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Next META meeting will be
AUGUST 26, 2009

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

SPEED READING

Aug 12	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western, North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Aug 15&16	Driver Training – MRP	SCCBC Mission, BC
Aug 15&16	ICSCC Race #8 – PIR	CSCC Portland, Or
Aug 22&23	Coastal Club Race #10 – GMR	CKR Chilliwack, BC
Aug 22&23	Grand Prix of Sonoma	IRL Sonoma, Ca
Aug 26	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30 New West, BC
Aug 29&30	Double	SCCANWR Bremerton, Wa
	Regional/Vintage(SOVREN)	
Aug 29 &30	Crestline TSD Rally	IRC BC Interior
Sep 5&6&7	ICSCC Race #9&10 & WSC #4 – MRP	SCCBC Mission, BC
Sep 5&6&7	Columbia River Classic – PIR	SOVREN Portland, Or
Sep 9	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western, North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Sep 12&13	Coastal Club Race #11 & #12 – GMR	CKR Chilliwack, BC
Sep 12&13	ICSCC Race #11 – PIR	CSCC Portland, Or
Sep 19&20	CACC Race #4 & Children's Charity Grand Prix– MRP	SCCBC Mission, BC
Sep 19&20	Westwood Club Race #7 – MRP	WKA Mission, BC
Sep 19&20	Fall Finale – PR	SOVREN Seattle, Wa
Sep 19&20	Heart of Darkness TSD Rally	WCRA Fraser Valley, BC
Sep 23	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30 New West, BC
Sep 26&27	Maryhill Loops Hillclimb	SOVREN Goldendale, Wa
Sep 26&27	ICSCC Race #12 – PR	IRDC Seattle, Wa

Westwood50 Thanks,

What a great job you and your crews did all weekend. I hope it was as much fun for you as it was for us. Considering the grid sizes and the number of times folks were on track there were minimal issues and only one serious (solo) accident. We do not get to play without you. I hope we treated you well.

Our very sincere appreciation.

Jim Latham, President, VRCBC

There are no minutes this month for the July META meeting as there were not enough members present for a quorum. From META policies and procedures: "A Quorum, at any regular or special meeting of the Association, shall consist of twenty per cent (20%) of the total paid up membership, or a minimum of 3 members."

Don Souter



(Missing Man Formation)

As most of you know by now we lost Don Souter in a plane crash Sunday August 2. Don was on his way to Courtenay to have dinner with his sister when his plane suffered a catastrophic structural failure.

Most of us knew Don from the track, whether in Tech or on the corners; Mission, Seattle, Portland; Champcar/Indycar, Vintage, Ice race and so on, but Don was also very much involved in flying and photography and often combined his love of both at such events as the Reno Air Races and the Arlington fly-in to name just 2.

Don had been a pilot for close to 25 years but only just bought his own plane earlier this year. Don came close to combining all 3 of his passions when he planned on flying his own plane to the Edmonton IRL race, unfortunately a problem with his transponder prevented that from happening. Don still went to Edmonton but very disappointed not to have flown himself.

News of Don's death spread quickly through the Racing and Flying communities and forums which shows just how well liked Don was, he always had a smile and a kind word, and he will be missed. A celebration of Don's life during the upcoming Conference long weekend in September is being planned, details of which will be sent out closer to the time.

Funeral arrangements have not been made as of this printing but cards can be sent to Don's sister at:

Mrs. Anna Bruce
419 Davis Street
Comox, BC V9M 1K4

From July 2005 Mayday

Worker Profile: Don W. Souter

Family: *Dad—Bill in Coquitlam, Sister-Anna Niece-Maggie, Brother in law-John-Courtenay*

Birthplace: *Burnaby General*

Occupation: *Equipment operator / Truck driver -- City of Burnaby*

Hobbies/Activities outside of racing: *Flying and almost anything to do with it Photography, computers*

Customary/favorite job at track: *Flagging (fri eve.tech??)*

How and why did you get involved in race working and/or META. *The Vancouver Indy-- A friend thought I might enjoy it--so he had me come to Westwood and do some flagging etc. Thought that I would enjoy working with the racecars and the people.*

