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Next META meeting will be
NOVEMBER 25, 2009

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

SPEED READING

Nov 11	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Nov 14	ICSCC Banquet - SeaTac Marriott		Seattle, Wa
Nov 21	VRBCB Banquet		Delta, BC
Nov 21&22	Totem TSD Rally	WCRA	BC Interior
Nov 25 AGM	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Dec 9	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC

Annual General Meeting

META's Annual General Meeting will be held on

Wednesday November 25th

Boston Pizza, 1045 Columbia St, New Westminster
at 7:30pm

Please plan on attending this meeting as our annual elections will be held at this time.

The positions available are:

President, Vice President,
Secretary, Treasurer

A discussion will be held on the retention or disposition of the "META truck".

Let your voice be heard. Get involved with your club.

Mike's Ramblings:



The Answer to October's question is:

It depends on whom we consider a comrade, and what you consider a memorial. By true definition there are two memorials, and both of were META members. However I always considered "Greg Moore Turn" a memorial to a comrade of sorts, our favourite #99 who passed away 10 years ago at the end of October. Of course Turn two has been on many Rivers Edge track maps as Greg Moore Turn, Question is, are we renaming that turn "Don's Den", or is Don's Den the actual workers station in Turn Two? I think Both Don Souter and Greg Moore are important for us to remember at River's Edge, as I believe they were both big contributors to our sport. Of course, the other Memorial is in Turn Seven (AKA: Ice Station Zebra) in memory of Rick Neyedli. Although Rick was often known as an SD and a PIA to SCCBC, he always had the interest of others in mind. Often he did the unpopular because it was the right thing to do.

This month's question is:

Who amongst our members will bring new blood to our executive? I hope to get many replies to this question before our AGM.

In a month from now META will be electing a president to replace me. In fact all executive positions will need to be filled. I would like to think I have built some bridges over my two terms, and possibly brought some direction to META. However I could not have done anything without the help of others on the executive to take care of problems, guide me, and also bring me back down to earth when I needed to be. An executive is a team and I hope we were a good team, but history will show the truth. For anyone who does not run because they do not think they can do the job I would say serving a term on an executive will help you grow in ways I can not describe, do not pass on this opportunity.

Worker licences may well be a reality next year, and META is in the position of being a major player in how this develops. With that in mind it is time someone with the time and dedication stepped forward to get the ball rolling with worker training. Are you that someone?

The truck controversy will once again be raised at the AGM, for those that have been out of the loop; one of the SCCBC executive members approached me and expressed SCCBC's interest in purchasing the META truck in hopes of ending some of the conflict at the track. There are many opinions on this matter, so make sure you are at the AGM so you can have your say. If for some reason you can not make the AGM please contact the executive with your views.

SCCBC Banquet

This years SCCBC Banquet was a lot of fun as always, with good food, good friends interesting door prizes and dancing. META had strong representation including Manny Zumm with his band, and Malcolm Curtis with the 'Brat Pack'. META also had an award winner, along with a couple of award winners that I consider to be strong supporters of our club.

Bryan Nuttall



2009 Race Volunteer of the Year

Driver Services / Linda Zumm



2009 SCCBC Best Department

Al Ores



Open Wheel Champion

As I had accepted Bryans award on his behalf, and was at the same table as Linda Zumm and Al Ores we had a the heaviest concentration of the awards at our table!!!

Mike Bailey



You are cordially invited to attend the Vintage Racing Club of BC's Annual Gala!

On Saturday November 21st, 2009, we will celebrate the end of another season's racing, and honour the volunteers, competitors, and our associations with SOVREN, SCCBC, META, and CACC, without whom the success of our vintage racing would not be possible.

The Gala will be held at the Delta Town & Country Inn, 6005 Highway 17 (at Hwy #99). Dress optional. There will be a full buffet dinner in our private ballroom, wine on your table, our awards ceremony, and live music for your listening and dancing pleasure. There will also be some exciting door prizes to be won!

Official Timing (transponders not required):

5:00 PM: Bench Racing and Bar is open.

6:15 PM: Dinner

7:30 PM: Acknowledgements, Speeches, Awards & Entertainment.

8:30 PM Refreshment break

8:45 PM: Entertainment

9:15 PM to Dancing, frivolity and more Bench Racing

11:00 PM

The reduced cost this year per person will be \$35.00 CAD gratuities & taxes included. Payment may be made via Paypal on our Website, www.vrcbc.ca, by mail, in advance at the November 17th meeting, or at the door. Please see the RSVP form for details.

