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Next META meeting will be
OCTOBER 28, 2009

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

SPEED READING

Oct 10&11	Enduro – GMR	CARTA	Chilliwack, BC
Oct 10&11	Oregon Raceway Park – Tentative	TC	Grass Valley, Or
Oct 14	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Oct 17&18	Double Regional	SCCA/NWR	Bremerton, Wa
Oct 17&18	Westwood Club Race #4 & IKE Road Race – MRP	WKA / IKE	Mission, BC
Oct 17	Cascade Enduro – PIR	CSCC	Portland, Or
Oct 28	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC
Oct 31/Nov 1	Chumpcar World Series – PIR		Portland, Or
Nov 7	SCCBC Banquet – Eaglequest Golf and Country Club	6:00	Surrey, BC
Nov 11	SCCBC Meeting – Best Western,	North Road	Coquitlam, BC
Nov 14	ICSCC Banquet - SeaTac Marriott		Seattle, Wa
Nov 21	VRCBC Banquet		
Nov 21&22	Totem TSD Rally	WCRA	BC Interior
Nov 25 AGM	META Meeting – Boston Pizza	7:30	New West, BC

From: <http://www.westwoodkarting.org/home.shtml>

***** ROAD RACE CANCELLED – POSTED OCT 2, 2009 *****

The executive of Westwood Karting Association regret to announce that the Road Race scheduled at Rivers Edge Raceway at Mission Raceway Park on October 17 & 18 has been canceled due to a lack of pre-registrants for this event. Without the pre-registration for this event it makes the financial viability of this event indeterminable. While we are saddened by this turn of events we would like to thank SCCBC for working with us to provide a date at their facility and look forward to a potential date in 2010. A special thanks to Stan Crocker, VP of Road Race who has spear headed the charge to bring road racing back to the Vancouver area. He has been working on this for the past three years and was able to secure a date for 2009. Thanks Stan for all your hard work.

Thank you to all that pre –registered to show support for this event.

Here's hoping we can try again in 2010.

Mike's Ramblings



The Answer to July's question is:

The Snake and the Stallion war was between Carol Shelby with the Ford Motor company and Enzo Ferrari. There is a fair bit of back story to this and the development of the Cobra (the snake) to take on Ferrari (the 'prancing' stallion) and his domination of European racing at the time. Ford also had an axe to grind with Enzo after a deal costing Ford Motor Company about one million dollars went sour. I have a documentary on DVD that I can show again if anyone is interested in seeing it.

This month's question is:

How many turns are there at River's Edge that have memorials for fallen comrades?

The 2009 racing season is almost over and it's time to think about elections and the AGM. Ask not what the club can do for you but what you can do for the club, throw your hat in the ring and run for an executive position. Assuming you have read the minutes of recent meetings you know that the truck is up for discussion, and we have received an unsolicited offer to purchase it.

I think we have had a great summer at the track, and I've noticed a marked improvement on how people at River's Edge are working together. I got a fair bit of flack about my last column; I consider this a good thing. First it shows people care, second it let me know that the Mayday and my column is read by people outside the club. There is always hope for improvement, but for the first time in a long time we appear to be going in a positive direction.

The Westwood50 was an overwhelming success, and plans are being discussed for making the 2010 Historic races a three day event, I would really like to get feedback from track volunteers, including those outside of META, as to whether a three day race would be a burden or an event they would make time for? The VRC will be asking me this question and I would very much like to give them an informed opinion. The hope is to get the Portland, Seattle and Mission races as consecutive events so we can encourage more participants to take part in all three events.