What do you like most about it? *Friends / fast cars / SPEED / travel*

What do you like least about it? *The ending of the weekend. Having to pack up and come home.*

If you could attend any race, in any capacity, where and what would you choose? *The old "British Grand Prix". Because of the pure adrenaline---as a driver.*

Do you have any racing or race working "heroes"? Who are they? *The early racers who " just got the job done" by climbing into some of the old machines and going faster than anyone would believe.*

What is your Favorite:

Track? *current--Seattle--- old WESTWOOD*

Turn? *Seattle-2b or 4(because you get to see so much of the track and get a real "feel " for the race*

First year event? *Vancouver Indy--because it was the first.*

Race group? *GT-1 GT-2*

What race stands out the most in your memory, and why? *Working my first Portland Indy. I worked what is now the "exit to festival curves" was then almost at the end of the "front straight" with no bends the speeds were incredible.*

What things would you be sure to tell a new worker if s/he asked for your advice? *Dress warm--carry clothes for every kind of weather (even if it is not forecast) PAY ATTENTION-and have fun*

What is your favorite:

Food? *Steak / crab*

Relaxation activity? *Flying*

Book? *Reach for the Sky--Paul Brickhill (biography of Douglas Bader---legless British Spitfire ace)*

Movie? *Star Wars*

Magazine? *Sport Aviation*

Car? *'69 Camaro*

Dream car? *'76 Lambourginni Diablo (I got to drive one at Carter Pontiac when they were a dealer)*

Are you a frustrated racer? What car would you race? *Yes. The Diablo*

What thing would you most like to have an opportunity to do?

In Life: *Get to fly myself to a race event(in my own P51)--then hop in my race car.....//*

At the Track: *compete for a series title----and flag a perfect race.*

Final Comments:

I hope that I have at least shed a little "light" for everyone--not stepped on too many toes and count all as friends for many years to come.





CARS ON ICE ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ

WHEN?



Saturday, August 15, 2009
Three o'clock pm until you want to leave

WHERE?

3741 Oakdale Street, Port Coquitlam




WHY?

Because it's fun to get together in  weather!

WHAT TO BRING?



- Your main dish (steak, chicken, burger, dog, etc.)
- Something to share with everyone (salad, dessert, appie, buns, chips, dip, etc.)
- Your favourite beverage 
- Lawn chair
- Easy-Up if you have one and the weather is asking for it!!!

R.S.V.P.?



Yes please - 604-945-4592 or sherann@shaw.ca

From ICSCC Forum: <http://www.icscc.com/forums/index.php>

Attention volunteers!

Dear Volunteers

As you are probably aware (see the commercial posts) Star Projects will be presenting Event #4 at Oregon Raceway Park Sunday, August 30th. This is a fundraiser to help Team Continental with the expenses of our upcoming race in October. I need to be sure we have enough people to safely staff the track day event.

The preceding day, Saturday the 29th, will be the O.R.P. Open House. This event should have a great party atmosphere. To encourage worker participation, I have arranged overnight accommodations at the Wild Winds Ranch (overlooking the North Bowl), for those that will be staying to work the S.T.A.R. event on Sunday. The place has two baths and sleeps quite a few and there is lots of room to throw a sleeping bag. There is also lawn to throw up a tent for those so inclined.

Please let me know soon if I can count on you to be there, so I can finalize plans.

Bill Murray

S.T.A.R. Projects

Event Coordinator

503-358-2617

Targa Canada West

The idea of holding a targa rally in BC is not an old one, especially since Canada already has an event on the east coast. However, up until now it has only been a dream. Enter Dr. Kelly Silverthorn, the founder and a man who has the vision to bring such an event to the west coast.

With currently only three events – Targa New Zealand, Targa Tasmania and Targa Newfoundland – each one brings its own unique flavor to the targa format, a week long race with real cars competing on tarmac roads. The roads will be closed to the public throughout the event and cars will race against the clock to accrue the least amount of penalty points.

We are fortunate here in BC and the west coast of the continent to have not only the incredible passion for the automobile and racing but also a large core of dedicated motorsport volunteers. Both these groups will be necessary to be able to make this event the one not to miss for 2010.