For those guests who require overnight accommodations, the Delta Town & Country will be offering rooms at a rate of \$95.00 per night double or single occupancy. To reserve a room, please call 1-888-777-1266 (toll free) or 604-946-4404 and mention "The Vintage Racing Club"

For more information, please contact me at lathamconsult@telus.net or 604-795-0618

See you there!

Jim Latham

President

Vintage Racing Club of BC

Be A Super Hero Fund Racer - The Campaign For BC Children

Mon, 10/26/2009 - 23:19 — Jeff Grant



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.REACHYOURGOAL.CA

Meet the Bullet Fund Racing Team as they prepare to race for BC Children in The Rolex 24 Hours At Daytona.

Co-Hosted by Global TV's Chris Gailus at:

TBC Indoor Kart Racing

2100 Viceroy Place, Richmond, BC

November 22, 2009

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Enjoy:

- Kart Racing
- Silent Auction
- Race Cars on Display
- Live Pit Stop Demonstration
- Door Prizes

There are a number of items available for auction.

You can see a comprehensive list of these at :

<http://www.bulletracing.ca/?q=content/be-super-hero-fund-racer-campaign-bc-children>



The 2009 GVMPS Induction Ceremony

On Sunday October 18 the Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneers Society held their annual induction ceremony.

In the Sports Car and Road Racing category **Ron Curties** [historian for the SCCBC] was of special interest. Starting out at Abbotsford as a driver he went on to become the first Starter at Westwood. That's him standing on the track, starters flag behind his back, getting ready to release a field of cars on the Isobel Maclaurin painting [black and white prints available, the original colour painting currently owned by Rob Dunlop] on the opening day, July 26, 1959. Ron went on to become the president of the SCCBC, twice, and had a very successful career in rallying. His plaque was presented by Tom Johnston.

Others from Sports Car and Road Racing were **Terry Nilsson** who raced at Digney Speedway in south Burnaby [right by the current Burnaby South High School] and went on to race at Westwood driving such cars as a Porsche 1600, a Lotus 17 and a Lola Mark 3 Formula Junior.

John Nissen also raced sports cars. Starting on pole position on the Isobel Maclaurin print, car # 166, as shown he also raced several different cars. He also raced at the Abbotsford Airport race circuit.

Other forms of Motorsport included:

Karting: **Al Charters**

The British Columbia Go Karting Association built the first track on Fell Ave. in North Burnaby [near the Shellburn refinery] where Al became known as the two stroke master. He went on to race at the Westwood Go Kart track [by Turn 1, the Carousel. A welder, he worked on many different types of race vehicles.

Power Boat Racing: **Don Estridge**

Don primarily raced 3 different boats, the first being named Skeeter. In 1959 at Harrison Lake at full speed, the boat jumped sideways about 10 feet when hit on the side by another hydroplane. Don was able to continue and finished third. When slowing down entering the pits the boat promptly sank, it seems that 6 feet of the side and frame was broken, even the seat Don was in had been hit. Skeeter 2 had a full race 392 cu. in Chrysler Hemi while another boat had a 326 cu. in. full race Jaguar V12 in it!

Drag Racing: **Richard Johnston**

Richard passed away in January of this year after three bouts of cancer. Starting with a 1965 Chevy at Mission Raceway [the old track] he was a primary developer of a high stall converter with a transmission brake, used to launch a heavy high horsepower engine car. He set ten national records and was well known as a developer and innovator.

(GVMPS Cont'd)

Also in Drag Racing: ***Bob Kokotailo***

Also starting at Mission with a 1965 Chevy his most notable incident was when the car lost a wheel and ended doing a couple of end over end flips. Placed in the track ambulance [someone forgot to secure the stretcher] with the back door not shut he shot out onto the track. He declined a further check up ride. His next car was a Henry J which became known as the Kokomotion. It was famous for its wheel stands and after a few rebuilds did an 8.30/171 with lots left to spare.

Land Speed Record: ***Eric Langstroth***

The first Canadian to run over 200mph at Bonneville he went on to run 254 mph in his 1000hp Vega last summer. He is also a proud owner of a 200mph hat.