The greasy track at the beginning of the race days on the 'Double Your Pleasure' long weekend made for some interesting action. I know many drivers opted to just take a few 'test laps' to check their cars or just stay in the pits because track conditions were so ugly. Bernie Hamm still can't figure out how his Fiat X19 could suddenly do a 180 on a straight away for no apparent reason. Mark couldn't find traction anywhere with our 510, so I know all of you were kept hopping dealing with the inevitable spins and altercations with walls. The weekend also included what I suspect were well written reports of passing under yellow, and drivers that must have left their common sense in their pits. I am aware of two incidents that I'm sure were caused by 'the red mist' by drivers that should know better, one of the drivers is on the RDC and is a driver instructor. I was asked for the memory from the camera on our car for one of the passing under yellow incidents, unfortunately I'd already given the camera back to Pam Stec (they put it on our car to test it) along with the two dead bugs that covered the lens (a camera outside the car doesn't stay clean long). However several of us along the pit wall witnessed that incident, so video documentation of the passing under the yellow was a moot point.

The Children's Charities Grand Prix Weekend seemed to be successful as was the River's Edge Around the Track Walk / Run Challenge, however I haven't received figures for the total money raised for the children's charities. As many of you were aware I was assisting the organizers, Tony Morris Junior and Ryan O'Conner, during the CCGP weekend. I am now aware of how much behind the scenes work is involved in putting on a major event. One of the things I did appreciate was how little thought is needed about safety on the track, there is always total confidence that corner workers and e-crew will take care of things when the cars hit pregrid and the track surface. That weekend I truly appreciated all of you that volunteer each race weekend and your commitment to safe racing. I would like to thank all of you again on behalf of the organizers for your efforts and professionalism.

Mike Bailey

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

CASCADE SPORTS CAR CLUB

presents the

34th ANNUAL 6/12 HOURS OF THE CASCADES

October 16 & 17, 2009

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

Schedule

FRIDAY

10:00am – 1:00pm	Registration – Rose Cup Room (South Paddock)
10:00am – 2:30pm	Tech Inspection
1:00pm – 1:45pm	Enduro Practice
1:45pm – 2:00pm	Track Crossing
2:00pm – 2:45pm	Enduro Practice
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Track Crossing
3:00pm – 3:45pm	Enduro Practice
3:45pm – 4:00pm	Track Crossing
4:00pm – 4:45pm	Enduro Practice
5:30pm	Mandatory Crew Chiefs Meeting (next to pit stall #1)
5:30pm	Mandatory Drivers Meeting (12 hr – Motocross stands) (6 hr – Prodrive Bldg.)

SATURDAY

7:30am – 9:00am	Registration & Tech Inspection
9:00am – 9:25am	Enduro Warm up
9:30am – 9:40am	Track Crossing/ Cars to the Le Mans grid
9:40am	Engines off/ Cars on the Le Mans grid
9:45am – 3:45pm	6 Hours of the Cascades
9:45am – 9:45pm	12 Hours of the Cascades

Sports Car Club of British Columbia Annual Awards Banquet

November 7th

The Eaglequest Golf Course
7778 - 152nd St. Surrey B.C.

6pm Cocktails

7pm Dinner

8pm Awards

Dancing until midnight to a Live Band
Featuring META's very own Manfred Zumm

\$40 per person

For Tickets please contact:

Kevin or Leslie Skinner

Phone: 604 856 8957 or 604 230 6084

email: kevin@theadworks.ca

Nearby Hotel Accommodation:

Best Western, Surrey - 604-502-9000

<http://www.bestwesternbc.com/hotels/best-western-king-george-inn-and-suites>

(Be sure to ask for great Corporate Rates for Eaglequest quests)

Sandman Inn, Surrey - Ph: 604 582 7263

http://www.sandmanhotels.com/hotel/bc/surrey_extended

(Be sure to reference SCCBC group # 66429)



YOU ARE INVITED

2009 Induction Ceremony

Twelve individuals have been selected to be honoured and inducted:

Al Charters Karting
Ron Curties Sports Car and Road Racing
Don Estridge Power Boat Racing
Richard Johnston Hot Rod - Drag Racing
Bob Kokotailo Hot Rod - Drag Racing
Eric Langstroth Hot Rod - Land Speed

Murray Neible Motorcycling
Terry Nilsson Sports Car and Road Racing
John Nissen Sports Car and Road Racing
Carman Parton Oval Racing
Ed Roe Oval Racing
Harold Wellenbrink Collector and Restoration

Sunday afternoon, October 18, 2009, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

The Scandinavian Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, BC

**Come and meet current and past pioneer inductees and motorsport enthusiasts.*

**Enjoy memorabilia and door prizes.*

**Receive our free souvenir program and yearbook*

**See specialty vehicles on display (weather permitting)*

Admission will be \$10.00 by donation at the door, light refreshments included.

