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Next META meeting will be
MAY 27, 2009

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

SPEED READING

May 13	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
May 16&17	Karting -- Westerns -- GMR	BCKCA	Chilliwack, BC
May 16&17	Knox Mountain Hillclimb	KMMS	Kelowna, BC
May 16&17	Westwood Club Race #2 – MRP	WKA	Mission, BC
May 16&17	Spring Sprints – PR	SOVREN	Seattle, Wa
May 23 - 25	Double National – PR	SCCA/NWR	Seattle, Wa
May 24	Indianapolis 500	IRL	Indianapolis, Ind
May 27	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
May 30&31	CACC Race #2 & WSC #1– MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
May 30&31	Westwood Club Race #3 – MRP	WKA	Mission, BC
Jun 6&7	Coastal Club Race #5 & #6 – GMR	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Jun 6&7	ICSCC Race #3 – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Jun 10	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Jun 12 - 14	Rose Cup Races & Trans-Am	SCCA/OR	Portland, Or
Jun 13&14	Westwood Club Race #4 & IKF Sprint Race – GMR	WKA / IKF	Chilliwack, BC
Jun 13&14	Mountain Trials Stage Rally	WCRA	Merritt, BC
Jun 20&21	ICSCC Race#4 & WSC#2 – MRP	SCCBC	Mission, BC
Jun 24	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Jun 27&28	Coastal Club Race #7 – GMR	CKR	Chilliwack, BC
Jun 27&28	Northwest Tour Stock Car Race	ASA	Seattle, Wa
	– PR		

52nd Annual Knox Mountain Hillclimb

Greetings everyone, once again the Knox Hillclimb organizers are looking for volunteers. I have sent an e-mail to Bryan & Allen, saying that I would try to get some workers for the event, I think this will be the 5th or 6th year we've helped out. Please let me know if you're interested in participating this year

Dave Kirby dmskirby@telus.net
WCIRABC

Or contact Bryan Fulton bryanfulton@shaw.ca or allenreid13@shwa.ca if you can help us out.

Thanks

Allen Reid

Mike's Ramblings:



The Answer to last month's question is:

On 23rd September, 1961 Oulton Park witnessed a unique piece of motorsport history when Stirling Moss took the Ferguson P99 to victory in the International Gold Cup event. This is the only occasion that a 4-wheel-drive car has won a Formula 1 race. Stirling Moss later became an honorary SCCBC member. More information can be found in the April 2009 Pit Pass: <http://www.sccbc.net/pitpass/2009/Apr09pp.pdf>.

This month's question is:

What Manufacturer won the 2003 24 hours of Le Mans?.

- Thanks to Mark Miller for suggesting this one.

Our First race of the season at Rivers Edge saw two significant incidents, but only one saw serious car carnage and both drivers walked away unscathed. I hope this bodes well for the rest of the race season. The driver of the Corvette that crashed in turn 6 told me he expects to have the car repaired and back on the track for the next race at Mission, in spite of the amount of bent and broken body work and badly damaged suspension.

Steve Paquette's Porsche only suffered a flat tire, a broken line to the oil cooler, a broken rear wing, and minor cosmetic damage on the front. I think Steve only did the soft roll between turns one and two to break Malcolm Curtis in gently on his first solo test as a course marshal.

Terry Ward's new car should make for some good competition between him and Steve, and I look forward to them doing battle the rest of the year, it was an awesome site to see them come out of turn one so close together after the drop of the green flag before Steve's car went sideways. I think Terry got the jump on Steve because the twin turbos hadn't spooled up yet when the green flag dropped, but time will tell.

The new turn stations seem to work out well and I look forward to an opportunity to try them out in person, so far I have only heard positive feedback. Understandably our Course Marshals wanted to try the stations out first.

For those that aren't aware I have an events calendar at http://meta.bc.ca/shedules/META_Calendar.html by clicking the Print icon it prints the calendar only. The 'Agenda' tab shows the upcoming dates as a list (this can also be printed out). This started as my personal race calendar, then I decided to publish it and add a few more events that I thought members might be interested in. I wouldn't mind finding out what everyone in the club is interested in seeing on the calendar or if they would even look at it (I find it is a nice graphical snapshot of which weekends have conflicts). I'll continue to make it public regardless, however, if just a couple of us use it I will only put events on it that I wish to follow and I won't attach as much information to the events (clicking on an event brings up more information and more options). I may also opt to use this calendar in place of the schedule on the Announcements page of the META web site. As always I am open to suggestions on how to grow and improve the META web site.

I do apologise to the club for not getting the META fire extinguishers recharged at for the beginning of the season, Roger has assured me that he will look after them before the next race. I also realized, now that it is too late, that we missed an opportunity to do some fire training. Since the extinguishers needed to be recharged anyway it would have been a cheap training session.