Motorcycle Racing: ***Murray Neibel***

Murray was told by his father that he WAS NOT allowed to buy a motorcycle so he built his own, a 4 cylinder water cooled engine from a salvaged Mercury outboard. He was twice elected president of the Westwood Motorcycle Club and has won many national and international awards.

Collector and Restorer: ***Harold Wellenbrink***

Having customized many different cars perhaps his best known is his 1952 blue Meteor convertible. Known as Cool Blue it was featured in the 2003 ICBC calendar as the December car. Having served on many boards and committees he has worked tirelessly with car clubs to promote the enjoyment and improvement of the car hobby. In addition he has worked restoring auto memorabilia such as gas pumps, air meters and oil containers.

Oval Racing: ***Carman Parton***

Carman's early involvement included stunt driving with the Joey Chitwood Thrill Show before he went onto racing at the Langley Speedway. He also ran at Digney Speedway and also entered demo derbies at Callister Park [west across Renfrew St. from Pacific Coliseum]. Currently living at Kelowna he still puts in a full week at his shop.

Supporter-Oval Racing: ***Ed Roe***

A mechanic for Gordie Hemrich helping Geordie win several championships with Ed getting Best Mechanic awards. Having built motors and chassis that ran at False Creek and Haney Speedways most recently Ed has been part of the Dave Hemrich Sportsman crew at Agassiz Speedway.

The Sandy Lovelace Award

Sandy was a drag racer who ran at many different BC tracks. A group of veteran Vancouver Island drag racers, Island Dragway Promoters, has funded an annual award in recognition of the "person or persons" who have made an outstanding contribution to the preservation of the history of motorsport in British Columbia.

This year's winner is the VRC [Vintage Racing Club of BC]!!

Joe Proud



ANNUAL META AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted only from META members in good standing. Please submit to Joe Proud at jjproudca@yahoo.ca, Mark Miller, Nick Roche or Doris Gildemiester.

Please offer a brief explanation as to why you wish to nominate a given person for an award.

The President's Award (META Member of the Year)

Criteria: This award is presented to a member who displays exceptional contribution to the Association and the sport on and off the track. Candidates must be members in good standing for one full membership year and have attended at least 75% of the races as a paid-up META member.

I wish to nominate _____ for the President's Award for the following reasons:

The META Rookie of the Year

Criteria: The Rookie of the year must be a member in good standing in their first membership year and have attended at least 50% of the local races as a paid-up META member.

I wish to nominate _____ for the Rookie of the Year for the following reasons:

The Non-META member Worker of the Year

Criteria: Must not be a META member.

I wish to nominate _____ for the non - META member Worker of the Year for the following reasons:

The Buzz Beley Memorial Award

Criteria: The Buzz Beley Memorial award is presented annually to the META member who exemplifies the spirit of the Club by making the greatest contribution towards the goal of having fun and ensuring that all workers experience the greatest enjoyment possible from Motorsport.

I wish to nominate _____ for the Buzz Beley Memorial Award for the following reasons:

Nomination submitted by _____ on ____/____/____.
D M Y

ONLY THE ENGLISH COULD HAVE INVENTED THIS LANGUAGE

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Then shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called
beet?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called
beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say
methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and
him,
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

Let's face it - English is a crazy language.
There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in
hamburger;
neither apple nor pine in pineapple.
English muffins weren't invented in England.
We take English for granted, but if we explore
its paradoxes,
we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing
rings are square,
and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it
a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers
don't fing,
grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?
Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make
amends but not one amend.
If you have a bunch of odds and ends
and get rid of all but one of them, what do you
call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers
praught?
If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a
humanitarian eat?
Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up
speaking English
should be committed to an asylum for the
verbally insane.

In what other language do people recite at a
play and play at a recital?
We ship by truck but send cargo by ship.
We have noses that run and feet that smell.
We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.
And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be
the same,
while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a
language
in which your house can burn up as it burns
down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out,
and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

And, in closing, if Father is Pop, how come
Mother's not Mop?

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Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

No crap.... really?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Now that's taking things a bit far!

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

What a guy!

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

No-good-for-nothing, lazy so-and-so's!

War Dims Hope for Peace

I can see where it might have that effect!

If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile

Ya think?!

Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures

Who would have thought!

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge

He probably IS the battery charge!

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Weren't they fat enough?!

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

That's what he gets for eating those beans!

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Do they taste like chicken?

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Chainsaw Massacre all over again!

Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors

Boy, are they tall!