TCW will bring together the best racers from all levels of motorsport: track cars, classic & vintage racers, rallyists, slalom cars and weekend motor enthusiasts. In classic targa rally format, teams of driver and co-driver will be flagged off at thirty-second intervals to navigate the route, racing against the clock and each other. Teams will be broken down into six speed categories, based on the safety equipment in the car and the experience of the team. There will be sub categories so there is a place for everyone to enter.

The course will be laid out over five full days of racing and one prologue day, with a total distance of 600 stage kms and 1200 transit kms. The rally will start and end in Kelowna on the banks of beautiful Lake Okanagan, and will tour through the interior and Kootenays of British Columbia. Overnight halts will be in the towns of Osoyoos, Nelson and Vernon. Entry will be capped at 120 cars and the early entry fee will be \$4000usd, for the rally that will run from the Canadian holiday of Victoria Day to the USA holiday of Memorial Day; Sunday May 23rd to Friday May 28th 2010

Glyn Trafford

Competition Director – Targa Canada West 2010

For more information contact the above at: targawest@shaw.ca or 250-246-8282 or www.targacanadawest.com

SPORTS CAR CLUB OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Race Drivers Committee Presents:

Race Driver Training 2009

at River's Edge Road Course

Saturday August 15 & Sunday August 16, 2009

CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB

Presents

Cascade Memorial

August 15th & 16th 2009

Presented by FAST SPECIALTIES

This is a Chicane race run from the Pro Pits

This race is sanctioned by ICSCC, under the 2009 Competition Regulations as a championship race, organized by Cascade Sports Car Club and held at Portland International Raceway.

Sports Car Club of British Columbia

presents

THE "Double Your Pleasure" WEEKEND

September 5/6/7 2009

Featuring the 'Westcoast Sportscar Championship'
Round 4

This event is sanctioned by ICSCC as a championship points race conducted under the 2009 ICSCC regulations and organized by the Sports Car Club of British Columbia at Mission Raceway Park in Mission, BC.

CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB

Presents

Doernbecher Dash XXV

September 12th & 13th 2009

This is a Chicane race run from the Pro Pits

This race is sanctioned by ICSCC, under the 2009 Competition Regulations as a championship race, organized by Cascade Sports Car Club and held at Portland International Raceway.

WELCOME TO CHUMPCAR

Yes! It's unfortunately true... it's another series for \$500 race cars! It's ChumpCar!

Welcome to the ChumpCar World Series teaser web page. We're not quite ready to launch our full and complete website, but we wanted to let you know what's coming... so you can make your plans, build your cars and get ready to go racing! ChumpCar is North America's newest Enduro road racing series for down-home, grassroots race teams. Put your back-yard engineering marvel on the track and run real endurance races – up to 24 hours – on some of the finest racetracks and road courses across the country. May the best team win... and would everyone else please stop laughing!

2009 Inaugural ChumpCar World Series Event @ Portland International Raceway

31 October - 1 November

...we're having a Halloween Party with a 24-hour race! But wait... there's more! How about a 2-hour Vespa Grand Prix, too!

What's this all about?

It's all about having fun and bringing road racing back to where it was 50-years ago. No, it's not about racing 50-year old cars... it's about reducing the cost of racing and making it available to everyone while maximizing safety. It's about racing a \$500 car and making it last for 24 hours. That takes effort... that requires some planning... that means your knuckles are going to get scraped-up a little. It's about creating and being a part of a motorsports "happening" – like Burning Man on wheels... or Woodstock with 20-50W. ChumpCar is about professionally managed, well-regulated racing events on professional tracks with a special focus on driver, team, worker and guest safety. ChumpCar events award monetary prizes to race and theme winners, while simultaneously promoting contributions to local charities at each venue. More than anything, it's about meeting a bunch of people who are just as crazy, just as passionate, and just as caffeinloaded as you are when the sun finally comes up and you realize that you still have another 6 hours of racing to go! Damn!

(Chumpcar Cont'd)

Should I have my head examined?