Westwood50 update

The Westwood50 is a three day event so if you possibly can, please plan to attend the Friday as well. I was invited to the last VRCBC executive meeting along with the SCCBC executive and was asked if I had an idea of how many workers would attend for the Friday as well as being asked on my feelings for having longer than normal race days.

Based on the feedback I had received from the few workers I had a chance to talk to before the meeting I stuck my head in the noose and said we should be able to man the track all three days, and that since this is a premier event we should be able to put in the time to make the event a success. I hope I have the memberships support in making the Westwood50 the biggest event to date at Rivers Edge. So far the response for those wishing to attend has been significant enough that the VRCBC needed to be assured they could continue to plan the event to accommodate as many cars as possible. A Formula Ford race is planned, Fords from all years are eligible, and a full grid is expected. Unfortunately I'm not sure if they can fit another grid for other formula cars into the schedule.

I expect to see many cars we have never seen up here before, including a couple of Tyrrells along with the transporter (this entry has not been confirmed yet).

It looks like a lot of the cars that have raced at Westwood may only do parade laps or lapping sessions (passing rules are the same as used for Solo One with a full grid of cars), SCCBC decided on this format to allow as many cars as possible to participate (several of the potential entrants would not meet current safety standards for racing). The VRCBC is adamant that all cars meet the Sovren rules for their grids since it will be part of the REV series, unfortunately this eliminates many cars that used to race at Westwood in later years (Fender Flairs, Wings, Air Dams, and Spoilers are not likely to be permitted). I do not foresee a loosening of these rules. To put things into perspective, Randy Custer's ugly white Ford Anglia would not qualify even if he cleaned up the body work and painted it (those that remember this car racing at Westwood probably also remember seeing it pass a Porsche and know the rear wing and ugly flairs is part of it's character). Our DRC Datsun 510 does not qualify unless we take the Air Dam off (the Air Dam was allowed in DRC and was part of the car then, so we would like to keep it), this would also apply to any other DRC 510 that comes out of the woodwork (and I know a couple are still kicking around).

I am really looking forward to this event and more racing at Rivers Edge in Mission; however for now my thoughts are with both Bonnie Healy and Sion Davies, who are both set to have surgery this month.

The problem that got Bonnie into the hospital has resolved itself, but the tests she had to undergo to discover the obstruction she had also revealed a bigger, unrelated problem - a tumour on her kidney. She is scheduled for surgery on May 25th at Surrey Memorial but it may change depending on a meeting she's having with her G.P. on Tuesday May 4 - she may have the surgery at St. Paul's instead. Bonnie tells me: "it meant I had to miss the Long Beach Grand Prix!!! NOT fun spending my time in the hospital instead of trackside in California!!!"

Sion isn't very talkative about his problems, as many know he was in the hospital recently and had to leave the track on the first race day of the season. He scheduled for surgery sometime in mid May.

Mike Bailey

LeFLUFY - Robert "Bob" Craig Passed away peacefully in North Vancouver, B.C. on May 1st, 2009. Born in Vancouver, B.C on September 13th, 1944, Bob was a man of great intelligence and talent. A lifelong resident of the North Shore, Bob was a talented musician, a competent pilot and a competitive race car driver with an encyclopedic knowledge of cars. His lifelong love of fine automobiles was not only one of his many professions but his great passion. Bob was at work in the last few years on the definitive book on Porsche Spyders, a project that will be soon published. Bob's commitment to the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous brought him great comfort and his involvement in the program allows Bob to live on through others. We will miss Bob and his infectious smile, charm and keen sense of humour as well as his passionate search for knowledge and the meaning of life. A special thank you to everyone on 7 West at Lions Gate hospital and Dr. Paul Sugar and Dr. Vim Hofmeyer who took such good care of him. There will be a celebration of Bob's life in May in North Vancouver. To correspond with his family and to be notified of the memorial, please email: BobLeFlufy@leflufy.com. We ask that donations be made in his name to the www.bccancerfoundation.com/ or the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, Palliative Care Program.

NORTHWEST & MONTANA REGIONS SCCA

presents

29th Annual Double National

With

Double Restricted Regional

May 23-24-25, 2009

Pacific Raceways (2.25 miles), Kent, WA

SPORTS CAR CLUB OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

presents

“May Madness Weekend”

May 30/31, 2009

Featuring the WSC and CFDA

This event is sanctioned by CACC as a championship points race conducted under the 2009 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.

CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB

Presents

Chicane Challenge XVII

June 6th & 7th 2009

This is a Chicane race run from the Pro Pits

Entry to PIR will be through Turn 8 only

The Bridgestone Bridge open from Saturday 7am – 11pm & Sunday 7am – end of day

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

“Stars, Stripes & Maple Leafs” Weekend

JUNE 20 & 21, 2009

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.

