accident scene with remarkable efficiency, ensuring as many green flag racing laps for the spectators as possible. Less spectacular were the everyday services offered by the Holmatro Safety Team personnel, from IVs for dehydrated drivers and team members, to treating fans who twisted ankles on bleacher steps and, on at least one occasion, providing electromassage therapy for a journalist suffering from a herniated disc.

Like so many aspects of what was variously known as the CART PPG Indy Car World Series, the CART FedEx Championship, Bridgestone Presents the Champ Car World Series Powered by Ford and (finally) the Champ Car World Series, the Horton/CART/Champ Car/Holmatro Safety Team passed into memory with the fall of the checkered flag on Sunday's Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. It would be nice to think some other sanctioning body might acquire the Holmatro Safety Team lock, stock and barrel and, in doing do, dramatically enhance its own safety operations.

(Cont'd)

That probably isn't going to happen. But the next best thing would be for sanctioning bodies, racetracks and events to take advantage of the priceless knowledge and experience of some of the safety team personnel . . . which they can do thanks to the fact that Bromley, director of safety for CART/Champ Car and the Safety Team since 1988, has established Safety1Motorsports (<http://www.safety1motorsports.com>).

Of course, many (but not all) of America's top professional motorsports series have already established rescue and safety programs that seek to emulate the Horton/CART/Champ Car/Holmatro Safety Team. In itself, that is eloquent testimony to the job the Holmatro Safety Team has performed these past 24 years. All I can add—and I speak for everyone who has driven a Champ Car, serviced one or performed any of the thousand and one jobs associated with a Champ Car event—is to say “Thanks.”

MEDIA RELEASE

April 14, 2008

EDMONTON JOINS INDY RACING LEAGUE STARTING GRID

Rexall Edmonton Indy takes to the track July 24-26

EDMONTON, AB – Auto racing fans across North America can expect to see the best in open wheel racing as the Rexall Edmonton Indy is set to drive into high gear July 24 -26, pending confirmation by the Indy Racing League (IRL) and the Federation Internationale de L'automobile (FIA).

Edmonton's biggest summer celebration will kick off in July as Edmonton's Capital EX brings the thrills of the midway from July 17 – 26 and the Rexall Edmonton Indy draws the biggest names in motor racing to the city.

Tickets for the Rexall Edmonton Indy are on sale now through Ticketmaster or online at edmontonindy.com. Three-day grandstand packages for one of the most exciting racing events in the world start as low as \$125.

In 2007, the Grand Prix of Edmonton attracted over 167,000 spectators while injecting over \$25 million into the Edmonton economy.

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