There is a cash bar on the premises.

Any questions?

Terry Rea, secretary: 309 - 1955 Woodway Place, Burnaby, BC, V5B 4S5

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trea@trevdeeley.com or gvmps@lightspeed.ca

The Greater Vancouver Motorsport Pioneers Society (GVMPs) is a group of motorsport enthusiasts from various motorsport activities whose goal it is to recognize and record the contributions of those who were pioneers of motorsport in this region.

Pioneers are generally considered to have contributed, or have begun their contribution, at least forty years prior to induction and to have had a strong connection to Vancouver British Columbia and its surrounding communities.

Inductees fall into one of many motorsport disciplines such as:

- *Hot Rod; including Custom Car, Drag Racing and Land Speed*
- *Sports Car and Road Racing*
- *Oval racing*
- *Motorcycling*
- *Collector and Restoration*

Inductees are selected in one of two categories:

Pioneers: Individuals who personally contributed greatly to the sport as competitors, drivers, team owners or in other direct ways.

Supporters: Individuals, organizations and others who provided the necessary support for the Pioneers and the sport in general to flourish.



Come Celebrate

The 53rd Annual **ICSCC Championship Awards Banquet**

November 14, 2009

Seattle SeaTac Marriott

5:00 pm

Drinks and Dinner
Awards Presentations
“Racing Reflections”

Tickets \$40.00 ea. (USD)

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Mention the International Conference of Sports Car Clubs when making your reservation



ChumpCar Trick-or-Treat 24

Portland International Raceway (Portland, OR)

31 October-1 November

The "ChumpCar Trick-or-Treat 24" will feature a 24-hour endurance race for \$500 "crap-can" race cars. The event is also open to all Spec Miata teams... with three (3) requirements (see rules).

The race will start at 12:00 noon and proceed until dusk (at or about 6:00pm) when a temporary checkered flag will bring all cars into the pit/paddock area.

During the 6:00-8:00pm break, team will be allowed two (2) hours to check, refresh and/or repair areas of concern. Teams that have yet to install or aim lighting systems may do so at this time.

At 8:00pm, all drivers and team managers will be addressed by the Chief Steward and Flag Chief (Cascade Sports Car Club). Drivers shall be reminded of all nighttime track and driving rules, as well as pit rules. Cars will be called to report to pre-grid at 8:15pm. Racing will continue at 8:30pm and continue until 1:30pm on Sunday, providing a full 24 hours of on-track racing.

Further activities during the 6:00-8:00pm break will include an invitation to join and enjoy a ChumpCar Halloween Party in the ChumpCar Hospitality Tent. The tent will be set-up such that access to the tent will not involve any risk to pedestrians. Candy and prizes will be given to all children in costume within a safe, controlled and monitored environment.

Competing race teams will be encouraged to participate in the festivities, both in costume and in providing wrapped candy to children and families. Bonus laps will be awarded to participating teams. Photograph sessions with show cars and autograph sessions with ChumpCar drivers will also be available.

Both before and after the Halloween Party, families will be invited to watch the endurance race. Visiting families, guests and children will be prohibited from entering the working paddock area.

Tentative Portland Race Schedule:

Saturday:

12:00pm Parade Laps and Start Race

6:00pm Checkered Flag for Halloween Break

6:00pm – 8:00pm Halloween Tour (specific area)

8:00pm Drivers Meeting

8:15pm Race Vehicles to Grid

8:30pm Green Flag: Resume Racing

Daylight Savings Time kicks-in at 2:00am... so, rather than stop the race at 2am and send everyone back to the position that they were in at 1am (anybody see the movie 'Ground Hog Day'?)... we'll just keep going. This is really going to screw up timing and scoring, but we'll figure it out!