2009 Rexall Edmonton Indy

The 2009 Rexall Edmonton Indy is back and once again the Race Services Group (RSG) is looking for Corner Marshals, E-crew, Track Access and other support personnel to help make the event a success. We are back to a more traditional Friday/Saturday/Sunday format this year. Specifically, the event runs July 24, 25, 26.

To register to work this year's race, please go to <http://www.nascc.ab.ca/>, click on the "Edmonton Indy Volunteer Registration" link, and fill out the form. You should get an immediate (though cold and uncaring) email response from our robot. Within a day or two, Rudy will send warm fuzzy greetings.

If you know any former volunteers who couldn't make it last year, please pass this on to them as well. The more experienced people out there, the better.

I don't have many additional details at this time, but will pass them on as they become available. One thing I have noticed is that according to the schedule on the edmontonindy.com website, the on-track activities are starting a little bit later this year, or at least later than I recall, especially on the Friday. Of course, that also means things will be running a little later than usual as well.

Thanx. Hope to see you in July,
Pat Smith

29th Annual Double Nationals

Here we are again. It is almost May and there hasn't been a snow report for the lower slopes for at least a week. Oops the weather report just made a liar out of me. Many of you may have seen or even attended some of the earlier races at Pacific Raceways where it was actually snowing (a lot). I am sure you've noticed that it's been pretty screwy weather this year. Well enough chit chat about the weather.

What I really want to tell you is that the Northwest Region SCCA has a couple of races coming up and we would really like for you and your friends to come out and join us. As many of you already know, there is more than one race going on the first weekend in May. I know that makes staffing difficult all the way around because we are all in the same worker pool. Wherever you decide to play, please PLAY SAFE!

Okay, I will admit to having an ulterior motive for being concerned about your well being. As I look farther into the future I see that there is another race that does not appear to have any conflicts. (And if there are, don't tell me and ruin my delusion) Everyone is invited to come and participate in our annual Double National on Memorial Day weekend. We are anticipating all the usual festivities. There will be Music (from my radio) and dancing (as I do the "who's going to show up" morning scramble). All the usual stuff for your entertainment

[May 23-25, 2009](#)

J. Tom Masterson Memorial Races

29th Annual Double Nationals w/Double Restricted Regional
Pacific Raceways

[Schedule](#) [Entry Form \(PDF\)](#) [Online Registration \(Motorsportreg.com\)](#) [Entry List](#)

If the hot links don't work you can go to our website where the more skilled see that the do work.
<http://www.nwr-scca.org/race/index.htm>

Your Friend and Northwest Region Flag Chief (still)
Michael Evans



Westwood50

MOUNTAIN HIGH RACING



For Immediate release

November 30, 2008

The Westwood50 organizing committee in conjunction with The Sports Car Club of British Columbia and the Vintage Racing Club of British Columbia announces an event to recall and celebrate the legendary and much missed Westwood Racing Circuit. Westwood held its first race on opening day July 26, 1959 – fifty years ago.

The celebration event will consist of a special three day running of the Vintage Club's annual Historic Motor Races, as well SCCBC special Races and a variety of social events and displays of cars with Westwood history and other memorabilia. A reunion gala dinner is planned for the Saturday evening.

The event will run on the weekend of July 17, 18 and 19, 2009 at the River's Edge Road Course at Mission Raceway Park in the Vancouver suburb of Mission, British Columbia.

Westwood50 will be a significant and memorable event for all motor sport enthusiasts.

Westwood Racing Circuit, located in the Vancouver, British Columbia suburb of Coquitlam, was Canada's first purpose-built automobile road racing track. The history of the track is inextricably intertwined with the history of the Sports Car Club of British Columbia, the group that built the track and operated it over its life of 32 seasons. Because it was built and operated by a club, the circuit had a very different personality than most racetracks. It was a real "people place" — families grew up there.

Additional information will be posted on the website.

www.westwood50.org

Email: info@westwood50.org



Westwood50

MOUNTAIN HIGH RACING



For Immediate release
May 3, 2009

The VRCBC, SCCBC and the Westwood 50 organizations have created an opportunity for "airing out" former Westwood race cars (& their owners) @ the VRC Historic Motor Races July 17,18,19 2009.

Group 8 will provide track time for pre 1990 cars, either street cars or cars eligible to have raced at Westwood. As Group 8 will be a lapping group, the usual licensing and tech / rollbar requirements will not need to be met. See more info at www.asncanada.com "SoloSport". Entrants will receive full event privileges including 3 days of track sessions, "goodie" bag, BBQ at the track tickets etc. For Westwood50 Banquet tickets, see the web site for details.

Tony Morris Jr of Morrisports will coordinate and the Group will operate on a "point to pass" basis at select locations on the track. It will not be a race group but rather an opportunity for Westwood era race and street cars to be exercised at this weekend which celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first Westwood race.