Yep. No doubt about it. This is insanity at its finest. I mean, how many people do you know that would climb into a \$500 race car and push that car beyond 42 miles an hour for extended periods of time, lap after lap? Well, actually, you better know three more people like that. You see, you'll need a team of four (4) drivers for our double 7-hour Enduros and six (6) drivers for ChumpCar's 24-hour endurance races, plus we'd like to see every team have a designated Team Captain that's not a driver. Someone who the Chief Steward can talk to when one of your teammates screws up. That won't be pretty, but somebody's got to do it. We've worked hard to develop this series into a fun event that's as safe as possible... and the tracks that we hold our events are among the best, the most sophisticated and the safest in the world. Regardless, go see a shrink before sending in your entry form.

What tracks is the ChumpCar World Series running at?

For the 2009-2010 season, we've secured dates at Portland International Raceway, Homestead-Miami Speedway, Rockingham Speedway, Texas Motor Speedway, Infineon Sears Point Raceway, Gateway Motor Speedway, Sebring Raceway, Putnam Park, GingerMan Raceway, Sandia Motorsports Park and others. Keep up-to-date by watching the event schedule on our website.

Is there prize money for the winners or are we running for some stupid trophy?

Hey! That stupid trophy will be around long after you've spent the prize money, so don't bash it! Yes, ChumpCar does award prize money to the top three (3) places of each event. For a 24-hour endurance race, First Place will receive \$1,500; Second Place will receive \$1,000; and, Third Place will receive \$500. For a double Enduro event, each day's race Winner will receive \$750, with each day's Second Place finisher receiving \$500, and \$250 to each Third Place finisher. ChumpCar will also award \$250 to best theme and \$250 to the best engineering concept of the race, along with (stupid) trophies for a long list of crazy awards – like the "Darwin Award" or the "Best Japanese Car & American Horsepower Entry." (Engine swap, anyone?) ChumpCar will also award other contingency prizes that we may arrange through sponsors and advertisers.

Why in the world is ChumpCar doing this?

We ask ourselves the same thing... every day.

Got a comment, suggestion, idea, or want to ramble on about nothing? Send us an e-mail with your thoughts...

info@chumpcar.com



From the Westwood50 Gala banquet came a unique rendition of the classic song
MacArthur Park

Ian Wood and Mike Tate's very own
"Mac Westwood Park"

Spring 58 they raced their last "Swan Song",
at Abbotsford airport,
With no place left to play,
Doc Wilson and the Sports Car Club forged
on,
With help from Earl Westwood....
Found us all a place to stay

Chorus:

...but Westwood Park just melted in the
dark,
All those pesky golf balls flowing down,
They built that "Street of Dreams" up in the
rain,
I don't think that I can take it,
'cause it took so long to make it,
And we'll never round that "Carousel" again!
Oh No!

I recall Jacques and Gilles went up that hill,
...Mike Andretti... Stirling Moss,
And "My Hiro" Japanese,
Vince would Howlett out loud and clear,
And we'd all seek the checker,
Through the trees

... but Westwood Park just melted in the
dark,
All those pesky golf balls flowing down,
They built that "Street of Dreams" up in the
rain,
I don't think that I can take it,
'cause it took so long to make it,
And we'll never down that "Valley Curve"
again!
Oh No...Oh No!

There would be a Honda in Turn 3,
Someone had rolled it.
Cars out brake themselves into Turn 4.
And w would scold it!
We would drink beer while it was warm,
Tell lies munch on burgers over at Turn 2,
...and after all the tracks in our lives,
After all the loves in our lives.
'Westwood' it's you!
Tom would place his Johnston in warm hands,
And they would race in it,
Enter his Ford in the Pepsi Pro,
And place in it,
We would drink Labatts and smoke our
Players,
Not caring about Hilda's debentures!

....And after all the tracks in our lives,
After all the loves in our lives,
We'll be thinking of you,
And wondering'Why'?

but Westwood Park just melted in the dark,
All those pesky golf balls flowing down,
They built that "Street of Dreams" up in the
rain,
I don't think that I can take it,
'cause it took so long to make it,
And we'll never crest Ron's "Deer's Leap"
again!
Oh No... Oh No!

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