Sunday:

1:30pm Checker Flag

1:45pm – 2:30pm Awards Ceremony

From: <http://fusionracecars.com/>

Press Release:

Fusion Sports Racer Series

Sept 12, 2009- Fusion Racecars is proud to announce the formation of a professional racing series for their cars at tracks throughout the Northwest.

"We wanted to create a series that was unlike anything else out there," said Fusion president Dennis Bainbridge, "it will be focused on the participants and the experience they have both on and off the track. On the track, the competitors will race in evenly matched Fusion FRC-14 and FRC-K20 racecars. Off track we will have a hospitality area at each event for the group to gather, swap stories and get the most out of the weekend."



The series will run select events with the ICSCC (International Conference of Sports Car Clubs) in BC, Washington, Oregon and the crown jewel in the series, the Rexall Edmonton Indy.

There will also be prize money. So far the estimated prize fund is \$25,000 and growing. The fund will be distributed in 2 ways, prize money at each race and then a points payout at the end of the season.

For more information on Fusion Racecars, go to FusionRacecars.com or e-mail dennis@fusionracing.com

2010 Series Schedule (tent)

April 24/25	Portland International Raceway, ICSCC, Portland OR
May 1/2	Pacific Raceway, ICSCC, Seattle WA
June 19/20	Rivers Edge Raceway, Mission BC
July 22-24	Rexall Edmonton Indy, Edmonton AB
TBA	Spokane Raceway, Spokane WA
TBA	Oregon Raceway Park, Grasslands OR

The Fusion Racecars

Sept 12, 2009- The series competitors will race in evenly matched FRC-K20 and FRC-14 racecars. The cars will run spec ECU's, gear ratios and tires. "The goal is to make this a Driver's series", said Titus Midgley Fusion Partner and designer of the racecars, "managing these things on the cars keeps the costs under control and puts the performance back in the hands of the person behind the wheel".

In addition to running in the Fusion Sports Racer Series, the FRC's used in the series will still be fully homologated to race with all the major sanctioning bodies in North America. So if a competitor would like to get more seat time, they can jump over to race additional ICSCC, SCCA, NASA or track day events.

Sprint or Endurance racing, the FRC does it all.

Series Purchase Bonus

Sept 12, 2009- As a special bonus to the first six entrants, Fusion is extending an \$8,000USD discount on the first six car purchases to help launch the series.

Each car comes fully equipped ready to race, it even has data acquisition.

The FRC-K20, powered by the Honda K20z3 motor (Civic Si) lists for \$91,990USD but for the first six series registered entrants, the price will be \$83,990. At the time of this writing there are four of the six discounted cars remaining.

Arrive & Drive Options

Sept 12, 2009- One of the services we felt many of our customers would require is the ability to show up at the track with nothing more to worry about than what time am I racing and where is our hospitality area. Many of our customers lead very hectic schedules and the only way they have time to enjoy their passion is with this type of service.

To that end, we have started to assemble a short list of companies we knew could fill those demands. Companies like Adare Motorsports in Spokane Washington and Nixon Prosports in Mission BC.

For a complete list of these companies or to discuss what sort of custom needs you might have, please contact Dennis Bainbridge at dennis@fusionracing.com or 604-618-2234.

Series Promotion

Sept 12, 2009- One of the tools we realize will help many of our competitors fund their involvement with Motorsports is the ability to promote their companies and sponsors. To that end, we have many plans we have to promote the series.

Media- The Fusion Sports Racer Series will be sending press releases and images to a variety of web, print and broadcast media. We will also work with individual teams to send the releases to media in markets that are of key interest to them and their sponsors.

Webcast- The series will be producing a webcast of each race that will be broadcast on sites like YouTube.com and our site FusionRacecars.com. Each episode will feature highlights from a specific race, interviews and technical features. The episodes will be hosted by NASCAR Canada, ARCA and Canadian Superbike Championship announcer Pat Gonsalves.

The webcast will also be available for competitors to post on their own sites and other promotions.



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