Please enter as early as possible as the Race Committee will have to vet all entries and there will be a limit on the number of cars the track can accommodate. Sorry no open wheel cars.

Send your entry, photograph(s), and a complete history of the car. We are hoping this will be an interesting event for all who participate and for all those present at this historic weekend.

Additional information will be posted on the website.

www.westwood50.org

Email: info@westwood50.org



STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

As you may or may not know, I have put together a team for the Ride to Conquer Cancer. The ride takes place on the June 17/18 weekend; it starts in Vancouver, BC and ends in Seattle, WA.

Our team consists of my daughter Arleigh, her husband Scott Keast, Kendra Patton, Erin Welters, Jaylene Witala and myself. We are the "Pedaling Pirates" and each of us need to raise \$2500 to participate.

That's where you come in...

Take a minute to think of all the people you know who have been touched by cancer. Then, think about a donation of ten dollars in honor of each person. Please click on the link below. It will take you to my cancer ride web page. Then follow the prompts to make your donation. The "Pedaling Pirates" will do the rest!

Thank you,
Ian Wood

To donate to Ian please click on this link:

<http://www.conquercancer.ca/site/TR/Events/Vancouver2009?px=1781138&pg=personal&fr_id=1281&fl=en_US&s_tafId=128751>

From ICSCC Forum

Bimmerworld's James Clay to race a PRO-3 car June 6/7

Bimmerworld owner and SCCA World Challenge Pro racer James Clay will race a PRO-3 car in the ICSCC/CSCC "Chicane Challenge XVII" races at Portland International Raceway, on the weekend of June 6th and 7th.

There will also be several other well known visiting guest BMW club racers joining James on the grid, mixing it up with our own home grown heros.

So far we have...

Dave White and Jesse Clark, BMWCCA club racers from the Virginia/D.C. area

Sean Garrity from Texas

Nathaniel Sparks from Alabama

Lance Boicelli from California, all BMWCCA club racers

...and the latest to join the fray is Brian Ghinidelli. He's from California and heard James Clay was racing, and wanted some of that action. Brian is the Principle at www.Motorsportsreg.com.

There are also a few others guest drivers renting PRO-3 cars that weekend, hoping to go door to door with some visiting pro racers, all along with the typical strong field of regular drivers. Right now Mr. Kevin York, local boy gone Grand Am racing based out of Charlotte is gettin' a serious arm-twistin' to also join in.

It would be great to see many Pacific Northwest enthusiasts supporting our home grown racers.

Karting News

From West Coast Kart Club Website (formerly CARTBC): <http://www.westcoastkartclub.com/westwoodsnwtrack/>

Westwoods Decision on the Direction of their Club

Sat, Mar 14, 2009

Tonight we had our monthly meeting and informed our members that the club will be going down a new path for the 2009 season. With all the issues we have faced dealing with the many different opinions regarding which direction karting should go, as well as the changes made at Cart, B.C., we have decided to change our fate and do what is best for Westwood.

Tonight we informed our members that we will be racing at a new track, and the amount of races at Cart, B.C. will be reduced to 2, the March 28th/29th race and the June 13th/14th race, and the balance of our race season will be at the new Westwood Karting Track at Mission Raceway Park.

As excited as our members are about the news, I want to make it clear that we want to support Cart, B.C as much as we can. We acknowledge the amount of money, time and effort it took to create Cart, B.C., and we do not want to see Cart, B.C. go anywhere. But it is unfortunate we could not come to common ground and work together. As dedicated and driven Coastal and Cart, B.C are to succeed, Westwood equals that passion and commitment to the survival of our club.

We look forward to supporting Cart, B.C. in the future and I hope someday we can unite and build the sport together. But at this time Westwood is thrilled at the opportunity we have and we are excited to promote the sport of karting thru our club at our new facility.

I will talk to you soon and if you have any questions please call me anytime.

Best regards,
Richard- President, Westwood Karting Association

Excerpts From Westwood Karting Association March Minutes: <http://www.westwoodkarting.org/pdf/2009marmin.pdf>

New Track Announcement:

For the 2009 season Westwood will have a track of their own and we will not be racing at CARTBC for the whole season. We will be racing at Mission Raceway. We will have washrooms with showers, concession, and power at our track. Mission Raceways executive is really excited to have Westwood join their facility and is the Mayor of Mission. We will race our first and Gold Cup race at the Greg Moore Raceway in 2009.

We have a clean slate and we can control our own destiny. The people there are professionals and it has been a pleasure dealing with them. Our first race will be at the Chilliwack track as scheduled, providing we are still welcome, and our second race in April will be at Mission.

In July our race falls on Mission's 50th anniversary. The one day events are now gone. We now have our own say in the dates, only having to stay away from the drag dates.

Mission has offered for us to build a future track on another portion of the property that would be fully ours and more like the Chilliwack track.

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